

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 488.

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 29.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 17th day of August, 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 Acting Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. JAMES ALFRED LOWSON).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of August were confirmed.

Report of the Sanitary Surveyor for 2nd Quarter of 1899.—The report of the Sanitary Surveyor for the Second Quarter of 1899 was laid on the table.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.—The C.S.O. containing the appointment of Dr. J. A. Lowson as Acting Medical Officer of Health, was laid on the table.

Licences to keep Swine.—Three applications for licences to keep swine were considered.

The President moved—

That the applications be granted.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application to erect two Water Closets at St. Joseph's College.—An application on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Bishop PIAZZOLI to erect two water closets at St. Joseph's College for the use of the residents, was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be refused.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest at the Cattle Depôt.—Reports of two cases of Rinderpest at the Cattle Depôt, Kennedy Town, were considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved—

That these reports, and the minutes thereon, be forwarded to the Government as a further reminder of the necessity for the erection of inspection lairs, in order to protect animals designed for the food supply of the Colony from infection by imported animals.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague at Amoy.—A telegram and letter from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Amoy, reporting that the Health Officer of that Port considered it free from plague, was considered.

The President moved—

That this Board, in view of the report contained in the telegram and letter, recommends His Excellency the Governor to revoke the Proclamation, No. 4, made the 10th day of July, 1899.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—Further reports of the progress of Plague at Bombay City, for the period 4th to 17th July, were laid on the table.

A further report of the progress of Plague at Tainan, Formosa, was laid on the table.

A further report from Penang concerning Plague was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—Mortality returns from Macao for the weeks ended 23rd and 30th July, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics.—Mortality statistics for this Colony for the week ended 5th August, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That the Government be asked to inform the Board, what is the present position of affairs with regard to the Insanitary Properties, &c. Bill.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Lime-washing Prosecutions.—The C.S.O. approving the temporary appointment of an extra Clerk and Inspector of Nuisances in connection with these prosecutions, was laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board on the progress made with the enforcement of the bye-law.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health reported to the Board on the present state of the cleansing and lime-washing of the Western Division of the City.

The President then moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Confidential Meeting.—A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned to Thursday, the 31st day of August, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 31st day of August, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.