GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 508.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointment in the Sanitary Department, under section 9 of the Public Health Ordinance, No. 24 of 1887, with effect from the 1st instant:—

Second Class Inspector George G. Burnett to be Acting First Class Inspector, vice GERMAIN retired.

Third Class Inspector Horace Julian Knight to be Second Class Inspector, vice Burnett promoted.

Lance Sergeant 39, WILLIAM HENRY WOOLLEY, to be Third Class Inspector of Nuisances, vice Knight promoted.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th September, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 509.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th September, 1899.

No. 30.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanffary Board, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 31st 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 the regular meeting (No. 29) held on the 17th day of August, and those of the confidential meetings held on the 17th and 22nd of August were confirmed.

Inspection of Health Districts Nos. 5 and 6.—A report by the Sub-Committee of the Board of a quarterly inspection of Districts Nos. 5 and 6 was brought before the Board.

The President moved-

That the report be forwarded to the Government, and in the meantime the Acting Medical Officer of Health be requested to visit the houses referred to in Circular Pathway and to report to the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded. Question-put and agreed to.

Special Cleansing at Kowloon.—A report by Mr. F. Browne, Government Analyst, of special cleansing and disinfecting work carried out under his direction at Kowloon, and making certain suggestions of sanitary reform in connection therewith, was brought before the Board.

The President moved-

That the report be forwarded to the Captain Superintendent of Police so that action may be taken to remove certain Squatters mentioned therein.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to. The Vice-President moved—

That the Board expresses its warm thanks to Mr. F. Browne for the valuable work he has performed, and for the very able and useful report he has written thereon.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded. Question—put and agreed to.

Dry Earth in Public Latrines.—The motion standing in the name of the Honourable Director of Public Works, was, in his absence, held over till next meeting for discussion.

Insanitary Properties Bill.-A reply from the Government as to the present state of this Bill, was laid on the table.

Observation Station at Lai Chi Kok.—The appointment of an Observation Station in connection with the Sanitary Regulations recently drawn up by the Board, was communicated to the Board.

The Vice-President moved-

That this matter be referred to Dr. Clark on his return for report.

The President seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Urinals in a Private House.—An application for permission to erect two urinals in a house to be rented for the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, was considered.

The Vice-President moved-

That the application be refused.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Licences to keep Swine.—Four applications were considered.

The President moved-

That these applications be granted.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest and an unwholesome Dairy at Kowloon City.—A report from the Acting Medical Officer of Health on this subject, was laid before the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved-

That this matter be considered again on the return of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

The President seconded.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

Question-put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.-A further report of the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay City for the period 18th to 31st July, 1899, was laid on the table.

A further report of the progress of Bubonic Plague at Tai Nan, Formosa, was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.-Mortality returns from Macao for the weeks ended 6th, 13th, and 20th August, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics.—Mortality statistics for this Colony for the weeks ended 12th, 19th, and 26th August, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved-

That the owners of those houses in the Eastern Division of the City, which have not been lime-washed, be prosecuted.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to. The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned to Thursday, the 14th day of September, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON, President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 14th day of September, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 510.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th September, 1899.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering applications from :-

(1.) HAJEE ALLY SHIRAZEE for a Publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate in the Happy Valley, known as, and to be under the sign of, " The Happy Retreat."

(2.) Bernard Jorus for a Publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at houses Nos. 192 and 194, Queen's Road East, under the sign of "The Eastern Hotel."

H. H. J. GOMPERTZ. Acting Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 15th September, 1899.