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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 31.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 14th day of September, 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).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a regular and of a confidential meeting held on the 31st day of August were confirmed.

Nos. 24 to 30, Circular Pathway.—The lower floors of these houses having been reported by a Select Committee of the Board to be unfit for human habitation,

The Vice-President moved—

That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to take the usual steps under sections 18 and 23 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 to have the lower floors of Nos. 25 to 30, Circular Pathway, rendered fit for human habitation, or closed; and a basement notice to be served as to No. 24, Circular Pathway.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Poudrette system.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved—

That in future the dry-earth system be introduced into all Government Latrines, and also, if possible, in the privately owned Latrines open for public use.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and seconded.

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

That this matter be referred for further consideration to a Select Committee consisting of the Vice-President, the Director of Public Works, and the Medical Officer of Health.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

The amendment was agreed to.

Extension of certain laws into portions of the New Territory.—A communication from the Government on this subject was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Sanitary Board ask the Government to apply the whole of the Laws of Hongkong as they stand to that portion of the New Territory, which has not been included in the districts and sub-districts into which the New Territory has been divided under the Local Communities Ordinance.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Board divided on the motion—

Ayes.

The President.
The Vice-President.
The Medical Officer of Health.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

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The Director of Public Works.

The motion was carried.

Urinals in a private house.—A further application for a reconsideration of the Board's refusal to grant permission to erect two urinals in a house to be rented for the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the matter be referred to the Sanitary Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health to devise some scheme whereby these urinals might be fixed without an excessive use of water resulting.

The Vice-President seconded.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The President moved—

That the applications be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest.—A report of four animals shot at Kennedy Town on account of Rinderpest, and one dying of the same disease whilst segregated, was laid on the table.

Quarantine Rules from Burmah.—Certain of these were laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Further report of the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay City for the period 1st to 14th August, 1899, was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns from Macao for the week ended 27th August, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the week ended 2nd September, 1899, were laid on the table.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned to Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 28th day of September, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 32.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 1899.

PRESENT :

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

The Registrar General, (The Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.)

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Rinderpest.—A report of an outbreak of Rinderpest on the premises of the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam, 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 10 of 1898, this Board declares the premises known as No. 5 shed and the Hospital Matshed at the Dairy Farm's premises Pokfulam, to be infected with Rinderpest.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 28th day of September, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.