

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 562.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th October, 1899.

**No. 33.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 28th 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 14th day of September, and of a special meeting held on the 27th day of September were confirmed.

**Insanitary Properties Bill.**—The Vice-President asked whether any further communication had been received from the Government concerning the Insanitary Properties Bill, and the question being answered in the negative, moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

*That this Board address an urgent appeal to His Excellency the Governor, to take the earliest opportunity to introduce into the Legislative Council, the Bill relating to insanitary properties as finally amended by this Board, and forwarded to the Government on the 15th September, 1899.*

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Select Committee to deal with Cocklofts, Cubicles, and Basements.**—The President, pursuant to notice, moved—

*That the Medical Officer of Health and the Secretary be appointed a Select Committee, under the provisions of section 3 of Ordinance 11 of 1895, for the purpose of granting permits for the construction and maintenance of cocklofts and cubicles, and for the occupation of basements in accordance with sections 6, 7, and 8 of Ordinance 15 of 1894 and the Bye-laws made under that Ordinance.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Urinals in a Private House.**—The Medical Officer of Health moved—

*That permission be granted for the erection of two urinals in a house to be rented for the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, subject to certain conditions as to water flushing.*

The President seconded.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Increase to Sanitary Staff.**—The President addressed the Board and presented the joint report of the Select Committee consisting of the President, the Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE, who were appointed on the 20th day of July, 1899, to consider certain increases to the staff and the appointment of an Assistant Medical Officer of Health applied for by the Medical Officer of Health, and moved its adoption, and that it be forwarded to the Honourable Colonial Secretary for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

*That the Government be asked to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Medical Officer of Health, two additional First Class Inspectors of Nuisances, and that the present temporary Clerk be placed on the permanent Staff and an additional Clerk appointed at \$40 a month.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Board then divided on the amendment—

*Ayes.*

The Vice-President.  
The Director of Public Works.

*Noes.*

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

The amendment was lost.

The Board then divided on the original motion.

*Ayes.*

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

The Vice-President; and  
The Director of Public Works did not vote.

The motion was carried.

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

The President moved—

*That these applications be granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Houses Nos. 24 to 30, Circular Pathway.**—A report of the action taken in the case of these houses was laid on the table.

**Rinderpest at the Cattle Depot, Kennedytown.**—A report of 5 cases of rinderpest, in which the President had ordered the slaughter of the animals, was laid on the table, and the Board endorsed the action of the President.

**Bubonic Plague.**—A notification from the Indian Government that Calcutta and Chittagong are enforcing Venice Regulations against arrivals from Portugal was laid on the table.

A further report of the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay City for the period 15th to 28th August, 1899, was laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns from Macao**—For the weeks ended 3rd and 10th September, 1899, were laid on the table.

**Mortality Statistics for this Colony**—For the weeks ended 9th and 16th September, 1899, were laid on the table.

**Tinned Milk unfit for Human Food.**—The Medical Officer of Health applied that the Board would order 42 tins of Milk, recently seized as unfit for human food, to be destroyed.

The President moved—

*That the 42 tins of Milk be destroyed under section 25 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.*

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

*That strangers be requested to withdraw.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned to Thursday, the 12th day of October, 1899.

J. M. ATRINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 12th day of October, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 563.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th October, 1899.

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### NOTICE.

The Annual Session of Her Majesty's Justice of the Peace will be held in the Justices Room, at the Magistracy, on Wednesday, the 15th day of November, 1899, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering applications for Publican's and Adjunct Licences for the year 1899-1900, under Ordinance No. 24 of 1898.

Forms of Application may be obtained at the Magistracy.

All applications must be forwarded to the Magistracy on or before Thursday, the 2nd day of November, 1899.

H. H. J. GOMPERTZ,  
*Acting Police Magistrate.*

Magistracy, Hongkong, 13th October, 1899.