

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 625.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th November, 1899.

No. 35.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 26th day of October, 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 regular meeting No. 34 of 12th October, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date were confirmed.

Observation Station under the Venice Sanitary Convention.—The question of the site proposed as an observation station was further considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the further consideration of this question be postponed to this day six months.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

The Board divided on the motion—

Ayes.

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

The President did not vote.

The motion was carried.

Exemption of certain houses at Mongkok from lime-washing and cleansing.—An application for the exemption of certain houses from lime-washing and cleansing was considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That the application be not granted.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Height of a building and width of yard bridges for that building.—An application from Messrs. PALMER and TURNER on behalf of the Hongkong Hotel for permission to erect a new building on Marine Lot No. 7 Praya Reclamation at an elevation of 110' and to make yard bridges in it of a width of 6' was considered.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved—

That the application be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bonus for notification in cases of certain infectious diseases.—A proposal to give one dollar as a bonus to any Chinese Doctor who should notify the Government of a case of Bubonic Plague, Cholera, or Small-pox was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board recommend the Government to make such arrangements as would result in the offering of a reward of \$1.00 for every case of Bubonic Plague reported to the nearest Police Station.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The motion not having been seconded the matter was allowed to drop.

Proposed Public Latrine at 46 Gough Street.—A petition against the erection of a Public Latrine on the proposed site, which was referred by the Government to the Board, was considered.

The President moved—

That the report drawn up by the Medical Officer of Health and now before the Board be adopted and forwarded to the Government, and at the same time the Board desire to point out that the four sites recommended to Government in Sanitary Board Letter No. 80 of 21st July, 1899, require to be published in the Gazette in English and Chinese in three successive numbers by the latter sub-section of section 3 of Ordinance 8 of 1897, before any work can be proceeded with, and that they have only been once so published.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—A report from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Alexandria on the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague in that City was laid on the table.

A further report on the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay City during the period from the 12th to the 25th September, 1899, was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns from Macao—For the weeks ended the 1st, 8th and 15th of September, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony—For the weeks ended the 7th and 14th October, 1899, were laid on the table.

Lime-washing and Cleansing.—Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That notices be sent from the Board to those owners of property who, on the 31st day of October, have failed to have their premises lime-washed and cleansed and that prosecutions be immediately instituted if those notices are not complied with.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Chinese Tenement Houses in accordance with modern Sanitation.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved—

That the Government be asked to offer a premium for the best design for a block of Chinese tenement houses, in accordance with modern views of sanitation, to be erected on one of the vacant lots in the resumed area of Taipingshan, and further to proceed to put up the buildings in accordance with the selected plan.

The Vice-President seconded.

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

That the Government be asked to offer a premium for the best design for a block of Chinese tenement houses, in accordance with modern views of sanitation.

The amendment was not seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Board divided on the motion.

Ayes.

The President.
The Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Noes.

The Medical Officer of Health.

Unwholesome Well at 3 Fuk Hing Lane.—A report by the Government Analyst on the unwholesome state of the water in this well was considered.

The President moved—

That this well be closed.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report on the Latrine and Urinal Accommodation of the City of Victoria.—A report from Mr. R. F. DRURY, Sanitary Surveyor, on this subject was laid on the table.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 9th day of November, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 36.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Monday, the 30th day of October, 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).

Insanitary Properties Bill.—The President informed the Board that the meeting was called to discuss the question of recommending an increase in the minimum size of cubicles, as proposed in the above Bill.

After discussion in Committee,

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the Government be requested to amend section 4, sub-section (h.), by striking out the words "sixty-four square feet" at the end, and substituting therefor the words "eight feet by eight feet," and that the attention of Government be drawn to the Report of the Sanitary Board of 9th June, 1898, on the Report of the Insanitary Properties Commission, in which the Board expressed the opinion that no cubicle should be allowed nearer to a window than six feet.

The Vice-President seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

The Board then divided on the motion:—

Ayes.

- The President.
The Vice-President.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.

- The Director of Public Works.

The motion was carried.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 9th day of November, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 626.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 25th November, 1899, for the purchase of Waste Food from Victoria Gaol for the ensuing year, commencing 1st January, 1900, to 31st December, 1900, inclusive.

This consists of the Kitchen Refuse and Waste of Rice, Congee, Vegetables, Fish, &c. averaging 100 lbs. daily.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For particulars apply at the Office of the Superintendent, Victoria Gaol.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th November, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 627.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 25th November, 1899, for the supply of dry earth for sanitary purposes to Victoria Gaol for the space of one year from the 1st January next.

The earth to be procured from a spot to be pointed out by the Director of Public Works in the vicinity of the McDonnell Road, and to be delivered at Victoria Gaol at such times and in such quantities as may be required.

For further information apply at the Superintendent's Office, Victoria Gaol.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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