

Exemption from Lime-washing and Cleansing.—An application from the Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment Company for exemption of Houses Nos. 26 to 36, Staunton Street; 16 to 26, Elgin Street; and 50 and 52, Peel Street, from lime-washing and cleansing—and also an application from the tenant of 36, Elgin Street, for a similar exemption, were considered.

The Director of Public Works moved—

That the applications be not granted.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Licences to keep Swine.—Ten applications were considered.

The President moved—

That these licences be granted.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—A further report of the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay City for the period 26th September to 9th October, 1899, was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns from Macao for the week ended 15th October, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the weeks ended 21st and 28th October, and 4th November, 1899, were laid on the table.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Medical Officer of Health should be asked to report on the increase in the number of deaths from Beri-Beri shown in these returns.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest at Pokfolum.—A report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon showing the progress of the outbreak of rinderpest at the Dairy Farm was read.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be asked to report as to whether he can collect serum for the purpose of curing Rinderpest, and if he can, whether he can keep it in readiness for an outbreak.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 24th day of November, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 656.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1899.

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WM. C. H. HASTINGS,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1899.