

Six cattle that were brought into the Colony for food supply, having been found at the Hung Hom Depôt suffering from Rinderpest, were slaughtered by the order of the President on the 29th November last.

The Vice-President moved—

That the Board endorses the action of the President.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Alteration of certain Stalls at the Central Market.—A proposal by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the alteration of certain pork into vegetable stalls, was considered.

The matter was agreed to by the Board, and the papers were referred to the Honourable Registrar General.

Quarantine Station for Dogs.—Correspondence on this subject was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That Government be asked to have a suitable quarantine station for dogs built at the Hung Hom Cattle Depôt, to accommodate not less than twelve dogs, and capable of considerable extension.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns from Macao for the week ended 12th November, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the week ended 25th November, 1899, were laid on the table.

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

That advertisements be inserted in the English and Chinese newspapers warning owners of houses situated in the Western Division of the City that their premises have to be lime-washed before the end of December.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Deaths from Beri-Beri.—A report by the Medical Officer of Health on the deaths from Beri-Beri during the current year was laid on the table.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Vice-President seconded.

A confidential meeting was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 21st day of December, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held this 21st day of December, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 723.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

From the 24th instant until about the 28th January, 1900, sunken obstructions will be laid to the north of Stonecutters' Island.

The obstructed area will be bounded on the west by a line drawn from the most northern point of the Island to the Watering Pier at Lycheekok, and on the east by a line drawn from the Government Pier, on the North Shore near the Magazines, in a N.N.E. direction to the Mainland.

Vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring in the obstructed area.

For purposes of navigation the sunken obstructions may be considered as reducing the depths of water shown on the chart by eleven feet.

A fairway, about 250 yards wide, will be buoyed through the middle of the obstructed area, being marked on the north by 3 buoys carrying red flags, and on the south by 3 buoys carrying white flags. No obstructions will be laid within this fairway, but vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring therein.

During the same period *floating* obstructions will be laid south of Stonecutters.

The southern limit of this obstructed area will be marked by buoys carrying red flags.

The easternmost buoy will be approximately 700 yards due south of the southeastern point of Stonecutters' Island, the westernmost buoy about 700 yards due west of the first mentioned buoy. Lines due north from these two buoys will give the eastern and western limits of the obstructed area.

Vessels and junks are prohibited from anchoring in or passing through the obstructed area.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 21st December, 1899.