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1920.

C.S.

*(Board of Health)*

No. 699

Col: Surgeon.

SUBJECT.

1920

7th September

Reports on the Hygienic Conditions of the Town of Stanley.

Previous Paper.

646/17

MINUTES. (1)

Letter from the Colonial Surgeon. 7th Sept: 1920.

(2).

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council of the 13th September, 1920.

"The Honourable, the Colonial Surgeon, drew attention to the pressing need for improvement in the hygienic conditions of the Town of Stanley, and considered that the state of the roads and surface drainage, the absence of a proper water supply, and the great prevalence of rats formed a grave menace to public health. His Excellency drew attention to a report on the same subject by the Board of Health in 1917, and in the meantime, asked the Colonial Surgeon to re-open the questions then raised and report in detail as to suggested methods of carrying the necessary improvements into effect".

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Hon.: Col: Surgeon.

Submitted (Letter from the Board of Health of the 15th September, 1920.

*G.P.B.*  
for C: S.  
16/9/20.

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Subsequent Paper.

*H.E.*  
*Letter from Board of Health submitted*  
*for C.S.*  
*22/9/20*

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*B.H.*

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URGENT:

CONFIDENTIAL.

Office of the Colonial Surgeon,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
7th September, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw His Excellency's attention to the following: and respectfully beg to impress upon him the urgency for dealing with these matters.

1. The Roads and Surface Drainage.

No proper roads exist, and the attempt at surface drainage is most primitive and ineffective.

2. The absence of a proper water supply.

The present method of collecting water is insanitary and inefficient.

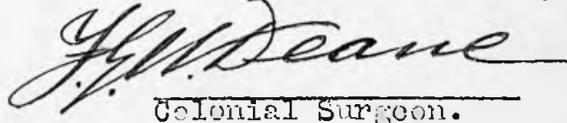
3. The place is overrun with rats.

In view of the activity of plague, this state of affairs requires immediate attention as it constitutes a grave manace to the health of the place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Surgeon.

The Hon: the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

BOARD OF HEALTH,  
STANLEY?

15th September 1920.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the condition of the roads and drains of Stanley (vide C.S.No. 646/17) I am directed by the Board of Health to enquire if any steps are being taken in the matter of the repair of the roads and drains, and if so whether you would be good enough to inform the Board of what work in this connection it is proposed to take in hand.

*at a meeting held  
on 18<sup>th</sup> Augt. last,  
J.M.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. M. [Signature]*

Ag. Clerk to the Board.

THE HONOURABLE  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STANLEY.

699/20.

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BOARD OF HEALTH,  
STANLEY.

16th November, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer you to the last paragraph of the Board of Health's letter to you of the 8th October last, dealing with the question of a Water Supply for the Town of Stanley.

I am now instructed by the Board of Health to say that the Board having further considered the matter at the ~~the~~ last meeting, is of the opinion that the question of the water supply is one which might safely be left to the expert Engineer whom the Board has already recommended should be appointed to undertake the survey of the roads and drains of Stanley and to report on the water supply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Ag. Clerk to the Board.

THE HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

609/20.

2nd October

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Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ult., submitting a copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Health on the 26th September last.

2. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the submission of the report of 1917, I am to request that the Board will furnish a further report for transmission to the Secretary of State, bringing up to date the question of the Roads and Drains and dealing with the necessity for providing the town with an adequate water supply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.

The Clerk to the Board of Health,

Stanley.

699/20.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

STANLEY.

8th October 1920.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant asking to be furnished with a more up to date report on the condition of the roads and drains of Stanley.

The Board feels that it cannot do better than to re-iterate some of the main points set out in the Conclusion of its Report of July, 1917, seeing that since then the condition of most of the roads of Stanley has become steadily worse.

The Board is aware that during the War it was inadvisable, and in fact impossible, to undertake any extensive repairs of the roads and drains. Now, however, that conditions are gradually becoming more normal, the Board again respectfully begs to recommend the advisability of undertaking at an early date the systematic repair of the roads and drains. The Board considers that the roads have now deteriorated beyond that state where any permanent improvement can be effected by merely patching with loose metal, and that they should be lifted throughout and re-laid, being given sufficient camber to carry off all surface water into the drains.

The Board holds the opinion that the cause of the present inefficient state of the roads and drains is largely due to faulty construction, and lack of system and forethought in years past.

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

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The Board is aware that, for the roads and drains of Stanley to be brought into a thorough state of efficiency, considerable expenditure will be entailed in the purchase of tools and machinery, and in procuring the necessary labour. While the Board does not consider itself in any way obliged to suggest how this heavy expenditure should be met, it appears to the Board that the financial position of the Colony is sufficiently strong to warrant this work being undertaken without further delay; if necessary a portion of the Surplus Assets of the Colony being allocated for this purpose.

The Board has little hesitation in saying that if a sum of (say) £5000 were spent annually during the next few years on the repair, or where deemed advisable the reconstruction, of the existing roads and drains of Stanley, the resulting benefit to the community would more than justify the outlay.

In conclusion, the Board again desires to state that this is a matter of urgency, and one which, in the interests of the health and welfare of the people of Stanley and of the Colony generally, should be taken in hand as early as possible.

2. I am further instructed by the Board of Health to say that the question of a Water Supply for the Town of Stanley will be fully dealt with at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Ag. Clerk to the Board.