

DECISION IN YERXA CASE ON MONDAY NEXT

DR. H. H. McNALLY WAS BEFORE COMMISSION

Observed No Sign of Liquor About the Accused—Patrolman Yerxa Inclined to Epilepsy.

Evidence in connection with the charge of intoxication while on duty December 25th preferred by Chief of Police Finley against Patrolman Ford Yerxa, was completed before the Police Commission Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Mary D. Colby who is official stenographer at the inquiry will furnish the transcript of the evidence to the Police Commission on Monday and that body will meet at three o'clock in the afternoon to consider it and reach a decision.

Dr. McNally Heard
Dr. McNally who was requested to appear in person before the Police Commission and give evidence concerning the physical condition of the accused, was heard Thursday afternoon. He was the only witness for Patrolman Yerxa. The doctor gave the Commission considerable information concerning epilepsy and its various degrees of violence. Yerxa was inclined to be that way. A test for blood-pressure had shown that Yerxa had a considerable pressure. On Sunday December 26th the witness had treated Yerxa. He had not noticed the odor of liquor about him. Witness believed Yerxa to be inclined toward apoplexy. Excitement or drinking might bring on an attack.

County Board of Health
The Board of Health of the York County Sub-District met Wednesday night and prepared estimates. The Board is to meet again tonight.

Ill With Pneumonia.
The condition of Mr. George W. Kilburn who has been ill with pleuropneumonia since Monday evening is reported today as unchanged.

Firemen's Card Tournament
The Fredericton Fire Department is beginning a card tournament at the hose station. The tournament will occupy some of the winter evenings.

Two Matches Played
At the curling rink last night two matches in the Management Series were played. The results were as follows; T. A. Wilson 21, F. P. Hatt 13; H. B. Colwell 16, John Neill 4.

Condition Not Encouraging
It was reported from the residence of Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., early this afternoon that his condition was not as good as it was yesterday and that it was believed that the crisis of the attack of pneumonia has not yet been passed.

Christmas Tree Last Evening.
A Christmas tree was held in St. Margaret's chapel, Morrison's Mills last evening. About seventy-five children were present to receive a bag of candy and nuts each. The entertainment was held under the auspices of the W. A. and St. Margaret's Sunday school.

Week of Prayer Services at Devon.
The union services in Devon are being well attended. Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Thomas, pastor of the Methodist church, preached in the Baptist church, his subject being "The Church." Last evening, Rev. H. H. Ferguson, pastor of the Baptist church, preached in the Advent Christian church, his subject being "The Home." Tonight Rev. R. W. McCaul, pastor of the Advent Christian church will preach in the Methodist church, his subject will be "Service and Sacrifice."

To Visit the Tropics.
Moncton Transcript: Hon. F. J. Sweeney, accompanied by the Rev. Father Savage, Mr. Edward Chisholm, Ex-Conductor Watts, Rev. A. D. Cormier and Mr. John P. Leger, Bathurst leave tomorrow for Halifax, where they will take passage for the West Indies on the steamer "Carquet", which sails on Friday morning at 9 o'clock from that port. The party expected to be absent about six or eight weeks, during which time they will visit Bermuda, Barbadoes, St. Kitts, Demarara, St. Lucia and other ports.

Died Suddenly in St. John
David Lifford formerly of Fredericton died suddenly in St. John last night. He removed to that city with his wife some three months ago and was employed as night-watchman at the Christie Wood-working factory, Erin Street. It is believed that heart failure caused death. The deceased leaves a widow, two brothers Joseph and Harry in this city and several sisters. He served overseas in the Liverpool Regiment seeing long service in France. Another brother John was killed with the 26th Battalion, C. E. F.

U. N. B. "Con." February 4.
That the big social event of the U. N. B. year, the "Con.," will be held on Friday, February 4th, was decided at the weekly meeting of the students today. This date is earlier than usual but since the Lenten season is early starting on Feb. 9th, and this event is held on the last Friday evening preceding, this date was automatically fixed. The elections for president and secretary resulted in E. G. Saunders being chosen president of the "Con." and Charles E. White secretary. The matter of dress suits for the under classmen, which caused so much dispute last year, was not projected into the discussion, but it is generally assumed that the three lower classes will not be formally habited.

GRANT FOR VICTORIA HOSPITAL TURNED DOWN BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON A VOTE OF 15 TO 12

Coun. Brewer Moved to Reduce Grant from \$25,000 With Two Representatives on the Trustee Board — Marysville and Devon Councillors did not Vote — Majority Opposed — Heavier Tax on Wild Lands Held by Americans Advocated — Interesting Discussion.

The Municipal Council Friday morning took final action with regard to the proposed grant for capital expenditure on Victoria Hospital. Coun. Alex. Brewer moved a resolution for a grant of twenty thousand dollars with two representatives of the County Council on the Hospital Board. This was a reduction of five thousand the amount originally suggested being twenty-five thousand dollars. As the towns of Devon and Marysville were to contribute separately to the Hospital the three councillors representing them did not vote on the resolution which was defeated fifteen to twelve.

There also was a long discussion upon the rate of taxation of wild land. All who spoke were of the opinion that the rate should be higher. The fact that American companies own large areas of lumber and other lands was referred to by several and also the fact that Canadian money was at a heavy discount in American territory. The councillors were of the opinion that under the circumstances Americans should pay more in taxes than they have been doing.

Committees Appointed.
When the Council resumed its session Friday morning the following committees were appointed:—
Administration of Justice — Coun. Brewer, Hallett, C. E. Allen, Coburn, Pickard, E. H. Allen and Kelly.
Bonding Committee—Coun. Murray, Stairs and Pickard.
The Committee for Auditing the Accounts of the Municipal Home was appointed on the motion of Coun. Manuel and was as follows: Coun. Dougan, Lawson and Cowperthwaite.
Deadlock at Manners Sutton.
Coun. Dougan presented a petition from residents of the Parish of Manners Sutton praying the prohibiting of the running of cattle at large on the whole length of Murray Road. He also presented a petition from residents of Brockway, School District No. 9 asking that the law relating to cattle remain as it was. The petitions contradicted one another.

Hospital Grant.
Coun. Brewer re-introduced the matter of a grant for Victoria Hospital. He stated that \$20,000 from the county would fill the requirements. He moved a resolution to grant \$20,000 instead of \$25,000 as originally proposed, the County Council to have two representatives instead of three. The motion was lost on the following vote:
Yea—Dougan, Coburn, Cowperthwaite, Clarkson, Seymour, Brewer.

Hallett, Kelly, Lawson, Murray, Frank Smith, Nason.—12.
Nay—C. E. Allen, Stairs, Simmons, Manuel, Kitchin, McMullin, Graham, Noble, Christie, Morris, Flemming, Grant, Floyd Smith, Wetmore, Hinchey.—15.
Coun. E. H. Allen and Coun. Walker of Marysville and Coun. Pickard of Devon did not vote.
Wild Land Assessment.
Coun. Flemming asked for an opinion from the County Solicitor what was the rating of wild land for assessment.
Mr. Richards said he would look the matter up. His recollection was that the value was \$2 per acre.
Coun. Seymour stated that it was in the power of the assessors to fix the rate.
Coun. Wetmore said that in his parish assessors had raised the rate from \$1.50 to \$3 per acre.
Discussion ensued in which varying opinion was expressed. Solicitor Richards stated it was discretionary with the assessors as to what valuation they placed on the wild lands.

After the Americans.
Coun. Wetmore said that in North Lake Americans held much land. They were discounting Canadian money heavily in the United States and he did not believe in letting Americans off easily on this side of the line.
Coun. Flemming said conditions were similar in Canterbury. He was of like mind.
Coun. Grant said non-resident landowners were getting off with light taxes while farmers were heavily taxed.
Coun. Kelly said that the high stumpage value justified increased valuation.
Coun. Seymour said that Stanley and Douglas Parishes included large areas held by companies. The value of the land had greatly increased and its assessed valuation should be increased.
Coun. Manuel wished the assessors given power to impose the valuation which they deemed proper. American companies were holding lands and making money sitting in their offices.
Parish Dispute.
Coun. Noble said that the Parish of Bright was in a harder position than any. Wild lands were there but their location was indefinite and the owners refused to pay taxes. Lines would have to be re-run.
Solicitor Richards said that in that case the owners called their taxes

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