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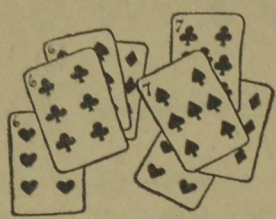
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CITY COUNCIL WILL PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION TO POLICE COMMISSION RE PROHIBITION

Proposed That the Province be Asked to Pay for Two Extra Officers—General Exchange of Opinion at Conference on Monday Evening—City Council Unanimous for Enforcement of the Act by the Police.

There was a fairly lengthy meeting of the City Council and Police Commission in joint session Monday night with police matters the chief subject of discussion. There was a lively interchange between Chief Finley and Ald. Camp on some subjects in the course of which the Chief said that the police force was being knocked by those whose duty it should be to support it. During the meeting a delegation composed of Rev. George M. Young, president of the Ministerial Association and Rev. G. C. Warren, its secretary, was heard. There was opposition to hearing this delegation but the majority voted for the hearing.

The general result of the meeting was the decision that the City Council should prepare a formal recommendation which would be presented to the Police Commission for action. The general opinion was that the police force should continue to enforce the Prohibition Act but that the province should pay a larger share of the cost. A suggestion was made that two policemen be added to the force to be maintained by the Prohibition Department for the express purpose of enforcing the Act.

A draft of an amendment to the Prohibition Act whereby two-thirds of the penalties and fines for offences committed within towns and cities would be payable to the towns and cities through the efforts of officials of which such convictions may be secured.

The meeting broke up with everybody in an amiable frame of mind.

Introductory Remarks.

His Worship Mayor Reid presided. He briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting.

Ald. Young said that he had started something, evidently at a previous meeting, in connection with the Police Commission not with the police force. It was not good business in his opinion to take the sum of one thousand dollars from that province for the services of the Chief of Police as sub-inspector.

Ald. Camp's Statement.

Ald. Camp said that he was the second man to start something. There had been complaints concerning certain matters connected with the police force.

He thought that it was fair that Chief and others should know charges. He exaggerated nothing and what he had said had been made known through the press.

First with regard to Mrs. Harding Kierstead. On Friday night Mrs. Kierstead could not get police station on the telephone in four attempts, a call to Patrolman Hart's residence had elicited the information that he was on duty at night and had just retired. Mrs. Kierstead called Chief Finley and said, "Well I have got you at last." She proceeded to tell him facts of her complaint and of her difficulty in locating a policeman. Chief Finley's reply was to tell her to get off the line that he wished to use it and to say that her statement was not true.

As far as the Prohibition Act was concerned he would say it was a just act and should be enforced. Chairman McKay had been quoted as saying that \$700 was a very nice thing for the City Treasury. He did not agree if the Chief was paid his present salary and a patrolman \$1200 with uniform that the city was getting what it should be getting, \$700.

Another matter was that the Chief of Police seemed to have three bosses—the Police Commission, W. D. Wilson and Fraser Saunders. He did not approve of that.

Ald. Neill's Opinion.

Ald. Neill said that it was not his intention to criticize the police force without reason. Prior to taking up Prohibition duties, Chief Finley performed excellent service. While he was required to enforce Prohibition in an eight-mile radius, so many of the police could be taken outside that this city would be devoid of protection. The system was bad.

The acts of disorder which had taken place in the city recently were deplorable. The setting of fires he believed was being done merely to belittle the police force. It was a most regrettable fact, University students responsible for damage to buildings surely could be prosecuted.

He would suggest that if the Prohibition Department wished to enforce the act through the police let it maintain and pay two members of the force.

His wished to refer to the disgrace-

ful attack on Patrolman Murray on Carleton street Saturday night. He was told that Patrolman Murray had called on bystanders for assistance and had been refused. A store-keeper when he was asked to telephone for a policeman said "the telephone is in the shop, go and use it." He hoped the Police Commission would not drop this matter.

In general he believed that if Prohibition enforcement was set apart from other police duties it would be better.

Strong For Enforcement.

Ald. Barker strongly favored the police aiding in Prohibition enforcement outside the city and within it. They had time enough and there were other officers to help them do it. As for as Hallowe'en disturbances were concerned, they were no worse than they had been in previous years.

Ald. Baxter.

Ald. Baxter spoke strongly in favor of using the police force for Prohibition enforcement. They were the men in the best position to enforce it. It was easy to see what element it was desirous of taking Prohibition enforcement out of police hands.

Enforcement of the act would result in a cleaner city. The police were attacked because certain persons were afraid of them in regard to Prohibition enforcement.

City Does Not Gain.

Ald. Cain said he did not see how the city was gaining if an extra patrolman was to be employed on Prohibition enforcement. He strongly favored enforcement of Prohibition at all times. He also wanted the recent acts of vandalism punished. The Police Commission was the proper body to handle the force. He would regret to see the force back under the City Council.

Mayor Reid said he was present in a dual capacity. He always had believed that the Prohibition Act should be enforced by the police. The province should enforce the Act. If it is using certain members of the Fredericton police force it should pay them. He believed that an arrangement on that matter could be made. The Police Commission would take up the subject at the next meeting.

As far as depredations were concerned fifty policemen on patrol could not prevent two or three ill-minded persons from committing them.

Questions to the Chief.

Mayor Reid asked Chief Finley if Fraser Saunders was his superior in regard to the Prohibition Act.

Chief Finley replied that Fraser Saunders was District Chief Inspector. (Continued on Page Three).

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