SENSATIONAL SESSION OF CIVIC SAFETY BOARD WAS HELD LAST EVENING

Aldermen and Officials Were in Warlike Mood and Result Was Several Lively Tilts---Ald. Christie Gets After Ald. Vanwart---Director Wisely and Chief Kerr Asked to Resign---Other Lively Incidents.

One of the most sensational city hall meetings in recent years was held by the safety board in monthly session last evening. Owing to charges laid by Ald. Christie that the condition of No. 3 engine house was disgraceful and reflected discredit on the chairman, director and chief of the fire department, the two officials engaged in considerable recrimination and a motion was made that they hand in their resignation. This, however, was defeated and the matter left to a committee. The chairman and Ald. Christie also indulged in some heated remarks consequent on the alderman stating that the chairman was not acquainted with details of his department. The council was recommended to memoralize the local government to hold an investigation into the differences between the chief of police and the police magistrate.

A communication from E. F. Jarvis, acting deputy minister of militia, was read in which the renewal of the lease of the property on which the exhibition buildings stand was refused and the council was asked to remove the buildings as soon as possible. Ald. Vanwart and Ald. Rowan, Tilley, Holder, Lantalum, Christie, Pickett and Bullock were present, with the director, Chief Kerr and the common clerk.

Chief Clark spoke for the appointment of three additional policemen for service at Sand Point. More men were badly needed in the locality.

In reply to Ald. Bullock he said so far no sailors had been arrested, he attributed it to the liquor stores having closed early Saturday. Chief Clark also brought up the matter of his winter overcoat. He would like to take it to his own tailor. There were also a great many things he should have which he did not get, such as a copying press, a typewriter and a desk telephone. He could not agree with the idea of the chief of the police writing his letters and then having to sit down and copy them.

The chairman said he thought a desk telephone should be installed.

Ald. Bullock to the chief—"Have you asked for a copying press?"

The chief—"Long ago. As regards the telephone the chairman has seen how I have to run backwards and forwards and the conversation can be heard by any body."

Chief Clark then retired.

Ald. Rowan moved that the chief's requests be granted.

Ald. Tilley—"Here, hold on! hold on!"

Ald. Bullock said he saw no pressing need for additional men. The town was quiet. The matter might be considered in the estimates next year.

Ald. Rowan then moved that the applications with reference to the desk telephone, copying press and overcoat be recommended. This was carried.

Ald. Christie moved that the chief be given power to employ three additional policemen.

On the question being put Ald. Sproul, Rowan and Christie voted aye, Ald. Tilley, Holder, Pickett and Bullock nay, and the motion was declared lost.

Tenders for the fire department were opened as follows:

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points at present not being provided for.

The report of the committee on the appointment of a jail matron recommending that the request be not complied with was received. The report was unsigned. Ald. Christie, one of the committee, intimated that he would submit a minority report, as he was not in favor of the recommendation.

Stephen P. Gerow was recommended for membership of No. 1 salvage corps and Francis Kerr for No. 2 salvage corps.

A letter from E. F. Jarvis, acting deputy minister of militia, was read. Reference was made to a 21 year lease of the property on which the exhibition buildings stand having been granted in 1880 to the St. John Agricultural Society at $1 a year and subsequently transferred to the mayor and corporation in 1884. It was stated that although transferred no new lease could be found to have been issued. Mr. Jarvis wrote that in respect to the lease to the city of certain properties forming part of the proposed drill shed site which had been used for exhibition purposes he regretted to inform the council that a renewal was not considered to be in the public interest. It had been urged by the district officer commanding that additional land between the Barrack square and Sheffield street should be acquired but if part of the site leased to the city were utilized there would be no necessity for acquisition. The letter concluded: "Steps should be taken to remove the exhibition buildings at as early a date as is practicable."

Ald. Bullock said he had reason to believe that the government were seriously considering the erection of an armory on the site. He moved that the letters be referred to the exhibition management and a committee consisting of the chairman, director, recorder and common clerk.

The motion was carried.

Ald. Christie said he had a word to say to the chairman, director and chief of the fire department with reference to No. 3 engine house. He considered its condition did not reflect much credit on any of disgraceful and the windows and the building generally were dirty. Repairs were also being done by day's work when they should have been submitted to tender.

The chairman—"It's not my business."

Ald. Christie—"You are chairman and it's your duty to look after your department. If not what are you there for?"

The chairman—"You need not tell me my duty."

Ald. Christie—"You've no business to accept the position if——"

The chairman—"Its not the chairman's place to look after such things."

Ald. Christie—"I tell you it is."

The chairman—"Do you think I don't know my position?"

Ald. Christie—"No, I think you show a profound ignorance of it."

The chairman (half rising)—"I know a d—— sight more than you can teach me, Ald. Christie."

Ald. Christie—"You don't know the first thing about your department and I tell you so."

At this point Ald. Lantalum interrupted to ask the director why one of the closets in the market lavatory was kept locked.

The director said it was reserved for the tenants.

Ald. Lantalum moved that the lock should be removed. The motion was lost.

The director asked if the man now engaged in looking after the lavatory, in addition to his regular work, could be given a small increase to $35 a month. The matter was left to the salaries committee.

Ald. Willet, who said he had been standing for an hour and a half waiting to get a word in, made a complaint with reference to the placing of a hydrant near the head of Millidge street. He said he was overcome with emotion when he thought of the indignities suffered by Dufferin ward and contended that the water and sewerage board had interfered with the order of the safety board. The matter was left over for further consideration.

The chairman, referring to the accusations of Ald. Christie, said he had never even heard about the condition of the engine house. He would do his duty every time.

The director—"The alderman has accused the chairman and myself but it's the chief's place to keep the men's quarters clean."

Chief Kerr (jumping up)—"Oh! Is that so, Mr. Wisely. Just look at the bye-laws and you see you can't make repairs without my knowledge."

The director—"Why don't your men keep the place clean?"

The chief—"If you do things without my knowledge I'm not responsible. I told you Dr. Christie took a man out from there who was nearly dying, and the first thing I knew after that the painters were in. I want you to understand I must know what you are doing and that you have your duty to perform as director."

The director—"Why don't you keep the place clean? It's your fault the painters had to go in."

Ald. Bullock—"What's this about a man dying?"

The chief—"It was Mr. Leonard."

Ald. Pickett—"Was he killed by death? I mean—" (Roars of laughter).

Ald. Rowan—"These scenes are very disgraceful and I'm sorry they occur. We want to know if these places are not clean why it is so."

Chief Kerr—"It's pretty near the end of the year and I may get gutted but I was never spoken to by the director with regard to repairs."

The chair—"I won't go round washing windows and I want Ald. Christie to understand that I keep my place as clean as his. I would resign if I had to do it."

Ald. Christie—"The chairman says he is not responsible. Isn't Ald. McGoldrick considered responsible for west side matters? The newspapers don't hesitate to go for him. It is the chairmen's duty to go round and see and speak to the directors."

The chairman—"I never heard any complaints."

Ald. Christie—"It should not be necessary."

The chairman—"They were painting the day I was there."

Ald. Christie—"Oh, it was before that."

Ald. Pickett—"Was Mr. Leonard's illness consequent on the condition of No. 3?"

The director—"No. He had a fine room."

Ald. Christie—"I move that repairs be done by tender in future and that the director submit estimates once a year."

The director said the work was done by a council order. The motion was carried.

Ald. Bullock—"It seems there is a great difference of opinion between our officials and they should both be asked to resign. These things have gone too far now and this step should be taken in the public interest. I move that the director and chief of the fire department be asked to resign forthwith."

After a pause Ald. Vanwart—"How's that? Have you got that down, Mr. Wardroper?" (To Ald. Bullock)—"Do you want that motion put?"

Ald. Tilley—"The best thing is to do away with these evening meetings."

Ald. Pickett suggested that perhaps Ald. Bullock was looking at the humorous side. It might be as well, he added, to put in the chairman and Ald. Christie and make a quartette.

Ald. Christie—"I'm prepared to stand by everything I've said and I'm not through yet."

Ald. Pickett—"It's an unfortunate motion."

Ald. Bullock—"What is?"

Ald. Pickett—"I think you should show good reasons."

Ald. Bullock—"It is simply a conflict as to official duties and its the only thing we can do. I'm serious. We must have peace and harmony. Regarding the chairman, he is supposed to know everything going on and how the work is done. I should say he should keep his house in order."

The director—"There is no feeling between the chief and me."

The chief—"Not the slightest."

Ald. Rowan—"There may not be any feeling but there is conflict of opinion and the sooner the matter is settled the better."

Chief Kerr—"The bye-law will have to be changed. I will resign now." (To the common clerk)—"Let me see the bye-law."

The common clerk—"The director's duties are not defined."

The director—"We never have any words outside."

The chief—"No never, but you must change the bye-law. I want to see what's going on in the engine house. I'll resign right off."

Ald. Rowan—"Well, go ahead."

Chief Kerr then proceed to read the bye-law but paused occasionally annoyed because of interruptions by Ald. Bullock who was talking in a low voice.

Ald. Bullock—"I did not ask for the chief to be heard and why should he take up our time like this? I can get all the bye-laws I want from the common clerk."

The chief—"I think Ald. Bullock is a fair man and honest, just, pure and lovely. I only ask for the bye-law to be changed."

Ald. Bullock—"My motion is only a recommendation to council anyway."

Ald. Lantalum moved an amendment that the matter be left to the chairman and a committee to define the rules governing the chief and the director.

The amendment was carried.

The chairman appointed Ald. Christie, Tilley and Bullock.

Ald. Christie—"In consequence of some friction between the chief of police and the police magistrate I move that the common council be recommended to memorialize the local government to investigate the condition of affairs in the police building."

The motion was carried without discussion, and the board adjourned.

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THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

No Word Received From Mr. Hyman --- Liberal Member Invites Hon. Geo. E. Foster to Resign.

OTTAWA, Nov. 26.—Mr. Borden asked the premier in the house today if the position of the resignation of Mr. Hyman was the same as when Sir Wilfrid had last addressed the house.

Sir Wilfrid replied that Mr. Hyman was ill, but he expected to hear from him in a few days.

Henry Bourassa (Labelle) resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. He was not going to deal with the speech but regretted that something did not appear in it respecting the coming colonial conference in London. Having said this he directed himself to the speech of Hon. A.B. Aylesworth in North Bruce when the minister of justice said that the conduct of Mr. Bourassa in his race and religious appeals in the Quebec county election was digging the grave of British institutions in Canada and going back to the position Canada was fifty years ago.

Mr. Bourassa complained that Mr. Aylesworth should have stamped a colleague of his in parliament in such a way especially when he ((Bourassa) had rendered longer service to the Liberals than the minister of justice. There was, he maintained no racial appeal in Quebec county. The issue was that the member-elect was an independent Liberal and his opponent was a straight supporter of the government.

Mr. Bourassa wanted to know if his disloyalty consisted of his course upon the school question. Was it because of his criticism of immigration? Was that the reason of his being accused of digging the grave of British institutions in Canada? Since the South African war he had not appealed to French Canadians as such.

In brief his position was that he was a Liberal who wanted freedom of action and it was on these lines that he spoke to his countrymen.

Mr. Devlin (Wright) was surprised at the reference of Mr. Foster the other day to political morality. After what had taken place before the insurance commission he was astonished at this. The government organ in Ottawa published what Mr. Foster said in small type and in an obscure place.

He asked the house to compare the lofty dignity of Mr. Hyman, who resigned his seat with the action of Mr. Foster. Would Mr. Foster resign? There was nothing shown that interfered with the majority having voted for Mr. Hyman. The city of London was not purchasable.

"I ask," said Mr. Devlin, "whether Mr. Foster will resign. If so let him do it." It was said that the opposition was going to make it interesting for the government. "Let them come on," said Mr. Devlin, "we are ready for them."

Coming to the speech from the throne Mr. Johnston said that the expenditure by the present government was well spent and the result was the prosperity which was witnessed from ocean to ocean. The leader of the opposition objected to the expenditure being so large, although not very specific and Mr. Foster on the other hand took strong exception to an expenditure of the cost of an elevator built in the city of St. John (N. B.)

Mr. Johnston wondered what the members of St. John had to say to the objections of Mr. Foster for that expenditure. It was the only item he took exception to. What the opposition wanted was the small expenditure and deficits which existed years ago. The people did not want to return to these times.

The anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society, of Exmouth street church was celebrated last night. The principal item on the programme was an address by Miss Crombie, returned missionary from Japan. Miss Crombie is a native of this city and has been a missionary in Japan for the last twelve years under the auspices of the Woman's General Missionary Society of the Methodist church in Canada. She expects to return next July. Cheering reports were handed in from the mission band and circle, and the woman's auxiliary. A motion song by the mission band and a solo by E. E. Thomas were also on the programme.

POLITICS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Hon. H. R. Emmerson Says Liberal Convention is for Organization Only --- Local Government Convention in Restigouche on Dec.

Otatwa, Nov. 26—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson was asked today in regard to the Liberal convention which is to be held in New Brunswick on December 27. "The convention," said Mr. Emmerson, "is purely and solely for organization purposes; the intention is to have a thorough party organization established all over the province."

"With an early election in view" was asked.

"It is not wise, politically, to leave the work of organization until an election is due. It takes time to establish, and takes a little longer time to have it in full operation. At any rate the meeting is being called, as I said, for organization purposes."

Dalhousie, N. B., Nov. 26—A convention of the supporters of the provincial government has been called in Restigouche county to select a candidate at the coming bye-election to replace his honor, Judge McLatchy, whose seat has become vacant by reason of his appointment to the bench.

The convention is called by Hon. Chas. H. LaBillois and will be held in the court house in Dalhousie on Tuesday, Dec. 4. next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

It is not known who will be nominated by the government party but in all probability it will be a Campbellton man. At present the dominion members and the chief commissioner reside in other parts of the county and Campbellton has during the last twenty years enjoyed the privilege of having at least one of the county members living within its limits.

It is not supposed that the election will take place till January or February.

There is a considerable increase in the voters lists in Restigouche, especially in the two towns and many electors would be disappointed if the list of 1907 was not used in the coming contest.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD BEGINS ITS MEETINGS

The first meeting of the St. Stephen's church guild for the season of 1906-07 was held last evening under charge of the musical committee and proved a very interesting opening. The guild's officers for this year are:

President—Rev. A. G. Dickie.

Vice-presidents—Mrs. Dunn, R. T. Leavitt and Douglas McArthur, sr.

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The meetings for the season have been arranged as follows: Nov. 26, musical; Dec. 3, Biblical; Dec. 10, literary; Dec. 17, decorative; Jan. 7, missionary; Jan. 14, historical; Jan. 21, social; Jan. 28, literary; Feb. 4, missionary; Feb. 11, musical; Feb. 18, Biblical; Feb. 25, historical; March 4, literary; March 11, social; March 18, Biblical; March 25, musical; April 1, missionary; April 8, historical; April 15, social; April 22, business meeting.

Last evening's gathering was very large, and Rev. A. G. Dickie presented and heartily welcomed all. The programme included: Solo, Mavourneen, Miss Helen Fowler; flute solo, Albert Burnham; solo, May Morning, Miss Nase; solo, I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby, Charles Knight; piano solo, Miss Pauline Biederman; reading, Donald's Downfall, Miss Winifred Raymond; solo, Little Irish Girl, Miss Collie Fairweather; violin solo, Miss Mary McLaren; solo, The Blacksmith, Mr. Bonnell. The solos by Miss Nase and Miss Fairweather were particularly well enjoyed, as was Miss Raymond's reading, while Miss Biederman played excellently and was heartily encored.

Mrs. F. A. Hackett and young son, of Blaine (Me.), have returned to this city from Blaine and are at present at the Clifton House.

TONIGHT'S FUNCTION

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter of Masons Will Celebrate Their 101st. Anniversary.

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter of Masons will celebrate their 101st anniversary this evening by a literary and musical entertainment to be held in Masonic hall. A committee of which Hon. J. V. Ellis is chairman and J. Verner McLellan secretary, has charge of the arrangements. W. B. Wallace, G. H. P., will deliver an oration, giving a history of the chapter from its foundation to the present time. Besides Mr. Wallace, Grand Officers E. L. Hagerman, D. G. H. P. of Woodstock; W. R. Gould, G. K., of Carleton, and E. G. Vroom, G. S. of St. Stephen, are expected to be present. Three principal officers from each of the following chapters have also been invited: Union, of Carleton; St. Stephen, Woodstock, Sussex, Botsford, Mount Lebanon and Fredericton.

The only gentlemen invited are Royal Arch Masons and in all about 400 are expected. Dancing and cards will follow the entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

Those taking part in the programme will be Misses Costaine and Tarbox and Messrs. DeWitt Cairns, D. B. Pidgeon and W. H. Morgan, who will sing, and Alex. Baird and Miss Mildred Isaacs, who will give readings. Grand High Priest Wallace will receive the guests.

The third anniversary of the organization of St. Mary's Band last evening, was marked by a very pleasant entertainment in the school house. A programme of music was given by the boys in excellent style. Besides, addresses were given by Rev. G. A. Kuhring, Rev. Dr. Raymond and James F. Robertson. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of gifts from the members of the band to Band Master Williams, Secretary Herbert J. Barton, and George H. Chamberlain.

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