

formation of a bureau so that direct information may be had as to cost of pavement and roads.

Deputy Warden Chambers, West Hants, pointed out that it was a dangerous matter to allow persons to take possession of any portion of road.

Thursday, September 2.

Morning Session.

The President called for the report of the Resolution Committee who had met at 10 o'clock. The Chairman reported up the following resolution:—

"That this Union recommends that the Towns adopt the ballot system in voting for extraordinary expenditures under the Towns Incorporation Act."

Mayor Richardson, Sydney, in moving it said he thought that ratepayers' meetings were not always an expression of the citizens' wishes, but that a ballot would do away with all possible danger in the present method.

Recorder Rogers, Amherst, explained the systems used in Amherst. It was found that the open voting was not satisfactory in many ways. A meeting was called at 1 P.M. for discussion. This was necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the Town's Incorporation Act. Voting by ballot commences and continues until 9 P.M., thus giving all ratepayers a chance to record their vote. The ballot paper has the resolutions printed on it, and voters mark an "X" in the column marked "yes" or "no" as desired.

Alderman Martin, Halifax, seconded the resolution, which was then put and carried.

The Chairman also reported the following resolution, which on motion of Warden McMahon and Mayor Stewart, was also declared carried.

"That the paper of Mr. Roberts on 'Abuses in the Administration of Justice' be referred to the incoming Executive for consideration and report to the next Convention."

"A general discussion on the Highway Act", as mentioned in the program was then taken up. Warden Bishop, Halifax, contended that all Counties should be treated alike. In Halifax County the exemptions as to men of sixty years are different from those in other Counties and should be uniform.

County Clerk Warden Dimock, West Hants, said the reference to Halifax in the Highway Act was from the Halifax Road Act, and West Hants had adopted it.

Mayor Richardson, Sydney, said the Act provided what Halifax originally asked.

Recorder Rogers, Amherst, thought it inadvisable and poor policy to ask for piece meal legislation. The Union should appoint a committee to criticize the Act and report next meeting.

Deputy Warden Chambers, West Hants, thought possibly the other Counties might wish to come down to the Halifax County figure of \$200 exemptions.

Warden Bishop, Halifax Municipality, moved the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Union, the law relating to tax exemptions of persons over the age of sixty years and clergymen, widows and others, under the Highway Act should be made uniform throughout the Province."

This was seconded by Mayor Stewart, Bridgewater. Stipendiary McDougall moved in amendment:—

"That the matter of exemptions as set out in sections 5 and 6 of the Highway Act be referred to the incoming Executive."

Warden McMahon seconded this. Dr. Stewart requested that section 14 be also included; this was agreed to.

Warden Bishop by leave of chair and seconders' consent, withdrew his motion.

The amendment was put as main motion and carried.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Messrs. W. G. Clarke, Warden, Annapolis County, and E. D. Lordly, Municipal Clerk, Chester—and ordered filed—Mr. Lordly suggested that the form in the Schedule as to returns be amended and submitted a draft form. This was referred to the incoming Executive for recommendation, if they deemed it advisable.

(To be concluded).

The King's Police Medal

His Majesty, with that breadth of thought which is so evident, has recognized that in the ranks of the Police Forces and Fire Brigades, actions are performed as worthy of distinction and honour as in the more showy duties of the Army and Navy. Accordingly, he has issued the following Proclamation:—

"Whereas We have taken into Our Royal consideration the good services which are rendered by officers of the constabulary forces and by persons serving in fire brigades throughout Our Dominions and in territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction, and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons;

"And whereas we are desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of Our Royal favor;

"We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such acts of courage and conspicuous devotion to duty."

Deeds or services to be taken into consideration in awarding the medals are specified as follows in the official circular:

(a) Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals; the risks incurred to be estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.

(b) A specially distinguished record in administrative or detective service.

(c) Success in organizing Police Forces or Fire Brigades or Departments, or in maintaining their organization under special difficulties.

(d) Special services in dealing with serious or widespread outbreaks of crime or public disorder, or of fire.

(e) Valuable political and secret services.

(f) Special services to Royalty and Heads of States.

(g) Prolonged service; but only when distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

The medal will be of silver, with the King's effigy on the obverse and an emblematic design on the reverse side, and the winners' name on the rim. It is only to be won by British subjects on regular forces or brigades, and not more than 120, of which 40 will be within the United Kingdom, 30 in the Dominions beyond the seas and 50 in India, will be given in any one year.

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OF THE UNION OF
British Columbia Municipalities
HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO
December 16th and 17th.
at NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.
H. BOSE, Secretary Treasurer,
SURREY CENTRE, B. C.