

ANNUAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE

President's Comprehensive Address. A Year of Progress. Hon. W. S. Stewart Elected President for 1914.

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HILARY TERM OF SUPREME COURT

Grand Jury Takes Action on Charges Made by Thiel Detectives—Indictment Against Ellis.

Hilary Term of the Supreme Court, for Queen's County, which opened in Charlottetown on Tuesday, was resumed at the Court House yesterday, with His Lordship Chief Justice Sullivan presiding.

The Court awaited the return of the Grand Jury, who had retired since the previous day, with their report. As stated in yesterday's Guardian, in connection with the Temperance prosecutions which the Temperance Alliance recently instituted in this province, the Grand Jury had before them on Tuesday, Mr. David Schurman, Secretary-Treasurer of the local Alliance. Yesterday the Jury had before them Samuel J. Elrod, one of the two Thiel detectives upon whose operations the prosecutions in question had been undertaken. In connection with the statements Elrod made to the Jury, the latter when they returned into Court at three o'clock in the afternoon and presented their report, made a presentment against a man named James A. G. Ellis, said to be of Montague. Upon the Jury's presentment, the Chief Justice directed the preparation of a bill of indictment against the man Ellis. The indictment was prepared by Mr. W. E. Bentley, K. C., acting for the Attorney-General, and this was sent up to the Jury, who after a long deliberation returned with a true Bill against Ellis.

The indictment, upon which the Jury found a true bill against Ellis, was that at Charlottetown on or about the 5th of January last, he wrongfully and unlawfully and without lawful authority, did attempt and endeavour to dissuade and hinder Elrod and Joseph Valade, by threats, bribes or other corrupt means, from giving evidence in certain prosecutions for violations of the Prohibition Act pending against not only Ellis himself but against other persons in the province and which were to be heard before Stipendiary A. F. McQuaid, in King's County, Stipendiary K. J. Martin, in Queen's County, and Stipendiary Wright in Prince County.

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The Chief Justice directed that a Bench warrant be issued for the arrest of Ellis. The report made by the Grand Jury was as follows: "To the Hon. Chief Justice Sullivan and associate Judges: It must be a great satisfaction to the people of this province to know that the different public institutions are so well looked after, with capacity of the different committees should not be departed from."

The report of the Captain of the Fire Company was then read, which was as follows: "The Fire Company for 1913 was composed of 15 members. During the past year were largely attended, while at other times the attendance was very poor. The fire alarm was sounded three times as follows:—Jan. 14, for fire in the store of A. Currie & Co.; April 24th, fire in the dwelling house of James Swallow; Nov. 13, fire in the rooms of Undertaker W. S. Dingwall. The report also stated that there is a depth of between seven and eight feet of water in these tanks being 20 feet long and 10 feet wide. Some discussion took place in regard to the fairest way of dealing with the firemen. It was moved, seconded and carried that, in addition to the regular amount called for on the presentation of a certificate from the Captain, the same grant be paid in 1913 as in 1912, and that a deduction of 25 cents be made for each meeting non-attended, attendance at each fire to be equivalent to attending two meetings."

It was moved by Councillor Brennan that the captain of the Fire Brigade be appointed in accordance with the previous motion. This motion was seconded by Councillor Acorn and carried.

The Magistrate's report of cases tried in the Police Court for the past six months was then read, and, on the motion of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Acorn, was accepted by the Council.

A letter from A. F. McQuaid, Stipendiary Magistrate for King's Co., was also read. This letter was accompanied by a cheque for \$1,700, this being the sum granted to the town from Prohibition fines collected during the year. It was decided to let the matter stand over and the clerk was authorized to inform Mr. McQuaid that the cheque could not be accepted until the Council should learn how Charlottetown and Summerside were treated in matters of this kind.

Councillor Acorn then informed the Council that he had disposed of 11 tons of stone at 60 cents to Fraser & McQuaid. The Council approved of this and authorized the clerk to send them a bill.

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ble officials to attend not only those who have lost their reason, but also the old and feeble. Such officials we have in charge of the institutions at Falconwood. The Grand Jury in their visit yesterday went through the Hospital from cellar to attic. The rooms, halls and kitchen they found all comfortable and clean. The pantry was well stocked with provisions, particularly good, in fact better than is usually found in public institutions. The infirmary is as it should be, well heated, well ventilated and with good sanitary arrangements, all adding to the comfort of the aged inmates, who have no home of their own.

The Sanitarium was also visited and found in every respect in as good a condition as the other buildings. The Grand Jury strongly desire to suggest to the Honourable Court the great necessity of having another building similar to the Sanitarium erected to be used for the purpose of housing new patients and convalescents from the Hospital. It is unfair to the poor doctor in charge as well as to the first time when they enter the Hospital to have to occupy the same rooms with those who have been confined for many years. We urge that matter very strongly, as we believe that the percentage of cures would be much greater than they are under the present circumstances.

At present there are five persons confined in Queen's County Jail, three for drunkenness, one for violation of the Prohibition Law and one for larceny. Five able-bodied men doing nothing in a clean, warm, comfortable building. The Jury strongly recommend prosecutions for violations of the Prohibition Act pending against not only Ellis himself but against other persons in the province and which were to be heard before Stipendiary A. F. McQuaid, in King's County, Stipendiary K. J. Martin, in Queen's County, and Stipendiary Wright in Prince County.

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