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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

The Mayor (Cr. J. W. Adams) presided at the sitting of the Preston Town Council last Monday. Also present, Crs. Crisp, Warr, Newton, Brangrove, Barrtop, McPherson, Jones, Robinson.

Police Protection. Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A. is more police protection stating he would bring the matter under the notice of the Chief Secretary. Received. NEW COURT HOUSE. Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., enclosing letter to the Minister for Justice re creation of a new court house, stating enquiries were being made. Received.

Unemployment. Trades Hall Council re unemployment, suggesting that a relief fund be inaugurated. Cr. Jones moved that this be referred to the special meeting of the whole council. Cr. McPherson said something should be done to relieve the acute distress in Preston. He moved that the Trades Hall Council be informed as to the council's financial position, that the council cooperate with other bodies, to bring pressure to bear on the Government to act. He suggested that the Municipal Association be approached with a view of getting the Government to make money available to the municipalities free of interest.

Constitution of Tramways Board. City of Footscray a circular letter enclosing a motion carried at the meeting of Metropolitan Municipalities. "That this conference adopt as a first principal that the municipalities should have majority representations on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board," and also an amendment submitted as follows:—"That this conference adopt a resolution, viz., that the Tramways Board as a present constituted body, be abolished, and that the control of the tram be vested in the metropolitan municipalities, and asking for an expression of opinion."

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer reported that the following amounts had been collected:—Council year receipts, £37,167/-; pan fees, £17,110/-; building fees, £19,777/-; rates (arrears) £8,073/-; and sundries totalling £102,679/-.

Engineers' Report. The engineers reported (1) that the following materials had been carted from the quarry:—Metal, 426 cub. yards; screenings, 44 cub. yards; topplings, 37 1/2 cub. yards; total, 507 1/2 cub. yards. (2) An amended plan was submitted by M. C. Purcas, showing position of new right-of-way at west of school at Reservoir, to which no objection was taken by the council. He recommended that it be signed and sealed. A resolution to that effect was carried. (3) Re subdivision of two allotments into four at the corner of Hay and Bartlett streets. The plans were satisfactory. To be signed and sealed. The report was received.

Building Inspector. The building inspector reported that from January 20 to February 2 twenty-three building permits had been issued comprising 21 dwellings, 1 shop, and 1 addition. Received.

Meat Inspectors. The meat inspectors reported that the following had been inspected and branded:—Pigs, 2722; cattle, 219; sheep, 1520. Received.

Health Officer. The health officer reported having inspected premises for infectious diseases, inspecting State schools in company with the Medical officer, prosecuting in wandering stock cases, and one man for

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the following resolutions:—1. Re compressor and centrifugal pump for quarry. "That compressor at quarry be repaired and new receiver be obtained." Cr. Newton seconded. Carried. 2. Mrs. E. Tamer asking for removal of horse trough and railing in front of Gowerville Hotel, Bell Street. "That work be proceeded with at cost of £27, conditionally on half cost being paid by Mrs. Tamer."

Report on Schools. During January he made an annual inspection of the Department school and reported as follows:—Reservoir State School. Sanitation, ventilation and lighting all good. The school was not overcrowded, and could comfortably cope with an increase in the number of children in attendance. 2. West Preston State School. This school showed sanitation and lighting to be in a satisfactory condition, but it was grossly overcrowded. The nominal accommodation of the school would be 700 in attendance. The surplus was accommodated in two adjuncts; one of which, the Anglers' Hall, in Murray road, was overcrowded to such an extent that no further children could be taken at the school. The work of enlarging the West Preston school is shortly to be commenced by the Education Department, and the capacity of the school would be increased by 300. Even then the school would be full, and the surplus would require to be accommodated in an adjunct. He would advise that the Education Department be requested to expedite the enlargement of this school.

Ordinary Business. Cr. Brangrove referred to the necessity for watering young trees in Bell, Hotham, and Raglan sts. Cr. Brangrove spoke of star shields on the Bell street and Cranmer street Parks. Cr. Jones moved that the matter of channelling Cranmer street be referred to the public works committee. Carried.

Finance Committee. Cr. Warr moved that accounts amounting to £295/2/5 be passed for payment. Carried. Public Works Committee. Cr. Newton moved the adoption of a recommendation that accounts amounting to £1189/6/4 be passed for payment. Carried.

Parks Committee. Cr. Robinson moved the adoption of the following recommendation:—"Preston British Football Club applying for permission to hold a carnival in Cranmer street Park. That permission be granted to hold a carnival in the Cranmer street Park subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Preston Cricket Club for the use of the ground." Cr. Robinson said any profit from the carnival was to be spent in improvements to the Bell street Park. Cr. Barrtop said no dates were specified. The meaning of the resolution was not clear. Cr. Robinson: Permission is granted, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Cricket Club. Cr. Barrtop: But they won't be.

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COURTESY. The health inspector reported on the condition of Kipping. Received. Public Works Department, forwarding a copy of the Motor Omnibus Act 1924.

Country Roads Board, on council's letter asking position of old Whittlesea-Kinglake road at Sandy Creek proposed to be closed, stating there was no road under the control of the board, and recommending that application be made to the Department of Public Works.

Government Analysts forwarded quarterly report, stating that all milk submitted complied with the standard. Only one case bovine acid was detected in butter.

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PRESTON TOWN COUNCIL. MONDAY, FEB. 16.

The Mayor (Cr. J. W. Adams), presided at the meeting of the Preston Town Council, on Monday evening. There were present, Crs. Warr, Crispie, Bransgrove, Newton, Bartrop, McPherson, Robinson and Jones.

ADDITIONS TO STATE SCHOOLS. Department of Education, stating that a contract had been accepted for additions to West Preston State School, and the contractor would commence work shortly. The provision of additional accommodation at State School 1494, Preston has already been approved by the Minister, and the Public Works Department had been asked to arrange for the preparation of plans, with a view of calling tenders as soon as possible.

C.P.S. OFFICE IN TOWN HALL. Crown Law Department, acknowledging letter, re use of room for C.P.S., at Preston Town Hall. Received. The Mayor said that work had been commenced at the West Preston School.

FOOTBALL AND THE USE OF CRAMER STREET PARK. Preston Football Club, applying for the use of Cramer street park for the ensuing season. Cr. Bransgrove moved that the matter go to the parks committee, and that representatives of the football and cricket clubs be requested to attend.

Cr. Bartrop moved an amendment, that the club be informed that the use of the ground would be granted to them. Cr. Crispie said there had been a great deal of turmoil in the football world, with clubs breaking away from the Association. He did not think it would be out of place if the Mayor called a public meeting to form a club to enter the Association. It should be done at once or the opportunity might be lost.

The Mayor said representatives of the football clubs had called on him, and requested that he convene a public meeting, with the idea of forming a club to enter the Association, but later asked him to defer it until further information was given him. No further information had been given to him, so it appeared that the football clubs did not want to take any further action.

Cr. Bartrop said that he was pleased to hear the Mayor make that statement, as a rumour had been current that the Mayor had been requested to call a meeting, but had refused. His statement would clear the matter up. Upon being put, the amendment was lost, and the motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY, REAR GARNET STREET. Phil Mayer, Pender street, Thornbury, complaining of the condition of right-of-way at the rear of shops in Garnet street, and requesting that the work of constructing the lane be hurried on.

Cr. Crispie moved that plans and specifications be obtained for the construction of the right-of-way, and that tenders be called for the work. Cr. Jones, in seconding, said the matter should be treated as urgent. Carried.

PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD. City of Port Melbourne, a circular, re the placing of preservatives in footstuffs. Cr. Robinson moved that the Health Department be informed that council opposed the placing of preservatives in footstuffs. Carried.

GENERAL. J. Cain, M.L.A., enclosing letter from Chief-Secretary's Office, in reply to council's representations for more police protection, stating enquiries were being made. Received.

Harry A. Norris, stating he was about to visit America, and giving arrangements in connection with the erection of a grandstand in Cramer street park. Cr. Warr moved that the matter go to committee, with power to act. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Cr. Warr moved that accounts amounting to £406/13/9 be passed for payment. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. On the motion of Cr. Newton, accounts amounting to £1243/9/9 were passed for payment. L. D. Bouton and seven others, asking for attention to Myrtle grove. That Myrtle grove be placed on list of streets to be made under private street construction. Adopted. R. E. Ellis, asking that a crossing be made from Bell street, into Austral avenue. That no action be taken at present. Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE. On the motion of Cr. Crispie, accounts, amounting to £840/17/2 were passed for payment.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL. Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the following recommendations: 1. Town Clerk, Footscray, forwarding resolutions of conference relative to constitution of "Tramway Board" for council's opinion thereon. That this council is in favour of the amendment submitted reading "That the Tramway Board be abolished, and that the control of the tram be vested in the metropolitan municipalities." Cr. Robinson seconded. Carried.

2. Home and Wilkinson, forwarding draft by-law, relative to prohibiting the keeping of goats within the municipality. This by-law, as submitted, be made by this council. Cr. McPherson seconded. Adopted.

3. Maddock, Jamieson and Lonic, advising that Mr. Mitchell is prepared to transfer to the council, land to widen Oakover road and Miller street, on condition that the council have Gilbert road and Miller street gazetted as public highways. That writers be informed that this council has no power to grant request. Cr. Bartrop seconded. Adopted.

4. Re proposal to have a dome placed at corner of Bell and High streets, Preston, for a police stand, in order to control traffic at this spot. That a dome be erected at corner of Bell and High streets. Cr. Warr seconded, and said the cost would be £2. Adopted.

5. Consideration of channelling both sides of Cameron street, under private street construction. That this work be added to list of streets to be made under private street construction. Cr. Bartrop seconded. Adopted.

6. Re sanitary wagon. That alternative tenders be called for the purchase of a motor or steam sanitary wagon, with a capacity of 80 pans. Cr. Newton seconded. Adopted.

7. R.S.L.L.A., Preston branch, application for use of Cramer street park for carnival. That R.S.L.L.A., Preston, be granted the use of the Cramer street park for a carnival, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Preston cricket club, for use of park. Cr. Bransgrove seconded. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer reported that the following had been collected during the past fortnight: Rates (current), £16/3/9; Rates (£26/18/8); £3/19/11; pan fees, £26/18/8; hall fees, £21/1/9; council yards, £1/18/11; law costs, £23/10/7; meat inspection fees, £31/4/-; building fees, £31/17/-; plumbers' permits, £21/5/-; subdivision fees, £30/1/-; and sundries, totalling £719/17/1. Bank overdraft, £1895/5/8; special improvement charges, No. 1, cr. £37/13/9; No. 2, cr. £32/0/11; private street construction account, £13,360/0/8; electric light department, cr. £31/1/7; loan No. 8, dr. £1380; loan No. 5, cr. £842/3/8; Country Roads Board, dr. £13/9/6.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. The engineer reported that the following materials had been carried from the quarry: Metal, 473 cubic yards; screenings, 153 cubic yards; topplings, 1134 cubic yards. The conversion of the quarries would be undertaken next week. Three plans of subdivisions were recommended for signing and sealing. Adopted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR. The building inspector reported that for the fortnight ending February 16, there had been 34 building permits issued, comprising 27 dwellings, two shops, three additions, and two outbuildings. Received.

MEAT INSPECTORS. The meat inspectors reported that the following had been inspected, and branded: Pigs, 2648; cattle, 247; sheep, 1414. Received.

HEALTH INSPECTOR. The health inspector reported that one case of scarlet fever, and one of diphtheria had occurred. Certain premises had been inspected, and several notices served under the Health Act, for drainage, etc. Several samples of milk taken, all complied with the standard. He had prosecuted in one case of adulterated milk, a fine of £10, with £37/6, being inflicted. Received.

Cr. Newton said he had asked for reports concerning a lane near Irwin avenue, and he had never yet seen it. The acting town clerk said the report had been made, and Cr. Newton could have had it by asking for it.

ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Bransgrove referred to the road leading to the quarry, and said it was a one-track road. There was sufficient metal stacked on each side of the road to make it wide enough to accommodate three vehicles. It only needed spreading and rolling to make it a good road for the winter. Referred to public works committee, engineer to report.

Cr. Newton moved that the lighting at the corner of Plenty road and Bell street be improved to the electric light committee. It was a dangerous corner, and badly lighted. Carried. Cr. Robinson moved that application be made to the Board of Works for a main in Joffre street, from Tyler street north. Cr. Warr seconded. Carried. Cr. McPherson said there were complaints regarding the sanitary service. Cr. Crispie moved that the matter go to the committee of the whole. Carried. Cr. McPherson said there were many complaints by residents, owing to the delay in putting in crossings to private houses. A man in Bell street had applied seven months ago, and his crossing had not been done yet. The engineer said the delay was due to trouble in getting pipes. Cr. Newton asked that the special meeting of the council, to consider the reorganisation of the staff, be postponed until the auditor's report was dealt with first. Cr. Robinson referred to the drainage, Alchin street. He said all the drainage from the houses came out into the street. He moved that the grader be put on to clean out the water tables, which would allow the water to run into Edgar street. Cr. Bartrop seconded. Cr. Crispie raised a point of order, in asking if money had been provided for the work. The Mayor upheld the point of order, and ruled the motion out of order. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Newton moved that the tender of T. Goldsworthy, for £718/12/1, for the construction of a lane at the back of the theatre, be accepted. In moving this, Cr. Newton said the public works committee had dealt with the tender. Cr. Robinson: When was the tender dealt with? Cr. Newton: At a meeting held to-night. Cr. Robinson: That could not be so. The public works committee could not meet during the council meeting. It was not a meeting at all. The Mayor said they were all agreed that the work was urgent, and that it should be gone on with. Cr. Robinson: Was the tender opened by the public works committee? It is all very well to rig things up like this. Cr. Jones: I ask for a withdrawal of the word "rig." Cr. Robinson should not judge others by himself. Cr. Robinson: I withdraw, and also ask for a withdrawal of that reflection. Cr. Jones: I withdraw. Cr. Warr said he was not on the works committee. The tenders had been opened two or three weeks ago, and dealt with by the works committee. Cr. Robinson: Why was it not put on the business paper? Cr. Warr: You just keep quiet! It is no bombshell to me. Cr. Robinson likes to be the fly in the ointment. Cr. Robinson: I ask for a withdrawal. The Mayor: Resume your seat. Cr. Robinson: Are you not going to protect me against these attacks. Cr. Crispie regretted the play over such an urgent work. No councillor had moved against the acceptance of the motion. If there was any objection to the motion, it would have to stand over for 14 days. Cr. McPherson: I move that the motion be now put. The motion was then put, and carried.

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Mr. G. E. Huetli consented to act as assistant secretary to the club, a position he held when Mr. C. Ferguson was secretary.

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MAKING A RIGHT-OF-WAY.

RATEPAYERS OBJECT, THEN ASSENT.

A special meeting of the Preston Town Council was held on Monday to deal with objections to a proposed right-of-way at rear of Gower, High and Preston streets, and to consider specifications, plans, &c., in respect thereof.

Mr. Broadhurst presented a joint letter from the ratepayers objecting to the making of a right-of-way on the grounds of cost. He said a number of objections were presented and would speak.

Mr. Keating said the residents considered the estimated cost of making the right-of-way was too high. If a macadam road were made with a three-piece gutter drain in the centre it was considered that would meet all requirements.

Mr. Broadhurst said he had consulted several of his neighbors on the question of the right-of-way. A pitchero was not wanted. If sufficient pitchers for a drain were put down and metal placed on either side that would be all that was wanted. He did not think it should be pitched outright. The right-of-way at the rear of Clifton Grove had been made when it was laid down in many years ago and it was still in good order.

Sergeant Ewert endorsed the remarks of Mr. Broadhurst and said if the right-of-way were graded the water would not stand. All that was required was grading. Water lay in big pools and the lanes became a dumping ground. The lightness of the traffic did not warrant an expensive road.

Mr. Broadhurst said those present did not want to raise any objection to the construction of the lanes—that they wanted badly. In its present condition it was a menace to health.

Cr. Crispie said that the work were carried out as per the plans and specifications the cost would be 10/- per foot for pitchers, whilst metal would cost 8/- per foot. It is advisable for the objectors to withdraw their objections and let the matter go through.

Cr. Robinson said he would like to see the more permanent structure put down at this juncture. The metal might stand, but it would accumulate manure and dirt. He would like to see the matter go to the committee so that they might go into the question of concrete. He moved to the effect that the work were carried out as per the plans and specifications the cost would be 10/- per foot for pitchers, whilst metal would cost 8/- per foot. It is advisable for the objectors to withdraw their objections and let the matter go through.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, FEB. 23. The Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis), presided at the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday evening. Also present: Crs. Dennis, Mitchell, Hayes, Cain, McDonnell, Jones, Findlay, Mayer, Timmins, Glanfield, Sutch and Turner. An apology was received from Cr. Slater. METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS. Metropolitan Board of Works, re subdivision of land at Victoria road, Raleigh and Gooch streets, stating sewerage facilities were satisfactory. Same, re land, Victoria road.—Received. Same, re sewerage facilities for subdivision of land bounded by Wakanni and Clifton streets, Victoria road, and Oamera and Hakarete streets, Northcote, stating they were satisfactory.—Received. LOAN APPROVED. State Treasury, stating that the Governor-in-Council had granted permission to council to borrow £8500 for the following works:—Improvements to Northcote park and recreation reserve, £5000; installing plant at the quarry, £3500.—Received. YARRA BEND RESERVE. Department of Lands and Survey, re Yarra Bend Reserve, stating a Board would be appointed to deal with it, and the Board, when appointed, would hear representations from the Northcote City Council.—Referred to Finance committee.

RAILWAY MATTERS. Commissioner of Railways, per Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., re proposed alterations at Merri, stating arrangements would be made to construct a footpath on each side of the line.—Received. Chief Engineer of Ways and Works, Victorian Railways, per Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., re subway at Northcote railway station, stating that instructions had been issued that the work be proceeded with, and a start would be made as soon as material was on the site.—Received. Victorian Railways, re new crossing at Merri, in view of existing crossings at Clarke and Charles streets, stating that instead of the proposed gravel footpath, via the existing path, as originally intended, it was intended to construct a path along the west of the unmade street, which connected Clarke and Bridge streets. The alteration would straighten up and widen the extended portion of the up platform, and would remove the line of foot traffic further from the main running line. Writers asked council's permission to the alterations.—Received. NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., re new telephone exchange, enclosing letter from the P.M.G., stating that tenders for the necessary automatic equipment for the exchange would close on or about April 24, 1925. It was estimated that the automatic working would take place approximately in June, 1925.—Received. The town clerk reported that it was likely that the Post Office Department, only would be transferred to the new site within twelve months.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION. Municipal Association, re fire insurance, and a proposal to inaugurate a scheme amongst municipalities for that purpose.—Committee of the whole. Cr. Hayes said the matter had come before the general conference of municipalities, but had been rejected. Municipal Association, re control of the erection of wireless aerials.—Referred to public works committee. Municipal Association, re industrial claims.—Referred to committee of the whole. Fire Brigades Board, re covering of fire hydrants when road-making and repairing.—Referred to surveyor, for attention. Public Health Department, re swimming ponds (artificial), asking particulars.—Information to be supplied. Town Clerk, Melbourne, re Greater Melbourne Council, asking that delegates attend a conference.—Cr. McDonnell and Dennis, appointed to attend. Town Clerk, Port Melbourne, referring to chemical preservatives in food.—Referred to finance committee, health officer to report. Victorian Baby Health Centres Association, stating that official figures for all centres during the previous month would be supplied.—Referred to committee of the council. Maddock, Jamieson and Lonic, enclosing transfers from Kanes Executors, Priddison, and Lees, and from the council to James, for completion.—Necessary signatures to be attached. Royal Automobile Club, asking council's co-operation in a safety-first campaign, from 28th inst.—Referred to finance committee. Electrical Trades Union, asking for support to hold an electrical industry picnic.—Electric Light committee. E. A. McGan, Gore street, Fitzroy, asking that, whilst the sewage was being extended to Mansfield street, steps be taken to have houses below Station street connected.—Referred to the Commissioner. The Commissioner (Cr. Dennis), enclosing transfers that could not be severed until the Darebin creek main was put in. Louis B. Ward, requesting per-

mission to build on land, 18 feet 6 inches by 90 feet, in Mitchell street.—Public works committee. Pitcher and Oranes, on behalf of G. A. Fraser, requesting permission to build on land 33 feet by 120 feet, in Taylor street.—Public works committee. Robinson, Chaucer street, Canterbury, applying for permission to transfer land 72 feet 3 inches by 184 feet.—Public works committee. T. Flint, Harold street, Northcote, complaining of state of above land, on account of dust and mud.—Public works committee, surveyor to report. W. Telfer, Smith street, Northcote, asking application to erect brick boundary wall.—Public works committee. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. Cr. McDonnell moved that accounts amounting to £3166/0/2 for the general account, £1500/7/11 from the street construction account, and £447/2/6 from loan account No. 16, be passed for payment.—Carried. 2. Motor trucks.—That the surveyor be authorised to invite tenders for the purchase of two tipping motor trucks, each to carry a weight up to 30 cwt., for use in connection with the general cartage work of the municipality.—Adopted. 3. Henderson street extension.—That the surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, specifications, etc., for the extension of Henderson street through to Thomson street, and to invite tenders for carrying out of the work.—Adopted. 4. Raleigh street, from St. David street to Victoria road, part of St. David street and part of Wales street, plan No. 751.—(a) That the works having cost the sum of £4852/0/3, being £20/5/5 less than the estimated cost thereof, the respective apportionments be decreased proportionately. (b) That the rate collector be authorised to demand and collect all sums due for such work.—Adopted. 5. South and East Wards, lists of works.—That the lists of works proposed to be carried out during the current year in the South and East Wards, be adopted, and the city surveyor be authorised to put same in hand.—Adopted. 6. M. Saville, requesting permission to build stable at rear 146 Beaconsfield parade.—That application be not granted.—Adopted. 7. F. P. Ogilvie, requesting permission to make additions to property, 100 Bent street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted. 8. R. J. Campbell, requesting permission to build two houses on land 79 feet 7 inches by 116 feet 10 inches, Harold street.—That the application be granted.—Adopted. 9. J. A. Stahl, requesting permission to build on land 38 feet 6 inches by 120 feet, Elms avenue.—That the application be granted.—Adopted. ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE. Cr. Sutch moved that accounts amounting to £1728/10/-, be passed for payment.—Carried. 2. Tenders.—That tenders be invited of the following supplies, viz.:—25 35 feet poles; 12,000 yards 7/20 bare cable; 10,000 yards 7/20 triple braided cable; 1000 single pole brackets; 1000 house service brackets.—Adopted. FINANCE COMMITTEE. In addition to the foregoing accounts on the motion of Cr. Mayer, accounts amounting to £1238/15/6 from the general fund; £2765/6/6 from the loan account, No. 16, and £199/1/- from the street construction account, were passed for payment.—Carried. 2. W. Melbourne, application for use of small hall.—That the use of the small hall be granted to Mr. Melbourne, on Thursday evenings, at the schedule rates for the purpose of conducting a dancing class, subject to the council reserving the right for the use of the hall on occasions when required, in conjunction with the main hall, and to four nights throughout the period of the lease, two weeks' notice being necessary to determine such requirements.—Adopted. 3. G. W. Morrison, application for lease of large hall, on Thursday evenings for dancing.—To report that, in the opinion of the committee, it is advisable to retain Thursday evenings for sundry lettings to ratepayers and others, and to recommend "That the request be not granted." Cr. Dennis asked for an explanation. Cr. Mayer said that, if a contractor were let, the hall would be tied up too much from the ratepayers, except on a Friday night. Cr. Dennis asked if the committee had gone into the bookings for the hall. If there was no demand for the hall, he considered it should be let. Cr. Mayer said the committee were of the opinion that it was not enough to have the halls free on Friday nights only. The clause was adopted. 4. Re-appointing of council chamber furniture.—That, in the opinion of the committee, it is not necessary for such work to be carried out at present. Cr. Timmins moved an amendment that the clause go back, with a view to having the work put in hand. Cr. Jones seconded. Cr. Mayer said the committee had gone into the cost, and were of the opinion that the money could at present be better spent on more urgent works, and it was the idea of the committee to have the matter deferred. The amendment was lost, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL. Cr. Timmins moved the adoption of the following clauses:— 1. Public Works Department, re application for motor bus route.—That the council hereby approve the application of F. Kaaden, for motor bus route along High street, Clarke street and St. George's road, provided that, if a stand is fixed in Clarke street, it shall not be within 50 feet of High street, and the Department notified to this effect.—Adopted. 2. Northcote District Minister's Association, re Sunday shops trading.—That the question of shops remaining open on Sundays, during hours other than those provided under Section 49 of the "Police Offences Act, 1915," be referred to the Municipal Association, together with a request that endeavours be made to obtain an amendment of the Act, whereby the Government, instead of the Municipalities, will be under obligation to carry out the Act, and be notified accordingly.—Adopted. 3. Municipal Conference, re constitution of Tramways Board.—That no action be taken in the matter.—Adopted. ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Turner moved that the matter re supervision of contractors engaged on private street construction, especially in Harold street, be referred to the public works committee.—Carried. Cr. McDonnell asked that the engineer report on the condition of a lane between Cobham and Plinders streets. Cr. Hayes said that already a letter had been sent to the ratepayers, concerning asking if they were prepared to pay cash for the construction of the lane. Cr. Timmins asked the chairman of the finance committee (Cr. Mayer), if funds had been provided for work at the library. Cr. Mayer replied that the matter has been left in Cr. Hayes' and his hands, and they would report shortly. Cr. Hayes spoke of the condition of an ancient drain in the North Ward, crossing Victoria street, and moved that the unpicked portion be referred to the public works committee. He also asked for immediate attention in cleaning out the drain, as it was overgrown with grass.—Carried. Cr. Turner said the Health Officer, in his report, made eulogistic remarks re the Baby Health Centre. The Centre did good work, but was understaffed. He moved that the council consult with the finance committee as to the engaging of additional help.—Carried. Cr. Turner moved that the Tramway Board be written to, asking that an overlapping section be introduced on the St. George's road electric tramway.—Carried. Cr. Timmins said that now that the Tramways Board was linking up the Northcote and Clifton Hill tramways, the Board should be asked to reconsider the fares on the Preston line, and reduce them. Cr. Dennis suggested that, as they had waited so long for a dividend, the council should suggest that, if the Board reduced the fares, that the council forego its dividend. (Laughter). The motion was carried. Cr. Glanfield submitted a list of works for the East Ward. Cr. Mayer referred to the widening of Arthurton road, and moved that, in connection with Mr. Hughes' property, the Mayor and Crs. Sutch and Mayer report to next meeting.—Carried. Cr. Hayes said at last meeting it was decided to call for tenders for 5000 yards of asphalt. Tenders had been received, the lowest being for 3/9 per square yard. At a committee meeting it was decided that the council carry out the work by day labour at an estimated cost of 3/6 per yard. Cr. Hayes continued that, if a contractor would do the work at 3/9, it would be much cheaper than to carry it out themselves at 3/6. He thought the matter should be reconsidered, and that it should go to the public works committee. Cr. Cain hoped the council would stick to its decision, and do the work by day labour. Cr. Timmins said the work should be proceeding now. Cr. Dennis said they had difficulty in getting footpaths tarped owing to shortages of tar and metal. He thought Cr. Hayes was to be commended on bringing the matter forward, but if they deferred the matter now, it would mean calling for fresh tenders, and the work would be delayed. The motion was lost. Crs. Hayes, Mayer, and the Mayor voting for it. Cr. Turner submitted a list of new street lights for the West Ward, to be charged to its apportionment.—Electric Light Committee. Cr. Mayer asked that nameplates be erected.—St. George's road west, at the intersection of Bent street, Elm street, Beavon road, Woolton avenue, Shaftesbury parade, Normanby avenue, Harold street, and Ballantyne street.—Public works committee. Cr. Hayes asked what was being done in regard to the continuing of Clarendon street. Cr. McDonnell said the matter would come before the public works committee. Cr. Dennis said a tender for £524/8/-, with £17/10/- extra for fittings had been recommended. Cr. Findlay moved that the drainage of Shaftesbury parade, between the railway and High street, be referred to the public works committee.—Carried. Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that the use of the North-

cote park be granted to the citizens and Soldiers' Band for a recital, on March 1, on aid of the Eye and Ear Hospital. ORDERS OF THE DAY. Cr. Timmins moved.—That By-law No. 36 be made under section 197 of the Local Government Act, 1915, and Section 6 of the Police Offences Act, 1915, for the purpose of regulating traffic, processions, etc., within the city, be hereby adapted.—Carried. Cr. Timmins moved.—That the confirmation of the said by-law No. 33, and the resolution set out above be made an order of the day for the meeting of the council to be held on March 23, 1925.—Carried. Estate Agents ERNEST LEES, 307 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE. (Opposite National Bank). Estate and Commission Agent and Sworn Valuator. See me about the following:— LAND, HOUSES OR BUSINESSES. SWORN VALUATIONS FOR LOANS, PROBATE, ETC. INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE OR BURGLARY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. LIFE INSURANCE. RENT COLLECTION. LOANS ON PROPERTY. Ring N'cote 54. To Buy or Sell a Property and Obtain Satisfaction Call at the Preston City Estate Agency. (Largest and best List of Houses and Land for Sale in the District. Terms arranged to suit all Purchasers. Secure Property to this Progressive Firm, and reap the benefits of our Special Arrangements. Loans arranged. Insurance arranged. Solicitors' fees paid. Best particulars of your House or Land for Sale. Special Agents ROYAL INSURANCE COY. 50, WINDING UP ST., PRESTON. Corner GOWAN and HIGH STREETS, PRESTON. Phone, N'cote 1317. Private—N'cote 1137. GET RICH QUICK. BUY AND SELL YOUR PROPERTY THROUGH LOUIS B. WARD, 566 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE. Phone N'cote 955. And c/o Phoenix Building Company, 1st Floor, 80 SWANSTON STREET. LOUIS B. WARD is a Recognised Auctioneer on Life and other Insurance Matters. Advice Free. H. W. Grossmith, REAL ESTATE AGENT AND VALUER, 31 QUEEN ST., MELBOURNE. Telephone, Central 9130. Private Address: "Winton Court," Josephine Grove (off Plenty Road), PRESTON. SOLE AGENT FOR ROSEBANK ESTATE, PRESTON RESERVOIR. Some Acreage Allotments on offer with Frontages to Darebin Creek. Nurses and Private Hospitals NURSE HOOPER "LILLIEVILLE" PRIVATE HOSPITAL, DAREBIN STREET, NORTHCOTE. Catering and Nurses and Trained Medical and Surgical Nurses available for Outdoor Practice. Telephone, Northcote 221. Also at "LILLIEVILLE" PRIVATE HOSPITAL, Murray Road, Preston. Medical, Surgical, and Midwifery Cases. Qualified Staff for Indoor and Outdoor Practice. Telephone, Northcote 221. "MIA MIA" PRIVATE HOSPITAL, NURSES FOX & FINN R.V.T.N.A., 21 SMITH ST., THORNBURY. Emergency Cases Admitted. Fees Moderate for Outdoor Cases. Fees Moderate. Phone, Northcote 85. "ARDLU" PRIVATE HOSPITAL, Smith Street (Just off High St.), UPPER NORTHCOTE. Patients receive Most Careful Attention. Indoor and Outdoor Cases attended. NURSES NYE & MENBILLY, Tel. Northcote 1321. NURSE GILCHRIST, "Colchester" Private Hospital, James Street, Northcote, has Vacancies for Ladies Indisposed. Emergency cases received. Every care and attention. Moderate fees. Phone, Northcote 821. (Late of North Fitzroy). GREYNA HOSPITAL, 79 Mansfield Street, Thornbury. Nurses LONG & HARRIS, also Vacancies for Ladies Indisposed. Outdoor Cases attended. 5 minutes from tram and train. Phone, Northcote 1416. "ARLIE" PRIVATE HOSPITAL, 65-65 Queen's Parade, CLIFTON HILL. Sisters BOLLETTA & R.V.T.N.A. General and Midwifery. Telephone N'cote 68. NORTHCOTE VISITING NURSES' ASSOCIATION. Sisters M. HAYNE. General and Midwifery Certificates. Patients visited once or twice daily. Address changed from 190 High Street, Northcote, to 19 Candy Street. Telephone 1080. NURSE M. A. H. OGHANT, Cert. Reg. Attends Ladies at their homes. TERMS MODERATE. 2 RUSSELL STREET, NORTHCOTE SOUTH. TRESPASS NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that any Person who is found TRESPASSING on Property situated at the rear of 808 High Street, will be Prosecuted, without respect to persons. By Order, D. H. MOTT & SONS, October 10, 1924.

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COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL. Cr. Timmins moved the adoption of the following clauses:— 1. Public Works Department, re application for motor bus route.—That the council hereby approve the application of F. Kaaden, for motor bus route along High street, Clarke street and St. George's road, provided that, if a stand is fixed in Clarke street, it shall not be within 50 feet of High street, and the Department notified to this effect.—Adopted. 2. Northcote District Minister's Association, re Sunday shops trading.—That the question of shops remaining open on Sundays, during hours other than those provided under Section 49 of the "Police Offences Act, 1915," be referred to the Municipal Association, together with a request that endeavours be made to obtain an amendment of the Act, whereby the Government, instead of the Municipalities, will be under obligation to carry out the Act, and be notified accordingly.—Adopted. 3. Municipal Conference, re constitution of Tramways Board.—That no action be taken in the matter.—Adopted. ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Turner moved that the matter re supervision of contractors engaged on private street construction, especially in Harold street, be referred to the public works committee.—Carried. Cr. McDonnell asked that the engineer report on the condition of a lane between Cobham and Plinders streets. Cr. Hayes said that already a letter had been sent to the ratepayers, concerning asking if they were prepared to pay cash for the construction of the lane. Cr. Timmins asked the chairman of the finance committee (Cr. Mayer), if funds had been provided for work at the library. Cr. Mayer replied that the matter has been left in Cr. Hayes' and his hands, and they would report shortly. Cr. Hayes spoke of the condition of an ancient drain in the North Ward, crossing Victoria street, and moved that the unpicked portion be referred to the public works committee. He also asked for immediate attention in cleaning out the drain, as it was overgrown with grass.—Carried. Cr. Turner said the Health Officer, in his report, made eulogistic remarks re the Baby Health Centre. The Centre did good work, but was understaffed. He moved that the council consult with the finance committee as to the engaging of additional help.—Carried. Cr. Turner moved that the Tramway Board be written to, asking that an overlapping section be introduced on the St. George's road electric tramway.—Carried. Cr. Timmins said that now that the Tramways Board was linking up the Northcote and Clifton Hill tramways, the Board should be asked to reconsider the fares on the Preston line, and reduce them. Cr. Dennis suggested that, as they had waited so long for a dividend, the council should suggest that, if the Board reduced the fares, that the council forego its dividend. (Laughter). The motion was carried. Cr. Glanfield submitted a list of works for the East Ward. Cr. Mayer referred to the widening of Arthurton road, and moved that, in connection with Mr. Hughes' property, the Mayor and Crs. Sutch and Mayer report to next meeting.—Carried. Cr. Hayes said at last meeting it was decided to call for tenders for 5000 yards of asphalt. Tenders had been received, the lowest being for 3/9 per square yard. At a committee meeting it was decided that the council carry out the work by day labour at an estimated cost of 3/6 per yard. Cr. Hayes continued that, if a contractor would do the work at 3/9, it would be much cheaper than to carry it out themselves at 3/6. He thought the matter should be reconsidered, and that it should go to the public works committee. Cr. Cain hoped the council would stick to its decision, and do the work by day labour. Cr. Timmins said the work should be proceeding now. Cr. Dennis said they had difficulty in getting footpaths tarped owing to shortages of tar and metal. He thought Cr. Hayes was to be commended on bringing the matter forward, but if they deferred the matter now, it would mean calling for fresh tenders, and the work would be delayed. The motion was lost. Crs. Hayes, Mayer, and the Mayor voting for it. Cr. Turner submitted a list of new street lights for the West Ward, to be charged to its apportionment.—Electric Light Committee. Cr. Mayer asked that nameplates be erected.—St. George's road west, at the intersection of Bent street, Elm street, Beavon road, Woolton avenue, Shaftesbury parade, Normanby avenue, Harold street, and Ballantyne street.—Public works committee. Cr. Hayes asked what was being done in regard to the continuing of Clarendon street. Cr. McDonnell said the matter would come before the public works committee. Cr. Dennis said a tender for £524/8/-, with £17/10/- extra for fittings had been recommended. Cr. Findlay moved that the drainage of Shaftesbury parade, between the railway and High street, be referred to the public works committee.—Carried. Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that the use of the North-

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WEST MORELAND ROAD BRIDGE. COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE.

After the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. O'Leary) presiding, at the suggestion of the Mayor of Northcote (Mr. O'Leary) a conference was held to discuss the proposed bridge over West Moreland road, which is in a rickety condition, and in which the three municipalities are interested.

There were present the Mayor of Northcote, Mr. Mitchell, Dennis, Sutch, Mayor, Turner, McDonald, Jones, and the Mayor of Brunswick, Mr. O'Leary, and the Mayor of Brunswick, Mr. O'Leary, and the Mayor of Brunswick, Mr. O'Leary.

Mr. O'Leary (Northcote) said that the three municipalities were interested in this bridge, which was old and rickety. Their surveyor was inclined to put up a structure which would serve until such time as a more permanent bridge could be erected.

Mr. O'Leary said the plan drawn up by the Northcote surveyor was for a suspension bridge above flood level. Mr. Turner (Brunswick) said the bridge was used extensively, and at present it was inadequate and unsafe. It had been decided to arrange a deputation to the Council of Brunswick to discuss the matter.

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