

CITIZENS TRYING TO GET REFORMS

Discussion At Special Meeting Of Association Held At Guy's Hill.

SPREAD OF ALASTRIM.

Commissioner For Parish Is Blamed For Not Helping The Situation.

From our Correspondent.

Guy's Hill, Feb. 25.—A special meeting of the Northern St. Catherine's Citizens' Association was held here yesterday at 5 p.m. Among those present were Messrs. L. A. Stephens, Vice-President, (presiding), J. Edward Simms, H. G. Booth, W. H. Phipps, R. S. Powell, David Stephens, Reuben Pearson, and Byron Menzies. Excuses for absence were received from the Revs. J. G. Perkin, and W. H. B. Carter.

Several important and urgent matters were dealt with, among them being the alarming and sudden spread of Alastrim. It was expressed that this was due to the apathetic action of the Commissioners for the Parish in not facilitating the M.O.H., Dr. J. J. Edwards, in whom the Association has entire confidence, and his of the opinion that if the necessary facilities were given him, the spread of the disease would be immediately arrested.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. R. S. Powell, seconded by Mr. Byron Menzies and unanimously carried: "That whereas owing to the apathetic action of the Commissioner for St. Catherine, shown in his neglecting to settle the accounts for services rendered by those who were employed to guard the isolated homes and for goods supplied by traders and that whereas the said Commissioner has ordered the discontinuance of the guards and supplies for the affected a few weeks ago, resulting in the epidemic which was very much on the decrease now becoming uncontrollable in these parts. Be it resolved that a petition be sent to the Governor soliciting his aid in seeing that these accounts are immediately settled and that arrangements be made for keeping the epidemic under control."

With regard to the Guy's Hill road, the meeting expressed itself utterly dissatisfied with the way the work on the road was being attended to.

Now and again, and here and there only a little patching up work was done. Week before last some work was done by way of metalling a couple of chains. This ceased at the end of the week and up to now nothing more is being done. The meeting appointed a deputation of seven members to wait upon the Director of the Public Works Department with a view of bringing forcibly to his attention the necessity for the continued improvement of the road.

Re Governor's Memorandum relative to the preparation of the estimates of the colony for the ensuing year, Mr. L. A. Stephens moved, seconded by Mr. H. G. Booth and

carried unanimously: "That the wishes of the Association be forwarded to the Governor, through the Colonial Secretary, and to express our high appreciation for his keen interest in the general welfare of the country and our satisfaction that he is doing everything for the development of the island."

Letter from the Rev. F. Wilson (course of Clement) was with sentiments of protest against the proposal for the inclusion of Atterbury's Glebe "Come let us all a-Maying go." Those who can recall the visit here some years ago of the Westminster Glee Singers whilst on an Empire tour, will remember that this was an outstanding item in their repertoire. English papers just to hand mention that the Westminster Glee Singers have just celebrated their thirtieth year. Our Kingston Society is sprung from seed sown by that Empire four years ago. It is hoped that the local effort will have a long and vigorous life. The public will not miss tonight's opportunity of both getting pleasure and giving deserved support to local enterprise.

TC-NIGHT'S CONCERT.

This paper has received copies of the Glee Singers' programme for tonight's concert at the Ward Theatre, and in addition to its attractive appearance the contents forecast a very excellent performance. Besides compositions of Lord Morington, Wilby, Weekes, Balfe, is to be noticed the inclusion of Atterbury's Glebe "Come let us all a-Maying go." Those who can recall the visit here some years ago of the Westminster Glee Singers whilst on an Empire tour, will remember that this was an outstanding item in their repertoire. English papers just to hand mention that the Westminster Glee Singers have just celebrated their thirtieth year. Our Kingston Society is sprung from seed sown by that Empire four years ago. It is hoped that the local effort will have a long and vigorous life. The public will not miss tonight's opportunity of both getting pleasure and giving deserved support to local enterprise.

A NEW BILL.

A Bill to amend Law 17 of 1902 entitled The Country Fires Law, 1902 will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislative Council. It provides:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Country Fires Amendment Law, 1921, and shall be construed as one with The Country Fires Law, 1902, hereinafter referred to as the principal Law.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Proclamation made under section two of the principal Law, it shall be lawful for a clerk of the courts, an Inspector of Police or a Justice of the Peace to grant a permit to any person to set fire to any land specified in the permit subject to such conditions as may be named in such permit.

(2) If any person acts in contravention of any such Proclamation, or having obtained the permit referred to in the next preceding subsection fails to comply with any of the conditions subject to which the permit is granted he shall on conviction before a Resident Magistrate be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

HORSES MEASURED.

The following horses were measured at Knutsford Park on Saturday morning:—

White Veli, b.m., 5 yrs., 14.3 1/2.
 Cassiope, c.f., 3 yrs., 14 1/2.
 Crusader, br.h., 4 yrs., 14.3 1/2.
 Prudence, br.f., 3 yrs., 14.2 1/2.
 Sea Pier, br. t., 3 yrs., 14.1 1/2.
 Let Fly, b.m., 6 yrs., 14.3 1/2.
 Auld Lang Syne, c.h., 4 yrs., 14.3.
 Pammon, br.c., 3 yrs., 14.2.
 Trocadero, b.c., 2 yrs., 14.1 1/2.
 Persimmon, b.h., 6 yrs., 14.2 1/2.

FINE FUNCTION AT SAV-LA-MAR

Unveiling Mural Tablet In Memory Of Old Boys Of Manning's School.

THOSE FELL IN WAR

Eloquent speeches are delivered By Headmaster, Custos Elect & Inspector Thomas.

(From our Correspondent.)

Sav-la-Mar, Feb. 20.—A ceremony unique in the history of sav-la-Mar, as far as this generation is concerned, took place at Manning's School on Thursday 17th at 4.30 p.m. when a mural tablet, erected to the memory of the old boys of Manning's School, who lost their lives in the great war, was unveiled by Mrs. Cahusac of Orange Grove, widow of son Lieut. Basil H.N. Cahusac, who gave his life for the love of England.

Amongst those present at the ceremony were:—Inspector H. T. Thomas, Messrs O. H. Jones, A. W. Agullar, Hugh Clarke, Stationer Clarke, Eric Clarke, B. M. Washington, Rev. Henry Clarke, Rev. H. Bryce, Rev. R. C. Young, M.A., Rev. H. W. Cope, Messrs H. Cahusac, Ed. Morris, C. C. Hall, L. C. Abbott, M. H. Segre, Aubrey L. Sioley, Mrs. Hugh Clarke, Mrs. Henry Clarke, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Clarke.

There was a detachment of police under command of the sergeant major of the parish.

Proceedings commenced by a statement by Mr. R. H. Smith M.A., Headmaster of the school, who tendered the regret of the Hon. R. F. Williams M.L.C. who was unavoidably absent owing to Legislative duties in Kingston. Mr. Smith who spoke very eloquently said: Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here this afternoon to mark an event which is unique in the history of Manning's School, an event which shows that small as our school is, it can help in the making of the world's history. That is what the death of so many thousands of men during the great war has meant, the adding of a glorious page to the history of the British Empire, a page inscribed in gold by deeds of heroism, and stained forever with the blood of many of her noblest sons. Truly did the old writers conceive of blood as life. Their blood has meant life to many that would otherwise lie in slavery to-day. It is fitting that we should in every way keep before our eyes some remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom's sake, and the value of their memorials can not be reckoned by the ordinary standard of life. Gold and jewels could add nothing to their significance. Let a soldier's memorial be simple and straightforward as were the lives of those whose names are engraved upon it. Many boys of the school joined up during the war and fought in different fronts and gave a good account of themselves. The list will keep before the pupils of Manning's School the names of those who died whilst serving their country.

In August 1919 the first meeting of the Old Boys was held in the Castle to carry out the plans of erecting in the school a suitable memorial. The following were elected members of the committee: Messrs S. Clarke, Lister Clarke, C. B. Wesley Gammon, Aubrey L. Sioley, M. Segre, E. I. Hunter, with myself as chairman and secretary.

I regret to say that the committee lost a most valuable member by the death of Mr. C. Lister Clarke in September 1919 and Manning's School lost her most brilliant old boy and a sincere friend.

It was finally decided to erect a mural tablet which was ordered from Messrs. A. Brandon and Son in Kingston.

Mr. Smith then read out the names of the Old Boys who subscribed to the memorial, namely Messrs S. Clarke, L. Clarke, C. B. Wesley Gammon, W. Segre, E. J. Hunter, James Charley, Ed. Morris, W. Morris, E. Clarke, C. L. Hall, G. Malr, L. C. Abbott, B. M. Washington, L. W. Thomas, Dr. C. Harvey, Dr. Frank Norton, Dr. O. Seaton, and others; he then called on Mr. Hugh Clarke, Custos Elect to make a speech. Mr. Smith said he would not then ask Mr. Clarke to speak as Custos but as a father and one who had honourably served in the great war.

MR. HUGH CLARKE'S SPEECH.

Mr. Hugh Clarke said it was a solemn occasion and many hearts here present were full, yet it gave him pleasure to be there, the pleasure was to think that so many Manning's boys did their duty and answered to the call of the Empire. It was worth knowing that out of a small school got commissions, and that 7 paid the extreme penalty. It was a matter of pride and satisfaction that 35 Manning's boys did their duty, and all who came after in that school would look with pride on the tablet, and when in after years it should be asked as of old "What meant the times?" it could be said: These 7 boys of Manning's paid the extreme penalty in helping to save the world. There were heroes in Sav-la-Mar, and he cited the case of a boy twice refused by the Army whose frequently repeated regret was that he was not permitted to even give his life for England. That boy said Mr. Clarke, was very much his hero.

The speaker then addressed words of comfort to the bereaved parents and closed with a quotation from Holy Writ: "I have loved thee no less than I love myself, I lay down my life for my friend."

A choir of Manning's school children then entered singing "Ode to the Hero" and this was followed by a solo by Mr. H. W. Cope, Rector of the parish.

Another of one of the old boys, Mr. A. Jones was referred to by the speaker, who unveiled a tablet to the memory of the noblest of our countrymen, and he said: "I have loved thee no less than I love myself, I lay down my life for my friend."

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SPEECH OF INSPECTOR THOMAS.

After the unveiling Inspector H. T. Thomas was asked to speak as one who had sent 5 sons to the war and lost 3.

Inspector Thomas in a very eloquent, forceful and touching address said it was true his was a record for the world, but if he had had 10 sons who were willing to lay down their lives as his five boys were, he would have been just as proud, or prouder, (cheers). The far sadder consequences of the war were day by day bringing themselves home to him. It was only that morning that he had taken a number of policemen to the rifle range to practice their shooting at the target. During the course of the practice he turned to one of his men, Reid by name, and said: "When did you do a course of musketry?" The man said: "In Jerusalem sir." naming the time (cheers). Out of the few constables present there that evening two of them were wearing the ribbons earned in the campaign. It was a very proud thing to know that in the hour of danger to the Empire British subjects were not found wanting. Inspector Thomas then described the impressive ceremonies in London when that marvellous monument of severely simple design bearing but three words "The Glorious Dead" to the honour of an unknown warrior was honoured by the whole of England. He said: "That unknown warrior might be one of my sons. He might be one of those whose name is on that tablet." He graphically pictured the glorious scene at the cenotaph when the unknown warrior was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

Very brilliantly did he portray the use of the barrel of French soil and the part taken by Marshal Foch. Truly it was a sublime conception, and the man who conceived the idea was himself worthy of a monument.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks moved by Mr. M. H. Segre to Mrs. Cahusac. Three cheers were given for the Headmaster and three cheers for the Custos Elect and the singing of the National Anthem closed the function.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND.

Church, enclosing cheques for £37 6/6, donations to the Fund made up as follows:—Diocesan High School, Brown's Town, £34 3/6; St. Michael's Church, Mavis Bank, £1 16/6; St. Peter's Church, Clifton £1 7/6. Church.

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