

Mayor, the chairman of all committees, and Cr. Howard, be set up to consider the Town Hall question, and report to this Council."

Cr. Herbert seconded the amendment. The Council's present offices must be enlarged first, he said; they were a disgrace to the Council. He hoped the Council's Bill on the subject would pass Parliament next session.

Cr. Ell: On the river-bank here!

Cr. Herbert: Yes, we have been hung up long enough.

Cr. Beaudland said he did not think any definite site had been selected for the Town Hall.

The Mayor (Mr. H. Holland) hoped the lesser would not be overshadowed by the greater. He hoped the Town Hall, which was a luxury, would not overshadow the municipal office accommodation, which was an urgent necessity. The offices down below were like dog boxes. If Cr. Ell added the names of the whole of the members of the Council to the names of the gentlemen on the committee he had mentioned, his motion might meet with success.

Cr. Ell immediately agreed to this, and obtained permission to alter his motion accordingly.

The amendment was, however, carried by 9 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:—

For: Crs. Loesby, Peck, Herbert, Welis, Howard, Burgoyne, Beaudland, McKellar and Williams.

Against: Crs. Hayward, Ell, and Nicholls.

FEATHERSTON.

So popular has the Salvation Army Hostel at Featherston proved that it has been found necessary to extend it. A new building, to contain 31 bedrooms, is being erected, and the dining-room is also being enlarged to accommodate 100 people. The new building is expected to be available within a few weeks.

TAUMARANUI.

During last month a loan of £25,000 was made to the Taumaranui Hospital Board by the Public Trustee, repayable in 30½ years, for the purpose of erecting a new hospital.

TE AROHA.

Mr. E. G. Gillman called for tenders for the erection of a residence at Hetherington, Thames river.

WELLINGTON.

An artificial limb factory is to be built near the old Te Aro Railway Station to cost £2,762. It will be under the control of the Defence Department.

A proposal is being considered to provide hostel accommodation for girls in Wellington. The Management Committee of the Teachers' Institute have the matter in hand.

Messrs. Clere and Williams called for tenders early this month for the erection in brick of an 8-roomed house with large hall, gymnasium and garage.

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