

An amendment was moved by Councillor F Barrow and seconded by Cr W. Baragwanath that to the effect that in view of the Education Department's continued requests for an expression of opinion by the Council as to their justification in retaining Mr Martell in his present position, the Department be informed that the Council has regretfully ^{decided} to dispense with Mr Martell's services.

This amendment was withdrawn. A further amendment was moved by Cr J. Kean and seconded by Cr A. O. Stubbs: That a subcommittee be appointed to determine the value of Mr Martell's services. This amendment was then put to the vote with the following result:-

For the amendment 8
 Against " " 7

The amendment was then declared carried. It was resolved that the following Councillors be appointed as a special committee to determine the value of Mr Martell's services: The President (Mr W. H. Middleton) Messrs J. Kean, J. J. Brokenshire, W. D. Hill, W. Baragwanath, A. O. Stubbs.

The death of Vice President J. M. Beckett and Councillor Hon J. G. McDonald was referred to by the Council with the profoundest regret and the deepest sympathy was expressed for the relatives and friends of the deceased gentlemen.

A letter was read from Vice President J. H. Dunn apologising for his absence and tendering

Cr. F. Barrow }
 Cr. G. Fitches }

his resignation as Vice President.

It was resolved not take any further action in connexion with Mr Dunn's resignation until the next ~~annual~~ meeting.

W. H. Middleton
 26.10.17