

### Council Disregards the Petition of 1538

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was noted that the change in the by-law would necessitate the changing of the painted signs on the roads. Forty minutes was suggested in place of 45 as the 40 would only necessitate the changing of the one figure. "Why not 50 minutes?" asked Councillor Paquette.

A by-law was given its required readings and duly passed appointing R. Paul chief of police at an initial salary of \$225.00 per month.

Councillor Bartleman said he had been in correspondence with the Hydro Electric Commission and had a reply from the Commission saying that the power company franchise would expire until 1936. A Hydro engineer might be sent here to see about taking over local distribution of power.

If there were urgent reason the inspector could come to Timmins at an early date. Councillor Bartleman asked if arrangements could be made to call a special meeting to discuss the matter.

Mayor Richardson said he would call a special meeting at almost any time to meet the inspector.

W. O. Langdon, president of Timmins board of trade, presented a resolution passed by that body, asking that the services of Fire Chief Borland be retained in the best interests of the town.

duty of council to respect the wishes of a large group of citizens coming before them. It seemed evident from the fact that the council could give no reason for asking the retirement of the fire chief that the whole matter had been gone into hurriedly, inadvisedly and with the wrong conclusions.

Mayor Richardson said that he felt sure that the council would take the action of the board of trade in the good spirit in which the advice was given.

Jos. Berini referred council to the fire at his home the previous day. Had it not been for Fire Chief Borland and the men he had trained so well, Mr. Berini was sure that he would have lost his home.

A letter was received from the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade expressing the highest regard for Chief Borland, speaking of his efficiency and leadership, his good citizenship and the harmony at the fire hall.

H. B. Wilson, Fire Underwriters' Inspector, wrote the council giving his impressions of the capabilities of the fire chief and his outstanding success at his work.

A letter from T. H. Wilkes, president of the Cochrane District Firemen's Association, and fire chief at Iroquois Falls, pointed out that Fire Chief Borland was noted far and wide for his efficiency and his record upheld his high reputation.

Another letter along similar lines was received from the Temiskaming Firemen's Association, who also valued Fire Chief Borland very highly for his efficiency as a fire chief and his splendid qualities as a citizen.

There was a similar letter from the Montrock fire brigade.

A petition signed by 1538 citizens of the town asked council to retain the services of Fire Chief Borland for the following reasons:—The fire chief has given over seventeen years of the most efficient service; the brigade has achieved and maintained a notable degree of efficiency and good service; the people in general have complete confidence in the efficiency of the fire chief; the chief has been a most valued citizen of the town; and the record proves that the fire losses in Timmins are the lowest of any similarly situated town in the Dominion.

said that for years he had been in close touch with the fire department and had always found the chief efficient, courteous, fair-dealing, and the finest type of citizen. He endorsed what had been said by the other speakers. The committee of three present for the Legion represented a body of 270 citizens of the town and they were also backed up by the Ladies Auxiliary in asking a fair deal for their comrade.

Geo. S. Drew, former mayor of Timmins, spoke in support of the petition. Of the 1538 names on the petition many were large taxpayers and old-timers of the town, going back to the days when there were stumps on the streets. The names on the petition represented fully a third of the adult population and he felt it could scarcely be disregarded.

Mayor Richardson felt that the council should give much more consideration before allowing the retirement of the chief. If councillors insisted on it they should at least give reasons.

Councillor Maltais said that the council could not honestly ignore the expressed opinion of so large and important a proportion of the taxpayers of the town, and in view of the petition and the other views expressed he favoured the retaining of the chief's services now as he had favoured it before.

J. D. Brady made an appeal to the council as a younger citizen of the town concerned with the safety, progress and harmony of the community. He referred to the efficiency and good citizenship of the fire chief and asked the councillors as reasonable and fair-minded men to be big enough to rescind their former motions and retain Chief Borland's services.

As chairman of the fire and light committee Councillor Bartleman said he had found Chief Borland efficient, courteous, and ready to do anything to add to the harmony or usefulness of the department. He thought the retirement of the fire chief might be left to the next council.

"If he has been good enough for 18 years, surely the matter can be allowed to rest for 3 months," he said. In any case he felt the chief was entitled to an explanation.

Another ratepayer called out that the chief of police had been treated in the same unfair way.

This tempted still another to refer to the fact that the police had accepted reduced pay on the plea that they were

to work only 8 hours a day, but they were back now at 11 and 12 hours a day.

"Keep the chief and fire the council," called out one ratepayer, and the big crowd broke out in cheers.

Councillor Laprairie was stirred by the demands for a reason. He suggested that he could get a more largely signed petition on the other side. He said he knew four women who could not read who signed the petition. He indicated also that the fire chief might ask men to sign the petition or the letters and they could not well refuse, the men were kept in the hall too much.

Messrs Neame, Bellamy, Devine, Dalgarno and others asking for reasons, Councillor Chateauvert said he was not afraid to give his views. He referred to taking the oath of office, and the sorrow that comes to councillors, but it was impossible to know his reason for wishing the chief's retirement from what he said.

Mayor Richardson's repeated call for reasons brought Councillor Belec eventually to his feet. He said that if the mayor had not stopped a man speaking at a previous meeting there would be no need to ask for reasons.

Chief Borland said he was ready and anxious to face any complaints even from a man who had to be discharged for cause.

"Are you taking the word of one man against the people here and the 1500 on the petition?" President Langdon asked Councillor Belec. There was no answer.

A motion by Councillors Maltais and Bartleman to retain the chief's services was defeated 4 to 3. Mayor Richardson and Councillors Bartleman and Maltais voted for it, and Councillors Laprairie, Chateauvert, Belec and Paquette against.

Councillor Laprairie said the fire chief might be pensioned, Councillor Paquette said that he had thought of a month's salary for every four years of service as possible basis for pension. Councillor Bartleman felt that the decision in regard to the fire chief

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should be deferred three months at least.

A. Bellamy suggested the ratepayers should hold a public indignation meeting to see what could be done when council went so flatly against public opinion.

Sergts. Sally and Gagnon were appointed officers for the enforcement of the L.C.A.

Mr. Jackson brought to the notice of council the case of a man suffering from paralysis of one hand. He wanted to get some light work to do rather than be on relief. The matter is to be taken up with the mine to see if a position is available there.

### LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Webber motored to Toronto on Saturday for a visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Noble, of Kapuskasing, spent the week-end in Timmins.

The annual picnic of the Eaton Groceries employees was held at Golden City yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lowe and Miss Barbara arrived from a vacation spent in New York and Toronto.

Born—In Timmins on Saturday, August 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rose, Spruce street,—a son.

Mrs. E. M. Condie, matron at the C. A. S. Shelter, returned on Sunday from her vacation spent at Halleybury.

In the local league last night the Canadiens lost 7-0 to the South Porcupine team in a game here.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Whitney returned last Wednesday from a motor vacation to their home in Nova Scotia.

Miss Leona McNeill returned on Tuesday last from a trip to Nova Scotia, where she spent the summer vacation.

Miss Patricia Legris returned home on Sunday after spending the summer holidays with her uncle and aunt near New Liskeard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas left on Sunday for a two weeks' trip to Toronto and Ottawa.

Mrs. Jos. Ormston and son left on Saturday for a two weeks' holiday in Toronto.

Mrs. A. Mick, of Powassan, was a recent visitor to her son, Douglas, 122 Kirby avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mills and Master John were visitors during the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Leaman, Hemlock street.

Mrs. A. R. Harkness and family arrived home on Saturday from a vacation in Toronto and the Niagara district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnstone and daughter left on Sunday for a two weeks' visit to Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition.

Married—At the Manse, South Porcupine, by the Rev. J. R. Fraser, on August 26th, 1934, Daniel Sydor, of Bernice Burgess, both of Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carey, of Timmins, Ont., announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lillian Dorothy, to Mr. James Shanks, of Schumacher, Ont., the marriage to take place early in September.

Stanley Hass, of the Woolworth Stores, together with Miss Ida Larivie, Miss S. Coulas and Lawrence Larivie, left on Saturday, August 26th, for a motor trip to Toronto, Niagara Falls and other Eastern points.

Master Howard McChesney and Miss Elaine McChesney have returned home after a visit to their grandmother, Mrs. D. Glassford at Hudson, near New Liskeard.

Bert Smith, of Prescott, was a visitor to Timmins last week. Mr. Smith owns a farm in the Hoyle area and came here to see about the timber on it, a quantity of the timber being cut on the property and only the Crown Timber Agent preventing it being taken away. Mr. Smith is a heavy loser through the timber being cut by those having no authority to do so and being left on the property to rot.

His hosts of friends in the Porcupine district will regret to learn that H. C. Garner, now of Chatham, Ont., has been troubled this summer to some extent from the leg he had wounded in the war. All will sincerely wish him full recovery at the earliest date. Mr. Garner was one of the pioneers of the Porcupine, being at South Porcupine before the war, and after the war being in charge of the Government Employment Bureau at Timmins until some time ago when he was transferred to the charge of the Chatham office.

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