

Charge Mayor Unfair to Unemployed

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only member of the 1938 Council present who was on the Relief Committee. "You always tried to make us believe the government wouldn't pay a share," said Councillor Brunette. "There were fifty single unemployed men here who will tell you they were refused relief."

"Let's cut the grandstanding. We will see that all who are entitled to it get it," said Councillor McNeil, and that ended the discussion. The resolution was referred to the Relief Committee.

Secretary of the Citizens' League, Mr. E. Lafontaine appeared as a deputation to ask that something be done to get Timmins men a share of the road-work on the new road between Sudbury and Timmins. They had approached the Member of Parliament, Mr. Gallagher, he said, and had been told that there would be no work on the road for Timmins men.

The Mayor pointed out that the 1937 Council passed a resolution and that there had been some correspondence back and forth with the department.

Protesting against correspondence, which he deemed useless, Councillor Armstrong thought a deputation from the Council should interview the member of parliament on the spot," he said.

Mayor Bartleman capped the suggestion with his idea to the effect that the member should be asked to come and meet the Council. Other members of Council agreed.

Two members of the Canadian Legion appeared to ask permission to bring a show to Timmins in June of this year.

It was granted. Councillor McNeil asked that a committee be appointed to supervise the show as there was some talk of shady transactions when the last one was here. The Chief of Police was instructed to keep a watch on wheels and other contrivances.

A letter was read from Paul Tessier, representing the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union. It pointed out that a complaint was laid before the Council in 1938 to the effect that local lumber companies were bringing in men from Quebec and Southern Ontario to work in the bush while there were plenty of experienced men in Timmins.

They would ask, said the letter, not that the companies hire inexperienced men from Timmins but that they first hire experienced men from this town before bringing green men in from outside.

Another point they requested was that companies keep Timmins men on as long as possible in times of a lay-off or a slack season.

Speaking to the letter, Don Guise, Secretary of the Union, said that the practice was going on at present. Inexperienced men were being brought in from outside while there were plenty of experienced men in Timmins. The idea that there was plenty of work and good wages here had been drummed up in Toronto.

A resolution was submitted by Councillors McNeil and McCabe asking that the Town Council prevail upon lumber operators in this area to keep Timmins men on as long as possible in the event of a lay-off. It carried unanimously.

J. Disley, A. Perrault and P. J. Doyle were appointed to the Board of Health. It was decided to call for tenders for sixteen inch wood. Councillor Brunette believed that better satisfaction would be obtained for the relief recipients who used the wood if it was all bought from one man. Tenders must be in by January 25.

New Jap Premier



Changes in the Japanese cabinet have elevated Baron Kikichiro Hiranuma, 73, founder of the extremist, national party, to the premiership to succeed Prince Konoye. His appointment as cabinet leader means strengthening of the army group.

Bombshell Thrown Into Meeting

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tion from the Timmins Citizens' League provoked another outburst of heated language. All was more or less peaceful then until the by-law which released Mr. Montgomery from office. From that point until the end of the meeting the air sizzled with heated argument and repartee.

The absence of Mr. Montgomery, who has been Town Clerk here for twenty-five years, from his usual post at the right hand side of the Mayor was noted at once by the huge crowd that surged into the Council chamber as soon as the doors opened. His place, was occupied by Patrick Murphy, assistant to Mr. Montgomery.

First business dealt with was a by-law. It provided that Patrick H. Murphy be appointed Acting Clerk in the absence of the Clerk or in case of a vacancy in the office.

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that an Acting Clerk be appointed, said the Mayor. "What about Mr. Montgomery. What

Tributes to Efficiency of Fire Brigade

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ment was one of the chief troubles. Councillor Emile Brunette, who given a great reception on his arrival as the speaking commenced, expressed his appreciation of the good work of the fire brigade and the co-operation he had unvaryingly received from the department. Councillor Roberts, he pointed out, had made a particularly good job as chairman of the fire and light committee for 1938. As Councillor Brunette took his seat the gathering sang "Allouette."

Councillor Wm. Roberts in reply to one of the mayor's references to him being Scotch, said that he had not been too Scotch in looking after the equipment and support of the fire department. He paid particular tribute to the chief, the volunteers, the paid men and their good work for the town. As he resumed his seat, he was saluted with a song in Welsh—in which, however, all the gathering did not take part.

Councillor McCabe, the new chairman of the fire and light committee, admitted to being a Progressive as a previous speaker had suggested and he hoped to work for the progress of the town. He added his good words for the fire department and expressed his goodwill with the words: "I want each and everyone of you to feel that your problems are my problems and that I will help all I can."

Fire Chief Borland was given affectionate greeting as he rose in response to a call from the chair. He said that he had endeavoured as chief at all times to play the game fairly not only with the men on the brigade but also with the council and the town. He thanked the volunteers and the paid firemen for their co-operation and goodwill. In reply to the mayor's reference, he said that he felt that he had to protect himself, the department, the council and the town by recommending whatever might be necessary to assure safety. He understood the finances of the town, however, and made a point of trying to suggest alternatives that could be made. The growth of the town made the growth of the department necessary. Every year he had to appear more strict to the men and to ask more from the council. Changing times and conditions made this necessary. He pointed out that the firemen averaged 12 hours a day seven days a week. The men showed fine spirit about this, recognizing the expense of a three-shift plan. He did think, however, that it might be practical to arrange for one day off each week for the men and he recommended this to the consideration of the council. "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung with enthusiasm.

Councillor Wellington Armstrong said he would endeavour to do whatever he believed would be beneficial for the firemen at a moment's notice that firemen at a moment's notice have to risk their lives in their work. They perform many heroic acts of which little is heard, he said. "In all this let me assure you I am sincere; it is not just idle words," he added. He felt that the firemen should have one day off a week, and he would work for that. He had lived in Toronto and noted the responses made there to fires. He believed that the Timmins brigade made speedier responses to call and showed full efficiency. He complimented the fire chief and all the members of the fire department. He was greeted with rounds of applause and an appropriate song as he concluded.

Councillor Len Cousins, chairman of the waterworks committee for 1939, spoke of his appreciation for the fire department. "I will do anything I can for the department," he said, "at least I will do my very best to see that you are supplied with lots of water." He agreed that the men should have one day off a week where this was feasible and he would support a move to that effect.

"Speaking of hours," commented Chairman Leach, "we have one man in the department who is on the job 24 hours a day all the time—the chief."

Councillor Tom McNeill said he was proud of the Timmins fire department for its efficiency and because it was one town department that was in bona fide organized labour union circles. He concluded with a humorous story that made a big hit.

Other speakers included G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance, J. Marks, of The Press, M. Corbell, editor of La Voix Populaire, and John Morrison, secretary of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

W. H. Wilson gave a striking illustration of the efficiency of the Timmins fire department, referring to a

are using the town hall as a football for the union," he charged.

It appeared to be bad policy to Councillor McCabe to raise such an issue. "I admit that I am an official of the local miners' union. My one great aim is to help build up the miners' union. But—I am also a Councillor. I swore on the public platform that I would do all I could to protect the interests of the town and I will."

The Mayor ended the discussion with the remark that he had been fighting for the rights of the people for six years. He now was fighting with the men on his left, referring to Councillors Armstrong, McNeil and McCabe. He never quit, said the Mayor.

A resolution to adjourn brought the hectic meeting to an end. The three men who resigned their office put on their coats and hats and walked out through a vociferous, gesticulating crowd. They did not wait for the relief meeting that was scheduled for after the Council session.

are you trying to hide anyway," asked Councillor Brunette.

"Why this resolution before the one which makes it necessary," asked Councillor Cousins.

Mayor Bartleman would allow no discussion of the matter, aside from the actual appointment of a Deputy Clerk. He did condescend to explain however that a Deputy Clerk was necessary to carry on the business of the town if the Clerk was not in office.

The by-law was put to the question. For it were Councillors McCabe, Armstrong and McNeil. Against were Councillors Roberts, Cousins and Brunette. Casting the deciding vote in favour of the by-law, the Mayor said "Carried."

Several matters of lesser importance were taken up, and at the end of the meeting, Councillor Armstrong handed the Deputy Clerk a by-law. It was a by-law to revoke the appointment of H. E. Montgomery as Town Clerk. The by-law was to take effect on January 11.

Councillors McCabe and Armstrong moved that it be read a second and third time and passed and then the fireworks started.

"What's wrong here anyway," cried Councillor Brunette.

Councillor Armstrong: "The majority of the Finance Committee recommended this by-law as a means to effect greater economy and greater efficiency through the Town departments."

"Where did Montgomery fall down?" said Councillor Brunette to Councillor Armstrong. "What do you know about it? How long have you been here? Have you ever worked with Mr. Montgomery?"

Councillor Armstrong: "You know as well as I do that for the past number of years Mr. Montgomery's services have not been satisfactory. I have consulted with all the department heads. I find that he has a small amount of work to do for \$300 a month. He is simply a clerk for the Council. He has a few outside problems and the Town employs a secretary to deal with them. All that will be necessary is a slight readjustment in departments to take care of the duties formerly handled by him."

Councillor McCabe got to his feet. He wanted to endorse the statements of Councillor Armstrong, he said. He was in favour of the resolution because he wanted greater efficiency and more economy.

The motion was put to the question. For it were Councillors McCabe, McNeil and Armstrong. Against were Councillors Roberts, Cousins and Brunette. The deciding vote was cast by the Mayor in favour of revoking Mr. Montgomery's appointment.

The Mayor and Councillors McCabe, McNeil and Cousins also voted in favour of a motion to pay Mr. Montgomery his salary in full up to March 10, 1939. Immediately after the passing of the by-law Councillor Cousins gathered papers from Councillors Brunette and Roberts and passed them to the Mayor: "Read these," he said.

The Mayor passed them to the Deputy Clerk who read the resignations of the three men. They caused a sensation. Some in the audience shouted, others cheered and the majority remained silent. No explanation was forthcoming from the three Councillors, however.

Finally Councillor Armstrong got to his feet: "It is still a deep mystery to me why they did this. Of course it's their business—their business. If I were in your position on the other side of the fence I would never have done a thing like that." He sat down.

Next was Councillor McCabe. He understood we were living in a democracy in which the majority ruled. He believed that if he were in the position of the three men who resigned he would be able to accept defeat.

"I am very sorry these gentlemen can't take it," said Councillor McNeil. "Things go fine when everything is their way. I would be satisfied to go before the people with this thing. I wouldn't be a quitter."

Councillor Brunette got to his feet. McNeil and McCabe came down to his house on Sunday, he said. Together they drew up a list of committees. He had the list in his pocket. When the first meeting of Council was held they brought in an entirely different list.

"They told me they had to protect me. They wanted to strengthen their union with the French. They said they would have to protect me because of that."

"They are using this Council chamber for their union purposes. They

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recent fire at his own home. "Had it not been for the efficiency of the brigade," he said, "there would have been probable loss of life as well as property loss. Sincerely—I thank the Timmins Fire Department."

The gathering closed with the singing of "O Canada" and "God Save the King."

Dancing Team Back from Toronto Visit

Announcement of Winners in Ken Soble Contest to be Made Sunday.

Miss Joy Fitzgerald and Elsie MacFadden, the dancing team that represented Timmins at Ken Soble Amateur Contest in Toronto on Sunday last, returned to Timmins on Tuesday evening. The young ladies, fourteen and fifteen years of age, had several offers to appear at notable Toronto clubs, but had to return to their school studies in Timmins.

Misses Fitzgerald and MacFadden were accompanied to Toronto by their dancing teacher, Mrs. H. Burt. During its visit to the Queen City the dancing team appeared at the Club Esquire, and were royally entertained. Final announcement of winners in the contest will be announced on the Ken Soble Amateur Contest, on Sunday, January 15th, at 12.30 o'clock.

DR. McCLINTON, J. T. WHITE APPOINTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. McClinton was reappointed as a member of the High School Board by the 1939 Council at its inaugural meeting on Monday. J. T. White was appointed to replace A. R. Harkness. N. Roy Clifton was appointed a member of the Public Library Board for 1939.

Cold-blooded Murder of Bookmaker in Toronto

The Ottawa Journal last night says: "Four men brusquely entered a Toronto home, and in the presence of two women and three men one of the intruders shot and killed James Windsor. The murderers stripped him of money and jewelry and escaped. Windsor, the news reports say, had operated a hand-book, had refused to pay a weekly sum to a 'protecting association,' and this is given as the reason for the murder. It was a crime in the tradition of the United States underworld, cold-blooded, brutal, merciless and it is devoutly to be hoped these four murderous thugs are captured to meet on a Toronto gallows the end they so richly deserve."

"If these four are taken, tried and convicted, sentimentalists should remember the scene of horror in that Toronto home—a man dying from a revolver bullet kicked in the face by these ruthless thugs."

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