

Council and Police Discuss Points

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a persecution by one Jerry Poulin, of 117 Rea St. S., he said. Poulin was trying to break up his home. He had offered Palubski's brother and sister money to testify that he, Palubski, made threats to burn Poulin's house.

In the ensuing investigation, said Palubski, Inspector Olson called him a "damned liar—the biggest, damndest liar in town." He kept him in the police station from morning until 11:30 at night. He confronted him with a long record and told him he was a "moonshiner."

Chief Gagnon interrupted the tirade to say that the investigation Palubski was referring to was not conducted by the police department but by the Ontario Fire Marshall.

"He apparently has been persecuted by this man," said the mayor. "And the man has apparently used the police in his persecution."

If the Fire Marshall kept the man all day he had a right to make some investigation, said Judge Caron.

"I don't want the police being sent by Poulin to me," continued Palubski. "Inspector said he would put me in Kingstons behind bars for fifty years. It is not nice to be behind bars."

It would be only fair, in such cases, said Magistrate Atkinson, to have the police notified that a complaint had been made and have them prepare a defence. At a regular meeting the accused could bring his witnesses and tell his story and the police give their version.

In any event, continued the magistrate, the chief of police could take cognizance of the charge against a man under him and find out exactly what happened.

The charges that Inspector Olson called the man "a damned liar" should certainly be investigated, believed the mayor.

Final decision was to hold a meeting of the commission next Tuesday night and have the hearing. Palubski was told to bring his witnesses and the chief was instructed to prepare a defence.

During Palubski's harangue he said that Poulin was interfering with his married life. Mrs. Poulin was his sister, he said.

In answer to the Mayor's query as to why the February returns for the town from police court fines were away below those of January, Magistrate Atkinson said that the months from November to the end of March saw less crime than at any other time during the year. He prophesied that the summer season would see big dockets in court every Tuesday.

"Now," said the Magistrate, "there is this rather delicate question of the rights of the council and those of the Commission. Speaking for myself, as a member of the Commission, I certainly do not want to buck the council. I want to work with them and co-operate in any way possible."

He had, said Magistrate Atkinson, instructed his private solicitor, Mr. Sam Caldwell, to write to the Attorney General's department regarding the matter. Mr. Caldwell received a reply from Mr. Humphreys, Deputy Attorney General.

The letter pointed out that the money spent by the police department was voted and appropriated by the council. When it was necessary for the commission to pay out money it made a requisition on the town treasurer. There was no provision whereby the money was paid over in a lump sum to the commission.

With regard to salaries, said the Mayor, the Council had no alternative but to appropriate the money necessary. Things like meals were another matter.

"The way I see it," said the Magistrate, "the prisoners come into the hands of the police, who, in turn, are under the jurisdiction of the Commission. It would seem the duty of the Commission to take care of them and see that they are properly fed at as low a cost as is possible."

The Mayor—"The council is in the position that it is supposed to economize and then it finds itself faced with what it feels to be an exorbitant bill for meals. In the matter of boots. The questionnaire which we sent out shows that few municipalities supply boots to police officers."

It was simple enough, thought Judge Caron. The police estimates were submitted to the council, and if it did not approve of any item, it merely did not vote it. With regard to meals the prisoners were not in jail for banquets but they did have to be fed.

"They were too well fed last year," said the Mayor. "They were given 7,000 meals."

He was partly instrumental in having tenders called for meals, said Councillor Armstrong. In 1938, \$2,300 was spent for meals. The taxpayers wanted to know how many and what kind of meals were served. One taxpayer asked him if they took a menu in and asked the prisoners what they would have. The prisoners would have to be fed more cheaply, he said, or the council would simply not appropriate the money.

Furthermore, said Councillor Armstrong, he had investigated the set-up of Police Commissions over the province and he had found in most cases that the mayor was the chairman. In Kirkland the reeve was chairman, in Toronto, Mayor Day was chairman. It was the same in London.

The Magistrate: "What about Hamilton, Ottawa?"

Disregarding the Magistrate's deflatory remark, Councillor Armstrong continued. Public opinion was in favour of having the Mayor chairman, he said. The people were dissatisfied with the present set-up. In the absence of the Magistrate there was no one to take care of things.

The Magistrate: "What comes up?"

Councillor Armstrong: "There are current things."

The Magistrate: "There are none, Mr. Armstrong."

The chairman of the commission had no more right to interfere than any one else, said Judge Caron. In any event, the Magistrate had more to do with the police than anyone else.

"Then," said Councillor Armstrong, the Chief and other heads of departments should be responsible to no one?"

Judge Caron: "The Chief is a responsible person. The other department heads can do as they please but the Chief can always go to the Crown Attorney for advice."

Discussion then launched into the subject of a fund of \$500 for "emergency law enforcement." Councillor Armstrong maintained that the Chief should have advice on how to spend that money.

The Magistrate: "The Chief is a competent person. If he is not he shouldn't be Chief. Everyone knows that any police department has to have some secret information. I don't think there is a police department in the world that is to run without it. I don't think anybody should know to whom that money is paid. If no one knows then there will be no leak. Personally I would not want to know as I might inadvertently let it out."

Mayor Bartleman referred to last December when a member of the Timmings force resigned without giving notice and joined the Provincial Police force. The town should have had some notice, he believed.

"He just came in and resigned," said Chief Gagnon.

Judge Caron: "What was he going to do—put him in jail to keep him?"

Councillor Armstrong again brought up the matter of the Commission chairmanship. If the Commission did not see the way the council did on the matter it would be a definite disagreement between the two bodies, he said, and the council might not feel like granting the total police estimate of \$52,000.

The Commission had been in force only one year, said the Magistrate. The job of commissioner was not sought by him it was forced on him by statute. The only thing to do was to pray for the council's co-operation. Personally, he did not enjoy seeing his name being used and bandied about at public meetings, "as though I were some rotten drunk."

So far as he was concerned, said Judge Caron, he was not one who craved the establishment of a commission. If the council had not wanted a commission it should not have created it.

Later, when Councillor Armstrong again brought up the matter, Magistrate Atkinson delivered an ultimatum: "I recognize that Mr. Bartleman is the elected representative of the people," he said. "When it came time to elect a chairman there was a deadlock. I was proposed and there was no second. I proposed the Mayor and did not get a second. We were about an hour. Finally I was proposed, and as I had had a year's experience, I voted for myself."

"If I committed a sin in voting for myself I daresay every one of you gentlemen committed the same sin when you were elected last December or January."

"I was elected by the Commission, and unless the Commission does not want me chairman I will remain as chairman."

There was more discussion about the meals and finally the matter was deferred until next Tuesday night when the end of the time limit for the reception of tenders will be reached. The tenders may then be opened and discussed.

Prefacing his statement with the oft-repeated assertion that the council was responsible to the taxpayers, the Mayor said that in 1934, when the population of the town was 17,500, the police appropriation was \$26,900. This year the population was 25,000 and the appropriation was \$52,000. The cost had jumped away out of proportion to the increase in population.

In 1934, said the Magistrate, the force was not so efficient. Where he used to try several hundred cases, last year he tried 1,600. Furthermore, the town was not getting as much in fines. In the old days no one ever went to jail. Everyone paid his fine. He recollected the time when he would take as much as \$3,000 in one court.

Today times were hard. "It nearly breaks my heart every court to see these vagrants come in. They will do anything to go to jail."

"I often think that we shouldn't have them," said the Mayor.

The Magistrate: "What are you going to do when a man says that he will break a window if you don't lock him up? They will do anything to get to jail where there at least is food and a bed."

Then did the subject change again: There had, said the Mayor, been complaints that there were men in town transporting liquor. The police must be aware what was going on.

Uses Both Hands To Write

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"It looks like a closed shop," said Councillor Armstrong. "There are no convictions in the source of this traffic. When you can walk to the telephone and order beer or whiskey or whatever you want it is not good."

The Magistrate: "Well, the police can't walk in uniform and buy the stuff. If they had a large fund they possibly could get more convictions, although it is not easy to pin a charge on a bootlegger."

Councillor McNeill: "It is not true that the Chief is aware of what is going on and deliberately letting it go."

The Magistrate: "I often hear things on the road. When I do I always inform the police. I consider it the duty of a citizen to do so. If you know anything Councillor Armstrong you should tell the Chief."

Councillor Armstrong: "We are paying the police \$50,000 a year to find these things out."

The Magistrate explained some of the difficulties in the way of getting a conviction. A place had to be watched, often for weeks. When they got in people inside would not give any information to the police. They were afraid of being called "spotters."

"There is general knowledge of how the stuff is being transported," said the Mayor. "These vehicles can be stopped at any time."

"They are being stopped," said the Chief.

"You try and get a bottle," said the Magistrate. "I am willing to bet you \$100 that when the man from whom you bought it appears in court he will say that you are mistaken."

"I see Dewey cleaned up the vice racket in New York," said Councillor Armstrong.

The Magistrate: "Yes, and do you know how? He had stool pigeons and spotters and an unlimited fund from which to draw on. One thing I am proud of here and that is that when a blindpigger is caught I am satisfied the Chief does not take confidential letters from the fyles and turn the information back to the pigger."

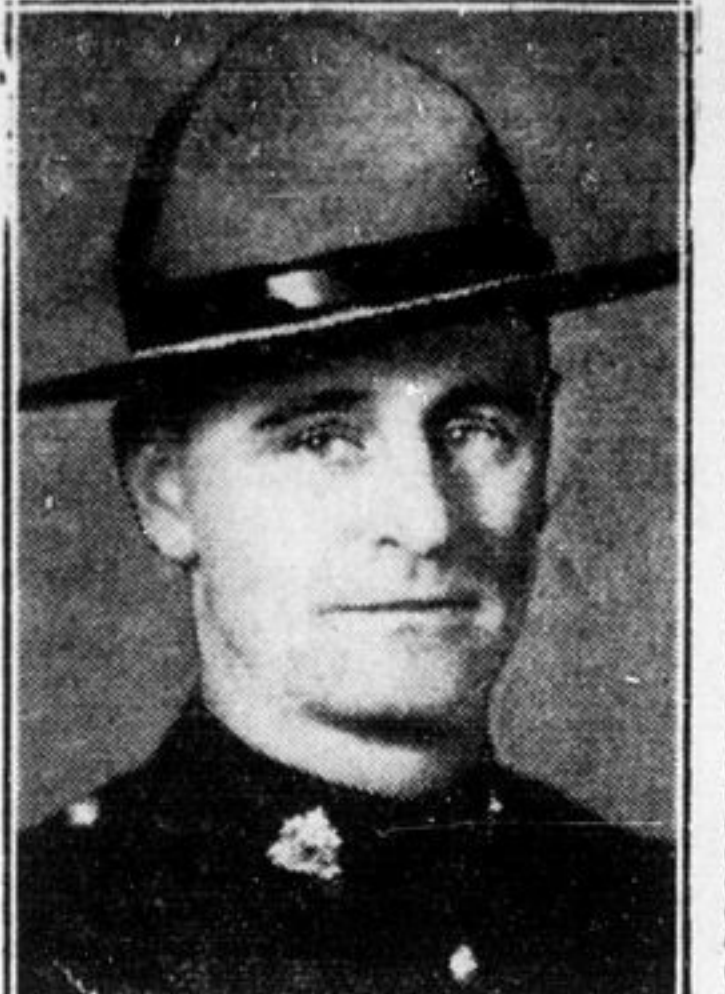
Next item on the programme was discussion of the duties of gessmen in the police office and the court clerk.

The Mayor was under the impression that the court clerk could also look after the police desk and relieve the constable, who would go out on the street.

The deskman was a necessity, said the Chief. He was kept busy answering the phone and supplying information. Also he looked after the record books. The court clerk were explained by the Magistrate. He was the magistrate's clerk and the police clerk. For him, said the Magistrate, he took all information, checked cash, attended to correspondence, issued all summonses and search warrants and did all clerical work connected with what last year was 1,600 court cases. For the police he attended to all correspondence, which was considerable in view of the practice of interchanging information between towns and cities.

On Tuesday mornings he went to South Porcupine with the Magistrate and acted as Clerk there. That practice had the advantage of co-relating all the work of the three centres and

King's Orderly



Sergt. Hugh W. H. Williams, of Saskatoon, has been appointed non-commissioned officer in charge of three Mounties who will act as personal orderlies to the King during the royal visit.

concentrating it in one office.

There was some discussion of the work of the Timmings Safety League. The Chief said that he felt there was a lot to be done. The League felt that a moving picture projector would be a big help in teaching school children safety work. There was a decrease of forty per cent. in motor accidents in 1938 as compared to the previous year and personal injuries were down by 50 per cent. but there still was a lot to be done. Later he hoped to have a traffic school for drivers.

The Magistrate said that he felt that the force here was too small to have too many specialists. He wondered if the teachers could not be interested. They then, could teach the children.

Final decision was to have the Chief call a meeting of the school boards and discuss the matter.

Councillor McCabe suggested that the policemen be taught first aid as a part of their training and the idea proved popular with both the council and the commission. Steps will be taken to have the St. John's Ambulance Association begin classes for policemen.

At the beginning of the meeting the Magistrate and Judge Caron checked on the minutes of the previous meeting to see that the Magistrate's motion proposing the Mayor as chairman early in the year, had been inserted.

Large Enrolment for Home Defence

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Devine, John Farrar, William Terise, Joseph Ormston, John Milneshaw, Thomas Johnson, Lewis H. Durkin, Geo. J. West, William Lawrence, William J. Venning, Arthur T. Loader, Chas. Holley, James E. Kelly, Richard Richards, Archie Brown, William D. Forrester, H. B. Hazlewood, Arthur Duff, P. A. Burt, Percy McCormick, James Gordon, George Cooper, Oscar Robertson, John A. McCulloch, Peter Gutcher, L. S. Mills, Dr. James E. Barry, Dr. A. P. Murtagh, Dr. A. S. Porter, Samuel A. Caldwell, Harry Herman, Arch Gilles, Claude Desautiers, Robert Hardy, Alex T. Fulton, Wilfrid B. Powell, Thomas F. J. Curtis, George R. Holland, Jeremiah G. Harris, Joseph A. Dwyer, John Moody, Edward J. Gagnon, Al. Wetmore, William J. Arundell, Edwin Tindall, William Hogg, Walter Greaves, Stanley G. Fowler, Dean Kester, W. C. Arnott, Joseph Bredeau, Thomas Lyons, C. S. Grafton, Mrs. Bernice Grafton, N.S.; Wrs. Winifred Honey, N.S., William J. Booker, Ralph Martell, Leslie Hall, Charles Keates, James C. Burwell, Francis C. Loney, Geo. S. Gibson, Geo. Gedde, David Petrie, Archie Verival, Dr. Louis Hudson, Thomas Twaddle, William Entwistle, Amos Moore, John D. Brady, A. F. McDowell, S. J. Atkins, Dr. James B. McClinton, Chas. A. Reed, Geo. McLeod, Frederick Tjo, Walter Orr, F. E. Bennett, Fred Kitcher, Joseph A. Desormeau, Thomas Marchandon, Richard Wilson, Harry Turner, John Stodolny, T. W. Tod, Geo. H.

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	• Extra Special—Eatonia
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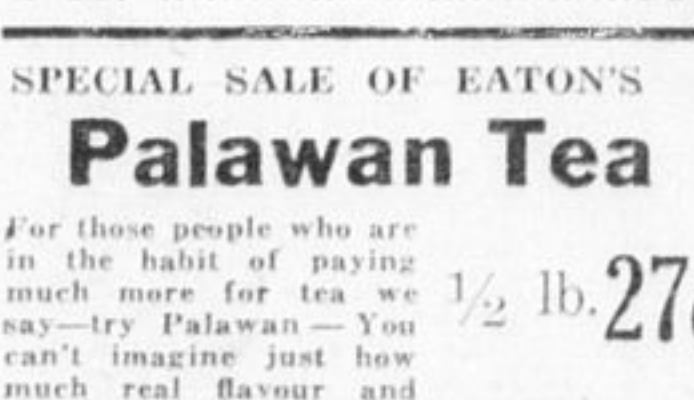
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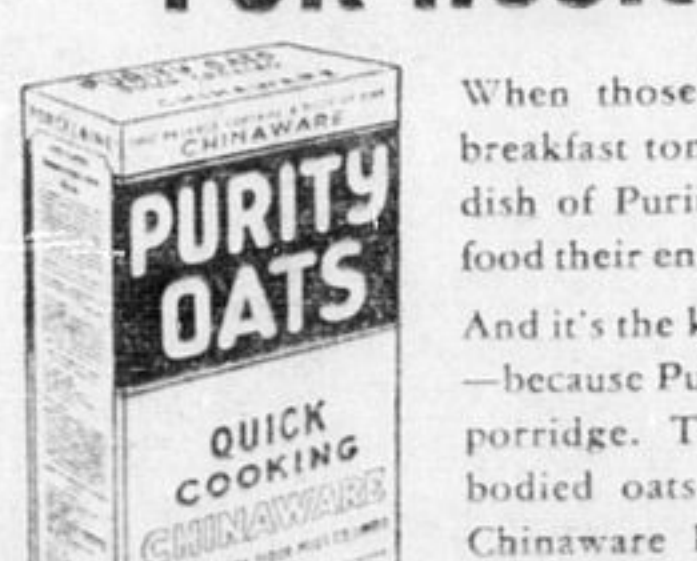
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