

WRONG TO JUNK BYLAW -- BRUNETTE

"Organized Insult" R. A. Lachance Says

Mayor Karl Eyre and the four members of Timmins council who refused to attend the public meeting called in the Empire theatre Sunday evening — councillors Quinn, Fay, Bailey and Quesnel were the subject of slashing criticism by R. A. Lachance, international organizer of the I.U.M. M.S.W. who acted as chairman at the meeting.

Only representatives of council to attend were Leo Del Villano and Urban Aubry, who had stood alone in declaring that bylaw No. 1027 governing bus fares should not have been rescinded.

"The absence of the mayor, Mr. Quesnel, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Fay from this meeting is an organized insult to the people of Timmins," Mr. Lachance declared. "And make no doubt about it, it is organized. These gentlemen stayed away to save face. We have maintained all along that they were reluctant to have the facts known about the bus situation."

He said that his letters inviting council to attend had brought negative replies from Mayor Eyre and Councillor Quesnel and that "the others did not even bother to phone or come to our office or to write."

"Mayor Eyre doesn't even give us an excuse in his reply. You would think he would at least have the finesse to give some sort of alibi," the union organizer said.

He said that Councillors Del Villano and Aubry were the members of council who were courageous, rather than the other members who had been praised for courage in an editorial in the local daily.

"These two gentlemen have taken the hard way in favor of the people of Timmins. As far as the courage of the others is concerned, when they took the vote on the bylaw they were simply trembling with bravery. When they put up their hands they could hardly hold them steady," he said.

"Last year on the recommendation of the transportation committee I voted for bylaw 1027. I thought it would benefit the people of Timmins

Ex-Mayor, Bartleman Always In Agreement On Bus Fare Bylaw

The sight of ex-Mayor J. Emile Brunette and ex-Councillor James P. Bartleman standing on the same platform and in agreement on their subject was something of a bombshell to the three hundred persons who attend the public meeting concerning bus fares which took place Sunday in the Empire theatre.

The ex-mayor and Mr. Bartleman have generally been regarded as bitter antagonists who always failed to agree.

"You have heard all the stories about the 1947 council being continually at loggerheads and that the mayor and I always disagreed, but this business of bus fares is something on which we have always been in complete agreement," Mr. Bartleman said.

He said that the entire 1947 council had agreed that the bus bylaw was fair and that there should be no complaint from anyone on the matter.

then and still think it will now. I said what I felt at the meeting of council. I would like to see the bylaw brought back, and enforced," said councillor Del Villano in a brief address.

"I always try to think of the other fellow ahead of myself," said Councillor Aubry. "I don't believe that the bylaw should have ever been rescinded." He said that if his opinion on the bylaw had not been made clear when voting on the matter took place it was due to lack of parliamentary experience. He would ask to have his vote registered positively in the negative at the next meeting of council, he said.

"We have to give justice to everyone," he said. "Rest assured that I am very sincere and honest with you."

Ex-Mayor Supports Miners

When doughty, square-jawed J. Emile Brunette, mayor of Timmins for seven consecutive years, who retired last December, stepped to the platform of the Empire theatre Sunday evening to declare that Bylaw No. 1027 concerning bus fares should never have been rescinded the entire argument which has been raging in recent weeks concerning the bylaw changed complexion.

Mr. Brunette flatly declared that members of the 1948 council were wrong in rescinding the bylaw and that if he had been mayor this year it would still be in effect.

"I don't like to criticize but I am going to criticize," Mr. Brunette stated. "I am going to try to be as constructive as I can. The battle is on so I might as well get these things out."

He said that the 1947 transportation committee had consisted of two members from Timmins, two from Tisdale and two from Whitney and that the action of the committee had been quite successful in getting fares reduced in the areas outside of Timmins.

"Once these concessions were obtained the outside members of the committee didn't display much interest. Our only resort in Timmins was to put the bylaw through to get the rates down," he stated.

He said that the bylaw had originally been discussed at a meeting of council last November 12 and that the town solicitor had been instructed to draw it up.

"However the bylaw was never passed till December 22. Perhaps I shouldn't say what was the cause of this delay but I am going to . . . Mr. Dalton was going to give us 12 or 15 acres of land near the town. We were waiting to have this transfer made before the bylaw was passed. When the transfer wasn't made by the year's end, we had to pass the bylaw in justice to the people . . . I don't believe that transfer has been made yet."

"The point is that that bylaw should have been put through in November and it would have been if the transfer of land from Mr. Dalton was not held up. The bylaw was not an election gag or anything like it, as some claim."

He said that he did not blame town clerk Victor Salomaa for the delay between the time the bylaw was passed and the time it was enforced. (Police took action under the bylaw against two Dalton bus drivers January 13).

"I don't blame the town clerk for the delay in putting the bylaw in the hands of the police," Mr. Brunette declared. "He must have been told not to and to leave the matter as it was. He was called by the authorities, no doubt, and told to leave it there."

"I don't see why council should make a survey about the busses for a private individual whose own job it is. I think Mr. Quinn was far too kind in running around making a survey for Dalton . . . If I had been in the bylaw would have been in force and Dalton would have been there with his own survey to protest. I don't see why Mr. Quinn made this survey at all."

"Then there are the two sets of figures which Mr. Quinn obtained from Dalton. First Dalton handed in one set of figures that aren't acceptable and then he handed in another. That's Dalton for you. Most people say Dalton started his business with a horse and buggy and still runs his business in the same way."

Later, in a question and answer period, the subject of the land which Mr. Dalton proposed to donate to the town was further discussed.

"What did Dalton's land have to do with the bylaw. How did it delay in passing it?" questioned a member of the audience.

"We were afraid we wouldn't get the land if we passed the bylaw," James P. Bartleman replied. "It would be a nice piece of land for the town to have . . . All councillors are not dumb, you know."

"Was Dalton holding the land over the council to prevent them from passing the bylaw?" was another question.

"Dalton didn't hold the land over us. We wanted to get Dalton to sign over the land and we were merely waiting till he did. The delay was in the town solicitor's office, where they were waiting for him to sign. Dalton was definitely not holding the land over us," said Mr. Brunette.

"If the town hasn't received the land yet, do you think it will get it now?" Mr. Brunette (with a grin): "It should be easy to get now. The bylaw is rescinded, isn't it?"

Phil Fay is Acting Mayor For First Time In Career

For the first time in his political career here, Councillor Philip Fay assumed the post of acting mayor at this week's meeting of council.

The short veteran of local politics took over the rostrum in council chambers when Mayor Karl Eyre left on other business in the middle of the meeting.

Records Wantonly Clipped

An Advance reporter delving about the Timmins Public Library made a discovery this week which is calculated to irritate and anger most residents of this district, particularly those who have been here since the early days of the camp.

For when thumbing through the old reports of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, the reporter found that these reports had been attacked with a pair of scissors by some unscrupulous person or persons.

Precious old photographs of this district, the only ones of their kind, had been clipped from the reports of 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913. These photos, which comprise part of the authentic record of this district are irreplaceable. In the four reports more than 20 photos in all had been clipped and stolen.

At this week's council meeting the Canadian Legion thanked the town for cleaning the local cenotaph for the visit of Major General C. E. Price.

Isn't Two Miles To Hollinger - - J. P.

The figures presented by Councillor Barney Quinn in his transportation report prior to the rescinding of the much-debated bus bylaw were the subject of attack by James P. Bartleman from the platform of the Empire theatre at Sunday evening's transportation meeting.

"Mr. Quinn reported that it was two miles return from here to Hollinger. 'It is not', Mr. Bartleman stated. 'It is just a mile. He said it was three and a half miles return to Schumacher. This figure is not correct either. It is two and one half miles. Get a map and measure it

and you will find out.' They have gone out of their way to plug for Dalton. Mr. Quinn said in his report that he couldn't figure out himself what the correct bus fares were so he asked Dalton to tell him what to charge.

"There is really a sort of conspiracy going on in council, a council which pledged itself to protect the interests of under-privileged children of this town. Who can say that Dalton is an under-privileged child? (laughter).

"They are plugging for Dalton, all right. They get his figures and say

they are right and I know they are not. Their caution reminds me of the travelling parson who stole the bottle from the baby then got down on his knees and thanked the Lord for giving him the strength to do it. The 1947 council did the right thing and there was no reason to change it.

He said that the Dalton company had itself set the rate of four tickets for a quarter between South Porcupine and Dome and Dome-Ex and that this distance was greater than that between Timmins and Schumacher.

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