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MAY HAVE NEW HEAD CHIEF ELMER RETAINED FOR THE PRESENT.

An Outsider May Be Made Chief With Elmer, As His Assistant—A Complete Reorganization Promised.

"That for the purpose of reorganization, the resignation of the chief of the fire department be requested." The above clause was included in the recommendations of the fire and light committee to the city council, last night, and when it was read, Ald. Hoag presented a petition, signed by one hundred and fifty or more business men and citizens, asking council "to favorably consider the retaining of Chief Elmer's services for another year, so that he will have an opportunity of indicating what he can do under the proposed new conditions."

The petition further stated that during Chief Elmer's term of office, no complaints had been made as to his qualifications, and it would only be justice to him that his term be extended.

In addition to this petition, there was a letter received from Father C. J. Mea, expressing the confidence of the archbishop and all the priests of St. Mary's cathedral, in the ability of Chief Elmer. The writer stated that they considered him a competent head of the department, and would regret very much to hear of his retirement.

Ald. Hoag was the first to open up the discussion on the matter. He wanted to know what was the next step of the committee, providing the resignation of the chief was received.

Ald. Rigney remarked that this was but the first step of the fire and light committee, in the way of the reorganizing of the department.

Ald. Hoag's Views. Ald. Hoag said that he considered the action of the light committee rather peculiar, in first chopping off the head of the chief. In the reorganization, there was a proper way to go about it, and it appeared to him as if that way would have been to call in some of the firemen who were in charge of the stations. There had been several meetings, to inquire into recent fires, but on these occasions, the committee had taken the evidence of the man on the street. It was a very easy matter for a man on the street to say how a fire should be fought.

It appeared to the speaker that the best plan would be to have the members of the department give their opinion regarding the deficiency of the department. He understood that in regard to the city hall fire and that at the Wornwith company's factory, the "Underwriters" association had no complaint to make about the way the fire was fought. It was true that the city had suffered by the fires, but other cities had suffered too.

Ald. Hoag paid a warm tribute to Chief Elmer, stating that he had devoted the best part of his life to the city, and he considered that it would be a great hardship to turn him down at this stage of his life. He would ask that the clause be referred back to the committee.

Ald. Hoag and Clugston then moved that the clause be referred back for further consideration, whereupon Ald. Graham arose, and aired his views on the matter.

Ald. Graham Speaks. Ald. Graham said that he was in favor of referring the clause back to the committee. Chief Elmer, he said, had done his duty as a firefighter for the city of Kingston. There had been considerable discussion about the last two fires, particularly upon the way it was fought. He considered that the fighting done at the city hall fire was done from the most dangerous point a man could attack a fire, and he understood that the report from the underscriveners showed that the chief had fought the fire from the best quarter.

And in face of all this, why should the chairman ask for his resignation? If there should be any resignations asked for, it should be from the men, and not the chief. "I believe that the chief should be the last man to be asked for his resignation, unless, of course, that he has been found guilty of neglect of duty," he added.

Continuing, Ald. Graham stated that he had been told that at the Wornwith fire, the chief had placed a ladder on the Princess street side of the building. He understood further, that while the chief was away, the assistant chief took hold of this ladder and changed it to the Ontario street side of the building, thereby causing the fire to spread to Craig's wholesale. All this, of course, was only what he had heard, but if it was true, which one of these two officials had shown up to be the best head?

"I claim that the chief should have full control of his men," said Ald. Graham. "He should be so placed in charge, that he could discharge any of the men at a moment's notice. And the men should not be allowed to give the chief any 'lip' either. I understand, too, that that sort of thing is done. All these things should be brought out before they ask Chief Elmer or any of the members of the department for their resignation. If these things are true, how do you expect Chief Elmer or any other person to run the department? We have got to have discipline. If a man does not do as he is told, he should be discharged at the moment. That is my principle in business." Ald. Graham said he would be pleased to support Ald. Hoag's motion, to send the clause back to the committee.

Ald. Elliott's Stand. Ald. Elliott said that he sympathized with the chairman of the fire and light committee.

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THE BUDGET PASSED AND WATER CONSUMERS BLED FOR \$10,000.

Ald. Toys Made a Protest Against "The Midnight Raid Behind Closed Doors"—The Aldermen Ready For The Deed.

At the meeting of the city council, held last night, the tax rate for the city of Kingston, for the year 1909, was fixed at 20 1/2 mills on the dollar, the budget, as prepared by the committee on finance and accounts, passing with very little discussion.

There was but one clause of the report which met with objection, and this was in reference to the recommendation that the expenditure in connection with the recent epidemic in the city, be met by applying the \$10,000 of the surplus at the credit of the water works department, in payment of the same. Ald. Toys objected very strongly to this recommendation.

Ald. Toys referred to the deal as a "midnight raid, made behind closed doors." As he had been acting chairman of the water works committee, but a short time, he had not sufficient time to look over everything, but had gathered some facts. The water works department had a surplus on hand of \$23,000 and it was proposed to take \$10,000 from this amount. It was desired to take this money, rather than to raise the taxes.

In going over the reports he found that the committee required all the money available, and from time to time had intended using it for various means. He first referred to the doing away of the "dead ends," which were allowed to stand, and at a detriment to the city. In order to have the fire department, otherwise heavier, insurance would be charged. To carry out this \$25,000 would be required, making in all \$37,000 for necessary work, that is if it were desired to have the fire pressure up-to-date.

"It is absolutely cruel to take \$10,000 out of this department," added Ald. Toys, "in order to prevent people being taxed, and at a time when there is work that must be done in this department. It would be just as well to raise the taxes, as go to the people for money."

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Ald. Rigney wanted \$1,200 added to the appropriation of the fire and light committee, in order to cover the salary of the new chief.

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Master Wilfrid Morrison Captivated the Great Throng—He Has Wonderful Gifts—The Cantata Well Presented.

Sydenham Street Methodist church was packed to the doors on Monday evening, when an organ and vocal recital, including the cantata "Rebekah" (Bach), was given, well satisfied, indeed, was every person that was lucky enough to secure a seat. The church was filled long before eight o'clock and scores were turned away as they could not be placed. It can be safely said that last evening's recital was one of the finest ever held in the church, and that is setting a high standard indeed. The soloists were Master Wilfrid Morrison, Canada's greatest boy soprano, Harold Angrove, baritone, Mrs. James Small, soprano, and William Eva, tenor. Prof. James Small presided at the organ.

Master Morrison has been heard several times in Kingston, but never to better advantage than on Monday evening. The little chap certainly possesses marvelous voice, of rare qualities. His enunciation is perfect, and his range of voice great. His notes are as perfect and clear as a bell. His first solo "With Verdure Blad" (Hayden), was beautifully rendered. After it he was loudly applauded, and the applause did not sound the least bit of place, for should not those people be applauded who possess fine voices and give them freely in praising the Giver? He responded to an encore. After the cantata he also rendered "Queen of the Earth" and "Beloved It Is Morn."

The cantata was sung by a full choir, nineteen female and eleven male voices taking part. The cantata itself was made up of eight parts as follows:

- 1—Evensong and Chorus, "Lo! Day's Golden Glory." 2—Recitative, "O Lord God." 3—Air, "The Daughters of the City." 4—Chorus and solo for ladies' voices, "Who Shall Be Electest." 5—Recitative, "With Overflowing Heart." 6—Air, "The Soft Southern Breeze." 7—Recitative, "Give Me to Drink." 8—Solo and chorus, "Fear or Doubting."

The solos were taken by Harold Angrove, William Eva, and Mrs. Small. Harold Angrove, son of Alderman Angrove, is a singer who has not been heard much in public, and it can be said that the public have certainly been losers thereby. Mr. Angrove possesses a fine voice, his work being greatly appreciated and as greatly applauded. His first solo was one of the musical treats of the evening.

Mrs. James Small, soprano soloist of the church, is a well-known singer, who during her short sojourn in the city has proved herself a soloist of high standard. Her voice has all the qualities that endear a soprano voice to its hearers. William Eva has a rich tenor voice, that was heard to advantage all through the cantata. His solo work was excellent.

Before and after the cantata, Prof. Small rendered two organ solos that proved him an organist of note. The first "Andante" and "Allegro" contrapunto, from Borowski; and after the cantata he played "Air du Dauphin" (Rocher). Both were greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. To Prof. and Mrs. Small is due the credit for the successful musical evening, and it showed that great pains and time had been given it for some time past.

A large collection was received in aid of the choir fund.

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