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FOUR NEW FIREMEN

ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE KINGSTON BRIGADE

Bringing the Number up to Eighteen—The City Council Adopts the Recommendation of the Fire Committee.

Four more firemen are to be added to the Kingston brigade. It took the City Council about half an hour to come to a decision in favor of the recommendation of the Fire Committee, which got right down to business at its first meeting and handed out something substantial for consideration. When Ald. Sutherland, the chairman of the committee, presented the recommendation last evening it looked at first as if it would be bowled out or referred back, but the chairman held his ground and with Aids. Richardson, Nickle, Harrison and Hughes instilling the fear of fire into the hearts of the city fathers, and emphasizing their duty to the people he carried the proposal of increase by a vote of 12 to 4. The brigade will now number eighteen men and this year will cost \$2,460 more.

Ald. Sutherland read to the council facts and figures supplied by Chief Armstrong, who asked for four more men in view of the large increase in property and the impossibility of handling the present limited number of men to the best advantage.

Ald. Stroud opposed the recommendation because of the increase in cost. He claimed that the city could not afford to spend more money on the fire department just now.

Furthermore he thought the brigade in number compared favorably with other places.

Ald. Clugston opposed the increase for similar reasons.

Ald. Hoag thought it was too early in the year to bring in a recommendation for an increased expenditure of \$2,460. It would be better, he held, to postpone action until the Finance committee had a chance to figure out where it stood.

Ald. Gillespie showed that places about the same size as Kingston had larger fire brigades. Peterboro had nineteen men; Brantford, twenty-one; Fort William, twenty-five; Berlin, fourteen; Owen Sound, twelve; Brockville, seven regular men and fifteen call-men.

Ald. Nickle pointed out that fires at the meal hour cost the city more than others. Something should be done to give the city better fire protection. The chief asked for three more men.

Ald. Nickle held that this request should be granted, for he knew best. Ald. Nickle referred to several fires to show how the brigade was short in numbers. He struck out at those opposing the recommendation. "They would be the first to holler, if their houses go down," he declared.

Ald. Harrison was strong for the increase. The city's growth alone demanded more firefighters.

Ald. Richardson also spoke on behalf of the increase. The fire committee and the chief knew what was needed, and he would follow their advice.

Aids. McCann, Couper, and Kent, admitted the wisdom of having a larger fire brigade, but thought it would be wise if Ald. Sutherland would withdraw this recommendation and bring it in about the time the budget was struck, so that the finance committee could figure out the resources it had.

Ald. Nickle opposed my delay. In one fire might be lost more than the amount of the four extra men's wages.

Ald. Hughes drew a picture of what might occur if the hoseless mill and the cotton mill, were alive at the same time. For lack of four men, one of the mills might be so damaged that the employees would be out of work for a month or more. The burden would rest upon those who refused the chief's petition for more firemen.

Ald. Sutherland wound up the discussion by calling for the yeas and nays. The vote stood—

Yeas—Mayor Shaw, and Aids. Beva, Couper, Gillespie, Harrison, Hughes, Hoag, Litton, Newman, Nickle, Peters, Richardson, Sutherland, 13.

Nays—Aids. Clugston, Kent, McCann Stroud, 4.

EPISTLE OF "TOM" McAULEY

To the City Council—Prayer Beads For Aldermen.

The following letter from the veteran bookseller, "Tom" McAuley, was read at the city council meeting on Monday evening and provoked much amusement:

"To the mayor and aldermen of the city of Kingston—Gentlemen:

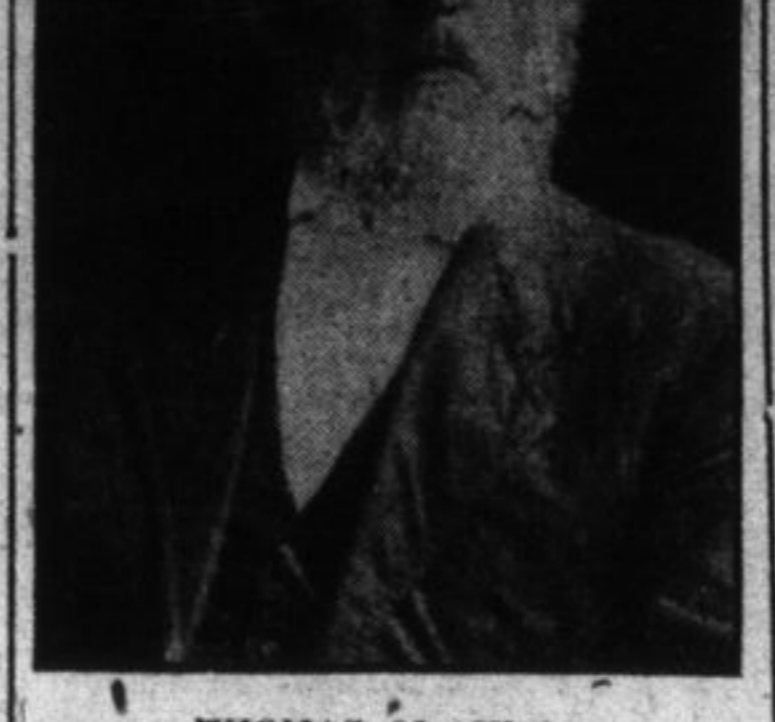
"I am glad to notice that you feel that the proceedings of the council should be opened with prayer. Such a step ought to do the people in general and the council in particular a great deal of good. I think that I deserve credit for first introducing the matter of religion into the deliberations of the council of the city of Kingston, by presenting, a few years ago, a large copy of the Ten Commandments to your predecessors. They not so sure that they have been faithfully obeyed at all times; in fact I know some of them have been broken by the council, and yet I don't regret the presentation. I did my part and if I don't see you in heaven, why it won't be my fault.

"I am sending each member of the council an easy means of continual prayer, and I hope you will accept the present in the spirit in which I send it. If I sent you a book some of you might have trouble in reading it—that is, it would give you much trouble to read it in the midst of your squabbles. This will be found easy to handle, for with it you can pray with one hand in your pocket and pound the desk with the other. If you pound each other after this, it won't be my fault.

"I tried to get in the council once, but failed, and the next best thing for me, was to look after the spiritual welfare of the fellow who knew the game of getting in better than I did. "Trusting that you will appreciate my missionary efforts and commend my missionary zeal, believe me, groaning under the taxes you fellows fix, always your friend and brother, T. McAULEY."

The gift to which reference was made consisted of prayer beads, each member of council being the recipient of a string.

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