

THOROLD IS ALL TORN UP.

"Evening News"

The Trouble Over the Salary of Clerk
Toronto W. T. Fish.

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The Mayor Resigns—Hissing and Jeering.

Special to the News.

Thorold, May 26.—Never before in the history of Thorold has this town been in such a fever heat as at present, and all over the question of the salary of Clerk W. T. Fish. At the last meeting of the Council a resolution was presented by Councillor Walton, a Government employe, and Mr. Fraser, a Catholic, calling for the dismissal of the Town Clerk, and this simply because they could not get the salary reduced from \$400 to \$250 per annum, though by the way the sum of \$300 would have proved satisfactory to all concerned.

Before a vote was called for on the motion Mr. Simson, a prominent merchant, presented a petition signed by the leading ratepayers and calling on the Council to retain the clerk in office.

Some Red Hot Language.

A hot discussion followed and the mover and seconder were hissed and jeered at by the spectators. The action of the two was described as "cowardly" and a "stab in the back." The Mayor stated that the seconder was "crazy on the subject and neglecting his business to cut another man's salary down, while Walton would kick like a steer if the handsome salary paid him by the Government for his work on the canal was cut 10 or 15 per cent."

Hot words followed, and it resulted in the Mayor being voted out of the chair and the resolution carried. The Mayor then addressed the audience and ended by handing in his resignation to the councillor in the chair. He was followed in this action by Councillors Ryce and Wilson, but none were accepted, though they will be insisted upon.

To Submit it to the People.

A ratepayers' meeting has been called to call on the other Councillors to resign and submit the matter to the people by a fresh election, but it is not likely that Walton and Fraser will resign.

The latter two are acting under the advice of Town Solicitor Fasey, who recently stated that he was willing to accept the position at \$250.

In the meantime the Clerk has been called upon to deliver up his books and papers, but he declines to do so on the ground that he was appointed by by-law and cannot be dismissed on a majority resolution.