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TIE VOTE AFTER BATTLE LEAVES McCALLUM OUT

Warm Words Mark Meeting of Committee As Suspension Is Discussed.

MAYOR LEAVES HALL

Decide That Councillors Should Fight Increase In Fire Insurance Rates.

Last year's investigation of the fire department was tame in comparison with yesterday's special session of the finance committee of the city council when a majority of the members refused absolutely to reinstate Relief Inspector J. W. McCallum, suspended at the first of this week by Mayor Wenige.

The mayor's abrupt departure in the midst of the proceedings, as a protest to Aid, Douglass' ruling that the question should be discussed then and not a week hence, plunged the gathering into uncertainty and general uproar. Chairman Douglass and his supporters, Aid, Drake and Aid, Walsh, engaged in a heated discussion of the matter, but the mayor's departure put an end to the proceedings.

The inspector remains suspended pending the regular session of the committee Wednesday next when Mayor Wenige, in accordance with the provisions of the municipal procedure bylaw, will find it his duty to present his charges and make his report.

Best Fireworks Display.
Yesterday's session provided the best display of fireworks without exception since Mayor Wenige ascended the mayor's chair. Both Aid, Drake and the chairman, Aid, Douglass, were in excellent fighting trim, but they were unable to carry the day.

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W. G. RAYMOND, M.P.

Liberal member for Brantford, may move an amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne, declaring that the present duty on agricultural implements is as low as is necessary.

On two votes after the mayor's departure, moved by Aid, Drake, the result was 3-3, the motion being defeated as the result.

Three members, Aldermen John Anderson, Edwin Smith and Frank McKay, took the stand that they could not reinstate the inspector without first considering the charges and none had been laid. Chairman Douglass scored the mayor, in scathing terms, because he left the meeting, and also because he did not state his charges at the last session of the council.

Both Aid, Douglass and Aid, Drake insisted that the department should be kept in operation until an investigation should be held, and that the inspector be asked to officiate as before, although he would remain officially suspended. Aid, Smith would not support this, and made it quite clear that he would vote to keep the inspector in the city's service when the opportunity time presented itself.

Aldermen Clash.

Ald. Frank McKay clashed with Aid, Drake when the latter charged broadcast that some people were trying to get a job for Rev. T. D. McCullough, secretary of the Social Service Council. Aid, McKay demanded the names of the "three or four" referred to by Aid, Drake.

Later in the proceedings the chairman threatened to eject Aid, Drake, who blandly and confidently announced that he could not be put out. When better feelings were subsequently restored, Aid, Drake volunteered to go if the chairman thought fit, but the chairman was also ready to "kiss and make up."

Ald. Anderson voiced the emphatic comment at one juncture that it "was most unfortunate and disastrous" that an employee of the city for 25 years should be meeting such a finish—suspension—and the committee unable to deal fairly with the charges for another week because there were no charges available.

Aid, Douglass, as chairman, was finally authorized to make provision for the operation and supervision of the department until Wednesday next. Aid, Anderson thought that this was "up to the mayor," while Aid, Douglass related that he had also been "doling out relief."

Introduce Question.

The question was formally introduced by Aid, Douglass, who asked the committee not to arrive at any snap decision. The question was too serious. And it might lead to further complications, he warned. He made it quite clear that he was going to give an impartial opinion and "new close to the line" while the "chips might fall where they may."

When the chairman moved an immediate consideration, Mayor Wenige promptly moved an adjournment. "You just told us not to make any snap decision and now you want us to consider this tonight," he challenged Aid, Douglass.

"I don't think that the city is going to suffer for a day or two," the mayor continued. "I'm in touch with the situation and the various relief organizations will co-operate as they have been doing all winter."

"I move that Inspector McCallum be placed back," Aid, Drake asserted. "You're all out of order," admonished Mayor Wenige.

Chairman Douglass reported that he had consulted with the city solicitor, who had stated that the mayor should make a report at the next regular meeting if the inspector had not been reinstated in the meanwhile. He could not say as to who should have the right to reinstate him, however, and the mayor questioned the value of his report after reinstatement of such a nature.

Mayor Leaves.

"I'm going to asked to be excused," the mayor announced suddenly, as the debate waxed warmer. "I haven't time to monkey this way all night."

"There is still a quorum of the committee after you are gone," warned Aid, Douglass.

"I have no time to argue," the mayor retorted.

"You're taking the wrong attitude," the chairman flung at the mayor as he departed.

The battle continued without the mayor, Aid, Douglass quelling the hubbub with the final pronouncement that they were in order to consider the question, but the members had no charges to consider.

"I don't know what we are dealing with," insisted Aid, Anderson. "It is my opinion that we are justified in placing him back," argued Aid, Douglass.

"But we don't know why the suspension was ordered," objected Aid, McKay.

"It would only be a temporary reinstatement," explained Aid, Douglass.

"Why override the mayor's judgment?" questioned Aid, Anderson.

"The mayor should be here to make his charges," Aid, Drake reasoned. "He should not have run away."

Want the Charges.

"The mayor has seen fit to suspend him," Aid, Anderson asserted. "We should hear the charges first."

"McCallum has been years before the mayor," Aid, Drake shot back.

"Well, it would be unfair to either party to reinstate him without the facts," persisted Aid, Anderson.

"I know the facts," submitted Aid, Drake. "I have been here ten years."

"We are not going over the mayor's head," Aid, Douglass objected. "He should have enunciated his charges, either here tonight or at Monday's session of the council."

"What the mayor should have done and did do are two different things," rejoined Aid, Anderson. "It is what we should do now."

"While I favor retaining McCallum I can't see this procedure," Aid, Smith interjected.

"We're trying to show you new members the way to do it," Aid, Drake stated, but Aid, Smith and Aid, Anderson would not be swayed in their action.

"The mayor left no person in charge," Aid, Douglass complained.

Maybe McCullough.

"We could have T. D. McCullough in his place," suggested Aid, Drake in obvious jest.

"Are you moving that?" Inquired Aid, McKay.

"Not by a darn sight," replied Aid, Drake hotly.

Aid, McKay then charged that Aid, Drake had inferred that three or four members of the committee were trying to get a job for T. D. McCullough.

"I didn't," objected Aid, Drake.

"You did," continued Aid, McKay.

"Name them."

"Well, I could then, darn quick."

"Well, step out and name them."

urged Aid, McKay.

As the chairman strove desperately for order, Aid, Drake vouchsafed the challenge that Aid, Smith had been the only member of the committee with sufficient courage to tell the social service council that they were seeking to oust McCallum to make room for McCullough.

"As a matter of fact, we should not have been at that meeting at all," Aid, McKay contended.

As the uproar continued with no immediate sign of cessation, the chairman threatened to order Aid, Drake to retire, much to the amusement of the committee. After order was again restored, the Drake motion was put and lost.

Fail To Break Tie.

The session was prolonged. Two votes were taken with the same result. When the chairman finally ordered an adjournment, after sensing the hopelessness of further overtures, he again warned the members of the seriousness of the situation, and incidentally chided them with the remark that "Magna Charta provided that every person was innocent until

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The choice is difficult when he is so dashing and she so demure! It reminded me of the distracted poet who plaintively confides:

"I could be happy with either,
Were other dear charmer away."

Judith

Horse Bites Off Nose of Farmer

Doctors Entertain No Hope of Grating on Another.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Saskatoon, March 6. — A vicious horse snapped at Gus Newman, a farmer at Amaranth, Manitoba, and bit his nose completely off, according to word received here. Newman has left for a Winnipeg hospital in the hope of getting a new nose grafted on his face, but he was given little encouragement by doctors. They said it would freeze in the winter.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE PROBLEM IS UNDECIDED

London, March 5.—Charles Ammon, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, stated that no decision had yet been made with regard to the proposed naval base at Singapore, but the matter would be considered by the government.



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