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### ACTION OF ENGINEER IS UPHELD BY CITY COUNCIL AT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

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it was not fair to go out into the highways and byways to give better jobs when there were men already in the city's employ capable of filling those positions. To do so, would be nothing less than partizanship. Committees would thus be given license and city officials would be given no chance. "I am still of the opinion that the city engineer is trying to do the best he can for the city, that he is conscientious and that his system of employment is sound."

#### Getting Results

Ald. Stephens said that only last week he had caused to examine the public works payroll. Out of 133 men employed, he had found only 18 were single.

"And only through our persistent fighting is that showing possible," said the mayor.

"And I should say that you are getting results," answered Ald. Stephens.

"Partly, only partly," replied His Worship. "I have no hesitation in saying that I am growing sick and tired of continued pleadings with the city engineer and I want to know if the council has anything to say in the matter in question. I am not going to sit quietly by and let the city engineer come along and nullify our efforts. If the Board of Works cannot get co-operation from the city engineer and if anybody moves a motion that he be discharged, I am going to vote for it."

Ald. Stephens again asked the mayor if he thought it was fair to put men outside the present force into the jobs of bosses when there were already men working for the city capable of filling such jobs.

#### Not Getting Justice

The city engineer again spoke. He said that there had always been a scarcity of men for city work up to the end of the fishing season last fall. This question had come up since last September. "Mr. Mayor, I do not think you are giving me justice when you state that I did not endeavor to co-operate. I challenge anybody to say that I did not give a chance to everybody who came to me. I think you do me an injustice."

"Why did you not try to meet the recommendation of the Board of Works?" asked the mayor.

"First I want my men tried and if they are competent I surely will be willing to give them a job," replied the engineer.

Contrary to the statement made by the engineer, the mayor said that the question had been a hot bed of trouble all last summer.

The engineer said that if any men had been turned down, there must have been good reasons. He still stuck to the opinion that there were not a lot of men involved in the complaints of which he had heard so little.

#### Supports Engineer

Ald. McKechnie thought it was too bad that this matter had been brought up in the city

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council. Perhaps, there was a lot to be said on both sides. Perhaps the city engineer had not employed some married men but he must be given leeway. If he was not confident of the men under him then the work could not get on. "I would not run any job myself if I did not control the men who were under me," declared Ald. McKechnie.

Ald. Brown thought that local men should be given the preference but he was also of the opinion that the city engineer should have power to hire and fire his men as he saw fit. It was not fair to ask the city engineer to fire a man in whom he had confidence. He thought the principle of bringing the men up from the ranks was a sound one. The trouble had arisen, perhaps, because the men had approached the mayor, aldermen or foreman when they should have gone to the city engineer.

#### Attack Fails

Expressing the belief that he knew more about the city public works through his experience of many years than the two previous speakers, Ald. Casey moved that the city engineer be given thirty days notice and that the council advertise for a successor. This was seconded by Ald. Larsen. This was in amendment to the original motion that the city engineer's letter be referred to the Board of Works. This amendment was lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it.

"Now it would seem to me," said Ald. Casey, "that the next thing to do would be to make a motion repudiating the action of the Board of Works for interfering. The board as it now stands is incapable of altering the situation. You had better make provision for a new board of works. Personally, I do not feel like wasting my time with it any further for I can do nothing and everything I suggest is deemed to be wrong."

The mayor felt that the situation being such as it was, there was nothing else to do but pitch the whole thing into the hands of the city engineer and admit that the council could do nothing.

#### Cannot See Point

Neither Ald. McKechnie or Ald. Brown could see the mayor's point. Because the council had

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