

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

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to give these men the preference, provided they have the necessary qualifications.

Not Personal Matter

Gentlemen, I wish to emphasize that this question of hiring men is not a personal matter with me. The City's interests and welfare as a whole have at all times been my only objectives, but I feel that due to this prolonged agitation some final decision must be reached by this council as to what policy they intend to pursue.

I believe I enjoy the respect and confidence of the majority of the members of this council and plead for the continued cooperation in the interest of efficiency generally.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. PEARSON,
City Engineer.

After the letter had been read, Ald. McMordeie and Ald. McKeechie moved that it be referred to the Board of Works for report.

Ald. Casey took exception to this course being followed. Inasmuch as the matter had arisen through instructions that had been issued by the Board of Works, he was of the opinion that no progress could be made by referring it back to the board. Either the Board of Works or the city engineer were out of order and it was up, he felt, to the council to stand by the Board of Works or do otherwise as it deemed advisable.

Continuous Agitation

The matter had developed, Ald. Casey continued, through continuous agitation on the part of the Board of Works during the past two years that preference be given in employment to resident workmen all things being equal. The city engineer had taken continuous issue with the Board of Works, giving as his reasons that resident men were not qualified. As a matter of fact, positions had been given to non-residents without taking the Board of Works into consideration and the city engineer had absolutely refused to comply with the wishes of the board along these lines. If it was the opinion of the majority of the members of the

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT.

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MRS. M. L. GUNN,
owner, Applicant.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Purchase Land
In Skeena Land District, of Prince Rupert Recording District, and situated approximately one and one half miles West of Salvas Station, on Salvas Island, Skeena River.

Take Notice that Rudolf Larsson, of 4443 Carleton St., Burnaby, occupation Logger, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 4803, Salvas Island; thence southwesterly approximately 800 yards; thence northerly approximately 800 yards; thence northwesterly approximately 800 yards; thence southerly 800 yards, to point of beginning comprising all that portion of Salvas Island west of Lot 4803 and containing 300 acres, more or less.

THOMAS MILLS
Agent for
RUDOLF LARSSON

LAND ACT.

In Skeena Land District of Prince Rupert Recording District, of George Little, of Terrace, B.C., occupation lumberman, and C. L. M. Giggey, of Terrace, B.C., occupation lumberman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, for industrial site:

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council that the Board of Works was out of order then the board should be instructed to let up. On the other hand, if the position of the Board of Works was deemed proper then it should be endorsed and the city engineer instructed to proceed along those lines. It was now up to the council to decide definitely.

Ald. McMordeie took the stand that, when the Board of Works issued an order that a certain man should be discharged from his position, it should at least report the matter fully to the council giving its reasons for such an instruction being issued.

Ald. Stephens

Ald. Stephens looked upon the matter as a serious one but, since it had emanated from the Board of Works, he could not see that it would serve any purpose to send it back to them. Members of the Board of Works were present. So was the city engineer. He thought the whole question might be fully and freely discussed at this time and a settlement reached. He looked on the order as one affecting the efficiency of the city engineer's department as it deprived the engineer of making the choice of men, for whose work he was held responsible by city council. He believed that the city engineer should have the privilege of selecting his own men and that the Board of Works, in issuing such an order, had at least been indiscreet. Personally, he had always found the engineer courteous and he believed that he was an efficient official. He did not believe that it was fair to the council that any committee should endeavor to bind the council on a matter of this kind without first having obtained the approval of the council.

Ald. Larsen said that, as a member of the Board of Works, he had found himself continually bombarded by citizens—property owners—about the matter of city employment. He had found that floaters were being given preference to local men in spite of suggestions that had been made by the mayor and aldermen to the city engineer. Friendly suggestions not having been listened to, the Board of Works had issued its order of last Thursday night. The city engineer was not in harmony with the Board of Works or the city council. It was important, he felt, that there should be peace and harmony.

Engineer Speaks

The engineer was then heard. With reference to James Cochrane, this man had started working for the city a year ago at 50c an hour. In the fall he had been made a strawboss at 57 1/2c. He was a capable man with experience and he did not see why he should be turned out. Mr. Pearson said that his entire endeavor had been to obtain results for the city. He did not know Phil Macdonald but stood prepared to give him his chance though he had never yet asked him for a job. The engineer felt that, since he was to be held responsible, he would like to have the privilege of picking his own men, giving preference, as he had always done, to city men. All straw bosses, he asserted, had been worked up in the service.

Mayor's Position

The mayor then proceeded to give a lengthy account of the situation. "The city engineer tells you," His Worship said, "that he has tried to carry out the policy of giving preference to the home residents. I will say that failed that he has not done so and that is the reason that this climax has now been reached. Now he comes along and writes this city because he is not allowed to do as he hanged well pleases, letting home resi-

dents walk the streets while outsiders get the work. If the council wants such a state of affairs to continue I have nothing more to say but I have no hesitation in saying that it is high time we knew where we are at and whether or not we are to stand behind the Board of Works and the resident working men. It seems to me a nice state of affairs when we have to admit that we are powerless and that our local working men are to be judged incapable because a foreman sizes them up in his mind without even giving them a try-out."

Would Foist No One

The mayor continued to state that he had never tried to foist anyone on the city engineer and had never used undue influence. Perhaps, in his endeavor to work harmoniously with the city engineer, he had been too lenient along these lines. He objected to being told however, that the council had no rights in the matter and felt that it was high time that a halt was called. "For my own part I do not intend to give away to a situation where the city engineer is superior to us in the matter and I ask the council not to upset the work that was done by the Board of Works last Thursday night."

Alderman McMordeie

Ald. McMordeie wished to make it plain to all that he had always stood by the principle of giving a preference in employment to local citizens. Last year he did not know of a single case where a man had been put up by the Board of Works that the man had not been taken on by the city engineer. As far as James Cochrane was concerned, the Board of Works should give their reasons in calling for his dismissal. If not, he felt that he should be retained. If two jobs for strawbosses were open, he thought the city engineer might listen to the recommendations of the Board of Works.

Ald. Larsen pointed out that at least one member of the Board of Works had declared that Cochrane was an inefficient strawboss.

Alderman Casey

The situation was a knotty one, Ald. Casey said. The engineer had stated his position and the Board of Works had shown its position to be contrary. Either the Board of Works was incompetent or the city engineer was always at danger's point with the board. It was up to the council to put in a board of works congenial to the city engineer or get another city engineer. He (Ald. Casey), the mayor and Ald. Larsen had been given to understand by the city engineer that they were incompetent to make suggestions. "As long as I am elected, I will discharge my duties as I see fit and I will back up for no city engineer though I will be ready

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to admit my mistake if it is shown that I am wrong. I will never, however, submit to eating what I believe is a worthy ambition in order to satisfy the city engineer. I am ready to move that thirty days notice be given the city engineer to find a new home and that we get a new engineer who will be ready to work in harmony with the council. I am prepared first, however, to give the city engineer the chance to retract this letter."

Ald. Stephens felt that any official should be given the chance to defend such charges as had been made against the city engineer. Mayor Newton agreed that such a chance should be given.

Away off Track

"I am unalterably opposed to the principle of tying the hands of our city officials," declared Ald. Stephens, "and I think we are getting a long way from the beaten track when the Board of Works resolves itself into an employment agency."

Ald. Stephens further stated that only two months ago Mayor Newton had agreed that Mr. Pearson was the best city engineer the city had had in years.

"Only as far as his own work was concerned," interjected His Worship.

Ald. Stephens then proceeded to interrogate the city engineer.

"Have Sherman or McDonald ever been on your payroll?" asked Ald. Stephens.

"No," replied the engineer.

"Have they ever applied for work?"

"No, though Mr. Sherman spoke about it once and when I offered him a job at 50c an hour he refused to accept it."

"Have you other men on the present staff capable of being advanced?"

"Yes," Ald. Stephens maintained that (continued on page six)

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