

# Mayor's Interview Discussed

The discussion regarding the position which our citizens of German extraction are taking with regard to the great war has reached the Town Council. At the regular meeting held on Monday evening the matter was brought up by Councillor Woermke, who asked a question regarding the interview with the Mayor published in the Ottawa Journal, and some plain talk resulted.

All the members were present at the meeting, which was a short one compared with many others held during the year, the business being concluded before ten o'clock.

The correspondence included a request from Principal Flach for the use of the town hall by the boys of the High School for a dance following the annual Commencement Exercises on Dec. 17th, the surplus to go to the Red Cross fund; a letter from Mrs Garvey, requesting remission of taxes; a letter from Mrs Sutherland, who is starting a fancy store in the Grand Opera House, asking suspension of provisions of transient traders' by-law; notice from Mr F. Watt that town officials must vacate offices in Chapman block, as he was giving up the building; letter from Major-General Sir Sam Hughes re grants for machine guns; from Mr E. J. Chamberlin, President of Grand Trunk Ry. Co., and Mr J. W. Smith, town, thanking Council for resolution of appreciation of their efforts in connection with new G. T. & R. station here; W. A. Roland stating that because he could not secure vaudeville bookings of the kind that he wished to offer the Pembroke public he had decided to cut out vaudeville, and asking that \$50 paid for vaudeville license be credited to him on his moving picture license fees; Secretary of Fire Department, asking for honorarium of \$25; Fire Chief Taylor, report for November, showing losses of over \$1,700 and insurance of about \$900.

The report of the last test of water samples was read by the Clerk, showing contamination to a greater or less degree in all of them, and no improvement in the condition of the water.

Mr Beatty gave notice of the introduction of a by-law to impose and levy rates for the current year, and then read the report of the Finance Committee, which recommended a large number of payments. The report was adopted on his motion, seconded by Mr Harwood.

Mr Jones read the report of the Property, Fire and Light Committee, which recommended the placing of an arc light at the corner of Commercial and Irving streets, in accordance with petitions received; and also that a permanent fireman be appointed to take charge of the fire team and the new chemical wagon, the duties of the town hall caretaker and the night constable to be so arranged that two men will be on duty at the town hall at all hours of the day and night; these changes to be considered and recommended by a special committee.

Mr Moffat thought the duties of the caretaker were clearly defined and that he could not be taken away from the hall, where he thought he was needed.

Mr Jones explained that with a team of horses being used for fire purposes with the disabilities under which we are working the permanent firemen was a necessity. The caretaker had all along been going to fires and if he was to be relieved of this duty it would be necessary to appoint two. The caretaker in the summer time had little to do, though perhaps more in winter, but if he was relieved of fire duty his place would be a sinecure. It was important that the chemical wagon should get to fires as quickly as possible if we are to get the maximum results from it and to handle it at least two men are required. They could operate the chemical while the other firemen are laying hose for water. Mr Jones related some of the handicaps under which the firemen are working, and claimed that the time had arrived when an up-to-date fire hall is a necessity. In the meantime, in view of the large number of fires occurring, it was important that we should take all precautions possible and the extra man would enable us to get the best re-