

## SUPER SERVICE

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### Objection

Alderman Crowdsdon objected, stating that the matter had not been referred to the town planning commission.

George Thompson, representing Super Service Stations, Ltd., stated that Alderman Crowdsdon was looking at the application instinctively. He stated that the plan was not altered to any extent and the new application, although worded differently, embodied the intentions of the company when the land was first purchased.

Ald. McCaughy suggested that the town planning law was not yet passed.

Ald. Crowdsdon pointed out, however, that the Town Planning Act had been accepted by the City Council and under the Act all applications for building permits must go to the town planning commission before going to the city council.

Mayor Forbes read the application to the council. Mr. Thompson asked that the section of the act referring to an application such as his company made, be read.

### W. J. West

W. J. West, legal adviser for the commission, suggested that Mr. Thompson point out the section of the act he referred to for the convenience of the council.

Mr. Thompson asked what section of the act restricted extension and improvement of buildings within the city, without approval of the commission.

Deputy Mayor McCaughy stated that he thought the council was merely holding the service station company up. He stated at the present time they could get the work done cheaply. "It looks as though we are just going to hold them up at the present. If we think we have the right to stop them, and feel it is for the betterment of the city to do so, that's all very well, otherwise we shouldn't stand in their way," he said. "We haven't done much for the other merchants," he stated. "We let the chain stores in all over Queen Street, and they are going full blast if we are not sure we can stop the service station, why not let them go ahead?"

If they were held up, he said, and then later it was found that the building could not be restricted, the council would be forced to make them fix up the property later.

The speaker stated that he would not like to see the commission made a laughing stock in this way.

He said that he had been in favour of the commission, but is beginning to find that this council and the old do not give it very favourable consideration. "I'm not so hot on it now," he stated.

### Produce Records

The records were produced at the request of Mayor Forbes to show when the motion had been passed to the effect that all building permit applications should be passed by the commission before coming before the city council.

It was found that the motion was seconded by Ald. T. Earle Doohan at the October meeting, and was pointed out that Ald. Doohan had been residing out of the city for some time and could not sit as an alderman.

It was further pointed out that a motion had been passed expunging the motions moved or seconded by Ald. Doohan.

Ald. Ray T. Forbes stated that as he remembered, after the motion was passed, the motions in which Ald. Doohan was mover or seconder were put through the council again.

### No Enmity

Mr. West stated that there is no enmity against any individual. He pointed out that the members of the commission were citizens with citizens rights. They did not apply to the council for the job but the council had asked them to act.

He submitted as a private citizen that the zoning by-law should be passed by the council so that the matter could be dealt with.

Also as a private citizen, he declared that if the application is approved there is a danger that at least four more would have to be allowed. As a member of the commission, he stated that he would not refuse other applications if this one is approved.

### People Wanted It

He stated that the people wanted Town Planning and the commission wishes to give what the people want. He declared that the commission did not intend to use the applicant unfairly. He considered that they were unfortunate.

Deputy Mayor McCaughy stated that he does not approve town planning if it dictates to the city council.

"No member of the commission is as small as Ald. McCaughy thinks they are," Ald. Crowdsdon declared.

Mr. West read the act as passed by the legislature of this province in which it states that all building applications must be passed by the commission before they can be passed by the council. The act was accepted by the council, he pointed out.

Mr. Thompson submitted that the charter of the City of Fredericton gave the council the power to consider building permit applications. Earlier in the discussion, Mr. West stated that the act was to be amended in one instance, some contentions having arisen over membership of the appeal board.

His Worship stated that his inter-

est in the case was to see that the matter is handled in the lawful way. Referred to Solicitor

Section 33 of the act dealing with the necessity of submission of building applications to the commission before passed by the council, was ordered referred to the city solicitor.

Ald. Crowdsdon rose to the defence of the commission. He stated that the act had been accepted. The law ordered applications referred to the commission. He pointed out that the act gave the council certain powers as well.

"In view of the fact that the by-law was advertised as required, and no written objections were received in the required time, I move that the zoning by-law be passed," Alderman Crowdsdon stated. The motion was seconded by Ald. Forbes.

Mayor Forbes indicated his favour of the passing of the by-law by stating that the law had been passed by the city solicitor also.

More argument resulted. The Deputy Mayor declared, "we have no power any more—the town planning commission has the whole thing."

### Other Oil Companies

Ald. Crowdsdon again arose. He stated that he knew that three other oil companies would want to build on Queen Street. One company now owns a property on the street, and another has an option. He stated that he was told by a representative of one company that nothing would stop them from building if the other was allowed. Ald. Crowdsdon was also told, he said, that a body had attempted to buy the property for the erection of a community hall. They were refused because the company does not want to get rid of the property.

Ald. Olts suggested that the application be considered before the by-law is passed. He stated that the property is a mess as it is now.

Mr. West suggested that if the city did intend to grant the application the law should not be passed. He declared that it would be utterly unfair to allow one to build and restrict the others.

### Special Meeting

Mayor Forbes stated that the council possibly does not want Town Planning. He added, however, that the council does not have to pass the by-law or accept the recommendations of the body. He suggested that section 33 be referred to the solicitor and then be considered at a committee meeting at seven o'clock this evening.

An application was received from the Canadian National Telegraph Co. for the erection of an electric sign on their business office on Queen St. In the bills for municipal relief, several cases came under fire and investigation was urged. It was suggested that the chairman look into some of the cases with the poor commissioner.

### Ask Showdown

His Worship stated that the county warden, B. W. Robertson had asked for a showdown on the jail costs. The county feels they have one-tenth the number of prisoners.

Ald. Forbes suggested that the matter of hospital cases be brought up to the county. They do not seem to care about the overcrowding from the county patients," he said, "and jail cost is a small matter alongside hospital costs."

Mayor Forbes said that the county seems to feel that the city owes them "quite a bill" over a period of twenty years.

When it was explained that the county wanted the city to pay it, Deputy Mayor McCaughy declared "We are not going to pay it."

A bill from a restaurant at the lower end of Queen Street for lunches to firemen during a recent fire, was described as ridiculous, in the fact that many of the firemen could have gone home to supper in less time than to the restaurant, due to the distance of the restaurant from the fire.

### New Members

It was moved by Ald. Crowdsdon, seconded by Ald. Colwell that George R. Howle, D. Fred Campbell and R. A. McGibbon be appointed members of the town planning commission.

It was moved by Ald. Crowdsdon, seconded by Ald. Forbes that the chair appoint two members to the Children's Aid Society. Aldermen McMillan and Good were appointed.

The industrial committee was appointed in the same manner. Aldermen Forbes, Crowdsdon and Colwell were appointed.

His Worship suggested that two lights be placed one on each side of the old burying ground where the path goes through.

"I am afraid something is going to happen there," he stated.

Ald. Crowdsdon moved that the bill for the Farmers and Dairywomen's Association be paid. Ald. McCaughy seconded the motion.

Mayor Forbes brought up the matter of ice holes not being fenced. The matter was ordered referred to the Chief of Police.

### Pass Grant

The Children's Aid Society asked for a grant of \$2,700 for the year 1938. The motion that this be paid was moved by Ald. Crowdsdon and seconded by Ald. Mundle.

The Board of Trade asked the Council for a grant of \$1,500, an increase of \$300 over last year. Some discussion resulted on this matter.

The matter was held over until later. (Continued on Page Seven)

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## THE CANADIAN WOODS IN FEBRUARY SHOW SPRING'S APPROACH

### The Plant Lover Pursues His Study of the Spruce Tree In This Month

To some people February is just another weary winter month, since "what cannot be cured must be endured." Many will associate it with the age-old festival of Candlemas. To others it is the month of hope because each day is getting visibly longer and brings with it those superb sunrises and sunsets—one of the signs that spring is on its way. The groundhog wakes, stretches, probably yawns and has a good scratch! then peeps at the world. Another harbinger of spring.

In the middle of the month comes the festival of St. Valentine, which has, for ages, been associated with the mating of young things.

The plant kingdom too is aware of the approach of spring. The tree sap is again performing the miracle of rising against the force of gravity. The flirtatious willows are flaunting their finery of green, yellow and red in anticipation of their mating in a few week's time, when the catkins or pussy willows will proclaim themselves as man and maid.

In the woods the silence is absolute; perhaps the calm before the storm of March winds. Not a whisper moves from the trees. Each evergreen leaf is shining with a tender mystical radiance, and the black boughs are pierced with beams of solar glory—perhaps the spotlights of Nature's stage set for the gambols of frolicsome sylphs and oreads.

In this majesty of solitude, that seems to make life so gentle and sane, when the air is cleaner and incredibly sweeter than any that has ever been breathed, the plant lover will pursue his study of the spruces, often the subjects of Christmas adornment and adoration, but alas! so

soon desecrated and flung into the yard to languish, naked and woe-begone.

The distinguishing mark of spruce trees is the woody projection upon which each leaf is set, hence the twigs are always roughened, while those of the fir, which resembles the spruce, are smooth because the leaf-scars are level with the bark.

Four-angled, sharp-pointed leaves distinguish most spruces; they are arranged spirally around the shoot; not two-ranked as fir leaves are. The spruce cones are always pendent; they mature in one year. Fir cones stand erect.

Spruce timber is in great demand for pulpwood, mostly because of its light colour and freedom from resin. Being tasteless, its wood is used for food containers, and it enters into the construction of many other articles. In Sturtevant's "Notes on Edible Plants" it is said that great quantities of spruce beer are made from the new shoots of the black spruce.

Five native spruces occur in Canada. They are the white, black, red, Engelmann and Sitka or coast spruce. The white and black extend across Canada, the red is eastern, while both Engelmann and Sitka are western.

Two other spruces which are not native, but well-known, are the Norway with its long pendulous lower branches resting on the ground, and its large cones; also the Colorado blue spruce which has prickly blue-green leaves. Both the giant and the dwarf varieties, that are so perfect in colour and symmetry, become thin and ragged at maturity, but in their prime they are, perhaps, the most beautiful of all the spruces.

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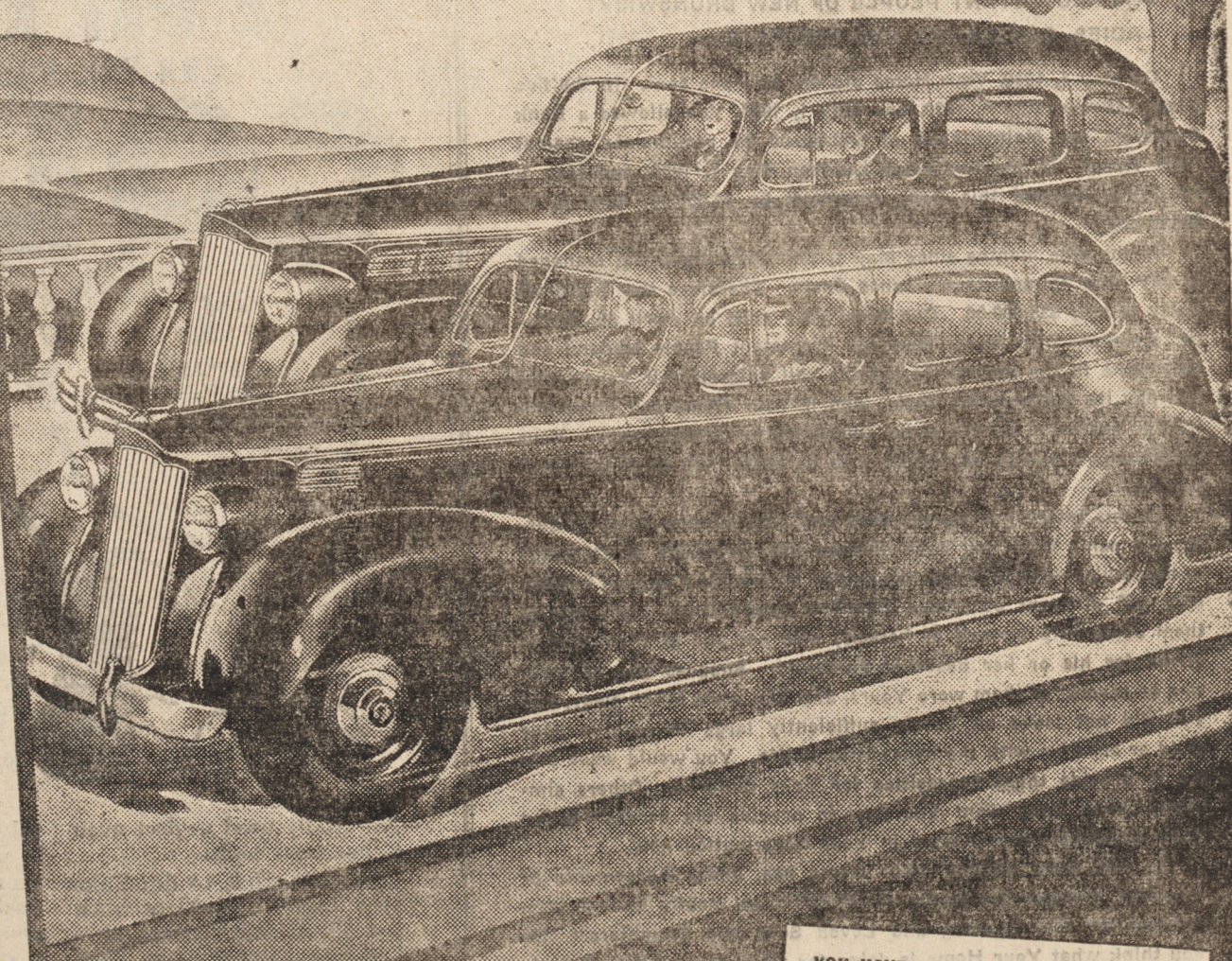
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