

N.K. Petition Asks Rehiring Of Chief Who Had Polio

A group of North Kildonan residents Tuesday night confronted the municipal council with a petition demanding the reinstatement of William Simpson as chief of police. The former chief had to leave his job in October, 1953, when he was struck down by polio.

Mr. Simpson had been appointed chief of police in 1953 when East Kildonan and North Kildonan cancelled an agreement which provided for policing of the two municipalities by one force.

Since October, 1953, two other men have served at the head of the small force and just recently Sgt. George Love was made acting chief of police by the municipal council.

According to Mike Kissick of 228 Sutton place, who is heading the drive to have Mr. Simpson reinstated, the council flatly refused to dis-

cuss the issue at Tuesday night's meeting. He said Mayor Jack Pierce had ruled that Acting Chief Love would remain in that office for six months before a permanent chief is named.

Mr. Kissick said Mr. Simpson had recovered sufficiently to be able to handle his old job. He said Mr. Simpson had filed a formal application for reinstatement with council Jan. 10, but so far the application has not been on the council's agenda.

According to Mr. Kissick, Mr. Simpson has had two part-time jobs in the last few months, proving he is capable of working.

Mr. Kissick said that despite council's decision Tuesday night, he will continue to petition residents of North Kildonan. So far, he said, the petition has been signed by nearly 300 persons.

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