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It now looks very favorable that Marieville will have a new Ladder and Centredale will get a new pumper this year, a bond issue for the above purpose having passed the Senate at this writing.

The question of who will pay for the pump bought by Ex-chief Graham of Lymanville has now been settled, the company who sold it having agreed to take it back, the Lymanville Co. promptly packed and shipped it back.

At the financial Town Meeting the sum of \$8000.00 was appropriated for the support of the fire companies for the year, this is \$2000.00 less than last year but was agreed on by the Engineering Board, who felt that this saving would be possible for upkeep if the Town received two new pieces of apparatus.

Well, Spring is here and as usual all the companies are on the hop answering the numerous alarms for brush fires and responding to requests for the burning of grass.

News has just been received that Warrant Officer Paul Bolduc has been awarded the Bronze Medal for meritorious action in September of last year, the citation said "with disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to insure a steady flow of supplies to combat troops." Paul is with an Headquarters Infantry Division.

Homer (POP) LaFrance was married last week to Miss Mary Louise Armstrong of Plainfield Street, Johnston; after a wedding trip to New York Sgt. LaFrance returned to his duties at Devens.

Cpl. Charles Charboneau flew home from India a few days ago on an emergency furlough. Charley's mother passed away while he was here. We understand after his leave he will be assigned somewhere in the southern U. S.

Legislation is now in the General Assembly revising the forest fire setup, but it looks as if a controversy is developing in regard to who will be in charge at the fires. The Northern Leagues want the chiefs in their districts while a faction in the South Counties think leadership should be invested in the forest fire wardens. The bill is now up for public hearings in Committee.

S/T Gerald Morin is now the proud Papa of a fine son. Congratulations Gerald, we hope you get a chance to see him real soon.

Engine Capt. Bill Clayton passed his induction examination a few days ago, so it looks probable that we will need a new Captain in a few weeks.