

MICHAEL HUGHES, EX-POLICE CHIEF, QUITS THE FORCE

Captain's Resignation Ends 39 Year Service.

Capt. Michael Hughes, former police commissioner and former chief of detectives, has ended a career of 39 years in the police department, it became known yesterday. His resignation was submitted a few days ago to Commissioner James P. Allman and becomes effective tomorrow.

Capt. Hughes is 64 years old, two years above the new age limit for policemen and firemen which becomes effective on Jan. 1 under a law passed at the last general session of the legislature.

He will receive a pension of \$2,000 a year, which is half his annual \$4,000 salary as of 1931, plus the income from certain accumulations which have accrued since he passed his 50th year and his 20th year of service.

Capt. Hughes was born in County Galway, Ireland, and came to Chicago as an immigrant boy of 17. He found work in the stockyards, became a Packingtown policeman, and in 1896 joined the city police department as a probationer.

First Stationed at Stockyards.

His first assignment was at the Stockyards station. Later he did downtown traffic duty, and worked as a sergeant out of the old Harrison street and 22d street stations.

In 1918 Hughes was transferred to the detective bureau as a squad chief. His police work soon won recognition and he became acting lieutenant and later lieutenant. In May of 1920 his squad made an all time record for efficiency.

Chief of Police Charles C. Fitzmorris named Hughes chief of detectives in 1921, and promoted him to the rank of captain. During his régime at the detective bureau Capt. Hughes became known as a skilled thief catcher. He remained there until Nov. 19, 1924, when he was transferred to Irving Park in the shakeup following the gang murder of Dion O'Banion.

Refuses to Accept Demotion.

Capt. Hughes at first refused to accept the demotion and resigned. He was persuaded to reconsider and was given a furlough. Upon returning to duty, Capt. Hughes went first to Irving Park and later to Deering, the station where he has since served when not filling a higher executive position.

On Jan. 1, 1927, he was given a leave of absence to become head of the county highway police department, and on May 1, returned once more to duty in the city, as commissioner of police under a former Republican mayor. Capt. Hughes served as commissioner until Aug. 1, 1928.

Given 31 Citations for Work.

During his 31 years of police experience before he was made commissioner, Capt. Hughes had received 31 creditable mentions, a high record in the department.

Capt. Hughes tried to resign once before, April 4, 1929, in an inter-departmental dispute, but William F. Russell, then commissioner, refused to accept his resignation. Since then he has been in command at Woodlawn and Deering stations.

Capt. Hughes is a widower. He has three daughters. A son, Sergt. Nicholas Hughes, was killed a few years ago. Capt. Hughes lives at 9100 South Longwood drive.

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CAPT. MICHAEL HUGHES.