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**Big Ed Caswell and the Line  
from the Valley to the Northland**

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*Stubborn: Big Ed Caswell and the Line from the Valley to the Northland*, by Dick Bourgeois-Doyle, celebrates the centennial of Cochrane, Ontario, and the determination, grit, and downright stubbornness that saw the northland town through early years marked by four devastating fires and a heart-wrenching typhoid epidemic.

One man in particular, the pioneer fire chief Ed Caswell, personified stubbornness as he and his community battled one disaster after another, recovered, and rebuilt.

Irish immigrants empowered by Celtic stubbornness, Caswell's ancestors were among the earliest settlers in Eastern Ontario. His story, which takes us from "the Valley to the Northland," is encircled by awesome legends from ancient times and the history of Canada. The book, illustrated with treasured photos of Cochrane's difficult early days, also celebrates the dedicated Northland firefighters of today.



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