

# PUBLICATION OF ASSESSMENT LOOMED LARGE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT

### Council at Adjourned Meeting Will Decide Whether to Submit Question—New Fire Alarm System for Firemen—Skating Rinks at the City Schools.

The city council met last evening in regular session and at 9:45 the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, Dec. 30th to wind up business for the year.

The members present were Mayor Wills, Aids Panter, Woodley, Platt, Smith, St. Charles, Duckworth, Walbridge and McFee, the full council except Capt. Aid. Ed. D. O'Flynn of the First Canadian Contingent.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The accounts and recommendations of the standing committees were passed. Among the latter were the following resolutions:

"That it be left with the chairman of the Light Committee to ascertain in what degree the city was responsible for the carrying out of inspection of all the electric wiring as proposed by the Hydro Electric Commission."

"That the Bell Telephone Company be offered \$300 per annum for a three year contract for the installation of a fire alarm system according to plans submitted and if said proposition is accepted by the company that the mayor and clerk be empowered to negotiate a contract."

Aid. St. Charles said the Bell Telephone Company had agreed to this offer.

#### SKATING RINK AT SCHOOLS.

A deputation of the ladies of the West Belleville Institute, composed of Mrs. Edward Post, Mrs. W. A. Woodley and Mrs. Ballis appeared before the council and was heard.

Mrs. Post asked on behalf of the Institute that the council grant light, water and the use of the waterworks hose for a supervised skating rink at Queen Mary School. The Institute will have a caretaker, and after the initial flooding, the school hose will be used. The rink may be run for six weeks. It will be open until 9:30 p.m. at latest and possibly not on Saturday evenings.

Aid. Woodley said a deputation had been before Mayor Wills and himself from Queen Alexandra School. Inst. asking for similar privileges. It had been partially agreed upon to give the water service and the use of public works hose and it would only be fair to do the same for the West Belleville Institute. With consent of the council he (Aid. Woodley) was willing.

Mayor Wills said the request would receive every consideration. The council would have to deal with the request for light.

#### PUBLICATION OF ASSESSMENT

A petition was read from a number of ratepayers asking that the public be given the privilege of answering the question—"Should the assessment rolls be published?"

Aid. Smith moved that the prayer of the petition be granted. He had learned that 3,000 copies would cost \$180. This would be sufficient. Making would cost only \$100. He explained how much of the data of the rolls was necessary for publication.

Aid. Duckworth said there had been much discontent over the assessment. It is very difficult to get information at present. It takes at least three hours to get data as to real estate. He thought the petition should be considered favorably.

Aid. Walbridge contended that this was useless information that could be procured from the rolls by the public. Unnecessary expenditure would be incurred.

Mayor Wills thought the rolls if published would receive about as much attention as the auditors' report. No claim is ever made that assessments can be absolutely impartial. If there is anything the matter in Belleville it is that the assessment is too low. It should be raised if necessary. The assessment has been gradually raised by the present assessor from 4 to 8 millions.

There are properties assessed too low and the owners ask much higher figures. Should the assessments be raised, the greatest howl goes up. The assessor is supposed to be outside the influence of interested parties.

No assessor will ever be found who can suit all people.

So there will be no benefit in the publication. The only redress is to lay the complaint before the representative tribunal, the court of revision.

The number of appeals are ridiculously low. Outside of a few property owners with considerable property, there would only be half a dozen appeals.

The mayor did not think the publication of the rolls as necessary.

Of course the petition is signed by a large number of property owners. He believed the people had a right to express their views. But this question does not seem all necessary. The matter should have been brought in before and the assessor should be consulted. It is late in the year now.

Aid. St. Charles said he would support the petition if the signatories were enough of them property owners. Some he did not think owned property. He moved in amendment that the petition be referred to the assessor and clerk to see to report on.

Aid. Panter thought Aid. Smith's view of the amount of data to be published would not suffice. He favored Aid. St. Charles' amendment.

Aid. Smith said progressive cities were publishing their assessments. Waterloo's assessment cost only \$80. Guelph carried a similar petition by a large majority. 4,400 copies would cost \$245.00 with \$44 postage making a total of \$289. Tenants have a right to vote.

Aid. St. Charles asked if the last and next meeting would be too late. He thought a report might be prepared by Dec. 30th to be given at the adjourned council meeting at that date.

The vote taken resulted as follows: In favor of amendment—Mayor Aid. Panter, Aid. Woodley, Aid. St. Charles, Walbridge and McFee—5. Against—Aid. Duckworth, and Smith—2.

Aid. Platt was in the chair.

The committee reported. The report was received and adopted.

Aid. St. Charles in "inquiries" asked if the worn out Union Jack was not to be replaced on the city hall flag staff.

The Mayor said the cross could still be seen.

Aid. Platt asked if a light would be placed in the footbridge gangway.

Aid. McFee said the light had been ordered.

Aid. Duckworth's query brought an answer from Aid. McFee that he had endeavored to have the electric light installed in the city hall clock. The light should shine out said Aid. Duckworth on the old council as it passes out.

Aid. St. Charles drew attention to the walk on Church street on the Great St. James street hill which caused a woman to be thrown to the ditch on Sunday.

Aid. Platt said he would look into the conditions.

Aid. McFee brought to the notice of the council the sidewalk condition on Myer's Hill.

Aid. Platt will look into this.

Aid. Panter introduced the 1915 election bylaw which passed through its various readings and was agreed to and numbered.

Aid. St. Charles occupied the chair.

When one of the poll booths was mentioned, it was stated that all over the place there was a sign found a few feet from the booth and the man in charge had complained of this.

"But that was not a municipal election" said a member. "That was at the provincial elections in June." (Laughter)

Aid. Woodley, moved, seconded by Aid. Smith, that the Women's Institute of the city be given water flooding the rinks on the grounds of Queen Alexandra and Queen Mary school grounds—Carried.

The question of light for the rinks will be dealt with by the chairman of light and his committee.

Aid. Smith in "unfinished business" asked if the light committee looked into the Johnstone street residents' request for a light.

Aid. McFee said he would look into this one with the other requests for light. Perhaps 15 extra lights may be required to be installed.

It was decided that the council adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, the committees to meet at 7:30. If the council decides to have the question of the publication of the assessment submitted to the people, there will be time to have notice given on Dec. 31, 1914.

#### A LITTLE TOWN'S BIG STORY

Some little towns tell big stories about industry. There is one down in Quebec about thirty miles from Montreal. It is as pretty as a picture and as lively as a Maypole dance, and besides the half dozen hit-or-miss factories that help to keep it booming, it has two enormous concerns, each of which spins a story for the average Canadian. One of these marvelous modern factories turns out sewing-machines. The patents are held in the United States, but the wages and the profits and the cost of raw materials are paid in Canada. The same machine used to cost over a tariff wall. Now everything about that machine helps that little town to maintain its hundreds of workers. The wage bill of that factory runs into thousands upon thousands a week. When buying a sewing-machine it might be easy to get one made abroad, but that made in the little town on the Quebec river. But the only good such a purchase would do this country is the thirty per cent. duty that it pays the government. The reason that great factory was built at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars was to make goods for Canadian homes by paying the wages of labor and the profits of industry to Canadians. It is magnificently doing its work. And it is a monument to the economic good sense of Canadians as expressed in the "Made in Canada" idea.

To Men Who Live Inactive Lives. Exercise in the open air is the best tonic for the stomach and system generally; but there are those who are compelled to follow sedentary occupations and the inactivity tends to restrict the healthy action of the digestive organs and stomach follows. Parmele's Vegetable Pills regulate the stomach and liver and restore healthy action. It is wise to have a packet of the pills always on hand.

## MAJOR WALLBRIDGE WILL RETURN FROM SALISBURY PLAIN

49th Regiment Officer Will be With Second or Third Contingent.

Major C. M. Wallbridge of the Forty-Ninth Regiment who has been unattached at Salisbury Plain owing to surplus of officers is one of those returning to Canada to take command in the second or third contingent for the front. Major Wallbridge hails from Madoc but is well-known here.

## XMAS MARKET

The ever verdant pine tree, symbol of Christmas gifts, good sleighing and the presence of poultry, farmers and citizens at to-day's market, were signs of the times. The market was not large in comparison with Saturday's, but supply and demand were well balanced.

In spite of the grumbles of the money market, calls for relief of distress, and lack of great industrial activity, the local market does not decline in business. The attendance "business as usual" seems the farmer's motto and the citizens strive in emulation. Luxuries are accordingly still bought in the old red brick building on Front street, McAdams street, and decorations and the market gardeners being present as usual to supply those staples of the kitchen—potatoes, onions, mint, sage and savory. No Christmas goose goes without these.

While prices went high on Saturday afternoon, today they were lower. Two-seventy-five would purchase excellent turkeys and some fine nine-pound birds were bought at less than \$1.50. Geese ranged at \$1.35 and \$1.40. Severely a duck was to be seen. The market was a quiet one. People stood around and talked and had ample opportunity to make selections. Slowly but steadily the produce was picked up.

Buying turkeys is a risky game, especially when a lady is not drilled in weights. One woman of this city this morning purchased for \$1.90 a turkey with intense satisfaction at the deal and with the expectation of a delightful Christmas meal for the family. The dead fowl to a scintilla of gravy, onions, dressing, sauce, and plum pudding but she took a notion to weigh the bird and she went 7 1/2 pounds. The lady had not been given a perfect condition. Miss Stork, Miss G. Eric, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Staples in the quartette "God is a Spirit" (The Woman of Samaria) by Sterndale Bennett, achieved a great success.

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## LOST TEAM OF HORSES

Ameliasburg Resident Got Into Trouble on Ice Last Night.

Mr. Cross, who lives on a farm in the fifth concession of Ameliasburg township had a great misfortune last night about six o'clock when he lost a fine team of horses on the bay at the head of Zwick's island. Mr. Cross and his wife were driving home in a covered cutter from Belleville about six o'clock and followed a road which had not been opened up yet and which was considered dangerous by Prince Edward residents. Mr. Cross however took this course on the advice of a boy who was with him. Not far out from the pump house and island the team of horses in the dark got into a crack or water hole. Fortunately the cutter did not go in and the occupants were saved a wetting. The harness was saved from the horses and one was after great difficulty pulled from the water. However almost as soon as rescued it died of exposure on the ice. There it lies today. The other horse was drowned and sank to the bottom of the bay. Mr. Cross' loss is one which he can ill afford.

Rossmore residents lent every aid to the party and gave them every attention.

While driving the bay has become common, no one had yet followed the easterly route until Mr. Cross attempted it.

## THE DRAMA

### Famous Russells.

Griffin's Theater was filled to capacity last evening by a most appreciative and enthusiastic audience, which witnessed the big novelty vaudeville performance by the famous Russells, world famous knife throwers and jugglers. Their work was one of skill and daring and will again be given tonight and tomorrow night, along with the usual fine picture program. The Christmas Matinee will not begin until 2:45 giving late diners an opportunity to attend this special performance.

Requeste on the Farm—Every farmer and stock-raiser should keep a supply of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil on hand, not only as a ready remedy for ills in the family, but because it is a horse and cattle medicine of great potency. As a substitute for sweet colic it far surpasses anything that can be administered.



**WHAT TO GIVE**

HOLIDAY GOODS PRETTY PRESENTS USEFUL GIFTS ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS

We Have Helped  
**Thousands of People**  
To Do Their Christmas Shopping  
May We Help You?

Our Staff is at Your Service

**Sinclair's** Shop Early **Sinclair's**

## ORGAN RECITAL IN BRIDGE STREET

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

There was a very large attendance in Bridge street Methodist church at the recital given by Prof. A. D. Jordan, of London, Ont., on the new organ.

Prof. Jordan's program was extensive and called forth all the resources of the instrument. His first number was the tone poem "Finlandia," by Sibelius, the composer of the first Finnish opera, Mendelssohn's "First Sonata" was his second number. Other selections were Saint-Saens' "La Cygne" (The Swan), and Eadynage by Victor Herbert.

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## THE NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Firemen Will Be Called by Police, Who Will Receive Fire Particulars Over "Fire" Phone.

The new fire alarm system, which will be installed in Belleville shortly by the Bell Telephone Company will be thought by Aid. St. Charles and his fire committee, give the best possible service outside of an entire fire alarm system. The new plan is much simpler. Each place of residence of the firemen will be connected up with a special fire phone at the police station. Twenty-one sets of telephones will be required. Each phone will have a fire alarm attached. The twenty-one form a complete system. When a fire is discovered, the alarm will be sent in to phone No. — (the new phone) at the police station, and the policeman on duty will take the message and call up all the firemen's phones and give the news. These telephones are solely for fire use. All the "Central" will have to do will be to connect with the police number and the police will give the message.

A contract between the city and the Bell Telephone Company is to be entered into. The cost per year to the corporation will be \$300.00.

## A.O.U.W. Election of Officers

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The following officers were elected for 1915 by Belleville Lodge No. 251 A.O.U.W. at the annual meeting on December 8th, last.

Master Workman—Harry H. Lazier  
Foreman—Thos. G. Smith  
Overseer—Jas. St. Charles  
Treasurer—H. J. Clarke, B.A.  
Financial—J. H. P. Young  
Recorder—W. Jeffers Diamond  
Guide—M. Donovan  
I. Watchman—Bert Aeseltine  
O. Watchman—M. Lynch  
Trustees—Thos. B. Smith, Samuel Stocker, C. Donovan

The lodge has had a very successful year having received one hundred new members.

## WHITEHEAD WILL BE TRAINER

For Belleville Junior and Intermediate Hockey Teams.

Belleville Junior and Intermediate O.H.A. teams had good practices last night at the arena. They have secured Lawson Whitehead as trainer and under his coaching they should make a good showing. They have good material which is working into fine shape. Lawson Whitehead has been one of the official referees of the O.H.A.

## Leak Near Upper Bridge

A rather serious leak in the gas on Front street was noticed about 2:30 this morning near No. 2 Fire Hall and the upper bridge. Gas Manager Thos. A. Gardner was called to locate the source of the trouble.

The gas had run along the sewer and had invaded some of the sew-er town cellars.

Up to 2:30 this afternoon the leak had not been located and it will be necessary to dig up a small amount of the asphalt pavement near the upper bridge.

Street Foreman Mr. J. S. Henderson says he will be able to repair the road. The city will have to secure some of the asphaltic material.

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## OBITUARY

**ROY A. FRAWLEY.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Roy A. Frawley, a popular young iron worker of this city died today at his home at the corner of Church and Dundas streets. He was 23 years of age. Particulars will be given tomorrow.

**MRS. LONDON.**

The death took place rather suddenly yesterday afternoon at 3:30 of Mrs. Mary Jane London, widow of the late J. W. London, past grand president of the Sons of England. She had been in good health and only last Thursday was taken ill with a severe cold.

Deceased whose maiden name was Mary Jane Bell, was the eldest daughter of the late Dr. J. T. Bell, Sc.G., and was born at Herwick on Tweed, England, 73 years ago. She had lived in Belleville for over 51 years. In religion she was an Anglican. No family survives. Mourning, her loss are three brothers, R. S. Bell of the Standard, Kingston, formerly of Belleville, Robert H. Bell, and Harry W. Bell of Montreal, and one sister, Mrs. H. Bogle, Montreal.

The relatives have the deepest sympathy of the public in their sad loss.

## LAI D TO REST

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. (Capt) J. W. Smith took place on Monday afternoon from the family residence, South George St. to St. Thomas' church where the Rev. Canon Beamish conducted a solemn service. Interment was in Belleville cemetery. There was a large attendance of friends and a profusion of flowers marked the public esteem. The bearers were Messrs. Arnott, Cochrane, Cousins, Cody, Sullivan and Watkins.

## NEW OPERA HOUSE FOR BELLEVILLE

It is reported on reliable authority that the Small interests of Toronto, have acquired a Front street property in this city and will in the near future commence the erection of a theater and vaudeville house of the most modern and commodious type, in keeping with the size and importance of our city as a theatrical center. The coming of the Smalls here will insure the appearance at Belleville of many artists of the highest class. The present season in this city has so far been a complete blank as far as road shows are concerned and there has been much complaint among local patrons. The Smalls already have a formidable list of high-class theaters on their circuit and the adding of Belleville will assure bookings here of nearly all the actors and theatrical productions of international reputation who at present are giving Belleville the go-by.

## Give Jewelry For Christmas

It will be treasured in the future and as a reminder of the DONOR

The significance of our name on the Christmas box will be most keenly appreciated by the recipient.

The Xmas Gifts you want are awaiting you here. This is the best time to select them.

## Angus-McFee

Jeweler Optician  
The Store with the Big Clock

## FARM FOR SALE

That desirable farm, belonging to the estate of the late Sidney L. Sharpe, east 1-2 lot, 22 con 4, Sidney, containing 100 acres. Farm is in a fine state of cultivation. Large brick residence, good barn, drive-house and other outbuildings. Well fenced and watered. Spring creek through pasture. 5 acre orchard, and 12 acres of pine and hardwood bush. Rural daily mail. Convenient to church and school. Less than 3 miles from Belleville.

For further particulars, apply on the premises to Mrs. C. Caverly or E. E. Shorey or Frankford P. O., R. R. No. 2. d10 4w 12 4ts

## D. J. Fairfield, Licenced Auctioneer and Canadian Employment Agent for this District.

I wish to thank the farmers for the very liberal patronage in the past year and am still taking orders for card Bank, every Saturday from 10 o'clock a.m. to 12 and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and would advise farmers to apply early in order to secure help, as last year I was not able to supply the demand owing to orders given late. My address is 223 Coleman street. Any orders left with John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank will be promptly filled.

D. J. FAIRFIELD.