

WARD 2 FEELS DIRECT CUT BY CLOSING BARS

More Than \$150,000 Decrease in Hotel and Brewery Values.

FALLING OFF IS \$10,000

Population Also Shows Effect of War, Reduction Being 186

The assessment of ward 2 has been completed by Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant and his staff and shows a decrease of \$10,754 for the ward. This is due to the assessment made by the Provincial Government and the court of revision, which bodies jointly cut off \$106,970 on hotels and breweries, a large number of them being in this ward. The court of revision reduced the assessment on lands and buildings to the extent of \$7,125, and the business assessment was reduced by the Government by \$109,250.

The total assessment for the ward is \$9,230,292, as compared with \$9,339,966 last year.

Population Falls Off.
The population is 9,316, or 186 less than last year. This is due to the fact that there are fewer persons living in the hotels, and also to the fact that the boarding houses have fewer tenants owing to the war.

The value of the lands is placed at \$3,693,999, a loss of \$9,710. The buildings are placed at \$4,082,515, a gain of \$7,565.

The total lands and buildings, is \$7,776,514, as compared with \$7,776,710 last year, a loss of \$245.

The business assessment in 1916 was \$1,046,932, as against \$959,465 this year, a loss of \$87,467. The income assessment is \$584,919, as against \$595,193 in 1916, a gain of \$10,274.

Reductions Through Dryness.
The reductions in hotels and breweries are given as follows: London House, on buildings \$5,000, business \$8,750, total \$13,750; Walpole House, buildings \$2,000, business \$4,250, total \$6,250; Queen's, buildings \$1,500, business \$2,625, total \$4,125; Metropole, buildings \$2,000, business \$3,000, total \$5,000; Western, land \$5,750, buildings \$1,275, business \$5,000, total \$12,125; C. P. R., buildings \$2,000, business \$2,625, total \$4,625; Carling's Brewery, buildings \$2,000, business \$9,000, total \$11,000; Hamilton's, buildings \$1,000, business \$2,750, total \$3,750; London Club, buildings \$2,000, business \$3,625, total \$5,625; Travelers' Club, buildings \$1,500, business \$3,375, total \$4,875; Broken Stone, buildings \$1,750, total \$1,750. Grand total, \$156,970.

Expect More Reductions.
"I think the figures are very satisfactory, considering the reductions made on account of prohibition," said Mr. Grant. "Ward 1 will show a still greater reduction on hotels and breweries, many more hotels and breweries are located in that ward. The other wards, No. 3 and No. 4, are not greatly affected by the reductions."

It is expected that the total assessment of the city will show no increase this year, possibly a decrease.

PRIZES GIVEN FOR BEST VEGETABLES

Prizes have just been awarded in the field competition held under the auspices of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for the best quarter of an acre of potatoes grown in several districts throughout the province.

The following in district number three, which includes Middlesex, have received prizes:

J. J. Davis, London, R. R. No. 7, first, 94 points out of 100.
C. W. Byrd, second, 90.
W. Sanderson, third, 89.
W. R. Trott, West London, 84.
K. Whitlaw, R. R. No. 8, 81.
R. Bonstead, Strathroy, 80.
The varieties grown were Irish Cobbler and Ohio Junior. The prizes were awarded according to trueness to type, appearance of plot and market value of the potatoes.

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