

Some Pertinent Facts About Belleville Schools

It may be of interest to the citizens of Belleville to know that there are at least 3,100 resident people in Belleville under the age of twenty and 2,900 under the age of eighteen.

The total enrolment of the public and separate schools in Belleville is 1,800 and the total registration at the High School in the day classes is 325 of which number 75 are residents in the country. In the night school in the present year the total registration is 233, of this number about 90% are 18 years of age and over, that is about 28 are under eighteen years of age. There are in Belleville 775 young people between the ages of 14 and 17 and out of this number there are no more than 350 attending school, which means that there are about 400 young people who are not attending school, who will be required to attend when the Adolescent Act is enforced in the near future. For this 400 there is absolutely no school accommodation. As stated before there is a total attendance, at present, in the High School including both day and night classes of 668, therefore without allowing anything for increase in population, with a bigger Belleville, the city at the present time should have a building which would accommodate at least 1,100 pupils in day and night classes and with the proper building and equipment, this number could be easily raised to at least 1,400 including, of course, persons over 18 years of age.

When the new Coleman Ward school is completed Belleville will have four magnificent Public Schools and one magnificent Separate School, valued conservatively at \$500,000. These schools are capable of accommodating all the children in Belleville 13 years of age and under. It may be possible with a bigger Belleville that an additional new public school may be required in a few years.

It may be taken for granted that the majority of Belleville citizens wish to provide educational advantages and accommodation for the young people after they have completed their public school education, if so, now is the opportune time as the Provincial Government will assist with a new Technical and Industrial High School to the extent of at least \$50,000 to \$75,000 on the building alone and provide for one half of the equipment of the industrial and technical part and also one half of the annual expenditure on salaries.

With at least an available 1,100 to 1,400 young people who would take advantage of such a school it can be readily seen that Belleville could take a most important step forward by providing a suitable school for these young people and thereby retaining a large proportion of them in Belleville and at the same time equip them for earning a livelihood. Although it has been suggested and possibly entertained by a minority of the citizens of Belleville that such a building is not necessary and that the private schools in the city could provide all the accommodation necessary, it must not be lost sight of that this idea is not entertained by the majority of the citizens for the following reasons:

(1) Private schools would require tuition fees from the pupils which would mean for 1,000 pupils at least \$50,000 annually, which would have to be paid by the individual citizens attending or sending pupils. That is there would be very little chance for the average pupil to secure an education beyond the public school.

(2) The city would lose the Government grant for building a Technical school of from \$50,000 to \$75,000 also one half the cost for equipment and one half the cost for teachers' salaries for the industrial and technical classes. Furthermore with no provision for secondary education the public would have no control in the selection of a High School Board and therefore no control in the management of the schools providing accommodation for pupils of secondary age even when a possible \$50,000 might be paid annually to such schools. The above explanation is not required for the majority of the citizens of Belleville nor do the private schools of Belleville wish to undertake the entire secondary education of the city but these arguments are simply stated to show the necessity of the position entertained by those who say that Belleville could go along without an up-to-date industrial, technical and agricultural High School.

Kitchener, Port Hope, St. Thomas, Whitby, Brockville, St. Catharines, Kingston and Woodstock have as much right to argue that they do not require an up-to-date Collegiate and Industrial and Technical High Schools for their pupils of a secondary age as Belleville has, because Kitchener has Trinity College School, St. Thomas has Alma Ladies' College, Whitby has Whitby Ladies' College, St. Catharines has Ridley College, Brockville has St. Albans' College, Kingston has the Royal Military College and Regipolis College and Woodstock has Woodstock College. However the above mentioned cities have all provided good up-to-date Collegiate Institutes and Technical schools.

It might be stated in conclusion that all the progressive cities in Ontario such as Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Chatham, London, Stratford, Kitchener, Guelph, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Galt and Port Hope are seizing the opportunity of benefiting by the liberal grants for industrial and technical education and have built or are erecting suitable buildings to accommodate all the young people of these various cities. These cities are expending far larger sums than anything entertained by the City of Belleville, and they consider that they are doing the very best thing for their young people and consequently for the city.

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Why tax the public for streets, sewers, parks, lights and all other advantages and entertain the idea of not levying taxes for secondary education but advance the argument that private institutions should look after the secondary education? The industrial, technical and agricultural High School is the people's university open to all and sustained by all.

Small Market: Prices Advance

Eggs, Butter, Chickens and Potatoes Soar Today.

The cold and stormy weather today kept many farmers from the market. There were only a few vehicles on the market square, where potatoes ruled from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per bag. Hay brought \$22. Apples, vegetables and meat made up the balance of the outside offerings.

At the inside market there was a greater amount of offerings. Eggs, which seemed plentiful enough for the number of buyers, had advanced to 70c per dozen and there they remained. Butter also went up to a like figure with no lower in sight. Dressed chickens sold anywhere from \$1.50 to \$2.50 each, according to size.

The meat market with the exception of pork is showing a weakening tendency. Lamb is quoted at 25c; beef hindquarters, 18c, best; the carcass 15c to 16c wholesale and retail 20c. Hogs are up to \$19.00 per cwt. live.

Oats are higher at \$1.08 to \$1.12 per bushel.

Muskrat skins are very dear, being worth up to \$4.50 each. Hides are weaker at 15c per pound. The market seems very weak. Horses and deacons at \$1.50 to \$2.00. Dealers shipping eggs to the big centres are able to pay only 50c per dozen.

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The suit will be made by the Crown Tailoring Company of Toronto, Canada's best tailor. Pat says he is sorry he can't give the other four boys a suit too. We think the Judges made a very fair selection, as ninety out of every hundred agrees as to the winner. Young Blakely has a future ahead of him in the hockey world and we hope he doesn't get spoiled. That Pat Jennings' suit would make a man of any sport when he gets inside of it. No danger of spoiling Blakely; he has too solid a head on his shoulders. It may be possible that the suit will get spoiled.

It would be nice to take up a collection and present the other three boys with something worth while. A good clean sport is worthy of recognition.

May Pat's suit well wear and the winner live long to cast away many of as good quality to the rag bag, which would mean a ripe old age, and die as good a sport as he has shown himself in 1920.

Blakely the winner of Pat Jennings' \$65.00 suit had four boys pretty close on his track, only 5, 4, 3, and 2 points behind, namely, Schenell, Campney, Whittier and O'Rourke. Too bad those four could not be given something for their good work. Did I hear some one say something about a nice hat or pair of shoes? — Trenton Advocate.

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Educational

Need of Co-Emphasize Views of Resolution Proposal.

To hear the educational views of the city discussed, with reference to the main ward school and industrial school, a crowd assembled in the last evening. Among the board of education, the chamber of commerce, ministers and citizens it

Mr. F. S. Deacon, ex-chairman of Education, emphasized the public school in Coleman a collegiate and technical school. The consensus of opinion (in the city) was that these needs, Mr. Deacon, the extension of the school to 14 to 16 years, this providing of extra accommodation. The high school must have 328, with night classes, and at the night school is about 550. The neighborhood has better schools than high school. Every inspector of the B.H.S. has inquired of what was being done regarding the building of a new school.

There would be a large Federal Government technical branch of the nation. The department would pay 50 per cent of the building and equipment. The expenditures on salaries \$2,000; \$2.3 per cent from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a cent up to \$10,000. Many of them had been made in peering in the press—ment was that more was spent for education than other purposes. Mr. Deacon figures to show what the total tax rate was for—Year 1915, 22 per cent; 1917, 21 per cent; 1919, 23 per cent; 1921, 23 per cent. The average cost of day school pupils is about \$70, in K is \$112 per pupil. We as our high school too cheap.

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