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TAX RATE IS 32-3 MILLS

Extraordinary Demands on City Raise Rate—The Details of Estimates Presented

GENERAL RATE HIGH

Permanent Auditor Appointed

by Council—Collection of Taxes—City Hall Renovation.

Belleville's tax rate is high this year 32-3-10 mills, almost an increase of four mills on the 1915 rate. The increase is caused by 1-8-10 mills for the municipal patriotic fund; one mill is added by reason of the reorganized fire department with the permanent brigade as in accordance with the demands of the Fire Underwriters; by the cutting of the tavern licenses Belleville loses one half and by the advent of prohibition business tax on hotels is struck out, so that about one mill is caused by this shrinkage. The fact that the Hydro-Electric Commission has taken over the Electric Company, cuts out another revenue for the city. Besides last year's council left some legacies in the way of an unpaid patriotic grant of \$2,500 and an overdraft of about \$2,000 on public works. Belleville's finance minister, Aid. Woodley has met the question face to face and has taken steps that there will be no such legacies left by the 1916 council. The tax rate is made up as follows: General 19-5 mills, just 1-5th under limit imposed by law; public school 7 mills; high school 2-7 mills. Provincial war tax 1 mill, municipal patriotic grants, 1-8-10 mills.

Estimated Receipts

The estimated receipts of the city are market tolls, \$2,150.00, fines and fees, \$1,900.00; registry office \$140, dog tax \$325; hawkers and peddlers \$269; tobacco and cigars \$250; butchers \$30; cartage \$240; billiard and pool \$225; milk \$100; gas \$110; liquor \$500; transient traders \$200; city property rents \$225; show licenses \$225; second hand licenses \$100. The total from these sources is \$7,155.

The estimated revenue from the city waterworks is \$14,009.51, gas works \$7,233.01; local improvements \$13,718.18; Marsh and Henthorn Ltd \$2,055.47; watering streets \$541; oiling streets \$1,357.07—total \$39,464.24.

TAXES

Public school taxes will reach \$38,618.71; high school \$16,732.78; separate school, \$4,682.22. Provincial war tax, \$6,197.33; municipal patriotic tax \$10,990.94; general rate \$120,900.36. Total taxes \$197,523.34. The estimated total receipts for '16 are accordingly \$244,141.53.

EXPENDITURES

The taxes to be raised for debentures are as follows: Public Schools (\$158,426.49) — \$11,062.97; Consolidated Debentures (\$48,000.00) — \$22,978.38; Local Improvements (Sidewalks) \$134,156.94; \$11,286.59; Local improvements, (sewers) \$96,326.12; \$6,912.41; Local improvements (street pavements) \$65,622.79; \$5,346.33; waterworks, \$226,205.65; \$14,009.51; Gas works (\$72,223.52); \$7,233.01; overdraft (\$46,500.00); \$3,302.99; Rolling mills bonus (\$55,000) \$4,246.83; Wood Chemical Co. (5,000) \$686.15; Marsh and Henthorn (\$25,000) \$2,055.47; Canadian Patriotic Fund—(\$30,000) \$4,146.00; total (\$1,323,176.61) \$94,397.54.

Elections are estimated to cost \$300.12; administration of justice costs \$4,550.00; hydrant rental is placed at \$7,000. The interest on current loans will amount to \$3,400.00. Eight thousand dollars will be required to run the police department, \$600 is required for the Board of Health; City insurance costs \$1,800. Salaries of civic officials total \$9,000. To the hospital and indigent work will be set aside \$2,625.70. The Corby Library will need some renovating and accordingly \$2,300 is appropriated instead of \$2,900. Printing and stationery will cost \$1,000 it is estimated and \$600 is voted to Continent; Public Works is given \$9,000 and the fire department has mounted to \$11,000. Parks will cost \$500, and light \$7,700. For the market there is appropriated \$2,000. Belleville's garbage system costs \$4,500. For patriotic purposes \$10,000 is set aside. For the purchase of certain property \$400 is appropriated; watering streets may cost \$541 and oiling \$2,144.94. The cost of education stands thus: public schools \$26,965;

high school \$14,500.00; separate school \$4,000. The provincial war tax will be collected to the extent of \$6,197.33.

At an adjourned meeting of the council last evening at which the above were dealt with, the following were present: Mayor Ketcheson, Aid. Woodley, Deacon, Duckworth, Parks, Whelan, Earle and St. Charles.

Sixteen bylaws were put through council. These authorized the construction of an oil macadam roadway on Charles street, the oiling of Victoria Avenue, Mill street, Station Road, South Front, Biscocker Ave. and other streets, the extension of the time of the return of the collector's rolls, the adoption of the estimated receipts and expenditures, the levy and collection of taxes for the E. C. separate school, public schools, the high school, provincial war tax, municipal taxes, patriotic taxes, the appointment of a permanent auditor, the borrowing of \$20,000 for current expenditure, and an arrangement for the payment of moneys during the term of the council.

The sum of \$200 was voted to the Belleville Agricultural Society.

City Engineer Evans reported on the cost of the walk petitioned for on Holloway St.

On motion of Aid. St. Charles, a membership for Chief Brown in the Fire Chief's Association costing \$5.00 will be taken.

Date of Payment of Taxes

Taxes are due 15th September. All paid on or before Oct. 15th shall be at par; two per cent shall be added upon all taxes unpaid after October 15th; 4 per cent if unpaid after Nov. 15th, 5 per cent if unpaid after Jan. 1st, 1917.

Permanent Auditor Appointed

Mr. E. P. Frederick was appointed permanent auditor. His duties shall include the auditing of all tax collector's rolls and such other duties as shall be defined by a committee composed of the mayor, the chairman of executive, water and gas committees. His remuneration shall be \$90 per month, payable monthly.

Aid. Woodley expressed the opinion that with a permanent auditor there would be no lack of knowledge of the accounts stood at the end of the year.

Aid. Parks opposed the bylaw appointing the permanent auditor. His amendment to call for tenders and lay over the appointment for the present was defeated.

Aid. Duckworth, Earle and Parks were appointed a committee to see about the renovation of the City Hall.

Excellent Report of Collections

Aid. Woodley made public the collection of taxes as given by Mr. W. L. Doyle, tax collector.

1914

Uncollected June 12 . . . \$17,930 77
Collected since 8,013 92

Still Uncollected \$ 9,966 85

1915

June 12, amt due city . . . \$46,336 44
Collected since then 619 29

Still uncollected \$46,217 32

These uncollected taxes include the amounts remitted, uncollectable, returnable, etc.

Mayor Ketcheson said that the 1914 borrowings had been all taken care of.

Council adjourned for the summer, until October 16, 1916.

ALLIES NOW PREPARE TO SMASH FOE'S THIRD LINE.

London, July 26.—Under cover of a strong artillery fire the French and British are engaged in feeling out the German third line in Picardy, which has been greatly reinforced and strengthened. A series of scattered but violent engagements, each in itself a battle of some proportions, marked the day. Especially heavy fighting took place before dawn this morning on many parts of the front, both north and south of the Somme.

The most extensive of these attacks was launched simultaneously by the British and French on the six-mile winding front from Pozieres to Maupas. The German lines were found to be tremendously strong. Army Headquarters at Berlin, in an official statement today, say that the German fire was effective in stopping this attack at certain points, while at others the allies were repulsed in sharp hand-to-hand fighting.

Military experts estimate that more than 1,500,000 men are engaged in the fearful struggle in northern France. The main battle-front is a little over twenty-five miles, although there is fighting for fully fifteen miles beyond the original limits.

Mr. G. O. W. Anderson has come to Whilpops on a business trip.

POZIERES ENTIRELY IN BRITISH HANDS: EVACUATION OF ERZINGAN BY TURKS

British Take Entire Village After Three Days of Desperate Fighting—British Guns Dominate Foe Lines—Many Germans Taken Prisoners—Turks Retiring Westward—Russians Advancing on Angera—Increase of Munition Output in Britain—Berlin Claims British Biplane Shot Down.

POZIERES ENTIRELY BRITISH AFTER DESPERATE FIGHTING.

LONDON, July 26.—A brief despatch from Sir Douglas Haig today says the whole of the village of Pozieres is now in British hands. West of the village territorial troops made a further advance, capturing two strong trenches and many prisoners.

The capture of Pozieres was completed after three days of desperate hand-to-hand fighting by the Australians.

The British guns now dominate the plateau on which the German lines extend eastward. Elsewhere on the British front there is no change.

TURKS EVACUATE ERZINGAN, MOVING WESTWARD.

LONDON, July 26.—Despatches from Petrograd via Rome say that Turks have evacuated Erzincan and retired westward.

The Russians will now make for Angera, the eastern terminus of the railway to Constantinople.

INCREASING MUNITIONS OUTPUT IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, July 26.—Dr. Christopher Addison parliamentary secretary of munitions in replying to a question in the House of Commons said the department of munitions was endeavoring to reduce the contracts for munitions in the

NORTH DRIVE ON LEMBERG SCORES A NOTABLE VICTORY

London, July 26.—Important advances by the troops of Gen. Sakharoff in Volhynia are announced in today's official report from Petrograd.

In a heavy night attack Monday the Russians charged through wire entanglements the Austro-Germans had thrown up along the Sianovski River. Today the Russians forced a passage of the river, capturing 1,000 prisoners, four cannon and five machine guns. Heavy fighting is occurring near Leshnoff.

This is one of the three converging moves on Lemberg. Sakharoff's troops are approaching the Galician capital from the northeast and are following the Brody-Lemberg railroad.

Berlin announces the repulse of "weak Russian detachments" south-east of Riga and along the Dvina, where the Russians were reported yesterday as having torn open the German lines on a front of thirty miles for a twelve-mile gain. The official German statement admits the Russians have pierced the Austro-Germans' first line trenches at Berestekh, west of the Lips.

RUSS TAKE ERZINGAN

London, July 26.—A despatch received late today from Petrograd reports that Erzincan, the great Turkish stronghold in Central Armenia, has been taken by the Russians. The Caucasian armies of the Grand Duke Nicholas have been conducting a campaign against the city for months.

The report, follows earlier advice that the Turkish army was routed some distance before the city. The Russians were reported at that time to be ten miles from Erzincan.

Russian aviators had reported that the Turks were removing their stores from Erzincan in great haste.

CRISIS IN IRELAND STAGGERS AUTHORS.

London, July 26.—There is no hope at Westminster of a resurrection of the Irish "settlement." Lloyd George is believed to be still making some advances to the various parties to see if they will confer again.

Some recalcitrant Unionists are rather disconcerted at the catastrophe they have precipitated and might be ready to lend an ear to any "snake

Whiskey Conservative May Run

Geo. Wright, President of the License Holders' Assn. May Contest S. W. Toronto as Back Anti-Prohibition Conservative.

The Toronto Telegram, (Conservative) has this report of election prospects in the constituency of South-West Toronto, now vacant because of the death of Hon. J. J. Foy.—"The South-West Toronto Conservatives have called a meeting for tonight to select delegates to the convention to choose a candidate for the riding of the late Hon. J. J. Foy. Rumor has it that the delegates will be instructed to nominate a man opposed to the Hoarist policy of prohibition to run as an independent Conservative. There is some talk of George Wright, president of the Walker House Hotel Co., but indications are that there will be other candidates in the field.

The talk now is that the Conservatives will select a strong Conservative opposed to total prohibition, and that he will be an out and out advocate of Sir Adam Beck and his Hydro policy. James A. Norris, president of the Toronto Conservative Association may be called upon to save the riding for the government by allowing himself to be nominated. When spoken to this afternoon regarding such a possibility, Mr. Norris would not deny that he might be a candidate."

MISS HATTIE G. FURNIVAL

Miss Hattie G. Furnival died in this city at an early hour this morning. She had been spending the last winter in California with her sister, Mrs. Pringle, became ill in February of this year and returned to her home here about a month ago.

Miss Furnival whose father was one of the merchants of this city, was born in Belleville sixty years ago and has lived here all her life. She was of a generous and kindly disposition and throughout her whole life "went about doing good." She was always ready to alleviate the suffering of the sick, had a cup of cold water for the thirsty and food for the hungry. She will be long remembered for her many acts of kindness and her life was a practical illustration of the Master's injunction in this respect.

She has been a member of Bridge Street Methodist Church for many years and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and other organizations of the church. She was a great sufferer and displayed Christian fortitude in her last illness.

She was the eldest daughter of Mrs. Martha Furnival one of the founders and most efficient presidents of the Women's Christian Association of this city, who died some years ago, and the deceased was the able associate of her mother in all this work.

She leaves surviving her only sister, Mrs. Henry Pringle, of East Bridge Street, who has been with her sister during the whole of her serious illness. Mrs. O'Flynn of Bridge Street East is a cousin of the deceased. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Henry Pringle at 156 Bridge Street East, Thursday, July 27th, service at 1:30 p.m. funeral at 2 p.m.

WOUNDED IN FOE HOSPITAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sprague, 73 North Front Street, have received reassuring news. Their son Melburn has been missing since early in June. Yesterday the suspense was allayed on receiving a card from Germany from him. The card does not state where it was written.

Geschrieben (written) den June 20. Dear Father and Mother and Ida:— I am in hospital with some German and Canadian wounded. I am quite happy so do not worry; we have good doctors and attendants and we are all treated alike. They have used me better than I ever expected. We went through hell on the 2nd to the 7th of June. I was seriously wounded but am getting better, so please do not worry as I want to see your dear faces when I come home again. I will be a long time in hospital.

Hoping you are well, from Melburn Sprague.

BOY OF FOURTEEN DROVE CAR.

Yesterday afternoon a police constable saw a boy driving an automobile. The lad is only 14 years of age. Section 13 of the Motor Vehicle Act reads "No person under the age of 18 years shall drive a motor vehicle." Chief Newton states that the force is trying its best not to annoy any people, but such habits as allowing boys to drive cars must stop. The owner is liable to a heavy fine.

SUCCUMBED TO HIS INJURIES

John L. Carter of Thomasburg Victim of Monday's Accident Died Yesterday.

John L. Carter of Thomasburg, who was terribly injured in an accident on the way to Tweed on Monday morning, succumbed yesterday afternoon to his injuries. He had been driving with his son-in-law, Mr. Laurison W. Ketcheson in a wagon laden with calves and sheep, which they were taking to Tweed. At Chapman one of the wheels ran off and both men were hurled from their seats to the ground. Mr. Carter had his collar bone broken, several ribs fractured, the end of one of them penetrating the lung causing hemorrhage. Mr. Ketcheson suffered a compound fracture of the leg.

No hope was held out for Mr. Carter's recovery on account of the severity of his injuries and his age of 72 years.

Deceased was a well known farmer. Born in Thurlow, he lived the greater part of his life in Tyendinaga. He was a Methodist in religion and a widower. Fraternally Mr. Carter was an Orangeman of L.O.L. No. 295, Tyendinaga and politically a Conservative.

Six sons and four daughters survive.—J. H. Picton, Edward of Thomasburg; George of Moosomin; Charles of Conoco; Wesley of Frankford and Robert of Brantford; Mrs. S. F. Jones, Hillier, Mrs. W. W. Miller, Conoco; Mrs. Samuel Elliott, Shannonville; Mrs. L. W. Ketcheson, Thomasburg.

The fatality has caused the deepest gloom throughout the vicinity. Picton papers please copy.

HOTTEST IN HALF CENTURY

Almost Unbroken Spell—Only Four Days Below 80 Degrees So Far This Month—Cooler in Northern Ontario.

Not in 43 years has the maximum daily temperature been so continuously high as it has been for the first 25 days of this month. There were only four days on which the thermometer did not rise above 80. These occurred on the 3rd, 7, 6, 4 degrees; 8th, 79.6 degrees; 8th, 75.9 degrees; and the 14th, when the mercury reached 78.2 degrees. For the past eleven days, including today, the temperature has been over 80 without a break.

Last year there were 11 days in the first 25 of July when the maximum temperature did not reach 80 degrees, and in 1913 13 days. Other years as far back as 1901 had the following number of days when the maximum did not reach 80 in the first 25 days of this month:—

1912	13 days
1911	13 days
1910	8 days
1909	18 days
1908	18 days
1907	19 days
1906	18 days
1905	15 days
1904	18 days
1903	18 days
1902	14 days
1901	17 days

HARK BACK TO 1868

It is not till we hark back to 1868 that there are more days over the 80 mark than we have had this month, in that year there were only three days in the whole month that did not reach 80 degrees. The average of the maximum temperatures for the month was 84.4 degrees, which is hotter than that of the present month—85.2 degrees. Strange to say, just one year later, in the year 1869, the weather was extremely cool again, and the thermometer rose above 80 degrees only on three days out of the whole month, while the average of the daily maximum temperatures was 73.7 degrees, or over 12 degrees less than the year previous.

COURT CAST OFF COATS

Yesterday was the hottest day of the year and it was noticeably sultry when Judge Deroche ascended the bench at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the court house. Seeing the shiny, perspiring faces of the myriads of the law and also, perhaps, feeling a trifle uncomfortable himself, the judge proposed that the court cast dignity to the bow-wows and cut out coats. The learned barristers, already nearly prostrated with the ninety-five degree temperature, managed to survive the shock to dignity and tradition and even ventured a few timid words of approval. The coats were accordingly cut.

GERMAN SUB SHOOT DOWN BRITISH PLANE.

BERLIN, July 26.—The Admiralty reports that a British biplane was shot down by a German submarine at a point north of Zebrugge Belgium on Monday.

The two officers in the machine were captured.

FOE STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

BUDAPEST, July 26.—The Austro-Hungarian general staff officially declares that only 100,000 soldiers were taken prisoners by the Russians during their present offensive and brand as untrue the Russians' claim that they took 266,000 prisoners.

FATAL REAR-END COLLISION NEAR LONDON

LONDON, Ont., July 26.—Conductor Cutting of Bridgeburg is dead, brakeman C. Stone of Bridgeburg is dying in the hospital and engineer Wrigley and fireman A. Webb both of Fort Erie are badly hurt as a result of a rear-end collision of Grand Trunk freight trains, one mile east of London early today. The crash occurred in a dense fog following an electrical storm.

BIG BRITISH CRUISER IN CHESAPEAKE BAY.

Norfolk, Va., July 26.—Pliant, and without warning to United States officials, one of the British cruisers lying off Cape Henry awaiting the appearance of the German submarines Deutschland and Bremen, steamed through the Virginia Capes early today, proceeded to the vicinity of Fortress Monroe, cruised about for an hour or more, and then returned to a point just outside the three-mile limit.

The United States warship Louisiana and the collier Neptune were the only government vessels which sighted the ship, and a detailed report of the incident was made to Washington by naval officers. Upon being pressed for her identity the ship put out man-of-war lights and signalled "British cruiser." Authorities here say they can see no violation of international law or navigation regulations.

The cruiser was a three-funnelled vessel of the type of the Berwick. She was said to carry twenty-six guns ranging from 4-inch to 6-pounders, and eighteen-inch torpedo tubes.

REUNION AT CANNIFTON

The Sixth Annual Reunion of the Young Peoples' Societies of the Cannifton circuit was held last evening at the parsonage, Cannifton. The Tabernacle orchestra from Belleville attended. The young people of the three appointments took part in the function which consisted of a welcome address, program and promenades.

FUNERAL NOTICE

FURNIVAL.—Died at Belleville, Canada, Miss Harriet G. Furnival.

WATER SCHEME.

A special meeting of the Water Committee may be held during the summer to take up the question of the pumping of water on the filtration scheme, says Aid. Deacon. It may be necessary to test out one or two wells at Zwick's Island.

FOUND THE PURSE

A woman reported leaving her purse in a car which she had been driven from the train. The police investigated and found it on the seat of the machine.

BRUSSELS FINED FOR CELEBRATING.

Amsterdam, July 26.—The city of Brussels has been fined \$200,000 by the German authorities for celebrating Belgian Day, July 21.