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SUGGEST CANDIDATES FOR 1919 COUNCIL

Board of Trade will Endeavor to Improve City Government in Belleville — Aldermen and Others Defend Past Councils.

The Board of Trade last evening adopted a resolution nominating a committee to suggest candidates for the offices of mayor and aldermen for the city of Belleville for the year 1919. There was little opposition to the movement but what there was, was outspoken. Some thought the scheme treading a dangerous territory outside the province of the board. Several of the council resented the board's proposition and one ex-alderman challenged three members of the board of trade to stand up and offer themselves as candidates. The big future that awaits an alert Belleville was behind the movement and was mentioned by those supporting the motion.

Members present were: — Col. Marsh, President; Col. Ponton, C. J. Willis, W. B. Riggs, E. Clark, R. L. Zuffelt, Ald. W. Donohue, M. Robertson, Ald. Hanna, W. O. Woodley, W. H. Pantier, H. F. Ketcheson, W. Manley, W. J. Wray, Dr. Marshall, F. S. Deacon, W. C. Mikel, T. Finnekan, A. Gael, J. Cook, E. A. Ridley, Fire Chief Brown, R. W. Adams, O. H. Scott, J. Elliott, G. Reid, T. J. Hurley and W. C. Springer.

Col. Marsh expressed his pleasure that so much enthusiasm and interest had been manifested in the Board of Trade.

The Canadian Club of Trenton invited the members of the Belleville Board of Trade to attend their meetings.

Fishing Situation.

The question of a campaign for sea fish was taken up.

"I don't see why we cannot handle the catch of the Bay of Quinte if we put up a some storage plant. This would cost a few dollars, but it would be a great help," said Col. L. W. Marsh.

Col. Ponton referred to a letter answering a complaint about the nets in the bay, and said: "The letter carefully avoided answering the question. How many tons of fish have been shipped from the Bay of Quinte? We have asked that again and again."

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson said he had caught fish from Mr. Wm. Black at 2 cents above the wholesale rate. "It is impossible for Belleville to consume one half of the catch of one week. I am told there was 70 tons of white fish that were caught in one week. The trouble in Belleville is that the people are not of the cash and carry kind."

The matter was left in the hands of the executive.

Housing Problem.

The Great War Veterans, Hastings and Prince Edward branch, suggested that the board meet a committee of veterans regarding town planning and a housing scheme.

The Veterans were asked to meet the board at the next meeting.

"It is a live question. The mechanic is not going to submit to conditions he has been used to," said Mr. H. F. Ketcheson. "If we want to keep the Bolsheviki out of Canada, we must deal with this question before it is too late. Look at the unsettled conditions in Britain and Europe. People should not be asked to live in certain houses."

"No man can build a house that will return a gross revenue over ten per cent," declared Mr. W. H. Pantier. "Take your taxes 35.2 mills, one per cent depreciation, and make no mention of insurance, and taxes

on roads, pavements and sewers. Real estate is not bringing in over 1.5 per cent. A high rate of depreciation is crippling the building trades. If you can show men with money that they can invest it at a current rate of interest, there will be any amount of money invested in real estate."

"We've got all the houses necessary for normal times," declared Ald. Donohue. "I don't think unless we have more factories. No one is lagging out in tents. I will sell any my residential property at 15 per cent. below cost. If you can get inquiries to come to town, the houses will come. The man must see a little return for his money."

Col. Ponton—"We ought to inquire into the details of the government scheme of loans."

Particulars will be received. Bay Bridge Again.

The Board again took up the Bay bridge question. If the city council has not asked for an engineer, it is derelict in its duty declared the president.

Ald. Hanna said the special committee of the council has not reported back. He thought the committees of the council and board were negotiating with the Ameliasburg committee.

Ameliasburg has not yet answered. Mr. Elliott—"Does anyone know whether an engineer had a right to inspect a bridge without the consent of the owners?"

The two committees were requested to take the matter up immediately. Correspondence regarding Soldiers Re-establishment was referred to the executive.

Suggest Civic Candidates.

"For many years it has been difficult to get citizens interested in the council," declared Col. Marsh. "It is time this condition should be eliminated."

Col. Ponton thought it was part of the board's work to fit into the municipal government, as the board is composed of men who pay over one half the taxes. "We are helplessly behind the times in the matter of town planning. We should build a certain amount of pavement every year, and keep this clear for traffic. The board would be justified in seeing that men to carry out such plans were elected as mayor and aldermen. He had been told that over \$30,000 had been spent on the streets this year."

Ald. Donohue thought this statement was wrong. Many things had been done for town planning. The public works department, such as repairing flood damage.

GREAT FUTURE FOR CITY FORECAST BY MR. MIKEL

Board of Trade Heard Optimistic and Constructive Address Last Evening — Many Valuable Suggestions

What Belleville has in store for her, if her citizens grasp a big idea and work towards its accomplishment was outlined by Mr. W. C. Mikel, president of the Belleville Board of Trade last evening. He forecast a city of 400,000 on the sites of Belleville, Sidney and Trenton, dealt with the electric power to be secured from the harnessing of the Moira, and the great problem of highways.

The thanks of the Board were tendered the speaker on motion of Mr. W. H. Pantier and Mr. John Elliott and it is likely that the suggestions made by Mr. Mikel will be taken up at a public meeting and action taken. Mr. Mikel's address was as follows:—

On the first of January, 1918, Belleville has been a City for 40 years. In 1878, when Belleville was called a city, the following conditions existed which can be contrasted with the same conditions in 1918: 1878, Population 11,120. Assessment \$2,782,287. Gen. rate of tax 15 mills. 1918, Population 12,007. Assessment \$6,421,860. Gen. rate of tax 19.84.

During the last 40 years it is estimated that the City has spent upwards of half a million dollars in expenditures for roads. A retrospective glance at the tremendous amount of time spent by members of the City Council and the Board of Trade and by the city officials, and at the tremendous amount of money spent during the last 40 years, suggests the question whether the City has received value for all this time and money.

There is no doubt that the bulk of that time and money has been expended conscientiously and honestly. The question is, have we received any attention for our investments?

Col. Marsh—"We have had no criticism of the council in the 40 years."

Mr. Pantier—"If you are a member of the council, you are going to be knocked anyway. The times require more interest in civic government."

Mr. W. A. Woodley declared that public meetings were not largely attended.

Business men told him: "We would not go down there for \$25.00 per night and get abuse. You can go on and down Front street and get that."

There were acreages in Belleville last year, because (Mr. Woodley) had tried to do his duty in enforcement of tax collection.

"I'll bet, tonight, there are not three men around this board who will stand up and offer themselves for election as aldermen in 1919."

"Belleville should be satisfied if it has a council."

The motion carried with little or no opposition.

The Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association meets in Belleville, Jan. 9th and 10th. The Board of Trade is co-operating with the council in a welcome.

Messrs. C. M. Reid, J. Bone, W. C. Springer, E. E. Schuster, M. Robertson and F. S. Deacon were appointed members of the transportation committee of the board.

The president was empowered to nominate a committee to act with a committee of the county council regarding a mineral survey of the north county.

Good Roads.

Good Roads both in and around Belleville, will help to make Belleville a great City. The Dominion

Petitions For Naturalization

At December Sessions — Judge Deroche Expenses Gratified for End of War

In addressing the Grand Jury on Tuesday afternoon Judge Deroche said: "I would like to join with you in appreciating that for the first time in four years no guns are firing on the battle-front. The war is practically over. We are proud of our citizens, men and women. We are told that Marshal Foch was often found on his knees in prayer in a church nearby. Who knows but this had something to do with the victory. Our first thought should be to give thanks to Almighty God."

Judge Deroche then dealt upon the criminal cases on the docket.

Constable T. H. Cotton, of Sulphide tendered his resignation as county constable. Mr. Wm. Rankin, who has been patrol man at the British Chemical Plant, Trenton, applied to be appointed as county constable.

In the absence of William Brocks, M. B. Flindall, B. L. Hyman and J. B. LaVoe, the following were sworn as grand jurors for the other nine—Wm. Tracey, J. M. Hurley, Hugh Howie and T. B. Emmons.

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Suit For \$500 in the Court

Action From North Hastings Over Runaway Accident

In the county court before Judge Deroche and jury the action of Peter A. Bradshaw for \$500 damages against James Douglas for injuries received and loss of time from farm work following a runaway accident when a team of horses owned by Bradshaw was passing Douglas' threshing outfit on the road not far from Kelly Creek Bridge, not far from Benbrock. The accident occurred at night on Nov. 23rd 1918. The separator was at the side of the road. Bradshaw who was trying to lead the team by, was knocked down by one of the horses and sustained injuries to his shoulder and head.

The case was still before the jury this morning. Porter, Butler and Payne for the plaintiff; O'Flynn, Diamond and O'Flynn for the defendant.

Canada Sells Flour to Allies

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—An understanding has been reached between the board of grain supervisors for Canada and the government in connection with the work of the board for the balance of the present crop year, that is to say, until Aug. 31, next.

The fixed price on wheat will be maintained and also the arrangements in regard to the carrying charges.

The divisions of the wheat between Canada and the allies will also be maintained. The Dominion needs 60,000,000 bushels of wheat for home consumption. Further, the allied governments have offered to buy 600,000 tons (20,000,000 bushels) of flour in Canada, and this offer has been accepted by order-in-council, not as a maximum, but as a minimum.

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POSTPONED AUCTION SALE
of Farm Stock and Implements
will be held at farm of
W. H. TOWNSEND HOLLOWAY
on Monday, December 16th
at 10 a.m. sharp.

Sold Liquor \$500 Fine
Sidney Farmer Paid the Price For O. T. A. Offence.
Mr. Charles Benson, Bonisteel, a well known farmer of Sidney township, was a few days ago charged before Magistrate Masson with having sold liquor without a license. He admitted the offence and was fined five hundred dollars and costs. The defendant sold a bottle of liquor for three dollars.

DIED
GORMAN — In Belleville on Wednesday, Dec. 11, Charles A. Gorman, aged 23 years.
Funeral from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Henry Gorman, 24 Bates street, on Friday morning, Dec. 13th at 8.30 o'clock to St. Michael's church for mass at 9 a.m. Interment St. James cemetery. 114

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CAMPBELL — At Foxboro, on November 14, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell, a son—(Douglas Ralph).