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### CITY'S ASSESSMENT REACHES \$8,358,620

Increase Approaches Two Million Dollars—Population is Now 12,240—Assessor's Report.

Belleville's assessment has been increased this year to over eight and a third million dollars, according to a report of the City Assessor, Mr. J. A. Kerr. This is an increase of \$1,770,005 over 1919. Strange to relate the population is 105 less than as given by Mr. Kerr in 1919, being now 12,240. This is accounted for by the removal of soldiers after demobilization.

Mr. Kerr's report follows:

Assessment Liable for all Taxes	Population 12,240
Real property . . . . . \$7,302,330	Value of all Real Property
Business assessment . . . . . 874,540	Actual value of land . . . \$2,465,305
Income assessment . . . . . 881,700	Buildings & improvements 5,438,370
	Total assessment of all real property including exemptions \$8,954,175
	Belleville's movement in population for the past nine years is shown by the following:
	Year 1912—10,858
	Year 1913—11,201
	Year 1914—11,868
	Year 1915—12,828
	Year 1916—12,277
	Year 1917—12,080
	Year 1918—12,007
	Year 1919—12,345
	Year 1920—12,240

Increased assessment over last year \$1,770,005.

Real property liable for school rates only \$296,500.

### Board Wrestles With Requisition Problem

Trustees Finally Decide on Resolution Regarding New Public School and Proposed Collegiate—No Money is to be Needed For Collegiate Before October 1st, 1921.

The Board of Education last evening battled with the question of requisitioning the City Council for a new public school and a new collegiate institute. The intention was to bring the matter to the City Council's attention last night, but the Board talked on the question so long that the Council had adjourned long before the Board could reach a decision.

The matter of a bonus for teachers on the present year's contracts was referred to the School Management Committee. The School Management Committee recommended that the appointment and salaries of teachers and officers be dealt with at the regular May session, instead of in June. The report was adopted.

The appointment of Mr. T. D. Ruston as School Attendance Officer at \$25 per month until June, was confirmed by the Board.

#### Requisition Problem

The Board of Education last evening discussed a motion passing a requisition upon the City Council to issue \$350,000 of debentures, bearing interest at 5 1/2%, \$100,000 for a new public school in Coleman ward, and \$250,000 for a collegiate institute and technical high school. The resolution was moved by Mr. D. V. Sinclair and seconded by Dr. O. A. Marshall. The Board said it would be satisfied with the proceeds of the bonds in the event of their selling below par, the debentures to be payable in thirty years.

Mr. H. McGinnis said he was opposed to the requisition at present. He had found few citizens who favored the requisition.

Mr. A. McGie said there was a great deal of misunderstanding as to the money for the requisition. It would not be needed this year.

Mr. Thos. Marshall declared it was understood that only one school was to be built this year.

Mr. C. F. Wallbridge asked: "I thought there were to be two requisitions."

Mr. McGie said the Board wanted the Council's sanction to get to work on preliminaries for the requisition. Discussion took place upon the advisability of making one requisition. Some favored a division of the requisition, as several favored the public school and not the collegiate. There was also the question of delay, as urged by Mr. McGie, of the Council.

Col. Ponton declared it was quite an act of policy for those who favor both propositions, to carry the requisition by the help of the public

school. He thought the Council would not undertake the whole requisition without submitting the matter to the people. No doubt the Council would on its own initiative raise the \$100,000 for the public school. He thought the Council would submit the requisition to the people. This he urged as a matter of policy.

He went on record as favoring a requisition at the proper time.

"When is that?" asked Mr. Mallory.

"I think next year."

The Council would likely say, Go to the people on the whole \$350,000.

Mr. H. W. Ackerman said if there could not be unanimity, there should be two requisitions.

Mr. Sinclair declared there would be a certain opposition even to the public school.

Mr. Ackerman feared that delay might mean that the Board would lose Departmental support.

Mr. John Elliott saw the need of both schools. No one could think of opposing the requisition of the public school. There was never a time in Canada when it was so difficult to get money. He thought the bonds would have to bear 6 1/2% to sell at par. If he was sure the money would not be required before 1921, he would favor the requisition.

The Government grant could be guaranteed. He favored the requisition, but he did not think this the opportune time to sell bonds. The Board should give a guarantee that no money will be required for two years.

"It is going to stampede the people," said Mr. McGie.

Mr. Sinclair did not believe the time would come before 1920 when public sentiment would favor the building of a collegiate. He believed there was enough men sentiment in Belleville to vote against the public school.

Mr. Elliott: "We have not enough money in Canada to carry on our undertakings."

Mr. T. Marshall—There are people in Belleville who want nothing. Take the requisition into the Council as it stands, on the distinct understanding that the requisition will not be started this year.

Mr. Mallory said that the plans could be prepared for the requisition, to be begun in 1921. It would take two years to build the school.

Mr. MacFadyen—We want results. The Council would likely shelve the responsibility of the two combined on the people, and if the requisitions are separate then the Council will grant the public school requisition

and refer the collegiate to the people. The public will likely turn both down if they are submitted to them.

Mr. McGinnis—"The people have the right to say what is to be done. If you're afraid to put a thing before the people, there must be something rotten in it."

Mr. MacFadyen said the Board and Council were expected by the people to do the thing. The public does not take the necessary interest to inquire into the needs.

Col. Ponton declared that it was suicidal to think of asking funds to build a collegiate.

The requisition could not be built in these days of artificial prices.

Mr. Woodley pointed out that the sewer proposals had been turned down by West Belleville, to its own regret, some years ago.

Mr. MacFadyen, Mr. McGie, Col. Ponton and Mr. Mallory were appointed a committee to draft a suitable resolution on the matter of the requisition.

Mr. John Elliott presented a resolution from the Vestry of St. Thomas' Church requesting the City Council to take some steps as to building a fence about the graveyard to separate it from the school property.

There was a possibility of further land being secured from the parish churchyard, provided several graves were moved. This matter would have to come before the Vestry of St. Thomas' Church.

On motion of Dr. Marshall a committee was appointed—Messrs. Sinclair, McGie and Mallory—to confer with St. Thomas' Church Vestry regarding these matters.

The committee finally brought in the following recommendation, which was received and adopted on motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Marshall. The requisition will be based on this motion.

"Resolved, that this Board requisition the City Council of the City of Belleville to pass a by-law or by-laws for authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 for a new public school building on the west side of North Front street, Coleman ward, and \$250,000 for a collegiate institute and technical high school, by the issue of debentures of thirty-year debentures; and that for these purposes the City Council aforesaid issue debentures for the said sum of \$100,000 for the said public school, but not before October 1st, 1920, and the debentures for the said sum of \$250,000 for said collegiate institute and technical high school in two issues of equal amounts, the first of \$125,000, not before October 1st, 1921, and the second of \$125,000, not before October 1st, 1922; the said debentures to draw interest at 5 per cent per annum, payable in thirty years, for the respective issues thereof, and that a sinking fund be created for the payment thereof and that the annual amount be levied on account thereof, pursuant to the Act on that behalf, and that it be a term of said by-law or by-laws that the Board will accept and be entitled to the proceeds of said debentures, whether the same be sold at a discount or premium, and the members of this Board attend before the said City Council at the next meeting to lay the said requisition before them and advocate the immediate passing of said by-law or by-laws."

Those present were: A. McGie, Chairman; W. R. McCreary, D. V. Sinclair, J. A. Borbridge, H. McGinnis, J. A. Higgs, Chas. Whelan, G. T. Woodley, B. Mallory, Dr. O. A. Marshall, H. W. Ackerman, N. D. MacFadyen, C. F. Wallbridge, Thos. Marshall, J. Elliott and Col. Ponton.

Germany Sends Note to Peace Delegation

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Ottawa Press Ltd.)

PARIS, April 7.—Herr Goepfert, president of the German Peace delegation, this morning handed Premier Millerand, a note relative to operations in the Ruhr valley and French occupation of Darmstadt and Frankfurt. It will be considered by the council of ambassadors this afternoon.

WOMEN SHOWER SINN FEIN LEAFLETS OVER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Barraged from the streets in the neighborhood of the British embassy, women sympathizers with the Irish cause went up in an airplane and showered down leaflets.

### To Take Steps to Get Money For Housing

City Will Assist in Entertaining American Chemical Engineers—Signs for Streets as Guides for Tourists—Dredging Out Harbor—Paving of John Street.

The City Council in a brief session last evening transacted a considerable amount of business. The members present were: Mayor Riggs, Aldermen Woodley, Hanna, Bone, Ponton, Doyle, DeMarsh and Adams.

Ald. Doyle occupied the chair in committee of the whole.

The accounts recommended to be paid by the various committees were passed. The recommendations proposed were dealt with as follows:

**Suits for Firemen**

Recommended, that the contract of Arthur McGie for suits for the firemen at \$60 per suit be accepted.—Adopted.

**Stokers' Wages**

Recommended by the Gas Committee, that the wages of the stokers at the gas works be increased to 45 cents per hour.

Ald. Adams moved in amendment that the wages of the stokers be raised, the same as the firemen at the works.

Ald. Woodley said he would like to consult with the manager of a change other than the committee's recommendation was made.

Ald. Hanna moved in amendment to the amendment that this matter be referred back to the committee.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

**Pave John Street**

It was recommended that John street be paved.

An amendment prevailed that the granolithic walk walk be built on the south side of a portion of Henry street.

Recommendation referring to firemen's salaries, salaries of the court of revision, water lots near the dock, the G.W.V.A. club house proposal and certain minor public works activities were adopted.

**Visit of Chemical Engineers**

A communication was read from Mr. L. E. Allen, relative to the members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers visiting the city in June, and a request was made for a grant of \$150. Mr. Allen said it was a source of pride to him that the members of the institute had decided to come to Belleville. The members are men of substance. Whilst here, the members would like to visit some places of interest in the county. The Chamber of Commerce would assist in the matter. He hoped the city would do something to assist in entertaining the members.

Ald. Bone—The request of Mr. Allen is a reasonable one, and he would introduce a motion to make a grant.

Aldermen Ponton and Woodley spoke in support of the request made by Mr. Allen.

A petition was presented asking that a portion of John street be paved this year. The request was forwarded to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. J. A. Burke made a request to connect with the Charles street sewer.—Referred to the City Engineer and Public Works Committee.

**Dredging at Harbor**

A communication from Mr. E. G. Porter, K.C., M.P., was read in reference to endeavoring to get dredging done near the new dock, also at Telegraph Island. He was impressing the matter upon the Government and hoped to get something done. The communication was ordered to be filed.

A petition was presented for the construction of a granolithic walk on the east side of Brown street.—Referred to City Engineer, City Clerk and Assessor.

A petition for a granolithic walk on a portion of Cedar street was referred to the proper officials to see if properly signed.

**Pinnacle Street and Tracks**

Ald. Bone—Has anything been heard from the G.T.R. in reference to

### RITCHIES

### New Silks For Springtime

More beautiful than ever the New Silks of Spring 1920, have emerged to rival in weave and texture their predecessors of former years, and more particular are we this year in emphasizing none but dependable merchandise. Our stocks have been carefully chosen and there is so much of the new arriving at our store daily, it would pay the thrifty buyer to inspect our various departments often and investigate the latest word in style, quality and dependable material. Below we offer a few of the many Silks we have recently received.

**Taffeta Charmeuse**  
**Messaline Habutai**  
**Duchesse Tricolette**  
**Hirashike Pongee**  
**Shot Duchesse**

Priced From \$2.00 to \$6.50 per yd.

### Exquisite Blouses

The Blouse Department offers many delightful new styles for Spring—Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chines in plain and embroidered effects—some with lace, others with frills. Come in at your earliest opportunity and visit the Ritchie Blouse Shop.

**Georgette Blouses**

Short and fancy sleeve styles, with fancy collars, lace trimmed, showing the dainty shades of Rose, Pearl, Grey, Navy, Mauve, White Black, and Mauve. Priced \$10.00 to \$28.50.

**Crepe de Chine Blouses**

Delightful new Blouses in Black, White and the new shades, priced \$10.00 to \$20.00.

**Voile Blouses**

An extensive range of Voile Blouses in the new styles that feature round necks and convertible collars; trimmed with fine Swiss embroidery and lace. Priced \$1.75 to \$9.50.

**Mourning Blouses**

A select display of Blouses for Mourning wear, in Georgettes, Crepe de Chines and Jap Silk. Priced \$4.00 to \$15.00.

**Spring Overcoats**

We have still a large supply of Young Men's Spring Overcoats in all the wanted styles and colors to choose from.—Specially priced \$25

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Grant to Children's Aid

Mr. T. D. Ruston addressed the Council in reference to the Council increasing the grant to the Children's Aid Society from \$500 to \$700. The County Council of Hastings had increased the grant to \$700 and he would like the city grant to be the same as the county. The speaker spoke eloquently of the work being done by the Society. He hoped the Council would consider favorably the request.

The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

**Wants Model Farm**

Mayor Riggs stated that a model farm was going to be established in the eastern part of the province and we should endeavor to secure the location of this farm near here. Ald. Bone concurred in the remarks of the Mayor, and he advised that the City Clerk write and ascertain what is being done in the matter.

**BREAK IN SINN FEIN RANKS**

DUBLIN, April 7.—Lord French dunes there is no truth in the statement that he is going to resign. He says there is now a break in the Sinn Fein ranks.

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