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\$12,794 IS INCREASE IN REQUISITION FOR SCHOOLS

Salary Advances and Taylor Lot Purchase Main Items in Heavy Increase This Year over 1916—Member of Board Warns Warm Over Teachers' Requests for Balance of Salary on July 1st—Farewell to Mr. H. Sneyd.

Nearly thirteen thousand dollars more is requisitioned for school purposes this year by the Belleville Board of Education than in 1916. The total requisition is \$86,160 made up as follows:

Public Schools	
Salaries	\$27,700.00
Repairs, Ins. etc.	11,219.25
	\$38,919.25
Less Gov and other Grants	5,417.00
	\$33,502.25
High School	
Salaries	\$18,020.00
Repairs, etc.	9,954.75
Less Gov & Grants	5,227.00
	\$22,757.75

"How does this compare with last year?" asked Mr. Terwilliger when the bylaw was read at the Board of Education meeting last night. Mr. J. Elliott, finance chairman explained how the increased levy of \$13,794 was brought about. The income of the high school in 1916 was \$2,876.1 and the public schools \$2,876.1 a total of \$7,652.61 besides \$4,000 which the board took out of its saving fund. The estimated income of the high school for 1917 is \$5,227 and of public schools \$2,817, a total of \$7,652 besides \$3,000 taken from the Board Fund.

The high school income is to be increased \$451 this year, and the falling off in public school income is \$459, a deficit of only \$8.

"We are asking this year more than last. The salary increases for high school teachers total \$1480 and for public school teachers \$3,150. The increase in fuel will be \$1,100. Also there is included in the estimates \$5,900 for the Taylor property. All told we are asking this year from the city \$12,794 more than a year ago. But we have taken \$7,000 in the past two years from the savings fund in order to reduce the tax rate.

"We are sorry it is so high. We would like to see it lower. But we cannot maintain the high efficiency of our schools if we do not meet the increase in teachers' salaries and in fuel cost."

Accordingly the school rate this year will be far above the usual rate.

From Thurlow for the district north of the city united with Belleville for school purposes, the Board requisitioned \$1,419.

The purchase of coal for the schools was not decided but a special committee will deal with the situation with power to act.

Miss A. Grace Tucker of Tweed made application for appointment to a city school staff.

Miss Jessie Bruce tendered her resignation as teacher. She has been engaged in the teaching profession in Belleville since 1903.

Miss M. Fleming returned a bonus check for \$75 which the board had decided to give her for extra work in the past few months of the term.

The resignation of Miss Bruce was accepted with regret by the board. The secretary will convey by communication the board's appreciation of her services as teacher in Belleville.

Members Bothered and Pestored.

Several teachers having been wanting their cheques by July 1st. They are paid by monthly instalments, and several payments fall due during the summer. Some members thought they might be accommodated but others stated that the agreement should be lived up to. Besides the board has not the money to pay before hand.

No member of the board said one should be bothered and pestored as some have been this year by the teachers. Reproaches, recriminations, animadversions for penuriousness have been heard because individual members of the board have favored payment of cheques at the end of June.

They seem to think that they belong to a privileged class. The trouble does not come from the men, but from the teachers who have organized as a union. We should determine this matter together. We may as well reorganize that we have an organized union pressing its claims against us. He concluded by saying that there had been appeals for old friendship's sake and on account of church membership to use influence to have payments made before due. "Why should I be appealed to because we happen to belong to such and such a church?"

Farewell to Mr. Sneyd.

LI.-Col. W. N. Ponton, moved, seconded by J. Elliott—"That, the

Board of Education of the City of Belleville having learned that our esteemed colleague, Mr. Henry Sneyd, is about to leave the city to assume the management of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at Preston, desire to record their hearty appreciation of his faithful service in the cause of education in Belleville and desire also to recognize his public spirited and devoted work in connection with all patriotic organizations during the last three testing years and unite in wishing him and his esteemed family health, happiness, and prosperity in his new home."

"The Patriotic Committee will in his departure experience a loss almost irreparable. Who will be found with the patience and consideration which he has shown during the hours of interviews and investigations?" asked Col. Ponton.

Mr. John Elliott regretted the departure of Mr. Sneyd, Mrs. Sneyd, their son and daughter. They will leave a large vacancy in the city. Mr. Sneyd has taken an active part in everything—the patriotic fund, the Canadian Club, the Board of Education. He goes away with the good wishes of the citizens of Belleville.

The motion was carried by a standing vote amid applause. The chairman in presenting the resolution paid tribute to Mr. Sneyd's son as a cadet officer.

Mr. Sneyd in reply said he rarely liked words of praise as he rarely was given to praise. But in his ten years in Belleville he had made many friends and he regretted leaving. Thirty years ago he landed at Galt and now struggle to say he is returning to an office three miles from that place. Being over age as far as military duties were concerned, he had undertaken the work of patriotic fund as secretary in succession to Mr. A. McGinnis. He had done all he could and he believed things had gone well. He had tried to be of assistance to parents, wives and children of soldiers, regarding pensions, assigned pay and separation allowances.

He knew of several cases where old people were in better circumstances in their lives from the pay of their sons, who in peace times were not quite so considerate. He would be glad of an opportunity to visit Belleville and meet his old friends in the days to come.

Mr. C. M. Reid asked what position the Taylor deal was in.

Mr. Mallory "No particular change. The tenant of the board is expected to take possession on July 1st."

Mr. Diamond "Mr. Masson, solicitor for the Taylor Estate, accepted the offer of the board \$5000 and taxes from April 1st, 1917."

Mr. Mallory "The money was to be deposited in some chartered bank to the credit of the Taylor Estate, they to have the interest and the board to have the rental, until the title was complete."

Mr. Reid "We have no right to take possession without a proper deed and title. If we have no title nor deed and have taken possession I think the board is very careless in its business dealings. I'd like to see the thing upset. People who voted for it are sorry for it now. The price was far too high. I ask the question: 'Have we possession and a proper title?'"

Col. Ponton—"The money will not be paid over until the title is passed. The executor is now in England."

Mr. Elliott "We have two securities—the property and the money."

There was some discussion over the proposed separation of Thurlow school sections and Belleville Board. The special committee will meet shortly.

QUINTE SUMMER SCHOOL, JULY 2nd to 9th INCLUSIVE

The Quinte Summer School for the study of the Bible, Missions Methods of Sunday School Work and of personal problems will open its sessions at Albert College, Monday evening, A. Praise Service led by the Rev. J. E. Griffith, B.A., will be held at 7 o'clock. At 7.20 addresses of welcome will be given by Principal Baker and the Rev. S. C. Moore, B.A., B.D., to which reply will be made by the Rev. S. F. Dixon, of Stirling. Evening meetings are open to the public.

DIED

DORAN — In Buffalo, N.Y. Jane Theresa Doran, widow of late Arthur Doran, aged 68 years.

The indication of worms are restlessness, grinding of the picking of the nose, extreme peevishness, often convulsions. Under these conditions the best remedy that can be got is Miller's Worm Powders. They will grind them to atoms that pass away in the evacuations. The little sufferer will be immediately eased and a return of the attack will not be likely.

SHOT DOWN FOUR HUN MACHINES

And Likely Got Two More, Says Lt. Ellis Reid, Nephew of Mr. C. M. Reid and Grand Nephew of Sir. M. Bowell.

Mr. C. M. Reid hands us an interesting extract from a letter written in France by his nephew, Lieut. Ellis Reid of the Royal Air Service. Lieut. Reid is a son of Mr. A. N. Reid formerly of Belleville, and a Grand Nephew of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Mr. C. M. Reid's son Harold is in this branch of the service.

Lieut. Reid writes as follows: "We have had a busy time lately. I had 28 hours over the lines (the first seven days of this month). It was successful though and I managed to get four Hun machines, two 2-seaters and two of their latest scouts, these were all confirmed by other pilots who saw them go down; I am certain I got two more but as I didn't have time to watch them actually crash I only put them down as out of control. I got into a scrap with four scouts the other day and got one of them, (confirmed) and saw my bullets (tracers) go into another but was too busy to watch him down. We certainly have wonderful machines and my experience helps a lot in a scrap. We have the Huns 'buffaloes' now and they won't attack our formations which makes things easy for us and reasonably safe as we never attack until we have the advantage."

ATTITUDE OF THE AMERICANS

Mr. Fred J. Lingham, of Lockport, N.Y., Writes to Relative Now in Europe

Mr. Wm. H. Lingham, Moira St. has received a copy of a letter written by a relative of his, Mr. Fred J. Lingham, of Lockport, N.Y., to the latter's brother-in-law, Capt. A. C. Farrel, 1st. Reserve Battalion, (B.C.) Army Post Office London England. The communication is very interesting as showing the high ideals prompting the great republic to participation in the war. The letter reads:

Capt. A. C. Farrel, 1st. Reserve Batta., (Brit. Col.) Army P.O., London, Eng. Dear Allan,—

Am naturally very glad to have yours of May 21st. I had thought that from the fact that the papers and magazines must naturally be so old before they reached you, that they really might be a bother rather than being wanted, but considering what you say will be very glad to forward you some from time to time.

Regarding what you say about the stand taken by the people of this country, I am frank to say that I had heard so much from non-Americans about the money grabbing and absolute selfishness of the American people as a whole, that I had begun to wonder whether these criticisms might be justified. Now I will say that possibly they were justified, but they would certainly not be justified today so far as I can judge from my coming into contact with men from all parts of the country. If we were deprived from money-madness, which I even yet hope we were not certainly the present crisis has turned our faces toward better things.

The talks now in Washington are not what may be the best for the United States, but what may be best for the entire body of the Allies, of which we are simply a part. It would surely seem that the present conditions must work for greater international friendships for many years to come.

As you say, the United States must now realize that no nation can live unto itself. This was of course one of our definite policies for many years in the past, and one of our boasts has been that we could be self-supporting, and build a stone wall around our country and still live happily. The Monroe Doctrine was of course part of our deep seated national belief. This feeling has now disappeared, however, and I believe Americans as a whole realize that we are simply a part of the great world family, each member of which is certainly dependent on the others.

Teddy Roosevelt—and, of course, many of his friends and followers—must have been disappointed at not being allowed to go to Europe on the basis he desired but I personally think it would have been a great mistake. The country is taking hold of the war, it seems to me, on

a live basis of the quickest possible efficiency, and it seems to me that any body of men going to Europe should be simply a part of the whole United States war machine. Many who did not realize the enormous undertaking it would be to send such a body of men to Europe, people not realizing the necessary equipment and food that would have to be transported; and the United States army, when it does go to Europe, should certainly be simply a part of one great machine.

It does seem to many of us here that Congress is at times very slow in acting, but it is always much easier to criticize from the outside than to act when the responsibility is on one's own shoulders. Just as an example, I recently took a few of us millers three days to formulate a simple statement to certain Federal authorities, giving recommendations from a milling standpoint; and when this time was necessary for a simple, plain statement, it is easy to see how much more time would be necessary for any large action by the House or Senate, where very many more persons would take part in the discussions.

Note what you say about our getting food over from here. Certainly the Federal authorities are straining every effort to do this, and not only that, but are demonstrating to the people of this country that it is just as necessary (or possibly even more necessary) that you over there be given the food you desire, as that we here should have food that we might prefer. For instance, Europe knows practically nothing of eating corn meal. We in America either do know something of it, or can be quickly educated to it; and the Federal Government is already putting out circulars and notices, advising people to substitute corn meal, corn flour, etc. for wheat flour, so that as much as possible of our wheat crop may be sent overseas.

From my letters you may think that I am over content of the high virtues of Americans, and may think it necessary to remind me "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall". I can only say that I hope the tide of feeling in this country may not turn in any direction other than the best, but I realize that it is never possible to know just what may happen in this regard.

A NATIONAL NEED

Universal Economy Essential to Victory

"Let us be done with new streets and new sidewalks, new town halls and new railways till the war is over. Let us walk in our old boots on the old boards, patriots all, with dollar pieces jingling in our pockets, adding up to twenty-five for the latest patriotic loan."

Such is the plea of Professor Leacock in a pamphlet written for the Government which has printed a quarter of a million copies. It is part of the campaign of the National Service Board for national thrift and economy. "Serve by giving" is the Board's motto. It should be the motto of the country. Expenditures should be cut to a minimum. Waste should be regarded as an offence against the State; luxuries as a crime.

The country's dollars are needed for war work. By the practise of thrift by every man and woman in the Dominion millions can be saved for investment in Government War Savings Certificates. These millions must be saved and invested if the country is to be worthy of its soldiers.

S. S. No. 30 TYENDINAGA

Fourth Class—Michael Horrigan, Bernard Bennett, Joseph Freeman (absent two exams).

Third Class—Reta Horrigan, Frances Naphan, Bessie Horrigan, (absent) Lucy Marsh (absent).

Second Class—Rose Cronin, Tim Horrigan, Tom Cronin (absent).

First Class—Lena Horrigan, Mike Cronin.

Prizes—Tim Cronin.

—A. Farrel, Teacher.

GIRL TRIED TO ENLIST

Determined to avenge the killing of her two cousins and her wounded brother, an eighteen-year-old Ottawa girl donned male attire and applied at the base recruiting office a few weeks ago to be enrolled as a stretcher-bearer in the "ammunition column". The masquerade was discovered. Being compelled to admit her sex, she explained that she had tried to go overseas as a nurse, but could not take the necessary three years' course, and believed she would be accepted as a stretcher-bearer.

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