

CATHARINE BACKS SCHOOL TAX RISE

Finance Body Member Produces Figures Supporting 15-Cent Increase

TELLS OF DEBT BURDENS

Joseph W. Catharine, of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education, produced today to support the board's approval of an additional fifteen cents in the school tax for 1922.

Mr. Catharine expressed regret at criticism aimed at the board by members of Council, and said the assertions of these Councilmen were unfair. Incidentally, Mr. Catharine said it was fortunate for the people generally that the public schools had been taken over by the Board of Education.

Of the fifteen cent additional tax ten cents goes to pay an increase in salaries of teachers, made mandatory by the last Legislature; two and one-half cents to school buildings and two and one-half cents for a new administration building for the board.

Mr. Catharine said the Board of Education was working along lines of strictest economy. He asserted that the public generally did not realize what financial burdens the board had to carry.

In addition to teachers' salaries, he said the board had to assume a debt of about \$7,500,000 for outstanding loans floated by the city and which until 1905 were carried by the city.

Enactment of the School Code in 1905 placed the burden of obtaining school funds on the board. The board also had to carry nearly \$10,000,000 for loans which it created.

It was suggested to Mr. Catharine that on account of a reduction in building costs it was thought that the board might economize in that direction and shade the proposed increase somewhat. Mr. Catharine said that \$2,485,500 had been set aside in the budget for land and buildings and that this would be required regardless of present reductions.

He explained that this sum would simply be a nucleus for new buildings. It would be used for the purchase of land and also to take care of interest

charges. He said there were nearly 40,000 children on part time and that about fifteen schools would be required, at an average cost of \$500,000 each.

"Before and during the war," said Mr. Catharine, "it cost the board twenty cents a cubic foot to build a school. In 1919 the cost was fifty cents a cubic foot. This dropped to forty cents in 1920 and now it is thirty cents."

The Councilmen who expressed criticism of the board's action in asking an increase are Charles R. Hall and William McConeh. Mr. Hall said the rate proposed for 1922, ninety-five cents, is within five cents of what it cost to run the whole city five years ago.

Mr. McConeh's attack took another angle. He declared there were as many children unable to get school accommodations now as in 1912, although cost of the school system had increased about 150 or 200 per cent. Mr. McConeh added that this was due to the appointive system of the Board of Education.

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