

Construction Roundup

Belleville - ~~Highway~~

Plan Seven-storey Apartment Building on Lazier Home Site

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The corner of Victoria Avenue and John Street in Belleville will be the scene of dramatic changes within the next year. Mr. Arthur Basch, Toronto, and Mr. Ted Schwab of Belleville, principals of Baschwab Co. Ltd., have officially announced plans for an ultramodern Regency Apartments building which will be erected on the intersection's south-west corner, present site of the Lazier home.

The present occupants of the Lazier house have nearly all vacated the premises and the familiar structure will probably be demolished shortly after the first of April.

The Lazier home is closely associated with the name of Lieut.-Colonel Samuel Shaw Lazier, a Belleville attorney who moved to the locality in 1858. Descended from a staunch Loyalist family, the Colonel purchased the property on which the house now stands in 1878, and built the impressive dwelling in the early 1880's. The house was built in the Mansardic tradition, a trend that was inspired by Chateaux, or French country homes. The home and grounds were purchased from the Lazier estate by the Leslie family of Belleville who, in turn, sold the property to Baschwab Ltd.

A proposed half-million-dollar project, Regency Apartments is proposed as a seven-storey, deluxe 52-suite structure. The architects are the E. I. Richmond Co. of Toronto, who specialize in the designing of the high-rise type of apartment buildings so common on Toronto's skyline.

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LOTS OF PARKING

Only about 30 percent of the grounds will be occupied by the apartment building itself, the rest being utilized for off-street parking facilities, landscaping, and a fountain. The parking area is intended to be 100 percent reserved free space, with electrical plug-in outlets for each car.

The interior will house 38 two-bedroom apartments, 6 three-bedroom ones and 8 singles, and will feature an elegant lobby and lounge. It is estimated that a two-bedroom apartment will have a floor area of approximately 1100 square feet.

Tenants of Regency Apartments will be able to enjoy the use of a swimming pool, a sauna steam bath, and a recreation room. It is also planned that the fire-proof, sound-proof building will have broadloom-lined halls.

A tentative completion date has been set for October.

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