

C.A. Mott, City Engineer, Completes 38 Years' Service

July 2, 1957

The last day of June, 1957, marked the completion of thirty-eight years of continuous service with the Corporation of the City of Belleville by Charles A. Mott, P. Eng.

On July 2nd, 1919, Mr. Mott started to work in the engineering department at the City Hall as a draftsman under City Engineer Mr. J. G. Mill, C.E. Mr. Mill retired in 1922 to enter the consulting field of engineering and now resides in Vancouver, B. C. In August 1922 Mr. Charles D. Campbell, C.E., O.L.S. from Galt, Ontario was appointed City Engineer and occupied that position until his untimely death in a motor car accident near Deseronto on May 21, 1929.

On June 1st, 1929 Mr. Mott was to have reported to Trenton, Ontario as Town Engineer, a position to which he had been appointed before the death of Mr. Campbell. However, the prevailing circumstances at that time altered matters considerably and Mayor Greenleaf, Alderman W. A. Woodley and Alderman G. H. French, members of the 1929 city council journeyed to the Town of Trenton and through the fine cooperation of that municipality obtained Mr. Mott's release in order to appoint him City Engineer of Belleville, effective June 1st, 1929.

EDUCATED IN CITY

After receiving his early education in the Public Schools of this city and the old Belleville High School, Charlie enlisted for World War I in the 73rd Battery, C.F.A. at Kingston in May, 1917 as a signaller. After train-

ing in Camp Petawawa for a year, he was transferred to the 85th Battery, Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force for duty in Siberia (Russia) during the Bolshevik Revolution. This unit received further training on the west coast at New Westminster and Vancouver, B.C. before proceeding overseas. After receiving his military discharge back in Kingston in April, 1919, he returned to his home town and started to work at the City Hall two months later.

Mr. Mott soon became interested in engineering and after five years of home study courses in municipal engineering, architectural designing and drafting, he received his Certificate as a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil Branch) of the Province of Ontario in 1931. He became a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada in 1940 and the Canadian Institute on Sewage and Sanitation in 1938. He is also an active member of the City Engineers' Association.

Being City Engineer of the City of Belleville for the past twenty-eight years, Mr. Mott is one of the few Civil Engineers in Canada who has occupied the position of City Engineer of the same municipality for a period of over twenty-five consecutive years, a record of which he is very proud.