

BILINGUALISM IS OFFICIALLY OVER

No Other Language But English to Be Taught in School Hours

Bilingualism went officially out of the schools of the province of Manitoba yesterday. According to the law, no other language save English is supposed to be taught in the public schools henceforth.

Soon after the first of this year a report on Manitoba's schools disclosed the fact that there were 126 French bilingual schools in operation, employing 234 teachers and with an enrollment of 7,393 pupils. Sixty-one districts operated German bilingual schools, employing 73 teachers and having an enrollment of 2,814 scholars.

One hundred and eleven districts operated Ruthenian or Polish bilingual schools and the enrolment was 6,513 pupils with teachers numbering 114. Thus there were altogether 16,720 pupils in the three groups of bilingual schools in the province, which means, roughly speaking, that of all the children on the school rolls of Manitoba, one out of every six received his education in a school of this type.

Situation at St. Boniface.

The four public schools in St. Boniface and Norwood began their sessions yesterday on standard time.

The classes were resumed at Provencher and St. Joseph academy on the old bilingual programme, the new English programme drawn by the department of education being applied as far as it goes. If an inspector calls, the Free Press was informed yesterday, he will see that English is taught satisfactorily.

Sixty new pupils registered yesterday at Provencher school and Brother Joseph said he expected more during the next few days.

Statement by Chairman.

Ald. J. A. Marlon, chairman of the school board, stated that the board would wait for the department of education to show its hand first before telling what they were going to do.

Asked if the ten trustees of the schools of the city of St. Boniface had been convoked and had voted on any future course of action, he replied: "Not yet; we are waiting."

Interviewed yesterday after the day's work at Provencher school, Simeon Dussault, an old trustee of that institution, gave permission to the Free Press to state that French would continue to be taught in the St. Boniface schools.

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