

# Report on Scheme for Metropolitan School Area to Be Discussed

Winnipeg would pay slightly more under a scheme for the formation of a metropolitan school area embracing fourteen existing school districts of Greater Winnipeg as advanced Saturday in a report by Allan Furniss, chairman of the West Kildonan school board, and M. D. Campbell, trustee of Glenlawn district.

Their proposal will go before a special meeting of the Suburban Trustees' association at 603 McIntyre building at 8 o'clock Monday evening, to which representatives of various municipalities have been invited.

Under their plan of taxation, Winnipeg citizens would pay \$3,126.192.54 on the basis of 1935 assessment, compared with an actual levy this year of \$2,991,164.50. Four other municipalities would also pay considerably more for the privilege of being in a metropolitan district, and nine others would pay less.

The school districts embraced by the plan are: Brooklands, Rosser, Fort Whyte, Tuxedo, Fort Garry, Glenlawn, Transcona, Norwood, St. Boniface, East Kildonan, West Kildonan, St. James, Springfield and Winnipeg.

It was suggested that the provincial government be requested to pass the necessary legislation at the 1936 session and that it come into

effect in September. Other recommendations were:

That a school board consisting of one member from each municipality and six from Winnipeg be set up and each paid \$300 per year and the chairman \$500.

That the purposes of the board be to maintain the standard of education facilities throughout the area from grade one to 12 at equal cost throughout the several districts (a flat tax rate of 15.51 mills is set for this purpose).

That under no circumstances shall any of the facilities by the city of Winnipeg be curtailed, but we urge these facilities be improved and that both the province and Dominion contribute more than heretofore.

That teachers' salaries be standardized and provincial grants gradually increased until the standard set by the Teachers' Federation is reached.

The school levy of five districts would be increased as follows: Winnipeg, \$135,028; Tuxedo, \$24,545; Norwood, \$11,278; St. Vital, \$1,574; Fort Whyte, \$14,230.

Those which would be reduced are: Brooklands, \$17,559.61; Fort Garry, \$2,536; Glenlawn, \$19,232; transcona, \$22,775; St. Boniface, \$21,488; East Kildonan, \$32,748; West Kildonan, \$16,325; St. James, \$50,612, and Springfield, \$2,692.