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East Kildonan's Bodie Fulfils Election Vows

Mayor John Leslie (Les) Bodie of East Kildonan (population close to 13,000 is one politician who has seen most of his election promises fulfilled.

Four years ago he was elected on a platform, main plank of which was extension of local improvements throughout East Kildonan.

Since 1948, overall improvements valued in all at \$334,107, include:

(1) 4.23 miles of sewer construc-

tion, (2) 4.79 miles of water mains and (3) 15.15 miles of concrete sidewalks.

In 1948 the new mayor began urging amalgamation with Winnipeg to get the above services, plus paved roads, more fire protection and more school classrooms.

Now that residents have most of the local improvements they wanted, they aren't so anxious to join Winnipeg, said the mayor. "I'm still in favor of it, if the benefits are proportional to the difference between our tax rate and Winnipeg's, which was about \$10 per cent. higher in 1949."

Born In Carman

Born in Carman, Man., 41 years ago, Mr. Bodie moved to the Elmwood district of Winnipeg as a boy. He moved to East Kildonan in 1944, was elected to the school board in 1946, and the next year was chairman of the board.

In the fall of 1947, he was elected reeve (changed to "mayor" by statute the next spring.)

Mr. Bodie joined the Dominion Bridge company limited in 1929 as a junior clerk in the accounting department. Today he is assistant comptroller for the construction firm's western division.

He is married and has a daughter, Brenda, 11 and a son, Douglas, seven. They live at 160 Hazeldell avenue.



MAYOR J. L. BODIE