

Agreement Reached in Protest by Parents

**East Kildonan School Board, at
Special Meeting Friday, De-
cides to Re-Transfer Prince
Edward School Pupils**

Following the protest registered by the parents of some thirty-six of the scholars in attendance at the Prince Edward school against the ruling of the board to have same transferred to the Polson school, the whole matter has been under advisement by the school board of East Kildonan. Leading reasons given for the refusal of the parents to have their children transferred was that the Polson school was in an unsanitary condition, the use of bad language by some pupils at the school and other matters beyond the control of the school board. The decision of the board was reached as a result of the over-crowding conditions in the Prince Edward school.

The difficulty was overcome at a special meeting of the East Kildonan school board held Monday night under the chairmanship of Major W. D. E. Morley. It was decided to re-transfer the children from the Polson school to the Prince Edward school. This will be done by establishing a double class of grade six and grade seven pupils in the same room in Prince Edward school.

A rider was appended to the decision stating "that while the board is agreeable to this readjustment it wishes to go on record that this should not be considered as creating a precedent, because it amounts to a condition of overcrowding classrooms in one school, while there is ample room in the other school to take care of the pupils affected without overcrowding. The board considers this as contrary to the best interests of the pupils affected."

To the charges of one parent that more than 2,000 children at Polson school have been on the sick list for the past two years, Mr. E. R. Dolmage, principal of Polson school, stated the average attendance for this period at the school was between 96 and 98 per cent., and that the sanitary conditions could not be as bad as had been described by some in view of this percentage.

Denise Charges

Found Building Clean

The second letter, from Mr. J. W. Gordon, inspector of public schools, read:

"I have today carefully inspected the Polson school building as to its cleanliness and its sanitary condition.

"I find the building all through particularly clean and the caretaking equal to any on my field. All rooms are well ventilated. The complaint concerning the Radio Oil may have had some foundation four years ago but it is never bad now and is very seldom noticeable.

(Signed) "J. W. GORDON,
"Inspector of Public Schools."

Attending the meeting were:— Chairman, Major W. D. E. Morley; Messrs. Thomas Underwood, G. A. Treger, A. E. Ford, W. Alexander, school board members; Mr. John Colvin, secretary-treasurer; Rev. H. W. Ferrier, principal of Prince Edward school; E. R. Dolmage, principal of Polson school, and Inspector J. W. Gordon.

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