

WILL ASK PROBE OF METROPOLITAN SCHOOL QUESTION

Hon. R. A. Hoey Promises Suburban Delegation to Ask Appointment of Study Group

Hon. R. A. Hoey, minister of education, will urge the provincial government to appoint a committee to investigate the question of a metropolitan school area embracing Winnipeg and the outlying municipalities.

The minister gave an undertaking to this effect to a delegation of the Greater Winnipeg Suburban Trustees' association which interviewed him Thursday, and pressed for an inquiry by a commission or a committee, on the grounds that the school districts in the suburbs cannot afford to provide the educational facilities enjoyed in Winnipeg and young people outside the city were thus placed under a serious handicap.

W. Norris, St. James, and W. D. Campbell, Glenlawn, were the spokesmen for the delegates. The following figures showing the cost per pupil of education in the suburbs were presented by Mr. Campbell; Brooklands, \$30.33; Fort Whyte, \$79.26; Transcona, \$42.87; St. Boniface, \$47.44; East Kildonan, \$34.80; West Kildonan, \$39.97; Springfield, \$51.78; St. Vital, \$34.92; Glenlawn, \$33.34; Norwood, \$37.51; Tuxedo, \$87.60; St. James, \$41.80, and Winnipeg, \$74.98.

With regard to the proposed Technical institute, the delegates urged that when this is built due provision should be made for meeting the needs of the young people in the suburbs, and Mr. Hoey agreed that this should be done, at the same time undertaking to keep the association informed about latest developments in connection with the project.

A. Furnace, West Kildonan, brought up the question of teachers' salaries, and maintained that the minimum of \$700 should be raised to \$800.

The delegates included A. B. Carter, Glenlawn, chairman; Mr. Furnace, R. B. Gibson, East Kildonan; W. Haigh, Transcona; Mr. Norris, Mr. Campbell and W. J. McKeand, Norwood.