

# Last Street Car Leaves E.K. 1.37 a.m. Saturday

On Saturday, Nov. 27th, the last regular street car to operate into East Kildonan will leave the loop at the Eldorado Drive-in. It will depart at 1.37 a.m. and proceed to Main st., where it will turn north to the car barns.

Buses will commence operating over the East Kildonan route with the start of service on Saturday morning.

About 8.30 a.m. the last official trip will be made when a special car will make its "swan song" run carrying officials of the Transit Commission.

During the first week of the change the motor buses will operate over the present route to Memorial Boulevard only. During that week Greater Winnipeg Transit Commission crews will be busy removing the street car trolley wire and replacing it with the double wire system required for trolley bus operation.

Starting on Sunday, Dec. 5, trolley buses will start operating over the East Kildonan route to provide the base service. Large capacity motor buses will be used on the route to augment the service during the busier hours.

As soon as trolley buses start operating, the East Kildonan route will be joined with the Academy - Stafford route via Portage avenue and Memorial boulevard, thus providing a through service to Broadway and Osborne, thence via Broadway and Sherbrook to the River Heights and Crescentwood areas. Buses will alternate to the Academy-Kenaston and Stafford-Pembina terminals.

## WATT STREET CHANGE

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Watt st. bus route also will be changed. During non-rush hours buses from Watt st. will operate via Watt, Johnson, Brazier, Poplar to Kelvin st., and will return via Johnson and Watt st.

During rush hours the Watt buses will follow the East Kildonan route via Kelvin, Hespeler, Redwood, Main and Portage to Memorial blvd. and will return over the same route.

## L.S. H.-S. Group Plans Interesting Meeting For Dec. 1

An interesting program has been arranged for the monthly meeting of the Lord Selkirk Home and School Association to be held Wed-

Watt buses will no longer operate over the Louise Bridge during rush hours.

The conversion of the East Kildonan route will close a chapter in the history of transportation in East Kildonan and West Elmwood, extending over more than half a century.

First service in the East Kildonan - Elmwood area was provided in 1903 by a double-end car which operated from Louise Bridge along Midwinter and Kelvin to Harbison ave., the north city limits.

At Harbison ave. passengers could and the crew did transfer to a second dinkey which operated from the city limits to Linden ave., which was then a zone fare area. In 1904 the line was extended from Linden ave. to the C.P.R. subway and in 1906 to Foxgrove ave.

In 1908 track was laid from Main st. At that time three shuttle routes st. across Redwood Bridge to Kelvin were in operation — one from Louise Bridge to Kelvin and Hespeler, one from Redwood and Main to Kelvin and Harbison, and a third from Harbison ave. north along Henderson Highway to Foxgrove ave.

In 1914 the city fare zone area was extended from Harbison ave. to Trent ave. and subsequently to Leighton ave. at John Black Church.

An excerpt from the franchise dated Oct. 25, 1904, between the Municipality of Kildonan and the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company, reads:

"The Company agrees that it will run not less than four round trips between 6.30 a.m. and 10 p.m. each day, one car to leave the north end of the line at 6.30 a.m."

With the conversion of the East Kildonan route to bus operation only one street car route, the Portage-North Main, will remain in the Greater Winnipeg area.

Elmwood and the growing municipality of East Kildonan will be the chief beneficiaries in Greater Winnipeg Transit Commission's million dollar 1954 improvement plan.