

# DEFEAT OF SCHOOL BYLAW EXPLAINED

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## N. Kildonan Trustee Charges Misleading Statements Made

A North Kildonan school trustee has charged that "misleading and unauthorized statements" have been made regarding the recent defeat of a \$50,000 school bylaw by eight votes.

Mrs. Joanna M. Morton, North Kildonan school trustee, has declared in a prepared summary that defeat of the bylaw was not the work of a "small, disgruntled group." Nor is it a matter of wards, she said. Trustees are "required to act in the interest of the whole district, not for some particular part of it."

Mrs. Morton is in favor of a four-room addition to Lord Kitchener school which she estimates could be built for \$37,000.

The bylaw called for a four-room addition to Princess Elizabeth school at a cost of \$50,000.

Estimated fall enrolment for the school district is 610, the school trustee says, of which 105 attend Princess

Elizabeth school south of the CPR cutoff. The remainder attend Lord Kitchener school north of the cutoff. Of this group 224 come from north of the cutoff and 281 come from the south.

The school trustee points out that no child south of the cutoff has to travel more than 1 3/10 miles to school, while some children north of it have to travel 2 2/10 miles since Lord Kitchener school is located one-quarter mile

south of the centre of the school district.

### CLASSROOM AVAILABLE

Staggered hours "will not be imperative," Mrs. Morton says, as has been previously suggested. Free use of a classroom is available in the Knowles Boys school in the northern part of the district and another room could be rented in the Mennonite Brethren church. If the defeated bylaw had been passed, it is unlikely that the new school building would have been ready until after Christmas, she said.

It is noteworthy that 19 per cent of the vote in the area south of the cutoff was against the bylaw, she declared.

She said the school board at present has an unexpended bylaw of \$20,000 and a school could be built on the Lord Kitchener site for \$25,000, half the amount of the defeated bylaw.

Meanwhile danger to children using the cutoff was slight, she said. It runs under an abandoned CPR railway with no ties or steel. There are sidewalks on either side of the subway right through.

No small children from Grades 1 to 3 would have to use it, she added. There is an elementary school in the south.

## RCHA Schedules 2 Band Concerts

Two public band concerts are scheduled for Assiniboine Park — one on Friday and the other July 16 — both at 7.30 p.m.

The concerts will be given by the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery band of prairie command augmented by students from militia units attending a summer band course at Fort Osborne barracks Monday to July 18.

This massed band will total between 60 and 65 musicians. In addition, there will be pipe band demonstrations by the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, plus students. This band will be approximately 45 strong.

Capt. H. Tidman, inspector of bands for prairie command, will be in charge.

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