

# OPPOSED TO DIVIDING RURAL MUNICIPALITY

## Reeve and Council of East Kildonan Before Legislative Committee

Opposing the division of East Kildonan municipality, Reeve S. R. Henderson and A. B. Hudson, K. C., representing the municipal council, told the municipal committee of the legislature at the parliament buildings yesterday that no real injustice existed in present conditions and no benefits would accrue by the division. A delegation composed of approximately 200 residents of East Kildonan waited upon the committee with regard to this matter. Mr. Henderson stated that the municipality is paying the penalty now for overbuilding in the boom period. The northern section which is proposed to be divided has only 12 per cent. of the population with one member on the council representing 33 per cent. of the assessed property value. Instead of splitting the municipality the reeve said there should be a widening of the taxation system which is not suited to present conditions.

E. J. Murray, appearing on behalf of the rural residents of the municipality, stated that the portion of the municipality contiguous to Winnipeg was now very much modernized and differed little from the city. Population in this portion was more dense than in the other portions with the result that it was able to control the personnel of the council and the rate and distribution of the taxes. It was unfair he claimed that the rural residents should have to pay for improvements in another part of the municipality that brought no benefit to them. He suggested North Kildonan as the name of the proposed new municipality.

The municipal committee promised impartial consideration of the matter. Another delegation will be heard next Wednesday.

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