

## UTILITY BOARD SANCTIONS REQUEST

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# New Collegiate Planned For East Kildonan Site

If the residents so decide, East Kildonan will have a new one-storey eight-room Collegiate. The cost will be \$235,000.

The School Board has been working on the plan for several months and the Municipal and Public Utility Board this week sanctioned the request.

The site chosen is the approximate centre of the municipality, and one recommended by the Metropolitan Town Planning Board. Municipal-owned property bounded by Chelsea, Melrose, Roch and Watt st. will be the site. This two block area will provide ample space for outdoor activities.

The classroom situation in East Kildonan is serious and with the rapid increase of new homes it is bound to get worse.

In 1939 the population was under 8,000 and a school enrolment of 1,300. There were only 2,200 homes then. Today the population is estimated at 12,500, with 3,540 homes.

The school enrolment in September, 1950, was 1,670. In January, 1951, it was 1,722, and the survey for enrolment in September, 1951, is set at 1,987.

From these figures it is readily seen that there is a steady growth in homes, population and school children.

It is to be expected that with an increase of 1,300 homes a school room problem was bound to develop.

To alleviate the need for classrooms the four-room school known as Salisbury (the first school) in

Morse Place, was renovated and reopened last year. An addition to Lord Wolseley School gives that district four more rooms—but this is not enough.

The need for a centralized Collegiate is one of major importance and with its erection it will allow children of other grades to attend the schools nearer to their homes. At present most children have to travel great distances to attend class. The Collegiate now occupies six rooms in Lord Wolseley School.

The plans for the Collegiate are for an eight-room school, with a library, laboratory, manual shops, a principal's room, and staff rooms.

If and when a bylaw is submitted to the electorate for a Collegiate the citizens of East Kildonan should express its approval, as it is the only municipality in Greater Winnipeg that has reduced its mill rate this year, showing clearly that the elected representatives are striving to do their best in the interests of the people.

In the next issue of *The Herald* it is hoped that further details of the proposed plans may be given, and how these will relieve the classroom situation in the schools of the municipality.—R.J.

