

# North Kildonan Council Members Review Year's Work

A record of sound financial administration in North Kildonan, which despite declining revenues and the heavy burden of increasing unemployment relief costs, has seen substantial reduction in bonded indebtedness, a drop in the mill rate and an increase from two-thirds to 75 per cent. in government relief assistance, was revealed at a rate-payers' meeting Thursday evening, in Lord Kitchener school. Problems of the municipality were reviewed by Reeve Herbert Whellams and three of the four councillors.

While it is stated several candidates have been approached to run in opposition to Mr. Whellams, the municipality's first and only reeve, no names were put before Thursday's meeting either for reeve, councillors or trustees.

"Our budget in the last three years, has actually reached the irreducible minimum," Reeve Whellams stated. "Not another cent can be spared if we are to continue the essential services required."

The reeve paid tribute to "splendid co-operation of the school board," which he said had achieved substantial reductions in its budget over the past three or four years despite a larger number of school children for which provision had to be made.

Turning to debt reduction, Mr. Whellams stated that the total debt of the municipality had been reduced from \$103,191 in 1925, to \$77,861. This was accomplished despite heavy debt charges and despite the fact it had been possible to collect only 45 to 50 per cent. of the budget levy.

After reviewing the situation in ward 1, Councillor A. S. Bardal paid tribute to the lack of friction between the councillors despite the many causes for differences between the market gardeners and wage earners. The work of the reeve and of Councillor James Gallagher, of ward 2, received special commendation.

Using charts to illustrate the municipality's financial position, Mr. Gallagher dealt with the relief situation and the large proportion of non-tax producing property.

Councillor J. H. Coulter, for ward 4, dealt in detail with the land situation and explained the administration of relief.

## Knox to Address Junior S.C. League

Harry B. Knox, provincial organizer of young people, and newly-elected director of the Manitoba Social Credit league, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Mani-

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