

New Structure Proposed At Foot of Kelvin Street

First major step toward construction of two new bridges across the Red and Assiniboine rivers in Winnipeg was taken Tuesday by civic public works committee. One of the proposed bridges would be built across the Red river to connect Disraeli street, in Point Douglas, with Kelvin street in Elmwood. The other would cross the Assiniboine river to connect Aubrey street with Waverley street.

Building of the bridge across the Red would take a tremendous traffic load off Main street. It would be tied in with a plan to provide an alternative north-south arterial street east of Main street. Under the proposed route, traffic bound for Elmwood and East Kildonan, instead of turning north off Portage into Main street, would move from Portage into Rorie street, and then north along existing streets and several cut-throughs to Disraeli street and the new bridge.

Officials say construction of the bridges will go a long way toward solving two of the city's biggest traffic problems.

The projects, which will likely cost about \$2,000,000, will first have to be approved by ratepayers. The committee hopes to have plans and estimates prepared in time to submit a money bylaw to the ratepayers next fall.

Approval for the hiring of a bridge engineer to draw plans and submit estimates by midsummer was given by the committee. The appointee is W. L. Walkden, 91 Ferndale avenue, Norwood, former bridge engineer, Canadian National Railways, western region. His appointment is effective Feb. 1 and is for five months.

The projects were recommended about two years ago in the original report of the Metropolitan planning commission, as part of its major thoroughfare plan.

W. D. Hurst, city engineer, told the committee that no estimate of the cost of the proposed bridges could be made yet, but he pointed out that the Kelvin-Disraeli bridge would be similar in construction to the Norwood bridge and the Aubrey-Waverley bridge would be similar to the Main street bridge.

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Community Club, Eastern Division, To Open Club House

The Eastern Division of the East Kildonan Community Club will hold the official opening of the newly renovated club house on Saturday at 2.30. Mayor J. L. Bodie will officiate. An interesting program has been arranged for the afternoon followed by a moccasin dance at 8.

The afternoon will start with figure skating by members of the Ice Club of Greater Winnipeg. There will be speed skating by members of the Winnipeg Speed Skating club which will include Frank Stack and Betty Mitchell. Games of hockey and broomball will complete the program. The social committee, N. Erickson and Mrs. W. Irving, will be in charge of refreshments.

The club, which boasts 197 members, has operated on all voluntary labor by the members themselves. A midget and senior hockey club has been organized.

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ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH W.A. EVENING BRANCH ELECTS 1949 OFFICERS

The annual meeting of St. Cuthbert's Evening Branch W.A. was held at the rectory on Jan. 13th, the Rector presiding. Splendid reports were presented by the retiring officers. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. R. E. Park; vice president, Mrs. A. Laing; secretary, Mrs. H. Allan; treasurer, Miss Frances Burrows; thank-offering secretary, Mrs. W. B. Ferguson; educational secretary, Mrs.