

East Kildonan Board May Quit If Central Collegiate Refused

Drastic action may be taken by the East Kildonan School Board if the Municipal and Public Utility Board refuses approval for a new central collegiate. The Tribune learned Wednesday.

Talk of the entire school board resigning in the face of a refusal was heard behind the scenes at a meeting of the East Kildonan Ratepayer's Association.

Utility Board officials have made tentative proposals to trustees that would involve rejection of the \$230,000 central collegiate. Construction has been approved by the trustees, the municipal council and the provincial department of education, it was reported.

Proposals of the Municipal and Public Utility Board will be dis-

cussed at a school board meeting June 20, at 8 p.m., at Lord Wolseley School. Severe school overcrowding in the suburb will be discussed.

Travel by Bus

Trustee Nick Carter described the alternative proposal to the meeting Wednesday.

He said Utility Board officials, who have power of veto over all school affairs, were considering suggesting renovation of Salisbury School No. 1 and addition of four rooms to make a temporary collegiate.

As Salisbury School No. 1 is in Morse Place, Utility Board officials would propose bringing students from other parts of the municipality by bus, Mr. Carter said.

Reason for the Salisbury School scheme would be lower capital expenditure for debt-saddled East Kildonan.

Mr. Carter said a central, permanent collegiate, which was needed, would raise taxes only about four mills.

School crowding was "not just acute, but a crisis," he said.

Would Cost \$230,000

In 1946-48, a total of 644 new houses had been built in East Kildonan. Since Jan. 1 this year, 100 building permits had been issued, and the municipality expected the year's total to be double last year's.

Plans approved by trustees and council for possible vote in July or August, if approved by the Utility Board, envision an eight-room collegiate with auditorium, to cost \$230,000. It would be near the present Prince Edward School.

Another by-law would provide a four-room addition to Lord Wolseley School, to cost \$70,000. Mr. Carter said this would accommodate elementary pupils now elsewhere, with Grade 10 and 11 now in Lord Wolseley going to the new collegiate.

Rejected by Voters

The Lord Wolseley addition was rejected by voters last year, but Mr. Carter said poor publicity was to blame.

Mr. Carter said East Kildonan had had no new school buildings for 29 years, except for an addition to Prince Edward School in 1928.

Utility Board officials inspected Salisbury School No. 1 Friday.

Window frames are rotting, and plaster would have to be knocked down and replaced, school officials said.

School board has been saving funds from regular revenue to renovate it in a few years.

Graduation

Seventeenth annual class day and graduation exercises of Gordon Bell High School will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Westminster United Church.

Valedictorian will be Herbert

Labor Board to Hear 50-Hour Week Plea

The Manitoba Labor Board today announced a public hearing for June 22 to hear representations on an application by a Winnipeg building supply firm to continue a 50-hour week for its employees.

The application is a variation from provisions of the recently enacted Hours of Work Act which comes into effect July 1.

The Act provides for a 48-hour week for male workers and 44 hours for women workers, with pay at rate-and-a-half schedules of work in excess of eight hours per day.

The labor board may in particular circumstances grant partial or general exemption to a firm, or to the whole or part of an industry and may allow additional daily or weekly hours or work at regular rates.

One building supply firm has applied to the board for variation of the terms of the legislation. The application has been jointly filed by the company and the union representing its employees.

Argument in support of being permitted to operate on a 50-hour week is based upon the

W. B. Cowan Heads Warehousemen

W. B. Cowan, Winnipeg, was elected president today of the Canadian Warehousemen's Association at the 29th annual convention being held at Jasper Park.

W. W. Naylor, Toronto was named vice-president; Dennis Day, Toronto, treasurer and J. A. Whitmore, Toronto, executive secretary.

H. H. Perry, Winnipeg, was appointed Manitoba representative.