

# River East Division Purchases Melrose School For \$400,000

A joint statement Wednesday by the School District of East Kildonan and the River East School Division announced the sale of Melrose Junior High School to the Division for the sum of \$400,000.

The school population at both elementary and high school levels is growing so rapidly in East Kildonan that more accommodation is required. The two boards have co-operated in reaching a solution to the problem that is in the best interests of all concerned.

The acquisition by the Division of Melrose School will provide a large compact high school centrally located which will accommodate all secondary students in East Kildonan.

With the money obtained from the sale the local board will construct a new debt-free 27-room Junior High School on the Lord Wolseley grounds facing Brazier street and providing facilities for Junior High students in the northern area of the city.

To finance this purchase the Division will present a bylaw to the ratepayers of the River East Division comprising East Kildonan, North Kildonan, R.M. of East St. Paul and R.M. of St. Clements. The local board will not issue debentures to build their new school since they will receive cash for Melrose School.

Because of the grant set-up of the Provincial Government in relation to School Division operations, the Department of Education will pay 75 per cent of the cost of Melrose School, leaving only \$100,000 to be raised by special levy assessed over the four municipal areas.

## WHAT E.K. COUNCIL DID:

- A letter from the Minister of Agriculture and Conservation advised the government is establishing an emergency flood fighting plan covering the Red and lower Assiniboine rivers in the Greater Winnipeg area which would be capable of dealing with all emergencies short of a national disaster.

As part of this plan, they proposed to establish a flood fighting committee comprised of a member representing each municipality included under the Dyking Authority Act, the director of Water Control and Conservation, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, the Civil Defence Co-ordinator and chaired by the Dyking Commission.

Ald. Snowdon was appointed to represent the City of East Kildonan

- A letter from the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg advised Council that the Metropolitan Council proposes to establish a metropolitan street system effective May 1st, and requested which of the services listed in the letter the city's public works department would be equipped to carry out—was referred to the city engineer for

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