

Damage by Fire at Polson School

Fire of mysterious origin broke out in the Polson public school, East Kildonan, early Tuesday night, causing damage conservatively estimated at \$10,000.

Smoke emerging from windows on the second floor of the structure was noticed by the caretaker, Alfred Steel, shortly after school dismissal. He immediately brought emergency apparatus into play. The fire, however, having gained considerable headway, his efforts were unsuccessful. The district fire brigade was summoned, damage to its fire fighting equipment later necessitating an emergency call being sent to the Elmwood hall.

The fire was not brought under control until 7.30 p.m., due to the singular nature of the outbreak. The fire, which is believed to have started between the second and third floors, crept along the beams between the floors to the rafters and roof of the building. Damage by actual fire was small, the loss being chiefly caused by water. According to trustees of the school, the loss will be fully covered by insurance.

The Polson school is a three-storey structure containing eight class-rooms, and was built about fifteen years ago. Approximately 350 scholars will be affected by the conflagration. Schools in the surrounding districts, it was learned, are taxed to capacity, and transference of such a large number of pupils for part time tuition will present a difficult problem, school officials declared.