

To Pay For Probe

Costs of the long drawn-out inquiry by a board of reference into the East Kildonan school teachers' fracas, which may amount to \$2,000, will not be borne by the Manitoba government, Hon. Ivan Schultz, K.C., minister of education, said Tuesday.

Exasperated by the prolonged proceedings the minister of education had his department busy, Tuesday, looking up the law in the matter. The verdict was that the inquiry into the transfer of Miss Ida M. Cook, former principal of Polson school, to Salisbury school, was carried out under the Arbitration act.

Expenses of the investigation may be assessed by the board either on the losing side or divided between both sides, Mr. Schultz was told. If Miss Cook loses, under the law, she could be assessed the full cost of the inquiry remuneration of the board, including services of the school board's lawyer and her own lawyer. If she wins, East Kildonan school board could be made to pay full costs, including fees due the principal's lawyer.

At the rate of \$10 a day pay for each of the three board of reference members, the fees of the board amount now to at least \$600. In addition to that a stenographer supplied by the department of education gets \$1 an hour when the board is sitting and a caretaker of the provincial building where the board sits gets \$2 a night for his services.

Seventeen Sessions Held

Seventeen sessions of the board have been held to date. As both sides are represented by counsel, it is expected that the legal fees will amount to considerably more than the costs of the board. It is quite possible, if the sitting runs on much longer, that total costs of the hearing will exceed the \$2,000 mark.

The case had department of education officials wondering for some days as it is without precedence. No board of reference before has sat more than two days. The present board functions under new law in the department of education.

Ordinarily a board of reference is paid \$15 for the first day and \$25 if it sits a second day, and is paid by the department of education. But the department takes the stand that the present inquiry after lasting longer than two days, under the act, with witnesses being summoned, becomes an inquiry under the Arbitration act. That being the case, the costs come under Arbitration act regulations.

Miss Ida M. Cook Charged With Using Sergeant-Major Tactics

Charges that Miss Ida M. Cook, former principal of Polson school, publicly humiliated her teachers in front of pupils, drove them by "sergeant-major" tactics, and adopted a "doctrine of regimentation and a discipline of fear," were made in a letter filed by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, before the board of reference sitting in the juvenile court building, Monday evening.

At the close of the session, C. K. Guild, chairman of the board of reference inquiring into the reasons for the transfer of Miss Cook from Polson to Salisbury school, early in March, announced that, commencing Wednesday, the board will sit from 5 to 6.30 o'clock and from 8 until 10.30 at night. No session was held Tuesday evening.

One of the many letters filed by Mr. Brock, a document handed in to the school board, May 8, 1936, and signed by members of the staff of Polson school asserted that "the acting principal, Miss Cook, has conducted herself in such a manner in the carrying out of her duties as principal of Polson school that, if serious consequences are to be avoided, remedial action on the part of the board will be necessary."

Praise of Miss Cook as a teacher, organizer and dutiful worker followed, but it added "she is possessed of certain traits of character and deficient in others to an extent which renders her unfitted for the office she now holds. Her treatment of her fellow workers has

frequently subjected us to humiliation not merely privately but before the eyes of our classes."

The letter asserted that Miss Cook had unduly criticized the staff's methods of teaching and would recognize none but her own. "Hers," it added, "is a doctrine of regimentation and a discipline of fear directed towards both teacher and pupils. She fails to realize that other teachers, fellow members of her profession, cannot be driven by army sergeant-major tactics but must be led in a manner which permits the preservation of self-respect and the exercise of a reasonable amount of individual discretion."

The letters were filed upon application by Mr. Guild. "We could get at the core of this thing quicker if those letters were produced," he stated.

The session opened Monday, after a five-day adjournment, with Miss Sophie Dyma, a teacher, continuing under examination by Mr. Brock. She was later cross-examined by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook.

PUPPY LOVE TRAGEDY

Infatuated 19-year-old Youth Slays Schoolgirl Sweetheart

Washington, April 21. (UP) — Henry V. Raney, 19, died Tuesday as police stood by to charge him with the "puppy love" murder of his schoolgirl sweetheart.

He died without denying that he shot pretty Mary Hartman, 15, to death because she wouldn't go riding with him. Mary died a few minutes after the youth fired one bullet into her heart as her mother watched, Monday night. Raney died at 4 a.m., Tuesday, in Davies County hospital.

"It was just a puppy love affair," police said. They had been prepared to charge him with murder if he survived.

Raney, a WPA worker, met Mary, student in class 7A at a Washington grade school, seven months ago. They "dated" frequently but while Henry talked to his friends of his "engagement," Mrs. Hartman said there was no real understanding.

Joe called to him to "wait a minute."

Henry stopped and warned: "If you follow me, I'll shoot you, too."

"When he reached the other side of the street, he fired his gun twice and then ran down the street about half a block when I heard another shot," Joe said.

Neighbors, aroused by the shoot-

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