

STRIKE SPREADS

Pupils' Grievance To Be Arbitrated

**Minister of Education to Appoint Board of Reference
to Settle Existing Differences Which Caused
Strikes at Morse Place Schools**

On the heels of the announcement, Thursday morning, that a board of reference had been appointed to arbitrate difficulties between teacher, pupils and school trustees in East Kildonan, came reports, Thursday afternoon, that the strike of pupils was spreading to the lower grades.

It was reported at the Polson school when the time came for the pupils to return to their classes after lunch that some of the scholars from grades four, five and six had joined the strike.

At Salisbury school, senior pupils went into their classrooms, Thursday morning, removed their books from their desks and went home.

Reiterating their stand that only the return of Miss Cook to their school would settle the strike, the senior pupils of Polson school acquired a truck, Thursday morning and followed the street car that took her to Salisbury school. En route they shouted, cheered, sang and displayed banners.

Inspector J. W. Gordon, who was appointed to supervise the two schools pending the settlement of the strike, had not put in an appearance Thursday afternoon.

Announcement that the board would be appointed was made Thursday by Hon. Ivan Schultz, minister of education, following an hour and a half conference with a delegation from the East Kildonan school board.

The board of reference will make a searching investigation into all phases of the school strike.

Pending the completion of the investigation, Inspector Joseph W. Gordon, in whose school district the strike is located, will be asked to supervise both schools. Intimation that the students would be warned to return to their classes, if they wished to pass the Easter examinations, was given by Mr. Schultz.

The board of reference was asked for by Miss Ida M. Cook, formerly principal of Polson school and now occupying a similar position at Salisbury school. East Kildonan school board members agreed, Thursday, to refer the dispute to the board, it was learned.

The personnel of the board will

consist of a school trustee, a school teacher from another district and one other person who is neither teacher nor trustee. All are appointed by the department of education.

It is not likely, authoritative sources said, that the board will commence its hearings until after the meeting, Friday evening, at Lord Wolseley school, of the East Kildonan school board with rate-payers from Morse Place.

Decline to Talk

The delegation from the school board consisted of John Colvin, secretary, and Edward Boyd, Robert Gibson and Arthur H. Allardyce. On leaving the conference, they refused to discuss the strike situation beyond saying that it was unchanged.

While school board members and department of education heads conferred, students at both the Polson and Salisbury schools, remained away from classes and declared their intention of keeping up the strike until the principals were returned to their original schools.

Blue Law Mystery

**Reason for Dropping of
Cases Against Merchants
Is Not Forthcoming**

Were proceedings against seven storekeepers, alleged defiers of the Lord's Day act, stopped because Alderman Thomas Flye, chairman of the Winnipeg board of police

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