

Planned

A new shopping centre for East Kildonan is now being planned for the new development area in the neighborhood of Melrose and Watt.

Announcement was made Wednesday that the project will run to about \$250,000, and is part of the immense British-American Land Development Co. building program.

A start is expected to be made by October, and finished in the spring.

The centre of the shopping area will be around Melrose ave. and will eventually run from Chelsea to Dunrobin.

It will be designed to take care of the needs of the district and will include a groceteria, drug store, medical and dental offices, service station, and other stores such as hardware, barber and beauty shop and tailor, according to an official connected with the company.

Parking facilities for motorists will be an important consideration and an integral part of the whole scheme.

Plans for the commercial development are being drawn up by Kurnarsky & Weinberg, architects, Montreal Trust Building.

The complete British American Land Development Co. project will eventually result in construction of 1,800 new homes, an investment of close to \$20,000,000 in houses and services alone, and the opening up of close to 1,000 acres of former prairie land, it is reported.

Installation of sewer, water and other services, and construction of 800 homes for the first part of the vast scheme began in July, 1954.

Already 400 homes have been completed with another 200 under construction; and sewer and water mains, costing at least \$600,000, have been laid.

The remaining 200 lots in the 346-acre area now under development have been sold. Total servicing of the area, including roads, water, sewer, survey and so on, will cost \$1,200,000, it is said.

The area is bounded by Roch and Golspie sts. and Neil and Leighton aves., for residential building.

An industrial part of this section comprises about 32 acres between the power transmission line and the railway line. Some 12 acres of this land have been sold to unrevealed buyers and the company is reported dickering over further land, the informant said.

Plans for the remaining 634 acres of the tremendous development are now in the hands of the engineers, it is reported.

This second area, purchased from the municipality last November, contains sites for another 1,000 homes and more than 250 acres of industrial sites, none of which has been serviced.