

# Civic Financiers To Probe Cost Of East Kildonan Union

Detailed costs of taking East Kildonan into Winnipeg proper will be probed by the civic finance department, a special aldermanic committee appointed to investigate amalgamation proposals decided at its inaugural meeting Wednesday.

Authorization was given the finance department to ask various other civic heads to prepare budgets of the cost of amalgamation in their departments.

On a motion of Ald. Jacob Penner, it was also decided to ask the Winnipeg town planning commission to point out what advantages in town planning the city would gain from amalgamation with East Kildonan and other municipalities.

Ald. Penner also suggested that the committee find out what other advantages the city would receive from the amalgamation.

Among those asked to report on the proposed amalgamation will be the school board, police, fire, engineering, and survey departments.

## Anderson Chairman

Ald. Victor B. Anderson was appointed chairman of the special committee and Ald. A. H. Fisher vice-chairman.

Next meeting, when a full report is expected to be presented,

will probably take place in mid-September.

The committee also heard suggestions that it should approach other municipalities to see what their reaction to amalgamation would be. However, a majority of the committee appeared to favor letting any other interested municipalities approach the city.

East Kildonan is in a relatively good financial position, Ald. James Black said, "and they approached us. They want better fire, police and health protection, as well as improved schools."

## \$1,000,000 In Building Sites

He added there was about \$1,000,000 worth of property in East Kildonan which could be used for building sites.

Ald. Fisher thought if other municipalities were interested the city would hear from them.

Ald. Penner thought that amalgamation may not be achieved this year, but by the 1950 elections a referendum should be ready to put before the voters.

**STOCKHOLM (CP)**—The northern lights have provided the idea for an electronic valve, designed by scientists at the institute of technology here. The valve is expected to prove useful in the modern mathematical computing machines.

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