

NEW KILDONAN SCHOOL

Trustees Will Build School Whether By-law Carries or Not.

The school board of Kildonan is determined to carry out the requirements of the education act in spite of the defeat of the school by-law, which was submitted to the ratepayers last month. A school site has been secured consisting of one acre of land fronting on Munroe avenue, just west of the Winnipeg power transmission line. Further than this the contract for the erection of the structure, which must be completed by Sept. 1 next. The building will be of substantial character and so constructed that it may have additions made when the rapidly growing school population requires same.

Another School Needed.

The contract price for the building was a little over \$8,000. A by-law to raise the sum of \$11,000 will be submitted to the ratepayers of Kildonan to meet the cost of this building and other school expenses on April 30, and should this be defeated it will be necessary to tax the municipality with the whole of the cost of the building and other expense in connection therewith in this year's levy.

Discussing the matter with a Free Press reporter one of the trustees said: "We will also have to raise at least \$5,000 more to provide school accommodation on the west side of the river and I expect that in the near future still further accommodation on both sides of the river will be necessary as there is a large amount of building going on. I hardly think that our new two-roomed school will be large enough even for the requirements of this fall."

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Bateman—Arlett.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

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New School for Kildonan East

By a vote of 38 to 0 the ratepayers in East Kildonan on Saturday authorizes the erection of a new school building. The cost of the edifice will be \$11,000, including \$2000 paid for the land. The school will be located half a mile northeast of Redwood bridge. The ground has already been broken and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupation by the fall. The contractor is Peter McCalman. Provision is made in the plans of the building for the erection of two wings, which will probably be built next year.

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The New Polson School

on Munroe Ave., East Kildonan, will
open for the term on Wednesday, Sept.
28. A full attendance is requested.

ALFRED JACKSON,

Chairman,

East Kildonan School Board.

Damage by Fire at Polson School

Fire of mysterious origin broke out in the Polson public school, East Killdonan, 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.

EWART DOLMAGE, KILDONAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DIES

Was Born at Souris, Man.—

Served With Canadian Expeditionary Force

Ewart Reginald Dolmage, Ste. 6, Alameda apartments, principal of Polson school, East Kildonan, and well known in educational circles, died early Sunday morning, following a protracted illness, in his 38th year.

Mr. Dolmage was born in Souris, Man., and received his education at the Souris collegiate and the University of Manitoba, being a graduate of the 1930 class.

During the Great War he served with the Canadian Expeditionary forces. For the past three years he had been principal of Polson school.

Along with members of his family he was a member of Young United church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Dr. D. Waldon, Vita, Man.; Mrs. James Bredon, Chicago, and Grace and E. B., at home; also three brothers, H. H., of Chicago; Victor, of Vancouver, B.C., and John, of Eldred, Sask.

Funeral services will be held at 4.15 p.m., Tuesday, at the A. B. Gardiner funeral home, following which interment will be made in the family plot in Elmwood cemetery. Rev. Dr. F. E. Mallott, of Young United church, will officiate.

Strike of Scholars Backed Up by Parents

Give Notice to East Kildonan Trustees That Transfer of Teachers Has Created Knotty Problem Which Must Be Solved at Meeting Tonight

Page King Solomon! East Kildonan school board members have on their hands a problem which would have taxed all the ingenuity of that wise ruler.

Here's the situation. Students of grades seven and eight at Polson school are on strike because their principal, Miss Ida M. Cook, has been transferred to Salisbury school.

Similarly, students in the same grades at Salisbury school are on strike because their principal, J. A. Anderson, has been transferred to take Miss Cook's former position at Polson school.

The school strike crisis is said to have begun Monday when 11 of the teaching staff of Polson school threatened to walk out if Miss Cook was not removed as head of the school.

To avert this, exchange of the principals was made, and the trustees believed they had a solution for the differences in opinion at Polson school.

But they reckoned without the children of the two schools.

Tuesday morning, Polson school scholars arrived at Salisbury school bearing a placard inscribed "We Want Our Dear Teacher Back."

Tuesday afternoon, Salisbury grade seven and eight students took up the battle-cry, "We Want Anderson," and joined the school strike.

After school hours, Tuesday, parents of Salisbury students held an indignation meeting in the school and, after outlining their grievances to A. E. Forbes, chairman of the education committee of the East Kildonan school board, elected George Beasant chairman of a committee to interview the school board at a special meeting in Salisbury school, Wednesday evening.

At this meeting the school trustees will be asked to give their reasons for moving Miss Cook to Salisbury school, and to find some way for solving the complicated situation which has arisen.

The meeting formally moved a resolution asking for the immediate return of Mr. Anderson as principal of Salisbury school, which will be presented to the school board Wednesday.

Laborites Criticize Proposal

Tell House Social Credits Proposal for Economic Survey Too Political

Social Credit's proposal for an economic survey encountered an obstacle which slowed its progress through the Manitoba legislature when the C.C.F.-Labor group launched an unexpected attack on the plan.

Protesting that the procedure suggested was too political, S. J. Farmer moved an amendment which would discard entirely the original resolution and substitute directions for a fact-finding, non-political survey.

Dr. Fox attempted to adjourn debate on the amendment, but was prevented when W. H. Saxsmith, Conservative, Portage la Prairie, challenged the propriety of an amendment so drastic. The speaker reserved his ruling on the question until Wednesday.

Says Circumstances Puzzling

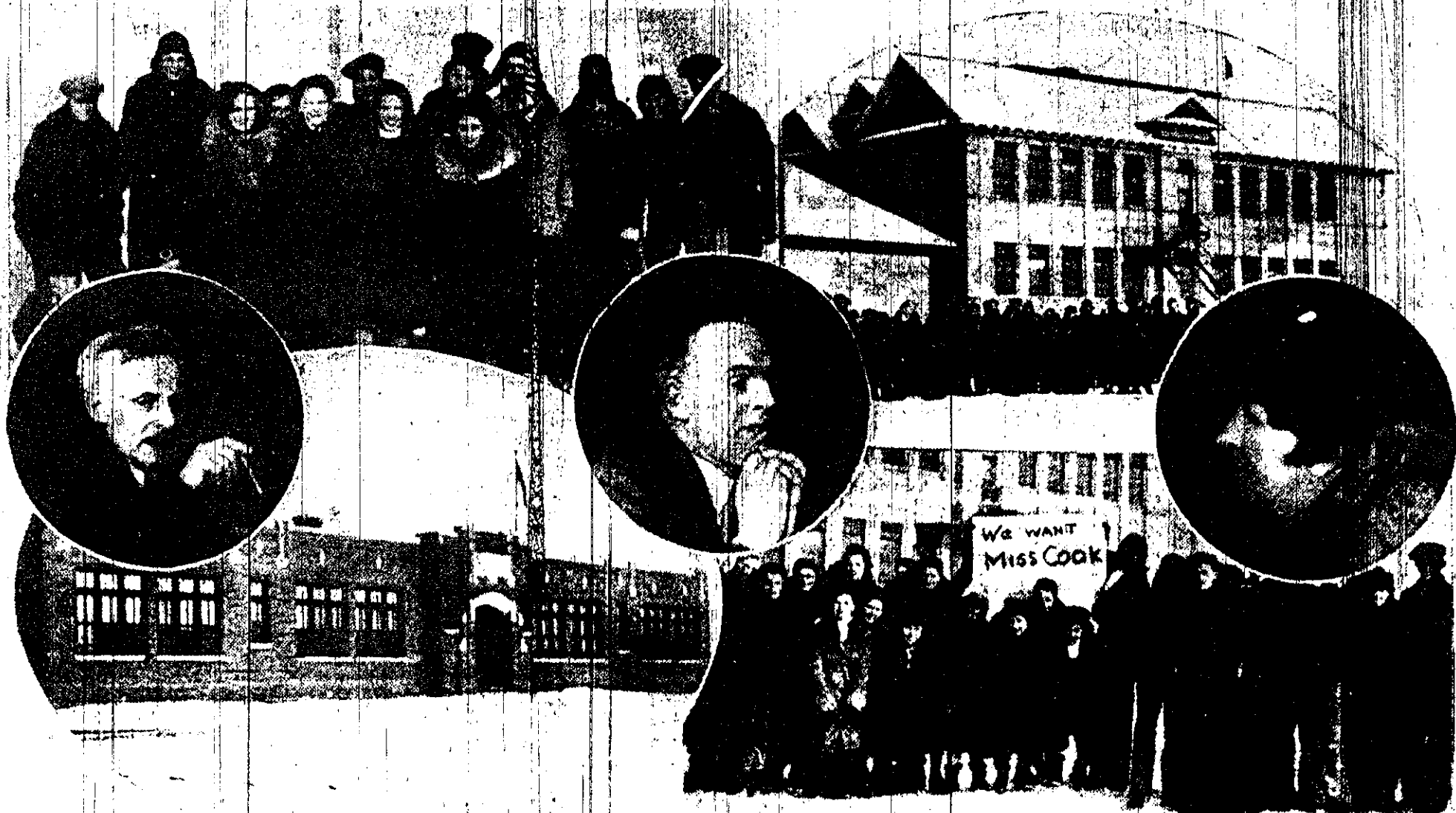
Circumstances surrounding the proposal for the enquiry were puzzling to him, Mr. Farmer continued. It had been forecast in the throne speech as a government undertaking and then the Social Credit group sponsored the resolution. He wanted

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Students Threaten Sit-down Strike

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Senior students at Polson and Salisbury schools, Morse Place, aggrieved because the East Kildonan school board exchanged their principals shortly before the Easter examinations, Wednesday were discussing the plan of changing their two-day-old strike to the sit-down variety. They planned to take their places, in orderly fashion, but to sit with folded hands until their principals were restored. At the top, left, the photograph shows a group of Salisbury school strikers on their way over to demonstrate at Polson school, seen in the next photograph with Polson students in the foreground. The

inserts show, from left to right, George Beasant, who was elected chairman at an indignation meeting of the parents of Salisbury school students, Tuesday. Centre, A. E. Ford, chairman of the education committee of the East Kildonan school board, who heard the ratepayers express their displeasure over the move. Right, Mrs. F. A. Dodds, who will present the parents' case at a school board meeting at Lord Wolseley school, Friday evening. At the lower left is Salisbury school. At the right, Polson students with their sign asking for the return of their principal.

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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Board Acts to End School Walk-Out In East Kildonan

Anderson To Be Returned to Salisbury School as Principal—Miss Cook Given Leave of Absence—Temporary Substitute To Be Named

J. A. Anderson, principal of Salisbury school in the East Kildonan school district, will return to his school on Monday morning.

Miss Ida M. Cook, former principal of Polson school, and storm centre of the pupil's strike that has been in progress since Tuesday last, has been put on leave of absence, with pay until matters that led to her transfer to the Salisbury school are settled by the board of reference, which has it in hand. A temporary principal will be appointed by East Kildonan school board to act at Polson school under supervision of School Inspector J. W. Gordon.

These were announcements by school board members Friday night to a meeting of 60 to 70 parents in Lord Wolseley school, following representations made to the school board sitting as the education committee, by separate delegations representing parents of children attending both schools.

They were made in part by Robert Gibson, chairman of the board. Mr. Gibson, who was obviously under strong nervous strain, confessed that "My nerves are gone," the result of the stresses consequent on school administration difficulties of the past two weeks. The other announcements were made by A. E. Ford, education committee chairman, and Alick Fraser, trustee.

From 8 p.m. until nearly 10.30 p.m. the school board in committee of education had listened to delegations giving their opinions, making charges of various natures, and asking the why and the wherefore of the actions of the board. A. E. Ford presided.

Parents Meet

After the second delegation had been heard, there was a recess of 10 to 15 minutes to consider the next step. In the meantime the parents were in meeting in a classroom, F. Dadds presiding. After the board members had reached their decision, they filed into the school room, their chairman leading.

"I am sorry that this has happened," Mr. Gibson commenced. "It was not the intention of the school board to have the whole school system disrupted, but under the circumstances we had no other alternative. Mr. Anderson will return to Salisbury school, starting Monday, and will be there until the end of the term. This announcement was greeted with applause from the meeting."

There will be a principal appointed to Polson school temporarily, under the supervision of

SCHOOL STRIKE

BUDGET

Alberta Increase On Banks and

Treasurer Budgets for Overall

—Imposts on Insurance Raised—No Provision for

Edmonton, March 13 (CP)—and a tightening of regulations governing tax featured the budget presented last night by Provincial Treasurer Lowe.

Faced with a deficit on last year's operations and debt increases the 37-year-old former school teacher decided on the following taxation changes:

Bank tax altered to increase revenue by \$150,000. In addition to the branch-office taxes now paid, banks will be assessed 1-10 of one per cent on their paid up capital.

Railway taxes will be increased by \$118,167. A flat assessment of \$10,000 a mile will be set, the same rate as British Columbia applies and the tax will be increased from one to 1½ per cent.

Taxes on insurance companies will be increased \$80,000, the

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he entered illegally in September. His wife also faces deportation.

The United States government has postponed until May 1, execution of the deportation sentence in an effort to aid the distressed couple. In the meantime they are seeking aid of the United States consul at Windsor, Ont., to enable them to enter Canada on a traveller's permit, in the hope they could return to Detroit later.

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MORE ABOUT SCHOOL STRIKE

Inspector J. W. Gordon," he continued. "Until this thing is settled we can't do anything more. We must wait until the board of reference acts."

To cries of "We want Miss Cook," he said that Miss Cook will be on leave of absence until the board of reference settles the matter of the differences between her and the Polson teacher staff.

To questions why Polson school is discriminated against, and more cries of "We want Miss Cook," Alick Fraser, a trustee, continued for Mr. Gibson.

Says Situation Intolerable

Mr. Fraser declared that a situation had arisen which was intolerable. "We could not in justice to the children carry on any further. Now it is out of our hands. The decision of the board of reference will not be out for a week, and until then we cannot say what has happened."

To a question from the gathering about the children returning to school, he replied "If the children won't go back on your persuasion,

they won't go back on mine."

Members of the respective delegations that met the board were: Salisbury, Mrs. P. Dodds, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. J. H. Stacey, Mrs. George Beasant, Mrs. Perry and Allan Stewart; Polson, Mrs. G. Thompson, Mrs. H. Don, Mrs. J. Korczynski, Mr. Federowich, S. Sesak, A. W. Pankiw, W. Pankiw and W. Koblarinski.

Mrs. Dodds presented the case for the Salisbury delegation. She said that Mr. Anderson had their respect, and they feared that the inability of Miss Cook with the Polson staff might be repeated at Salisbury school. The situation had arisen as the result of a fight at Polson school, and had nothing to do with Salisbury school, and she asked on behalf of the delegation for the return of Mr. Anderson.

Asks About Pay

Mr. Stewart carried on, and said that there was no mistaking that both schools wanted their respective principals back. A trustee interjected that Mr. Anderson's appointment to Polson was a promotion, and the question was then asked if his salary was to be raised. To which Mr. Ford answered "That will come up at the regular meeting of the board. He will get the salary he is entitled to, but there is no commitment yet. We cannot do anything with Miss Cook because she has asked for a board of reference."

Polson school delegation made a number of charges, these including allegations that parents have kept their children away, that East Kildonan police had interfered with the return of the children to school. Trustee A. H. Allardye assured them that police next week will see that children wishing to go to school are not interfered with.

Several charges were made concerning the conduct of Miss Cook since the strike and these are to be inquired into by the board.

Members Selected

The three members named to comprise a board of reference to arbitrate differences between Miss Cook and the East Kildonan school board are E. R. Moorhouse, school trustee from Norwood; Arthur V. Piggott, teacher at Isaac Newton school, Winnipeg, and C. K. Guild, K.C. They will meet early next week.

At the two schools Friday morning the fourth day of the strike saw little change in the situation. Salisbury students remained at their homes, presumably studying the books which they removed from the classroom Thursday morning.

At Polson school where some 70 students are refusing to attend classes spokesmen declared that they would remain on strike until Miss Cook was returned as principal.

"Miss Cook has got a dirty deal from the other teachers and the school board and we're not going to let them get away with it," declared a bright-faced striker.

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School Strike Is Ended

East Kildonan's school strike ended peaceably Monday morning when students at Polson and Salisbury schools, Morse Place, filed back to their places at desks they deserted a week ago over an exchange of principals.

Settlement was effected by returning J. A. Anderson as principal of Salisbury school and the temporary appointment of A. J. Hatcher, former school inspector of Brandon and district, as principal of Polson school.

The future of Miss Ida Cook, whose transfer to Salisbury school set off the school strikes, hinges on the findings of a board of reference appointed by the department of education to investigate the situation.

For the present Miss Cook is on indefinite leave of absence with pay.

When the school bells rang for classes at Polson school Monday morning grade seven and eight pupils were addressed by John Colvin, secretary of the East Kildonan school board, Inspector Joseph A. Gordon and Mr. Hatcher.

They were complimented on their decision to return to school, and Mr. Colvin pointed out that if they maintained their former record for application to study, there was no reason why they could not make up the time that had been lost.

At recess senior pupils were unanimous that the new arrangement would work out satisfactorily.

"Mr. Hatcher's a great guy and he sure knows his stuff," said one enthusiastic scholar who had been active during the strike, "I never had a teacher that could teach you so much in such a little time." This was the general opinion of all the senior scholars interviewed.

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Parents of Polson School Pupils Air Views at Probe Of East Kildonan Trouble

Citizens Tell Board of Reference Miss Ida Cook Was Both Popular and Efficient and Improvement Noted During Her Term as Principal

Evidence to the effect that there had been an improvement in general conditions at Polson school, East Kildonan, since Miss Ida M. Cook became principal, and that she was efficient and popular with pupils and parents was given by witnesses who testified at the opening session, Monday night, of the board of reference investigating the trouble that led to children at that school and Salisbury school going on strike, Tuesday, March 9.

The children at both schools quit

their desks when the East Kildonan school board switched the principals of Polson and Salisbury, Miss Cook being placed in the latter school, and J. A. Anderson taking her place at Polson. The reasons for the transfer are being probed by the board, an independent body, appointed by the department of education at the request of all parties concerned.

Neither Miss Cook nor Mr. Anderson was called at the inaugural session. This was held at the legislative buildings, and the big committee room was packed to the doors with people from East Kildonan and Elmwood.

Members of the board of reference are C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman; Edward R. Moorhouse, representing school trustees generally; and Arthur V. Pigott, representing school teachers.

C. L. Drewry is counsel for Miss Cook, who is now on leave of absence on pay while Mr. Anderson is back at Salisbury school as principal. Clifford Brock is appearing for the East Kildonan school board.

Parents Testify

Witnesses heard at the opening session were called by Mr. Drewry. They numbered nine, and were chiefly parents of children who had received instruction from Miss Cook, either at Polson school or Prince Edward school, where she was a teacher previously. They included J. Fletcher Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Iverson, Mrs. W. C. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Janet Simpson, J. Waga, Mrs. Catherine Hedry, Steve Sysyk, Mrs. R. Don, and Miss Winnifred Wilkinson.

Following their testimony, the board, after a session that lasted

two and a half hours, adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Campbell, who was a member of East Kildonan school board from 1916 to 1920, said he considered Miss Cook a first-class teacher. She always kept good discipline, and the results of her work, in his opinion, were satisfactory. His children had liked her. Asked about the reputation of Polson school, Mr. Campbell said he had heard it was rather difficult to handle, so far as maintaining discipline was concerned. From what he knew of Miss Cook, she had the qualifications of a good principal.

"My children liked Miss Cook, and I consider she was a good teacher," said Mrs. Elizabeth Iverson. Before Miss Cook became principal in February, 1935, conditions at Polson school were bad in regard to cleanliness of the school, discipline and behavior of the pupils.

Mrs. Iverson recalled that six months before Miss Cook became principal of Polson school, there was a pupils' strike over the transfer of a number of children from the Prince Edward school. Miss Cook had been active in community work, and the box at Polson school in connection with the veterans' tag day in 1935 showed the highest collection.

Evidence much along the same lines was given by other witnesses.

In his examination of some of the witnesses, Mr. Drewry sought to show that a delegation which waited on the school board had by no means made a unanimous request that Miss Cook be removed from Polson school and that it was not a regularly elected delegation.

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Sweet Words Unavailing To Tame Polson School Children, Miss Cook Says

Taming of unruly children of Polson school, who talked loudly across the classrooms at each other, guffawed noisily, scrambled six at a time to answer the classroom door, were slovenly in their work, and would not tell the truth, was related by Miss Ida M. Cook, Tuesday night, to the board of reference investigating the trouble that sent children of Polson and Salisbury schools on strike, March 9.

"I found sweet words unavailing and I did not bother to use them," said Miss Cook, a blue-eyed, golden-haired woman who has taught in East Kildonan for her whole teaching career of 21 years. "I landed as many in the office as I could get and used the strap hard. She had been put in as principal of Polson school on February 1, 1935.

Miss Cook commenced her evidence Tuesday night.

"I think you're the girl for the position," a member of the school board had told her when asking her to accept it, while another told her that if she took it she would have "trouble, day in and day out."

When she entered her own classroom the first day she found that the pupils laughed at her when she spoke and paid not the slightest attention. So she used the strap; continued to use it and had, she said, the support of the parents. Miss Cook had been sworn at, an oath she "would not wish to repeat," while a boy of 16 had attacked her with his fists when she went to strap him. The sturdy teacher had pinned his shoulders to the wall until he quietened down. One teacher had confessed she could not control the pupils.

When she came, Miss Cook had found that grade eight grammar was not even being taught and geography, which had been off the

syllabus for three years, was still being taught when it should have been replaced by hygiene.

Lines Terribly Bad.

The children would crowd both school porches instead of playing in the grounds and the school lines were terribly bad. Miss Cook had instituted school patrols to keep order, had awarded prizes for the best lines, and had held concerts and sold candied apples to raise money to buy athletic equipment. In her first month she had jumped attendance from 93 to 97 per cent.

She had made teachers of the school come to her when they wanted to strap a pupil, since complaints had been received from parents.

"The people are wonderful to co-operate with," she said, "but they don't like to see their children abused."

She had, later on, discontinued the playground patrol and pupil monitors to ensure good lines, she said, because she felt that the other teachers objected. "It was their attitude," she explained to the board. "They were not nice to the monitors." Later, though, the staff had asked that the monitors be put back on again.

Other witnesses heard, Tuesday night, were Mrs. Daisy Cottrill, 115 Kingsmen Row, St. Vital; Mrs. Maria Pike, 321 Jamieson avenue, member of the East Kildonan Community park committee; James A. Grant, 383 Washington avenue, former caretaker of the East Kildonan Community rink; Mrs. Annie Petrovitch, 441 Washington avenue, a parent; and E. McCaffrey, 467 Green avenue, former president of the Unemployed Association of East Kildonan. With the exception of the first they praise community work Miss Cook had done.

Mrs. Cottrill, who before her marriage was principal of Kitchener school, told of a complaint a teacher named Miss Ross had once made about her to the school board. The complaint had been too trivial for Mrs. Cottrill to remember and the board had dismissed it.

GRAPEFRUIT TREES AT ST. JAMES SURVIVE ANOTHER HARD WINTER

Though they had a narrow escape from being killed by icy blasts that blew into the hallway when the two sets of doors were inadvertently left open, the two grapefruit trees in St. James Collegiate on Linwood street have survived another winter pretty well. After the chilling experience the trees had in the severest part of the season, caretaker Kidd immediately set about offsetting the

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MISS COOK CLAIMS POISON

School Staff Indifferent To Her Work as Principal

Charges that teachers transferred pupils without her knowledge, allowed them to change their names without informing the principal, and showed a "silent indifference" to her efforts were made by Miss Ida Cook in evidence Wednesday evening before the board of reference inquiring into the causes that sent East Kildonan children at the Salisbury and Polson schools out on strike, March 9. Miss Cook, continuing her evidence from Tuesday, was still on the stand, under examination by her counsel, C. L. Drewry, when the board adjourned.

Pupils had been transferred from the school without her knowledge, claimed the principal. She stated that a teacher had supplied a child with a transfer from a school in another district without enclosing the necessary information.

Upon her request the transfer form had been returned for inclusion of a medical certificate and class report and she had then informed the teacher concerned that all future transfers were to be submitted to her. Later she had heard indirectly that the pupil did not know his grade five work which "cast an aspersion on Polson school I did not like."

Miss Cook recounted how pupils had asked the teachers to change their names on the school register. This they had done, she alleged, without informing her so that in some cases there were two names to one pupil in the school. She had learned from the department of education that pupils, once entered, must continue school under the same name but her request to the teachers not to do this had met with great opposition.

"Objections were sometimes voiced, sometimes silent indifference," she said.

She told the board of her efforts to bring the school and parents closer together and how at every chance she had invited parents to the school realizing that closer co-operation between the two was necessary.

Hidden Opposition

Miss Cook stated she first discovered the "hidden opposition" last spring but had realized it before from the attitude of two teachers she had known previous to her arrival as principal.

One teacher especially, she asserted, had been "absolutely insubordinate" from the minute she entered the school. That person had continually refused to obey instructions regarding supplying the principal with copies of her examination papers at the proper time and, one day after inviting Miss Cook to her room, had told her the teachers did not like being asked for copies, had never supplied them before and considered she had no right to ask that the reports all go out at the same time.

The principal described how the inspector had met the teachers without her knowledge when she was absent sick and had, as she learned later, asked them leading questions about her. She claimed he had ignored her as principal of the school and when at the end of his visit she had approached him, he had remarked: "the teachers do not like you."

Rarely raising her voice and without hesitation, the teacher told of her successful efforts to improve the standard of games at her school, telling with pride of the success of Polson in the suburban speed skating championships, and of its hockey teams, which had

never failed to turn up at games in the coldest of weather when other schools defaulted. Replying to questions, she suggested that "New Canadians" needed stricter discipline, but were responsive to it when they understood what was required. Polson, she informed the board, had 94 per cent. of New Canadians.

At the start of the session all East Kildonan school children were requested to leave by the chairman of the board, C. K. Guild, K.C. Only four children left the room, which was again packed with silent listeners.

Decision was made by the board to adjourn following Thursday night's meeting until Monday owing to Good Friday and the enforced absence of C. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board.

Britain and Plan Force Italy From

Two Powers Join in Determining Neutrality Measure—Will if Necessary to Back

London, March 26. (AP and CP)—forceful action by France, Thursday, of Italian soldiers in Spain, agreeing to a blockade of the Iberian peninsula.

An accord by the two powers, Yvon Delbos, of France, and the British Sir George Russell Clerk, was disclosed.

They agreed on "all points" of intervention completely effective and to prevent, even by force, any further.

The issue now lies with Premier Mussolini. From both Paris and London anxious eyes are turned towards Rome to see what Il Duce's next move will be in Spain.

Italy has refused to withdraw its "volunteers" already fighting with

Special League Session

Geneva, March 26. (CP)—An extraordinary session of the League of Nations assembly was convoked Thursday for May 26—with the possibility that the Spanish problems might be discussed.

General Francisco Franco. Will Mussolini endeavor to retrieve their

Principal Discloses Attacks by Teachers

Miss Cook Tells of Denunciations Voiced at School Board Meetings—Testifies She Had to Defend Herself Before Her Own Staff

Evidence of denunciations by members of her staff at school board meetings and of her being called upon to defend herself before her own staff was unfolded Thursday evening by Miss Ida M. Cook before the board of reference inquiring into the causes of the recent children's strike in the Polson and Salisbury schools, East

Kildonan. For the third successive session, Miss Cook continued her account of events, and was still in the chair when the board adjourned until Tuesday evening.

Less composed than previously after her long six hours in the chair, the principal of Polson school told of a special meeting called by the East Kildonan school board when she had been forced to listen to a vigorous assault on her administration, by one of the teachers, for three and a half hours. After various denunciations she had been called upon to defend herself while her staff sat by and took notes.

She stated that she had tried to explain about the lack of support from the inspector, J. W. Gordon. He had, she claimed, carried on conversations with members of the Polson school staff without her knowledge. At this meeting, all members of the board had possessed excerpts of letters written about her by the teachers, which they had read out in the form of charges.

Following this meeting, Miss Cook explained, she had been informed by A. E. Ford, a member of the East Kildonan school board, at the house of one of the trustees, that she was no better than any member of her staff, but that in consideration of the fact that she had been in Kildonan a long time, she would be allowed to keep Polson school for one more year.

Mr. Ford had warned her to "step softly" with her staff but still to keep discipline. Regarding the memos she addressed to teachers, the principal added, the school trustee had said they were too "imperative."

Miss Cook told of other meetings of the board held both while term was on, and later unknown to her, when she was on holiday. She asserted that the trustees' decision to remove one of the teachers, especially complained about in her letters to the school board, had been changed, following an appeal by the staff.

Much of Thursday's session was taken up by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook, who read letters sent by his client to the school board. These letters dealt mainly with events previously described by the witness, and were filed.

Thursday evening the board sat in the juvenile court building, but where the next session will be held was not decided on.

Protest Adds To Vatican, Nazi Tension

Berlin, March 27. (CP-Havas)—Nazi-Vatican tension increased Thursday night when it was learned the Holy See had lodged a protest with the German government against German charges the pope's anti-Nazi encyclical violated the concordat.

Dr. Diego von Bergen, German ambassador to the Vatican, returned here suddenly from the Holy See, where he protested against the pope's message, read from the pulpits of all German Catholic churches last Sunday.

Dr. Cesare Orsenigo, papal nuncio to the Reich, has informed Foreign Undersecretary Hans Dieckhoff that the Vatican encyclical was not contrary to the spirit of the concordat and did not represent a Vatican attempt to mix in Reich domestic affairs, it was learned.

Dieckhoff defended the German point of view, reiterated by the semi-official Politische und Diplomatische Korrespondenz.

The foreign office mouthpiece accused the Vatican of encouraging a subversive spirit in Germany by its encyclical and warned the pope's message would have "painful consequences."

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Failure of Polson School Staff to Obey Directions Instanced by Miss Cook

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Instances of failure by members of the teaching staff to carry out her instructions for maintaining the discipline and efficiency of Polson school, East Kildonan, soon after she had taken over the position of principal were given by Miss Ida Cook, Thursday evening, when the board of reference probing the cause of the pupils' recent strike at Polson and Salisbury schools resumed its investigation in the juvenile court room.

Miss Cook was subjected to close questioning by Clifford Brock, counsel for East Kildonan school board. Some of her answers did not please the board's lawyer, and on one occasion he chided her with the remark, "Don't be foolish."

Following expression of the hope by C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman of the board of reference, that the inquiry could be speeded up with day sessions, the hearing was adjourned to Friday evening at eight o'clock.

Cross-examined regarding numerous documents, cards and forms accepted by the board of reference as exhibits, Miss Cook stated that while some were definitely her own ideas, others represented systems that might have been adopted at Polson school before she became principal.

Tells of Work.

Relating what she had started to do on becoming principal of Polson Miss Cook said she had tried to improve the discipline on the playgrounds. She put the senior boys away from the little fellows, and she made the latter play at a place where they would not break windows. She selected certain teachers to superintend the play, but experienced difficulty in getting the staff to fall in with her arrangements at that time. They just walked in two's around the school and talked to each other, the children looking after themselves.

Being late on going out to take

over playground duties was characteristic of the group, said Miss Cook, and they were also negligent in the duties she assigned to them in the hall as the children were at play.

As for discipline in the classrooms, most of the teachers tried to check up on it. Miss Ross did so, however, said Miss Cook, with the result that she had complained to Miss Ross. She had not done so in presence of the class, however, and at no time had she complained to any teacher in the classrooms.

Complained to Teacher

When she found that Miss Ross was not teaching music, because Miss Ross said she could not, Miss Cook stated she had arranged to give the music lessons while Miss Ross took over some of the principal's work. On ascertaining that Miss Ross was not teaching hygiene, she had complained to her, as it was the duty of every teacher to carry out the curriculum.

On another occasion, said Miss Cook, she had pointed out that Miss Ross was not demonstrating certain tests, and Miss Ross had finally refused to do the work, saying if the principal came into her room she would go out.

"She displayed a violent temper when I entered her room, and went home," declared Miss Cook.

Mr. Brock—"You were unable properly to carry on your duties as principal, so far as Miss Ross was concerned?"

Miss Cook admitted this was the case.

"You could not find any other way of getting round the trouble," Mr. Brock asked.

"I was trying to keep as far away from Miss Ross as possible," Miss Cook replied. "I cautioned her about her action in leaving the school, about not following instructions, and the more I cautioned her the more angry she became. She just lost control of herself."

Teacher Denies Violence

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Accounts of violence, torn clothes and a weeping teacher figured prominently when Clifford Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, continued, Friday night, his cross-examination of Miss Ida M. Cook before the board of reference at the juvenile court building.

"Was it suggested that Miss Cook was violent and tore her coat?" asked C. K. Guild, chairman of the board of reference. "Yes it has been suggested," replied Mr. Brock.

The chairman's query arose while counsel for the school board was closely questioning the former principal of Polson school over an interview she had with Miss D. Ross, a teacher, in June, 1936.

Miss Cook claimed that following her request, at an interview with Miss Ross to give the pupils some tests suggested by the inspector, the latter had walked out of the school. When she returned later the same day, she came back "if anything in a worse temper than usual." The teacher explained she had been to see the secretary of the school board, who had told her to return, and warned her she should never have left. But, according to the witness, she had repeated she would not do the tests, and would work with her only until June.

Attitude Questioned

Miss Cook emphasized she had not been domineering in her attitude at this meeting, rather she had been conciliatory. "Did you put your hands on Miss Ross during the second interview?" asked Mr. Brock. "I did not." "Did you on any occasion touch or tear her clothing?" "I did not. I was as dignified as a principal could be."

Teacher by teacher, Mr. Brock cross-examined the witness. Of Miss M. Anderson, Miss Cook said she was the "best teacher in the school." She had no criticism whatsoever about her. Turning next to Miss M. Dyma, the principal retold the incident of the music examination, when a question previously wrong had been mysteriously changed after she had sent it back. After further interrogation, Miss Cook said she had never accused the teacher of altering the paper, and had no proof she had done so.

Exchange Teacher

Third on the list was a Miss Spiers, an exchange teacher from Scotland. This teacher, according to evidence, apparently had difficulty with the Canadian method of

teaching grammar. Miss Cook asserted she had resented being told her method was wrong, and had unnecessarily prolonged the conversation in the teachers' room when she had broached the subject.

"After this meeting, did one of the teachers leave the room crying?" asked counsel. "Nobody was crying." "I am suggesting that after that unfortunate scene, a teacher left the room crying," he repeated. Further questions as to Miss Cook's attitude on this occasion followed. "I behaved myself like a lady and a principal of a school," she told the board. "Your conduct at that meeting was your interpretation of a lady and your interpretation of a principal," repeated Mr. Brock.

Lack of Punctuality

Last on the list was Miss Mary Leus, whose chief fault, according to Miss Cook, was her lack of punctuality. At Polson school, teachers were required to sign a time sheet on arrival in the morning and, since January, also in the afternoon, it was learned.


When filed, the book contained no time sheets previous to March, 1937. Miss Cook had no knowledge of where the others were. Then later she stated that when the book was full, she was accustomed to remove the sheets, and on occasions had torn them up.

Thieves Take Cars From Parking Places

Car thieves were active again in Winnipeg, late Friday night and early Saturday morning, snatching four autos from their parking places in the north end of the city.

Burglars smashing into the rear door of a store at 816 Selkirk avenue, owned by Jean Ospapowich, looted the cash register of \$31. Several other minor burglaries, in which the thugs secured little loot, were reported.

Charlottetown (CP)—H. T. Holman, of the Summerside Board of Trade, suggested canning lobsters



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CLASS CUT-UPS

Former Principal, Telling Of Battles With Boys, Says Teachers Lacked Severity

General capabilities of four more teachers at Polson school came under fire before the board of reference considering the East Kildonan school strike, when Miss Ida M. Cook continued testimony, Monday, under cross-examination by C. Brock, counsel for the local school board. Only one of the five teachers dealt with was claimed by Miss Cook to be perfectly satisfactory.

Dealing first with Miss Mary Leus, Miss Cook re-told the episode when a boy from the latter's class had attacked her in the school office after trying to barge her against the staircase wall. She had held him against the wall until he gave in and then talked to him. After that conversation there had been no more trouble from him, she claimed.

"Would you say Miss Leus was responsible," asked Mr. Brock. "Yes, I would," replied Miss Cook. She contended the boy needed proper control.

Says Boy Subnormal

Turning next to Anne Kamrath, grade three teacher, the former principal described another battle with one of the pupils. One day, she asserted, an excited child, had arrived from Miss Kamrath calling on her to deal with a 14-year-old boy, who had refused to receive the strap. He had defied Miss Kamrath in front of the whole class and when she got him outside had sworn at her, "terribly." The boy had forced Miss Cook against the radiator, punched and kicked her, but finally she made him take the strapping.

"Did you know that boy was a mental case?" interjected counsel. "I do not know yet," Miss Cook said. "I would not take it upon myself to say whether a boy was normal or not." Question as to whether she blamed the teacher, witness re-

plied she thought the boy could have been better handled but attached more fault to the general environment at Polson.

"Would you strap a mental case?" Mr. Brock asked a few moments later.

"It depends on what he did." "If a boy did not know right from wrong?"

Defiant Pupil

"I was sure he knew what he was doing." The boy was subnormal, not mental, claimed the witness.

Miss Cook told the board she had no objection to teachers discussing changes with her but expected them to accept them without question. Instructions for the schools outlined the position of a principal as supreme "in supervision, discipline and management," she contended.

Of Miss Jessie Leus, Miss Cook asserted she had repeatedly countermanded her instructions with regard to monitors being in the classrooms too early or too late. She said she had spoken many times to the teacher but getting no satisfaction had become tired of telling her and dropped the matter.

The witness praised the grade two teacher, Miss D. Bailey. She had, Miss Cook said, a nice class, nice discipline and put on her tests well.

Miss M. Reynolds was the last teacher discussed in evidence Monday night. Six children in her class should have been out of grade one much sooner, according to Miss Cook, some having been there three school years. One of these pupils lacked number sense but had a competent grasp of letters and another suffered from exceedingly bad eyesight. She had moved the former up a grade and obtained glasses for the latter. Miss Reynolds also had allowed several monitors to romp unchecked during time between classes on one occasion, she said.

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Emphatic denial of charges she organized or fomented the pupils' strike at Polson or Salisbury schools, March 8, was made by Ida M. Cook, the former principal, before the board of reference, at the Juvenile Court building, Wednesday evening.

Earlier in the session, C. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, asserted it was "his intention and instructions" to prove Miss Cook had organized the strike.

Continuing his cross-examination of the witness, Mr. Brock turned to events following upon Miss Cook's transfer to Salisbury school. Miss Cook explained she had left her new school on Thursday, during school hours to phone J. Colvin, secretary of the school board. She wanted a substitute, she explained, because she felt ill. Miss Cook stated she had phoned from the only pay station she knew and had been driven there by a Free Press photographer.

She had not asked him to drive her to Mr. Colvin's home because he might not be there, said the witness. There she was met by some Polson pupils, but not by arrangement, she said.

Constant objection to the introduction as evidence of events taking place after the transfer was made by C. K. Guild, chairman of the board of references. He contended that it was only concerned with events previous to it.

Denies Giving Instructions

Miss Cook denied giving the group of pupils any instructions. The first occasion she had met her former pupils after the transfer was Tuesday, March 9, when she had discovered them waiting in the hall of Salisbury school. They had told her of their refusal to return to school without her. The following day she had been met by a group of them at the street car stop. She had allowed them into the school to get warm. She had not allowed the Salisbury grades seven and eight children into the school, after their strike, Tuesday afternoon, because, she asserted, they lived close by and were noisy.

On Monday, March 15, witness stated she had written to Mr. Hatcher, acting principal at Polson, advising him about her class and asking him to tell the pupils she wished them to treat him as they had treated her.

"At no time before that had you spoken to your old Polson class to go back and support the teacher?"

"No, I did not."

"Why?"

"Because they were so determined."

Later Mr. Guild asked: "Did you by word or deed, organize or foment the strike of pupils at Polson or Salisbury schools?"

"I did not."

"Did you by word or deed seek to end the strike?"

"Yes, I did at Salisbury," Miss Cook replied, referring to her requests to the pupils to come in and work.

At the opening of the session, Mr. Brock had questioned the former principal regarding staff meetings. He then referred to corporal punishment meted out at Polson.

"Would you ever punish a child of that age (seven to 10 years old) so that the hand were swollen severely?"

"No, I would not."

Later he asked: "Is it not a fact that a limb (of Miss Cook's) was black and blue as a result of strapping children?"

"Yes it is a fact, because they would pull their hands away and I would get it."

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Former Principal Of Polson School Is Still on Stand

After prolonged testimony, totaling more than 27 hours, Ida M. Cook, former principal of Polson school, was still on the stand when the 13th session of the board of reference in the juvenile court building drew to a close, Thursday night.

Final completion of C. W. Brock's cross-examination marked the hearing together with the opening of C. L. Drewry's re-examination.

Looking more tired than ever before and with her voice husky and very low pitched, Miss Cook continued her evidence under cross-examination by Mr. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board. Time after time, the witness was requested to make her replies louder, but invariably her weary voice slipped back into a low monotone, heard with difficulty across the room.

Miss Cook related that the first occasion she visited the East Kildonan school board after her appointment as principal at Polson school, was over a report presented by J. W. Gordon, school inspector, in connection with the conduct of one of the teachers. She had not discussed this report with the board. The witness re-told of other meetings with the school board in one of which, she claimed, she had been prevented from speaking.

At another school board meeting when the complete staff was present, Miss Cook could not remember talking.

"I am suggesting you spoke in the neighborhood of an hour," counsel said.

"I cannot recall it," was the reply.

Dealing with the individual members of the board, Miss Cook stated she had found none of them discourteous. Of the meeting she had with A. E. Ford, P. Treger, school board members, and J. Colvin, secretary, after her transfer to Salisbury school, the former principal claimed she could remember nothing of the conversations.

Miss Cook stated she had brought up before the Federation of Teachers her account of conditions at Polson school in June, 1936. But after both the staff and herself had been interviewed by that body, the Federation had said it was a matter for the school board. She had not informed the board of her action or of the decision.

Re-examination by Mr. Drewry closed the session.

has been closely associated with it since that date. E. W. Lowery, provincial president, made the presentation of the medal of merit to Mr. Reed and the Scout thanks badge to Miss Towne, who has served as cub master for a number of years.

Rupert Reed, brother of the former scoutmaster, was presented with his Scoutmaster's warrant, by W. J. Rowe, district commissioner, and will take charge of the troop in the future.

Dr. Baird Urges Students to Face World Problems

Challenging the students to go out into the world and face the problems of an age which had changed radically since he had entered the service of the church, Dr. A. B. Baird, on the eve of his retirement after 50 years as a theological teacher, addressed the graduates at the United Colleges theological convocation in St. Paul's United church Thursday evening.

"The blessing of God on what you attempt will depend far more on your consecration and devotion than on your gifts," Dr. Baird said. "We who have a wide acquaintance among ministers are filled with wonder and admiration at the achievements of men who have no conspicuous intellectual attainments, no great facility in public speech, and who sometimes make serious mistakes, but whose great compensation is that they are men who wholeheartedly love God, who are interested in their fellow-men and serve them accordingly," he said.

The degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred on Lloyd C. Stinson, a theological graduate of 1934, at present stationed at Stony Mountain, and diplomas and certificates were awarded the following graduates: Donald B. Macdonald, George M. Marshall, Russell A. Peden, John S. Scott and H. H. Redekopp (special).

Prizes and scholarships were awarded by Dr. J. D. Fleming, who also will retire shortly after over 30 years on the teaching staff of Manitoba college.

Principal John Mackay, who presided over the ceremonies, reviewed the work of the year and spoke of the need for a larger supply of ministers. He expressed satisfaction with the work of the year.

Former Principal On Stand

Polson school, its pupils and teachers were described by W. H. Ferrier, former principal, before the board of reference in the juvenile court building, Friday night. In a session punctuated by frequent bursts of laughter from the on-lookers, the present principal of Prince Edward school succeeded Miss L. M. Cook as witness after the latter had completed 28 hours of continuous testimony.

Under examination by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook, Mr. Ferrier, principal of Polson school from 1928 to 1930, emphasized the need for maintaining strict discipline there. The "natural buoyancy" of the pupils necessitated it, he claimed.

The attempt of Miss D. Ross, then a substitute, to teach the grade eight class on one occasion, the witness described as a "failure." He criticized her for not "getting the class," for speaking as though to someone outside in a "stentorian" voice instead of to the pupils.

Miss Anne Laidlaw, he stated, was a "very good teacher," and, though "she did not always appear to accept instructions in the best of spirits," she usually carried them out.

Says Miss Cook Popular

Of Miss Cook at Prince Edward school, Mr. Ferrier said she was popular with both staff and children, a first-class teacher who had acted as assistant principal, though not officially appointed as such by the school board.

The witness thought J. W. Gordon, now a school inspector, had been displeased at the appointment of Miss Cook to Polson school.

Under the principal immediately previous to Miss Cook discipline deteriorated, he stated. The man concerned had been in poor health for some months previous to his leaving, and had since died. After Miss Cook's arrival the general deportment improved, according to his testimony.

Under cross-examination by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, Mr. Ferrier informed the board the school's 75 per cent of non-Anglo-Saxon children were more difficult to discipline.

Three of the present teachers at Polson had taught at the school

when he was principal. In matters of discipline he classed Miss Ross as poor, Miss S. Dyma as fair and Miss A. Laidlaw as very good.

Completion of Miss Cook's evidence occupied the first half hour of the session.

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Teacher's Point Of View Is Aired At School Probe

Polson school troubles, from a teacher's viewpoint, appeared for the first time before the board of reference in the juvenile court building, Tuesday evening, when the first witness for the East Kil-donan school board, Miss S. Dyma, was called to the stand by C. W. Brock, counsel for the trustees.

After calling 18 witnesses for Miss Ida M. Cook, occupying 16 sessions of the inquiry, C. L. Drewry rested his case, with but one more to testify.

The board of reference, consisting of C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman; E. R. Moorhouse, for the trustees generally, and A. V. Pigott, for the teachers, was appointed to consider the causes leading to the transfer of Miss Cook from Polson school, and alleged discord between the staff and herself.

Tuesday evening, C. K. Rogers, assistant deputy minister of education, and previously a school principal, set forth his opinion of a principal's duties. His testimony corroborated, in the main, that of previous witnesses. The witness testified on behalf of Miss Cook.

Relations Harmonious

According to evidence, Miss Dyma has taught at Polson school since 1927. With all previous principals her relations had been entirely harmonious, she claimed. Miss Dyma stated that only twice had W. H. Ferrier, principal between 1928 and 1930, entered her class.

Witness told of two occasions on which trouble had broken out between her and Miss Cook, when finally the latter had accused Miss Dyma of changing papers.

Finally, the witness continued, Miss Cook apologized, admitting she most likely had copied the questions down wrong.

J. W. Gordon, school inspector, questioned the teacher soon after about the episode, and advised her to forget it. But once more she had been summoned to the principal's office and charged with carrying "tales to the inspector," being "unprofessional" and "disloyal."

The witness told of leaving Miss Cook's presence in tears, owing to the latter's manner in speaking to another teacher, Miss Splerz. She had done her best to co-operate and had obeyed instructions. Her application for a transfer from Polson had, she told the board, under questioning by Mr. Brock, been refused by the school trustees.

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 \$800. 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-

TOO ARBITRARY

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Inspector States That Outburst At School Due to Lack of Tact

Lack of consideration and tact on the part of Miss Ida M. Cook was to blame for the outburst at Polson school between staff and principal, declared J. W. Gordon, inspector, in his testimony before the board of reference sitting in the juvenile court building, Wednesday. In his opinion she was unfitted to be a principal.

In an effort to speed up the dragging inquiry into the reasons for the transfer of Miss Cook from Polson to Salisbury school early in March, C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman of the board, had increased the hearing to two sessions a day. Wednesday evening, no end being yet in sight, he further increased the daily time by half an hour.

No slacking off of interest on the part of the spectators could be noticeable. In fact, so keen was public attention Wednesday evening during the evidence of Mr. Gordon that even those women present who have stoically knitted through 18 sessions of the inquiry, laid aside their work to laugh and comment with the rest.

Commended as Teacher

Under examination by C. W. Brock, Mr. Gordon, who first taught in Manitoba in 1885, highly commended Miss Cook as teacher, but declared she was "sadly lacking in tact and consideration when dealing with her staff." When he first visited the school in May, 1935, he stated he found the spirit entirely changed.

He considered the principal's memos to the staff too arbitrary, and also criticized her use of "my" instead of "our" school. He told the board he had suggested to Miss Cook she adopt a more tactful attitude and "treat her staff as colleagues rather than underlings."

Continuing in the evening session, the white-haired school inspector, whose task includes supervising some 180 teachers and between 8,000 and 7,000 children, stated he told the school board when discussing further friction at Polson school that "I thought that on the report I made a year ago (1935) they should have taken more definite action; they carried on a very inadequate investigation."

"Did the board at any time ask you as to the fitness of Miss Cook to be principal of that school?" queried Mr. Brock.

"Yes."

"And what was your answer?"

"My answer was simply 'no.'"

The inspector asserted that he

preferred verbal to written communications between principal and staff and that he was in favor of the kind of discipline that "gains the co-operation of the child."

Cross-examination by C. L. Drewry had not been completed when the inquiry adjourned. At the opening of the evening session W. H. Sadler, principal of the Hugh John MacDonald school and chairman of the advisory board of the department of education, was called as an expert witness by Mr. Drewry.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

The funeral of William D. Lee, 80, of 229, Edmonton street, who died Monday at Victoria hospital, was held Thursday afternoon from Clark-Leatherdale's to Elmwood cemetery.

Miss Pauline "Bud" Leavens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Leavens of Stonewall, Man., died Tuesday, aged 25. The funeral service was



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Teacher Tells Of Altercations With Principal

No "hidden opposition," to the best of her knowledge, towards Miss Ida Cook existed at Polson school declared Miss Anne Laidlaw, a teacher, in her testimony before the board of reference in the juvenile court building, Friday evening, at the inquiry into the transfer of Miss Cook, former principal of Polson school to Salisbury school.

Prominently mentioned throughout the hearing Miss Laidlaw's evidence occupied the greater part of Friday's session. Answering slowly and carefully, before one of the biggest crowds of the inquiry, the teacher told the board her version of life at Polson school under Miss Cook.

"Incorrect as to the day, the date, the time and the reason," was the teacher's opinion of a memo she had received from Miss Cook early in September, a year after her return from exchange teaching in Scotland. This memo related to an occasion on which she had been absent from class during school periods.

Miss Laidlaw asserted that this occasion had been for only 10 to 15 minutes. In the memo, filed with the board, the time was given as 50 minutes. On receipt of it, she went to Miss Cook but, she said, the latter in a "very haughty tone" told her, "We won't discuss that. I timed you." The next day she had received a second memo correcting the time to 20 minutes but still asserting she was in another teacher's room. A third memo arrived soon after changing the date from a Wednesday to a Thursday. Actually, the teacher stated, she had left the school to phone J. W. Gordon, the school inspector.

On February 9, 1937, she received another communication from the principal. This declared that between 3:30 and 4 o'clock on February 8, she had left the class but must not do so again as during school hours "your time belongs absolutely to your pupils."

On one occasion the principal, she said, had become very angry over what she considered criticism by Miss Laidlaw of punishment she had meted out to one of the boys. Miss Cook had talked to her "almost as if I were a criminal because I expressed an opinion. My work was being affected and my health," asserted Miss Laidlaw.

The witness declared, in answer to a member of the board of reference, that to the best of her knowledge there had been no opposition to Miss Cook, she herself had always been polite and had done everything to co-operate. Meetings with the school board were described. In March, 1937, she had felt she "could not go on" working under those circumstances and together with the other members of the staff had approached the trustees. Meetings had followed, resulting in the transfer of Miss Cook.

At the opening of the evening session, a communication from Miss

teacher at Polson school, was declared inadmissible by C. K. Guild, chairman of the board, on an objection raised by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook.

Home Street Church Choir Holds Banquet

"Souls are satisfied generally by the simplest type of music," said Rev. Robert E. Frayne, of Sparling United church, when, as the guest-speaker at the first annual banquet of Home Street United church choir, Friday night at the Fort Garry hotel he warned choral organizations not to overlook "the tunes that grip the heart" in their desire to excel in the singing of anthems and other forms of music brilliant as these might be.

G. Rollo, president of the choir, presided. Representing the music committee of Home Street United church, Graham Standing paid tribute to the choir and the organist and choirmaster, J. Leslie Poynton, for their efficiency and loyalty.

A presentation was made to Miss Clara Amos, one of the members, who is leaving for Dauphin.

A whist drive and dance was held Friday night at the Institute for the

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TEACHERS' TROUBLES

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Inquiry Told Polson Staff Did Not Seek Principalship Control

Polson school teachers had no intention of controlling the principalship, declared Miss Anne Laidlaw, a member of the staff, in reply to questions asked by C. K. Guild, K.C., at the board of reference hearing, Saturday.

Continually through the morning and afternoon sittings of the month-old inquiry into the reasons for the transfer of Miss Ida M. Cook from Polson to Salisbury school early in March, Mr. Guild, chairman of the board of reference, focused attention on a letter presented by the teachers to the East Kildonan trustees in June, 1936.

The three requests in this communication, granted by the trustees, asked that the staff should be maintained intact, that a petition signed by 56 per cent of teachers should be sufficient to ensure the removal of Miss Cook, and finally that if conditions showed no improvement the principal should be changed.

Not only herself, but also the pupils in her class had been affected

by the strain under which she worked, declared Miss Laidlaw.

"Is not the situation this," asked Mr. Guild, "that you had taken on a load in 1936 that was an unusual load in this respect; that you had asked the school board, the teachers and yourself to place the continuing of the principalship in your hands, and it was quite a responsibility?"

"It was not our intention to place



J. K. SPARLING, K.C., who for the past 20 years has been prominent in the Manitoba Scout association as organizer and leader, was the guest of honor Friday evening at a rally of scouts, cubs and leaders of the Centre and East district. On his retirement as commissioner, Mr. Sparling was presented with a bronze statuette.

the control of the principalship in our hands," replied Miss Laidlaw.

"Was that not the result?"

"The note we got from the school board was just a sort of guarantee."

"In other words it was a guarantee to the staff that whatever happened they would not suffer?"

"No, there was a probability that some of the teachers would be moved, and it was thought at the time it was a reflection on the staff."

"Quite so, you wanted a guarantee on it."

"Yes, because it had come before the attention of the public."

"That puts you in the position that you wanted a guarantee of continuance in the school whatever arose?"

"I do not think we looked at it that way when we wrote the letter."

"Would you not agree with me

HAPPY ONCE

Jane Bannister to Ann Harding, Now

Montreal, April 27 (CP)—A good supply of Sunday comic papers tucked under her arm and a burly bodyguard tagging unobtrusively behind, nine-year-old Jane Bannister boarded a train here Sunday, for New York to join Ann Harding, her mother.

Left aboard the liner Duchess of Atholl at Quebec, Saturday, by the stage and screen actress and Miss Harding's new husband, Werner Jannsen, the child, in charge of the governess, came to Montreal with the vessel, Sunday morning.

The child was completely unaware of the bodyguard, and probably of the now-annulled warrant for her mother's arrest for kidnapping, a business Miss Harding says she "really wants to forget."

The movie star's unexpected arrival with her orchestra leader husband at Quebec came only 24 hours after a Quebec judge annulled the abduction warrant sworn out last May by Harry Bannister, Miss Harding's divorced husband.

Miss Harding was "very happy that everything is different now from last May." She hoped "all that kidnapping sort of thing was forgotten."

The arrival was different from her

that when you returned to the school in September, 1936, the situation was an impossible one for all concerned?"

Denies Situation Impossible

"I don't think it was an impossible situation. It was a difficult one."

Continuing in the afternoon session, Miss Laidlaw emphasized that the staff had no intention of capitalizing on the situation. They had returned to school, in her opinion, ready and willing to co-operate. Some memos received by herself and another teacher, together with an incident over monitors, had, she said, been responsible for the final appeal to the board.

In the closing minutes of the hearing, Saturday, Miss Jessie Leys, another teacher from the school, began her testimony, under examination by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan School board.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

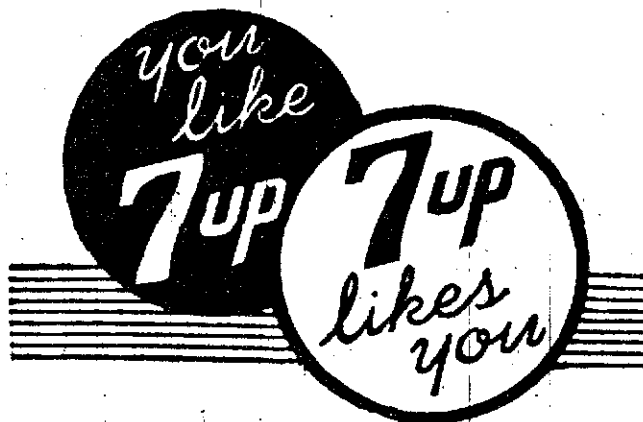
Thomas Wood, prominent member of the United Farmers of Manitoba, died Saturday morning at St. Boniface hospital, following a short illness. Born a little more than 80 years ago in Scotland, Mr. Wood came to Manitoba at the turn of the century, settling in the Wingham district, 8 miles north of Elm Creek.

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Principal Drove Staff to Tears, Inquiry Is Told

Weeping teachers, driven to tears by Miss Ida M. Cook and her methods, figured prominently before the board of reference investigating East Kildonan school troubles in the juvenile court building, Tuesday evening.

When the inquiry into the reasons for the transfer of Miss Cook from Polson to Salisbury school adjourned until four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, 70 hours of testimony had been heard. Two more teachers from the Polson staff were on the stand during the session.

Completing her evidence, Miss Mary Leus, a teacher at the school, corroborated testimony of previous witnesses regarding school board meetings. She declared that when she approached Miss Cook regarding a present for a member of the staff who was about to get married in June, 1935, the principal had said: "I would not give a nickel for her to buy a rope to hang herself."

She stated that she herself had been afraid of being transferred from the school because she had heard that Miss Cook did not like Ukrainian teachers.

The second witness on the stand, Tuesday evening, Miss M. Gelley, recounted incidents occurring between herself and Miss Cook. She had nothing but praise for the four previous principals she had worked under at Polson. Discipline had been good at the school under them but had, she thought, gone "down to a certain extent" during the period just previous to Miss Cook, when there had been no principal.

Dealing with an incident over grammar between the former principal and Miss Spiers, an exchange teacher from Scotland, Miss Gelley said the former had made "unlady-like remarks" and shouted. But she told the board, the "louder Miss Cook spoke, the quieter Miss Spiers got." A teacher had left the room crying after the scene, it was learned. "I wept, too," she said, "but I did not get up."

On one occasion in the teachers' room, the witness told the board, she had remarked to Miss Cook that ever since she had come to Polson "they had had Prince Edward for breakfast, dinner and supper." Replying to C. W. Brook, counsel for the school board, she stated that Miss Cook had been continually referring to her former school but had not done so after her remark.

SCHOOL TENSION

Apr 1937

Reprimand and Impaired Health Of Polson Teachers Aired at Probe

Public reprimands of teachers, tension at the school and impaired health of members of the staff featured the evidence given by East Kildonan witnesses before the board of reference in the juvenile court building, Monday.

Three more teachers appearing before the board inquiring into the reasons for the transfer of Miss Ida M. Cook from Polson to Salisbury school in March, brought the lengthy hearings a few steps nearer completion. Day sessions appeared as a probability in order to try and finish the inquiry before May. So far 105 exhibits have been filed and a seemingly equal number of pieces of knitting completed by spectators.

Resuming her evidence, Miss Jessie Leus, under examination by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, declared she had never come late to school. Miss Cook has mentioned her, she said, as being one of the staff "who always came late" at a meeting before the school board on March 3.

Checks Statement

The next day she went to check on this statement with the time sheets they signed every morning on arrival. Miss Leus stated she could only find one sheet, that in use for the week.

"You could not find the others?"

"No."

"Do you know who took them out?"

"No."

She told of hearing another teacher reprimanded by Miss Cook in front of the pupils and agreed

with Mr. Brock when he asked if she considered she was working under "a tension of fear" at Polson.

Cross-examined by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook, at the evening session, Miss Leus said she carried out her instructions to the best of her ability.

Replying to C. K. Guild, K.C., she stated that only twice had Miss Cook entered her room and that she had only received one personal memo she objected to.

"You ask the board to believe you went about in fear and trembling such as to effect your teaching?"

"Yes."

Next on the stand, Miss Anne Kamrath, another teacher, told of being reprimanded by the former principal in front of her pupils over a reliability test. She had been "very much humiliated." She declared she had signed the letters of April 27, 1936, from the staff to the school board because she considered it her duty to "stand with them," because the atmosphere of the school was not what it should have been, and because the health of some teachers had been impaired.

Miss Cook did not encourage the staff to make suggestions at meetings, she told the board. Discipline also had been different under Miss Cook compared with the two previous principals.

Polson School Teacher Tells Probe Principal Seized Her, Tore Coat

Miss D. Ross, in Giving Evidence Before Board of Inquiry, Declares That Miss Ida M. Cook Criticized Her in Front of Class

That Miss Ida M. Cook seized her arm and ripped her coat, while forcibly trying to prevent her leaving the room during an interview, was charged Thursday evening by Miss D. Ross, a Polson teacher, in evidence before the board of inquiry into the East Kildonan school dispute.

Under examination by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, Miss Ross told how on June 3, 1936, she had received a memorandum from Miss Cook ordering her to be prepared to put on a test that morning. She became "rattled" and made mistakes in putting it on. Then when it was over, she said, Miss Cook "criticized me on every point in front of my class."

Asked to Repeat Test

The following day she was asked to repeat the test, but she could not, she stated, she was too ill. She informed Miss Cook of this, but when the latter persisted, left the school. "I thought I was through as far as East Kildonan was concerned," the witness continued.

After phoning for a substitute, she went over to see the secretary of the school board, J. Colvin. He told her to go back, warning her she should never have left. So, at noon, she returned.

That afternoon when classes were over, she saw Miss Cook in the office. Discussion followed over the tests, but Miss Ross still refused to put on another. Then when she

Guarantee For Wheat Is Urged

Calgary, May 1. (CP) — Government insurance of a reasonable return to farmers for their wheat production was advocated by Paul Bredt, president of Manitoba Pool Elevators, limited, before the Turgeon royal grain commission Friday.

"We should have a marketing system that will take care of the producer," Mr. Bredt declared during his examination by Hon. J. L. Ralston, K.C., Montreal, commission counsel.

"Doesn't it all come down to state insurance?" asked Mr. Justice Turgeon, conducting the inquiry. "It is not a question of whether there is a board or not a board. You want a system whereby the pro-

got up to leave, the witness claimed, Miss Cook "tried forcibly to hold me from leaving the office and put her hand on my arm and ripped the sleeve of my coat."

Following this incident, she received a letter from the school board asking her to appear before them. On June 13, after the meeting, another letter arrived. This communication, filed as evidence, was then read by Mr. Brock.

Severely Censured

In it the trustees "severely censured" Miss Ross for her failure to accept definite legitimate instructions from the principal. They declared "such conduct cannot and will not be tolerated under any circumstances" and informed her that after a rest, when her physical condition was improved, she would be transferred to another school. This transfer was later rescinded, she said.

Beginning her testimony at the afternoon session, Miss Ross recounted incidents occurring between herself and Miss Cook. On one occasion when she had forgotten instructions not to say "mark time," the former principal had told her, with eyes blazing, and in front of all the senior pupils, "we have decided not to mark time."

In the spring of 1936, the inspector visited Polson school. When he left, Miss Ross continued, Miss Cook stated he had reported her adversely to the board. Not satisfied with this, the witness said, she had gone to see Mr. Colvin. No such report had been presented, she had found out.

Another row in the principal's office followed. When she tried to leave Miss Cook stopped her, saying "I'm the principal here and I've

ducer is assured a certain return for his wheat each year by the government?"

"That is what it finally comes down to," answered Mr. Brett. It should give some definite return to the producer to enable him to carry on—a form of insurance, Mr. Brett added.

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The government should purchase the wheat supplies in years of surplus production, he added. It would be up to the government organization to decide whether the surplus supplies were sold on the world market or carried over as a reserve.

Any loss, however, should not be passed on to the producer. The state should be ready to assist the producer at all times, even though the assistance might never be necessary.

Col. Ralston asked if it would not mean a complete economic change if the government took over the merchandising of wheat. Mr. Brett said the people owned the Canadian National railways. He was not worried about the economic change, said Mr. Brett. So long as a system was evolved that would give protection to the producer.

Present unrest in the west, said Mr. Brett, when questioned by Col. Ralston, was "due to ruinously low prices for farm products, particularly wheat."

Urge Revolt To Overthrow Capitalism

Moscow, May 1. (AP) — The

Pupils Tell of Being Advised by Principal To Stage School Strike

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Witnesses at East Kildonan Inquiry Declare Miss Cook Said She Didn't Blame Them for Action—

Teacher Denies Malicious Intent

Pupils at the Salisbury school were advised by Miss Ida Cook to go on strike to get their principal back, three pupils told the East Kildonan school strike inquiry, Friday night.

"I don't blame you for going on strike, I would if I were in your shoes," Miss Cook, former principal of Polson school, is said by the pupils to have told them.

Earlier in the evening the commission heard Miss M. Anderson, one of the teachers, deny emphatically there was any malicious intent on the part of the teachers to have Miss Cook discharged when they wrote to the East Kildonan school board complaining about her manner and methods.

Miss Anderson made the denial in answer to a question by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Cook. Miss Anderson had been closely questioned by C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman of the board of reference, with a view to ascertaining the real intention of the teachers when they got together and submitted a written statement to the trustees.

Saturday Sessions

With approximately 900,000 words of evidence taken by the official reporter since the inquiry began, it is probable they will exceed the million mark by the time the last session is held. It is believed the public sessions will continue well into next week.

Hon. Ivan Schultz, minister of education in the provincial government, was one of the witnesses Friday evening. He was peppered with questions by Clifford W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan trustees, but most of them were ruled inadmissible by Chairman Guild. He gave very little evidence, therefore. Mr. Schultz stated his attention was first brought to the situation in East Kildonan by a communication from Miss Ida Cook, and he had set up the board of reference in accordance with the terms of the School act. The minister was pressed to disclose what had been said when a delegation of East Kildonan school trustees waited on him. Mr. Brock put his questions from many dif-

Cook's brief term as principal at her school, one young witness told the board how Miss Cook had remarked to a group of children, "Go and fight for justice, go and see the school board." On March 9, the day the strike began, she had heard the principal tell pupils that if they wanted their principal back they should go and get him.

Another young witness testified to Miss Cook's saying, "I don't blame you for going on strike, I would if I were in your shoes." Similar evidence was given by the third pupil.

Margaret Walshe, who joined the Polson staff in September, 1936, after teaching in Montreal and Washington, said she had got along very well with Miss Cook. She had no personal grievances, and for this reason had not signed the letters sent by the staff to the school trustees. On one occasion she had heard Miss Cook talking very loudly to a teacher. Later, Miss Walshe stated, she had found the girl concerned in tears.

Resuming her evidence from Thursday evening, Miss Marion Anderson said she noticed the disappearance of the time sheets, which the staff signed every day, on March 4.

"Do you know if Miss Cook was there that day?" asked Mr. Brock.

"Yes," she was there."

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Twenty-five Years Ago—May 1, 1912

The first university graduates received their degrees from the university of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon; some of the scholarship winners were: John Weir, Saskatoon; D. S. Macmurch, Regina; L. E. Kirk, Moose Jaw; E. R. Gilmer, Regina; and N. R. Wright, Battleford.

Twenty Years Ago — May 1, 1917

The Winnipeg Scottish and the "Little Black Devils" had borne the brunt of the fighting between Arloux and Arloux Wood. —The Jast McDiarmid company were actively at work on Manitoba's new capitol building.

Evictions Halted In St. James Till Experts Report

St. James landlords who have handed eviction notices, to take effect May 1, to 60 families on relief, will wait until two rental experts, engaged by the provincial government to survey the rental situation in St. James, bring in their report before they take any action.

O. T. Hess, who represents a group of the landlords in the negotiations with St. James municipality for higher rent payments on houses occupied by relief recipients, said Saturday morning that as far as his group is concerned, nothing will be done until the report of the experts is brought down.

Arthur MacNamara, deputy minister of public works, who is handling the affair for the provincial government, is away from the city, and will not return until later this week.

There are 330 families in all whose rent is being paid by the municipality. The landlords are asking for double the present rental allowance, plus \$1 a month for each person in the family over two. At the moment, the farthest to which the municipality is prepared to go is an allowance of 75 per cent over the annual taxes paid, which would be an increase of 25 per cent on the present basis.

FATALLY STABBED

New York, May 3. (AP)—Judge John J. O'Neil, of the municipal court, died Saturday of stab wounds inflicted by an unidentified assailant. Judge O'Neil was stabbed in

ferent angles, but they were all ruled out.

The stand taken by Chairman Guild was that counsel was endeavoring to question the constitutionality of the board of reference, and that whatever was said by either Mr. Schultz or the trustees would have no bearing on the issue before the board of reference, and could not assist the board in determining it.

Mr. Brock finally gave up with the remark: "I shall bow to your ruling, subject to having the privilege later on of trying to show that you are wrong."

Boys Testify

Some of the husky boys in the higher grades at Polson school kept the crowd which filled the juvenile courtroom to capacity merry with their matter of fact way of replying to the questions put by counsel and members of the board. They spoke quite cheerfully of being strapped by the principal, and quoted Miss Cook as having told them: "If you are on strike, keep on strike."

Louis Petrovitch related how a number of boys, at the request of Miss Cook, had gone to Dr. Robert Fletcher's office at the legislative building, travelling in a chum's car at a nickel apiece.

"What street was it on which you got the car?" Mr. Drewry asked.

The quick reply caused a roar of laughter. It was "Watt street."

Parents of two of the boys gave evidence about the strapping of the lads, unwarranted, in their opinion.

Alex. Ford, one of the trustees, was called, but had not completed his evidence when the inquiry was adjourned. He stated he had been keen on getting Miss Cook appointed principal, because he thought the appointment of a woman principal would be encouraging to the other members of the Polson staff. However, he said, it was not long before trouble started, discord developing between Miss Cook and Miss Dyma over music papers. He had been shocked at the vindictiveness displayed by Miss Cook, who had said Miss Dyma cheated and lied. Miss Dyma applied for a transfer.

Events at Salisbury

Three young Salisbury school pupils, the oldest 15, were called by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan school board, in the afternoon session.

Describing events during Miss

The witness declared "there are a great many marks on these time sheets which were not there when I saw them last. Some of the times have been changed," she said.

Janet McMorran, a teacher from Salisbury school, made a brief appearance to testify as to absences of Miss Cook from the school.

Hitler May Day Speech Hits Church

Berlin, May 3. (UP) — Fuehrer Adolf Hitler led Germany's May Day celebration Saturday with a speech which was interpreted as a challenge to the Roman Catholic church.

"We alone have the right to educate our youth," he said to 120,000 members of the Hitler youth organization massed at the Olympic stadium, "and that right we never will give away."

"If others think that they may with success disunite the German people again, beginning with our youth, then they are wrong."

The Nazi campaign of bringing all education under official control had been a principal point of complaint by the Roman Catholic church. Nazi discouragement of parochial schools was one of the reasons for the pope's recent encyclical on church conditions in Germany.

Fatal Auto Crash

Port Arthur, Ont., May 3. (CP)—Ruth Moore, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Schreiber, died Friday night in hospital here of injuries received the previous evening in an automobile crash at Schreiber which was also fatal to her brother, Lorne, 24, driver of car in which she was a passenger.

John St. Jean, also of Schreiber, well known hockey player, driver of a truck in the same accident, lost his left arm, amputation being performed in hospital here after the injured ones had been rushed to the city by special train which made the trip, which has a passenger train schedule of three hours and 20 minutes, in two hours and 26 minutes.

Trustees Tell of Events Prior to School Strike; Probe Drawing to Close

School Board Chairman Denies Miss Ida Cook, Former Principal of Polson School, Prevented From Presenting Her Side of Controversy

End of the East Kildonan school strike inquiry is in sight. The majority of the school trustees have still to testify, but C. K. Guild, K.C., at a session Monday night, urged counsel to confine their examination of them to new points of evidence. Though there are five members of the school board to take the stand, it is believed that all will be dealt with either Tuesday or Wednesday, when there will be a recess to enable counsel to prepare for making their presentations to the board of reference.

Called in succession to A. E. Ford, chairman of the education committee of the trustees, Robert Gibson, chairman of the school board, was on the witness stand for about three hours Monday night. He detailed the circumstances under which Miss Ida Cook, principal of Polson school, was transferred to Salisbury school as a result of letters and complaints by the teaching staff.

He claimed that at a certain meeting of the board, Miss Cook and the teachers, in presence of Inspector Gordon, had been given a fair opportunity to present their case.

Denies Evidence Cut Off

C. K. Guild, chairman of the board of reference, pressed for information regarding Miss Cook's statement that the board cut her off.

"The board tried to be very fair," Mr. Gibson replied. "After the inspector and the teachers had gone, however, Miss Cook came back and wanted the board to hear her again. I had to speak to her very firmly then. She was not cut off, except when she came back and wanted to rehearse the whole matter."

Replying to cross-examination by C. L. Drewry, Mr. Gibson said that at any time he had visited Polson school it appeared to be getting along all right, and the children came into school in orderly fashion.

"Did the children seem happy?" Mr. Drewry asked.

"That's a peculiar question to ask me, for I was not particularly happy myself sometimes when I was a boy at school."

This reply caused a burst of laughter, and there was another roar when Mr. Drewry suggested: "Maybe you were a bad boy, Mr. Gibson."

Rotarians Are Urged To Be Kings

A stirring appeal to every Rotarian to make the coronation of King George VI a personal matter, as it is intended to be, and a time for rededication to the pledges of Rotary, was made by Ven. Archdeacon Swanson, Calgary, when he addressed the fourth district conference, Tuesday, at the Royal Alexandra hotel.

Everyone of us is called to be a king in his own right, none more than Rotarians, stated Dr. Swanson, emphasizing that the world needs Rotary's spirit and work, today especially. Rotary will achieve to the extent that each member pledges service, as will the King, during the symbolic coronation service at Westminster, he said.

Dr. Swanson sketched a colorful review of the coronation service, explaining the symbolism of each age-old rite.

The centre of the coronation is not the crowning but anointing, and the prayer is, "Let the King not come alone to his hallowing." Dr. Swanson noted.

\$90,000 Subscribed

Rotary International foundation fund, established nine years ago, has been subscribed to by members to the amount of \$90,000, Fred Lough, Winnipeg, reported to the conference. He named his address

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School Probe Witness States Miss Cook Set On Ousting Inspector

**Asserts She Told Him She Would Spend Last Nickel to
See Official Out—Only Rebuttal Evidence and
Summing Up Remains To Be Heard**

East Kildonan's million word school inquiry drew nearer to a close, Tuesday, with the four remaining trustee witnesses completing defence testimony for the school board.

When the board of reference into the school strike adjourned at 12.55 o'clock, only rebuttal evidence to be called by C. L. Drewry, counsel for Miss Ida M. Cook, and the final summing up of testimony by both sides remained to be heard. C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman of the board of reference, stated the inquiry will go through to a finish, Wednesday, commencing at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

First witness of the evening, J. R. Treger, corroborated previous testimony of school board members. Under examination by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East Kildonan School board, he stated that the trustees had explored every avenue for a solution to the difficulties at Polson school, and that absolutely no bias against Miss Cook had been shown.

When the witness interviewed Miss Cook at Salisbury school during the strike early in March, he

found her busy at a typewriter preparing evidence for the board of reference. On that occasion she had told him she would spend the last nickel she ever earned in the teaching profession to see the inspector (J. W. Gordon) out. "He was not a fit man for the position," she said.

Testimony as to school board meetings was given by Edward Boyd and Alistair Fraser. A. H. Allardyce, who was elected to the school board for the first time in January, 1937, described two interviews with Miss Cook.

Probe Into East Kildonan School Strike Adjourns

May 1937

After a record short session of 17 minutes and 30 seconds, the board of reference into the East Kildonan school strike adjourned, Wednesday, until May 14, when counsel's arguments will be heard. Only one witness, Miss Ida M. Cook, was called by her counsel, C. L. Drewry, to present rebuttal testimony.

C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman, in adjourning the inquiry, asked counsel to deal especially with five points:

First, since Miss Cook was both teacher and principal, what was the effect of that designation? Is it for a year's service or is it within the jurisdiction of the school board to transfer her either to another principalship or as a teacher?

Secondly, whether or not the events of February, 1937, were such as to entitle the board to discharge as to cause.

Thirdly, to stress to what extent under the statute the board was entitled to make an award in terms of the submissions.

Fourthly, what was the jurisdiction of the board as to costs, or what costs they might award as between parties or against either or both of them.

Lastly, in what way the award made by the board could be enforced.

Examined by Mr. Drewry, Miss Cook denies she had been informed of letters written, July 3, by the Polson staff to the East Kildonan school board. She had known nothing, also, she declared, of the school board's two resolutions following it.

MILLION-WORD PROBE

May 1937

Marathon Inquiry Into School Strike Sets Manitoba Record

With 56 witnesses heard to date, Manitoba's record-smashing marathon inquiry by a board of reference into the East Kildonan school strike, when it adjourned Wednesday until May 14, had occupied 30 sessions reaching a grand total of 107 hours, had received 121 exhibits and had heard more than 1,000,000 words.

When the board first started sessions, way back March 13, it was conservatively estimated the hearing would take about three days.

That was judging it by previous inquiries. After the second week, no one dared to resort to predictions, and after the seventh the participants, who faithfully turned up night after night, settled down prepared to face each other for many moons to come.

Feature of the inquiry into whether or not Miss Ida M. Cook should have been transferred from Polson to Salisbury school in March, was "volubility". Worked out on a basis on 1,000,000 words spoken by the 56 witnesses three board members and two lawyers, the average apiece is some 16,000. This does not include comments from spectators, asides by board members, or whispered instructions to counsel.

Again estimated on the same basis each witness testified for an average of nearly two hours. Miss Cook herself occupied the stand for just under 30 per cent of the total time. Some other witnesses made but the briefest of appearances.

The huge number of exhibits filed by counsel consisted mainly of statements made by teachers or Miss Cook and of memoranda. These last were filed en masse. However, also included for the attention of the three board members was a map of the municipality (schools marked in red ink) and a diary—the now "famous little black book" of the inquiry.

An attempt was also made by C. W. Brock, counsel for the East

Kildonan school board, to file one small strap which had, according to testimony, resounded occasionally off the limbs of Polson children. This, however, was not allowed in by C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman.

5,000 Spectators

Number of spectators attending totalled close to 5,000, and the yardage of knitting done by lady members of the audience is believed to be well over the mile. At one time, in fact, it was rumored around the halls of the juvenile court building that a city sewing circle was holding meetings during the sessions.

As to the cost of the board of reference and who is to pay for it, that remains to be seen, but in announcing points to be specially considered by counsel in summing up, Mr. Guild ominously referred to costs, how much, and to whom he might award them.

Voice Disapproval

Strongly disapproving the "long drawn out proceedings in connection with the board of reference inquiring into the Polson school controversy," a resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting of the East Kildonan board of trade in the Community hall, Melrose avenue, Wednesday evening. The resolution also states that the board is opposed to any costs of the inquiry being levied and charged against East Kildonan ratepayers.

Chairman of Board of Reference Inquiring Into East Kildonan Dispute, Says Verdict Will Be Reached Within Ten Days May 1937

Descriptions of Miss Ida M. Cook as an efficient principal, working in the best interests of her pupils, and as a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality, irresponsible and lacking in self-control, were made by counsel for the plaintiff and defence, respectively, when summing up of evidence was completed before the board of reference inquiring into the East Kildonan school dispute, Wednesday. The final session was held in the juvenile court building. C. K. Guild, K.C., chairman of the board, stated the verdict would be reached within ten days.

LOOKING BACKWARD (From the Free Press Files)

Sixty Years Ago—May 20, 1877

Mrs. Alexander Morris, of Government House, has ordered a handsome communion service from England as a gift to Christ church, Winnipeg.

Fifty-five Years Ago—May 20, 1882

The new Ronald steam fire engine arrived in Winnipeg and was much admired, not only by the "fire boys," but by the citizens at large. A bill to incorporate the East Brandon bridge company was given second reading in the Manitoba legislature.

Fifty Years Ago—May 20, 1887

It was learned that the Ontario government was taking immediate steps to investigate all the long-disputed claims to land in the Rat Portage (Kenora) district; the government interest in the country, which had made recent discovery of valuable mineral deposits, was regarded as auspicious.

Forty-five Years Ago—May 20, 1892

Among those present at the semi-annual meeting of the Winnipeg Teachers' institute were D. H. McCalm, in the chair, F. H. Schofield, D. McInlyre, J. W. Leitch, and School Principals Kerr, Goggin, Garratt and Wilson.

Forty Years Ago—May 20, 1897

General Fred Middleton, who had commanded the Northwest Field force during the armed protest of the Metis under Louis Riel in 1885, was now the keeper of the Crown jewels in the Tower of London where, in his "den" in St. Thomas Tower, the general was interviewed by the Free Press correspondent.

Thirty-five Years Ago—May 20, 1902

Nearly 30 miles of steel had been laid on the new extension west of Forrest; good gravel had been located for ballasting.—Two rapidly growing Manitoba towns were Bartney, where W. Higgins, S. Black, S. F. Long, T. J. Fry, W. H. Galbraith and W. Hicks, were erecting new residences, and Mariapolis, which had a steam laundry.

Thirty Years Ago—May 20, 1907

"The Unwritten Law," a drama based upon the shooting of Stanford White by Harry K. Thaw, was running at the Unique theatre. — George Primrose and his merry minstrels were drawing large audiences at the Wellington.

Submitting that Miss Cook should be restored to the principalship of Polson school, C. L. Drewry, her counsel, stressed the former principal's long and good service as a teacher in East Kildonan. He contended the testimony of witnesses showed the condition of Polson school to have been bad particularly in regard to discipline. No help had, in his opinion, been given Miss Cook by the inspector, J. W. Gordon, while resolutions passed by the school board had solidified the teachers as a unit.

Mr. Drewry stated the very fact the school board had transferred Miss Cook as principal to another school and not as a teacher showed they had considered her qualified. No testimony had, the defence held, shown the former principal to be the originator of the pupils' strike in March, shortly after her transfer.

Asks Costs of Counsel

Dealing with the jurisdiction of the board of reference, Mr. Drewry stated it had power to make an award to be entered as a judgment and be enforced as such. Costs of board members should, he believed, be borne by the government, while counsel's fees should be awarded to both parties.

Summing up for the school board, C. W. Brock claimed that under the terms of the statute his clients were fully entitled to engage, transfer or discharge any teacher. He declared that Miss Cook's appointment as a principal in no way changed her status or contract as a teacher.

Far from being biased against her, Mr. Brock said the board had been, if anything, too considerate and had failed to realize her dual personality. "If ever fortitude, patience and unrelenting effort was spent to seek all the facts with open minds, I say this board has left a monument which will stand for time to come."

Counsel suggested that the former principal had been shown in evidence to be irresponsible and lacking in tact. He asserted she had an over developed idea of discipline.

Mr. Brock stated that the board had no power to make any award since no complaints were made that the board had not abided by its contract. No costs could be given by the board, he considered.

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STRIKE PROBE

June 1937

Board Recommends Against Restoration Of Former Principal

**Charges of Inefficiency Contained in Finding, Which
Also States Trustees Partly to Blame for
Trouble at Polson School**

Advising against restoration of Miss Ida M. Cook to the principalship of Polson school, and placing partial blame on the East Kildonan school board for the situation which resulted in a strike of Polson pupils last March, the board of reference which inquired into Miss Cook's charge against the board, submitted its report Thursday to Hon. Ivan Schultz, K.C., minister of education.

Costs of the court reporter's fees of \$157.25 during the board of reference's hearing were awarded equally between Miss Cook and the school board. The expenses of the inquiry will be paid by the department of education.

Miss Cook and her solicitor, Corbet L. Drewry, declined to discuss the verdict until they had had time to give it fuller study. Miss Cook, however, revealed that she had been given notice that her services were no longer required by the East Kildonan school board. The letter was dated June 1, and was the customary 30-day notice. Miss Cook, who had served 21 years as a school teacher in Kildonan, was previously on leave of absence while her case was being heard.

On two points C. K. Guild, K.C., board chairman, submitted a minority opinion in dissent from the majority findings of A. V. Pigott and E. R. Mourehouse, the other two members of the board. Mr. Guild held that the school trustees were not justified in removing Miss Cook from the Polson principalship in the midst of the school year and transferring her without her consent to the principalship of Salisbury school.

The board of reference, however, was unanimous in finding Miss Cook "during her incumbency at Polson school inefficient as a principal."

Declared Unsatisfactory

Canadians Favored For Probe

By GRANT DEXTER

London, June 18. (Special Cable)

—Contrary to expectations, Canadian cabinet ministers attending the Imperial conference have not been seeking a chairman for the royal commission soon to be appointed to re-examine the financial and constitutional structure of the Dominion.

It is learned that no decision has been reached regarding the personnel of this commission and there is a growing tendency to seek both chairman and members in Canada.

Certainly there is no present thought of having a British chairman, although when the matter has been more actively canvassed at Ottawa it may be decided to select one member from the United Kingdom.

There has been much informal discussion regarding selection of one Canadian of prominence now in the United States to act on the

In explanation of this opinion the report said Miss Cook proved "unsatisfactory as a principal" in the following respects:

"Her methods of discipline as affecting both teachers and pupils at Polson school were rigid, unyielding, peremptory and rule-bound;

"In her dealings with the teachers on the staff, her methods and manner were arbitrary, imperious and calculated to antagonize rather than to procure ready and spontaneous co-operation.

"In so finding we have not overlooked the view of the principal as to which no finding is made, that discipline at this school, when she took over as acting-principal, was slack, disorganized and required for a considerable period of time strict and even severe methods to restore it to a satisfactory standard.

Dealing with the situation at Polson school as a whole, and defining the extent to which it found the school board responsible for the trouble, the report said:

"We do further find that the relationship between the principal and the teaching staff at Polson school became so strained in the latter part of the school year 1935-36 that the efficiency of the work of the school was impaired, and that as a result complaint and counter-complaint, charge and counter-charge, were made to the school board by the teaching staff and the principal in the months of May and June of that year, which were followed by several meetings, some of them lengthy, between the school board and the principal and between the school board and the teaching staff other than the principal, and that the school board, in dealing with the impasse that had so arisen, failed to deal effectively with it and vacillated in its actions to the extent and in such manner that they themselves created a situation in Polson school for the ensuing year 1936-37 so unstable that the later developments were almost an inevitability."

Answers Miss Cook's Charges

Charges of Miss Cook that it was improper of the school board to meet with the Polson teaching staff and for the school inspector also to meet with the teaching staff without her knowledge or presence were answered by the board as follows:

"We find that such meetings were held, and whilst there may be some question as to the wisdom of some or all of such meetings, they were undertaken by the school board and the inspector in the supposed interest of the school."

commission. Dr. James T. Shotwell, of Columbia university, New York, has been frequently mentioned and also Jacob Viner, of the University of Chicago.

The weight of opinion, however, inclines to the appointment of Canadians on the ground that the nature of the inquiry demands an intimate knowledge of the existing constitutional and financial set-up of the Dominion.

Searchers Find Lost Camp Girl

Wasagaming, Man., June 18.

(Special)—Marion Fair, 21, missing from the Costin camp on the north shore of Clear Lake since 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, was found at 11.30 a.m. Wednesday. She was located by a search party which started seeking the missing girl about midnight Tuesday near a vacated saw mill, ten miles from the cottage where she was visiting.

It is understood that Miss Fair had gone down to the beach, Tuesday, to meet some other members of the camp and missing them, wandered into the dense bush which surrounds the beach. She was traced through the bush by the marks which were left in the damp sod by her shoe heels. The girl, who is suffering from shock and exposure, was attended by Dr. Rutledge, of Erickson. Constable A. G. Boncey of the R.C.M.P. directed the search.

Naval Proposal

Tokyo, June 18. (AP)—An authoritative source asserted Thursday Japan had decided to refuse a secret proposal made by President Roosevelt for the limitation of naval armament to guns of 14-inch calibre.

President Roosevelt was said to have suggested the reduction through United States Ambassador Joseph Grew at the request of Great Britain.

FREIGHT BY AIR

Ottawa, June 18. (CP) — More than 25,000,000 pounds of freight and express was carried by air in Canada during 1936, a report of the Dominion bureau of statistics to be issued shortly will indicate, it was learned Thursday.

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Miss Cook Considers Appeal

June 1937

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An appeal to the county court from the adverse decision of the board of reference in the East Kil-donan teachers' fracas is being seriously considered, Miss Ida M. Cook, former principal of Polson school, stated Friday.

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"The board's verdict is a slap at all principals," said Miss Cook. "It means that the staff and not the principal runs the school. I am surprised that the board's report failed to take into account the loyalty shown me by the pupils of Polson school. Surely the way the students stood by me indicated that my discipline was not too severe."

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Under the Department of Education act a teacher has the right of an appeal to the county court from a decision of a board of reference. Miss Cook stated that a conference will be held with her legal advisors before she definitely decides whether or not to appeal.

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Department of education officials stated Friday that Miss Cook's standing as a teacher was excellent, and was not subject of criticism in the board of reference report.

Miss Cook stated to the Free Press that in all fairness publication should be given to a section of the report which read as follows: "We further find subject to the above the principal spared no effort in the interest of the school and that she devoted her attention and energies wholeheartedly and in some aspects successfully to the management and administration of the school."

No Appeal

July 1937

No appeal against the verdict of the board of reference inquiring into the East Kildonan school dispute which advised against her restoration June 18, will be made by Miss Ida M. Cook, deposed principal, it was learned Tuesday morning. Miss Cook stated the cost precluded appeal.

Meanwhile, in the municipality petitions urging the restoration of Miss Cook to the East Kildonan school staff are being circulated, and, according to Mrs. J. C. Ivison, one of the organizers, are being filled up.

Ask

Aug 1937

Teacher's Return

Appealing for the restoration of Miss Ida M. Cook, former principal to the teaching staff of East Kildonan, a petition, said to be signed by 1,000 ratepayers, was presented, Friday night, to J. Colvin, secretary of the school board.

Miss Cook's dismissal from the teaching staff of the municipality occurred late in June, following the decision of the board of reference. The board advised against her restoration to the principalship of Polson school after a record-breaking lengthy inquiry.

According to Mr. Colvin, the petition will be presented to the East Kildonan school board at its first meeting. There will be no special meeting called, he said. Asked how many names were on the petition, the secretary added he did not know, he had not counted them.

East Kildonan Trustees And Petitioners Debate Case at Board Meeting

At a stormy session, East Kildonan school board unanimously rejected the demand of petitioners that Miss Ida M. Cook, suspended principal of Polson school, be re-engaged as an assistant teacher, when the board met in Lord Wolseley school, Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. C. Ivison, spokesman for the petitioners, said "This, has gone on long enough. We are here to ask whether the board will act on our petition or not. We want yes or no and don't care if we have to wait here till two o'clock in the morning."

J. A. Treger, school trustee: "You must remember that Miss Cook asked this board to put ten teachers in the very same predicament that she is in now."

Ask Consideration

W. Beveridge, a petitioner: "We don't ask that she be reinstated as principal. All we ask is that, in consideration of her 21 years' faithful service to East Kildonan children, you give her a job as a teacher. Her bread and butter depend on it. For goodness' sake let bygones be bygones and be human."

Edward Boyd, school trustee, began, "We didn't put Miss Cook out. She put herself out." There were loud shouts of "No" and order had to be restored before Mr. Boyd could continue. "Miss Cook threw a board of reference in our faces," he said. "We spent 18 months trying to dissuade her but she insisted on a board of reference. She knew perfectly well that if she lost out before the referees, she would be through," he concluded.

Thomas Corder, a petitioner, said he was not satisfied with the discipline in East Kildonan schools, maintaining that, if there were more discipline, there would be less juvenile delinquency. Miss Cook, he declared, was a splendid disciplinarian.

Arthur Allardyce, school trustee, replied, "Miss Cook is not being suspended for lack of discipline or of teaching ability, but because she could not co-operate with her staff. When she first came to me, I was convinced she was right. But Miss Cook knows herself that she didn't tell me all the truth at that time and it was her own conduct that forced me to change my opinion."

Alastair Fraser, school trustee: "Miss Cook demands discipline from those under her but recognizes no authority from those over her."

Reviews Case

A. E. Ford, chairman of the education committee, was subjected to constant interruption, while giving

MISS COOK

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Spain Trouble Spot

By GRANT DEXTER

London, Aug. 27. (Special Cable)—While the fighting in Shanghai is relegating the Spanish war to the inside pages it is believed here the chief danger of an incident which present European statesmanship might be unable to localize still lies in the Mediterranean.

Sinking of neutral shipping as far east as the Dardanelles, branded by The Times as plain piracy, is regarded as extremely dangerous. The predominant feeling is one of acute anxiety and uncertainty from one day to the next.

Reasons behind the Mediterranean sinkings are plainly evident. Franco is mopping up northern Spain, Santander, has followed Bilbao, but Madrid proved too hard a nut to be cracked by a frontal attack.

The quickest and easiest way of defeating the Spanish government would be by flank movement, and the Mediterranean is the only flank exposed.

Had Franco succeeded in obtaining belligerent rights from Britain and France, a blockade of Spanish government ports would be a simple matter and it would have quickly yielded a victory for the rebels.

Failing these rights, it is evident that Franco and Mussolini decided to create a reign of terror in Mediterranean waters and thus endeavor to achieve the benefits of an actual blockade.

The fact that they are willing in doing so to run the chances of incidents with the great powers like Great Britain is regarded as proof of their desperate desire to bring the Spanish war to a successful conclusion.

MISS COOK

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an outline of the board's conduct. "I recommended Miss Cook's appointment at the beginning," Mr. Ford explained. "When the board decided she was a failure as principal, I asked them to give her a second chance and I pleaded with the girl herself for hours to try to co-operate in a new school. We didn't even reduce her salary. We offered her another principalship, but she said she 'wouldn't even set foot in the school,'" Mr. Ford ended.

Mrs. Ivison asked, "Doesn't everybody say unwise things when they are under stress? Words spoken under stress ought to be forgotten."

Mr. Ford: "Would you be so enthusiastic to have Miss Cook back, if you knew she had given false evidence before the referees?"

Mrs. Ivison: "What would you think if you knew that the ten assistant teachers had given false evidence?"

Mr. Beveridge: "Suppose we get 60 per cent of the voters to sign that petition, would that alter your attitude?"

Mr. Allardyce: "It would not, because the voters are not in possession of all the facts. We have already considered the matter from every single angle and done our human best to be just."

Samuel Colville, a petitioner, suggested, "Suppose we get up a petition for the resignation of the whole board?"

Mr. Allardyce, by way of answer, handed him a copy of the School act. He then moved, seconded by Trustee Fraser, that "no action be taken by this board in favor of the reinstatement of Miss Cook," and the motion was carried unanimously.

Miss Ida M. Cook, when informed of the decision, said she had no comment to make.

East Kildonan School House

By LES. BODIE

For many years there has been a deep-rooted prejudice held against Polson School by many of the residents of East Kildonan—a prejudice that cannot be supported by any facts, that is very vague, yet very real.

I have had a number of reasons suggested to me as to the origin of this bias, but I believe that the real root of this feeling goes back to the building of Prince Edward School.

In 1917 when I attended Polson there was no objection on the part of parents to sending their children to it, possibly because there was no other school to attend, except Lord Wolseley or Salisbury.

However, after Prince Edward was built, everyone living within reasonable distance of the school wanted their children to attend there, because it was new and modern at that time. Even some families living in the shadow of Polson and beyond made an effort to have their children go to the new school.

As a result, the enrollment at Polson dropped and rooms became empty. The inevitable was bound to happen. Any building that is only partially occupied or used, soon drops into a state of disrepair. No one will spend money to decorate or repair unused space, par-

ticularly when money is as hard to raise as it was in the '30's. It was only natural, therefore, that Polson should invest itself with a somewhat unjustified, unsavory reputation.

With the extensive building program proceeding in our municipality, the school board realized last spring that the accommodation at Prince Edward would be unable to handle the fall enrollment and that the only possible solution was to re-locate the school boundaries to transfer sufficient pupils to Polson to fill its empty rooms.

Many parents have expressed the opinion that we need another school. That day is not far off, but before any such step can be taken, the Municipal and Public Utility Commission must be satisfied that our present accommodation is fully used and overtaxed.

It was, therefore, imperative that Polson School be brought back into favor. During the summer months the interior was altered, repaired and redecorated until by the opening day of school we had a building that we were not ashamed to present to the parents for their inspection.

The interior has been redecorated in the latest color scheme for schools and the decorator, Norman Shaw, is to be congratulated on the final effect. We feel confident that the staff and pupils of Polson School will derive great benefit from this color design during the coming term.

Many people have already visited Polson School, both from the district and other parts of Winnipeg, and have expressed their pleasure at the work that has been done. An opportunity will be given in the near future for further inspection, when Polson plan their Fall tea.

The Board wish to express their appreciation of the splendid co-operation that has been given by the parents in the redistribution of pupils from Prince Edward to Polson. We can assure you that they are going to a school that is modern in color, clean and staffed by teachers that are second to none.

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MRS. ARIE VANDERGRAAF SUCCUMBS MONDAY

Mrs. Johanna Christine Vandergraaf, 63, of 204 Melrose ave., died Monday at the Winnipeg General hospital. The funeral service will be held at 2:45 p.m. today in Gardiner's funeral chapel, with Rev. A. Disseiko officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dirk Degraff, H. Suiker, N. Enfield, H. Vanderbeek, J. Wyenberg and A. Degroot.

Born in Dordrecht, Holland, she married there 43 years ago. Mrs. Vandergraaf came to Winnipeg in

Social News

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MRS. C. E. Williams, 316 Campbell st., held a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Evelyn Wright, whose marriage to Mr. William J. Simpson will take place Friday. Mrs. J. Wright presided over the tea table. Assisting were Mrs. A. H. Simpson, Mrs. Jack Simpson and Miss May Wright.

BUSINESS associates of Miss Margaret Grieve entertained at a kitchen shower Wednesday evening in the TT club rooms. Mrs. E. Wilson and Mrs. A. Grieve presided over the tea cups. A gift and corsage were presented to the guest of honor by Miss Eleanor McKenzie. Guests numbered 30.

Mrs. J. G. Leighton, of Victoria, B.C., a former resident, arrived here last week-end to visit relatives and friends. She is accompanied by her daughter, Aileen.

MRS. Hartley Towers, 147 McPhail st., entertained on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Chrissie McLean, who is leaving to study at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Those assisting were Misses Jean Stevenson and Joyce Dakin. A presentation was made to the guest of honor.

Polson School Gets \$4,000 Face Lifting

By ARN McEWEN Aug 1955

Polson School is now undergoing a complete face lifting job inside, plus the installation of bright new fluorescent lighting in all classrooms. The total cost is approximately \$4,000.

An additional \$1,500 will be spent on the home economics building for interior painting, and an extra classroom with the required facilities such as ranges, stainless steel sinks, fountains, coat racks, etc. The home economics building is beside Polson School.

While the Board cannot do much to improve the outside of these buildings, it feels the inside at least will provide a pleasant surprise to students when the school opens this fall.

Perhaps you were one of the truants 40 years ago who received the business end of a cane for cutting your initials in a desk as some sort of memorial to posterity. You will be dismayed to know your desk is now being scrapped.

At least one room each in Lord Wolseley, Salisbury and Polson Schools will have all new study-type desk units installed for school opening.

And speaking of chairs, the Board has ordered 500 for the new auditorium in Melrose High School, which should please all those who had visions of sitting on cushions on the floor for the next ten years or so.

There's a rebuilt Heintzman piano on the auditorium stage now for the benefit of those who appreciate music, and the Board has tried out a projector recently for those who don't.

Outside we have put in a double width sidewalk, and plans include levelling the parking area and sodding the area immediately west and north of the school.

The Board is dissatisfied with the progress presently being made on the 8-room addition to Miles Macdonnell Collegiate. We have appealed to the contractor, Louis Ducharme, through our architects, Prain & Ward, to do everything humanly possible to complete the job by Sept. 6th, the date agreed upon at the time of tendering early last spring.

Feb 1962



POLSON TO BE SOLD: Polson School, the oldest school in East Kildonan, is up for sale. The school has not been used for two years when an addition was built on to the Munroe Elementary School and renamed Polson. Situated at Munroe

and Watt, the original structure of two rooms was built in 1910. Two more rooms were added in 1911 and four more in 1913. In 1928 the school was remodelled and made into its present 11 rooms

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Polson School Sold For \$62,295

The East Kildonan School Board last week sold the Polson School property at Munroe and Watt to Janzen Builders for \$62,295.

Mr Janzen said he hoped to have the property re-zoned R3 for the purpose of constructing three apartment blocks.

At the present time the Maintenance Dept. of the School Board is housed in the Polson School. Plans are to erect a new building on the Munroe School grounds facing on Roch street.

At the last regular meeting of the School Board it was agreed to purchase four Cuisineaire sets for each grade 1 classroom starting in September. This follows a test which has been conducted in grade 1 at Neil Campbell School.

A copy of the 1962 budget was submitted to the Division Board as well as East Kildonan Council and it would indicate a decrease of one mill in the municipal levy.

This was due to an over-estimate on the number of teachers required in 1961, and the fact that a debenture payment was not required owing to the issue not being sold in 1961.

[Old] Polson School Staff Salaries

The original Polson School was located at the southwest corner of Munroe and Watt opposite the present Polson School, which opened in 1953 and was originally called Munroe School. Munroe School's name was changed to Polson School in 1960 after the original Polson School closed in June 1960.

The original Polson School began as a two room building in 1910 at a cost of \$18,000.00, in 1911 a further two rooms were added and in 1913 a further four rooms were added. In 1918 a two room annex building was built behind the main three building on Winterton. In 1928 the main school building was remodeled into an eleven room school. In the 1930's the two room annex building became the home economics center for East Kildonan and the basement of the main building became the shops area for the East Kildonan School District.

After the school closed in June 1960 the school was the site of the East Kildonan School District Maintenance Department. In 1962 the school and the property was sold for \$62,295.00 and the money was used to build a new board office for the East Kildonan School District [the present River East Transcona School Division Board Office].

1915-1916

Gladys Jickling – Grade 1 – 44 Students - \$600.00
Ida M. Cook – Grade 1 – 53 Students - \$600.00
Alta Shearer – Grade 1 – 47 Students - \$600.00
Mary Elizabeth Cameron – Grade 1 – 52 Students - \$600.00
Mary Hamilton – Grades 1 and 2 – 51 Students - \$600.00
Clara Katherine Small – Grade 2 – 39 Students - \$600.00
Gertrude Higgins – Grade 3 – 52 Students - \$600.00
Myrtle Spencer – Grades 3 and 4 – 42 Students - \$600.00
Elizabeth Sampson – Grades 4 and 5 – 51 Students - \$600.00
Norah Teresa Armstrong – Grades 4 and 5 – 51 Students - \$750.00
Ruth Richardson – Grades 5 and 6 – 36 Students - \$700.00
Flora Henderson – Principal and Grades 7 and 8 – 30 Students - \$1,040.00

1917-1918

Gladys Jickling – Grade 1 – 62 Students - \$650.00
Emelia Fortier – Grade 1 – 47 Students - \$600.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 2 – 40 Students - \$700.00
Gladys Robertson – Grade 2 – 44 Students - \$600.00
Margaret M. Lightbody – Grade 3 – 51 Students - \$600.00
Mary Elizabeth Cameron – Grade 4 – 42 Students - \$700.00
Dorothy Turner – Grade 5 – 52 Students - \$650.00
James Hilton Moir – Principal and Grades 6 and 7 – 35 Students - \$1,300.00

1918-1919

Gladys Jickling – Grade 1 – 30 Students - \$880.00
Gladys Robertson – Grade 1 – 47 Students - \$750.00
Emelia Fortier – Grade 1 – 48 Students - \$750.00
Retta Bronson – Grade 1 – 50 Students - \$750.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 2 – 50 Students - \$850.00
Margaret Isabel Lightbody – Grades 2 and 3 – 53 Students - \$750.00
Mary Elizabeth Cameron – Grades 3 and 4 – 44 Students - \$850.00
Marjorie Dagg – Grades 4 and 5 – 48 Students - \$700.00
Dorothy Turner – 37 Students - \$775.00
Jean Alberta Howell – Grade 6 – 29 Students - \$700.00
James M. Carmichael – Principal and Grades 7 and 8 – 23 Students - \$1,600.00

1919-1920

Kathleen Janet Dagg – Grade 1 – 84 Students - \$600.00
Retta Bronson – Grade 1 – 46 Students - \$800.00
Gladys Jickling – Grades 1 and 2 – 51 Students - \$900.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 2 – 42 Students - \$900.00
Onieta Cameron – Grade 2 – 27 Students - \$600.00
Margaret Isabel Lightbody – Grade 3 – 42 Students - \$850.00
Gladys Robertson – Grade 3 – 45 Students - \$850.00
Marjorie Dagg – Grade 4 – 49 Students - \$825.00
Sadie MacDonald – Grades 5 and 6 – 29 Students - \$875.00
Jean Alberta Howell – Grades 5 and 6 – 49 Students - \$825.00
Dorothy Turner – Grade 6 – 34 Students - \$875.00
David Sutherland Mitchell – Principal and Grades 7 and 8 – 28 Students - \$1,600.00

1920-1921

Hattie A. Umphrey – Grade 1 – 51 Students - \$1,000.00
Janet Alexander – Grade 1 – 50 Students - \$925.00
P. Duffin – Grade 1 – 37 Students - \$1,000.00
Hilda Kammrath – Grade 2 – 38 Students - \$800.00
Jessie G. MacDonald – Grades 2 and 3 – 39 Students - \$825.00
Sara M. Wood – Grade 3 – 39 Students - \$1,000.00
Marjorie Dagg – Grades 4 and 5 – 38 Students - \$1,150.00
Jean Alberta Howell – Grade 6 – 30 Students - \$1,200.00
David Sutherland Mitchell – Principal and Grades 7 and 8 – 32 Students - \$2,000.00

1929-1930

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 33 Students - \$1,150.00
Mrytle Cail – Grade 1 – 35 Students - \$1,000.00
Alice Rose Wallace – Grade 2 – 46 Students - \$900.00
Margaret McNair – Grade 2 – 42 Students - \$1,000.00
Margaret Birss – Grade 3 – 46 Students – \$1,150.00
Sophie Dyma – Grade 3 – 45 Students - \$950.00
Marion Bertha McLennan – Grade 5 – 50 Students - \$900.00
Anne Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 51 Students - \$1,000.00

Arthur Patrick – Grade 7 – 54 Students - \$900.00
Harvey W. Ferrier – Principal and Grade 8 – 49 Students - \$2,300.00

1930-1931

Margaret McNair – Grade 1 – 35 Students - \$1,100.00
Myrtle Cail – Grade 1 – 37 Students – \$1,100.00
Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 38 Students - \$1,250.00
Alice Ross Wallace – Grade 2 – 41 Students - \$950.00
Donalda Ross – Grade 3 – 35 Students - \$1,100.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 3 – 39 Students - \$900.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 4 – 41 Students - \$900.00
Helen J. Lang – Grade 4 – 47 Students - \$1,150.00
Sophie Dyma – Grade 5 – 48 Students - \$1,050.00
Marion Anderson – Grades 5 and 7 – 45 Students - \$1,050.00
Annie Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 45 Students - \$1,100.00
Arthur William Patrick – Grade 7 – 47 Students - \$1,050.00
Allan Shafer Bowman - Principal and Grade 8 – 45 Students - \$1,800.00

1931-1932

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 38 Students - \$1,300.00
Margaret McNair – Grade 2 – 47 Students - \$1,150.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 3 – 44 Students - \$920.00
Helen J. Lang – Grade 4 – 38 Students - \$1,200.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 4 – 37 Students - \$950.00
Myrtle Cail - Grade 4 – 36 Students - \$800.00
Donalda Ross – Grade 5 – 44 Students - \$1,200.00
Sophie Dyma – Grade 5 – 45 Students - \$1,100.00
Anne Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 45 Students - \$1,200.00
Marion Anderson – Grades 6 and 7 – 43 Students - \$1,150.00
Alice Ross Wallace – Grades 7 – 43 Students - \$1,050.00
Allan Shafer Bowman – Principal and Grade 8 – 36 Students - \$1,800.00

1932-1933

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 39 Students - \$1,218.00
Margaret McNair – Grades 1 and 2 – 41 Students - \$1,083.00
Jessie Phyllis Leus – Grades 2 and 3 – 51 Students - \$857.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 3 – 50 Students - \$857.00
Donalda Ross – Grade 5 – 36 Students – \$1,092.00
Helen J. Lang – Grade 5 – 36 Students - \$1,083.00
Anne Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 38 Students - \$1,083.00
Sophie Dyma – Grade 6 – 38 Students - \$1,037.00
Marion Anderson – Grade 7 – 45 Students - \$992.00
Ewart R. Dolmage – Principal and Grade 8 – 44 Students - \$1,330.00

1933-1934

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 48 Students - \$1,154.00

Margaret McNair – Grade 2 – 40 Students - \$1,026.00
Dorothy Ada Bailey – Grades 2 and 3 – 41 Students - \$950.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 3 – 50 Students - \$812.00
Jessie Phyllis Leus – Grade 4 – 44 Students - \$812.00
Donalda Ross – Grade 5 – 42 Students - \$1,005.00
Sophie Dyma – Grade 6 – 42 Students - \$982.00
Anne Laidlaw – Grade 7 – 37 Students - \$1,026.00
Marion Anderson – Grade 7 – 40 Students - \$983.00
Ewart R. Dolmage – Principal and Grade 8 – 44 Students – \$1,260.00

1937-1938

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 37 Students - \$1,154.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grades 1 and 2 – 28 Students - \$812.00
Margaret Walsh – Grade 3 – 41 Students - \$750.00
Bessie E. Gilchrist – Grade 4 – 39 Students – \$897.00
Alice Dickie – Grade 5 – 44 Students - \$897.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 5 – 29 Students - \$812.00
Janet Helen MacMorran – Grade 6 – 36 Students - \$983.00
Anne Manners Laidlaw – Grades 6 and 7 – 37 Students - \$1,026.00
Marion Anderson – Grades 7 and 8 - \$983.00
Arthur George Stanley Williams – Principal and Grade 8 – 31 Students - \$1,400.00

1938-1939

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 37 Students - \$1,154.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 2 – 39 Students - \$850.00
Cecillia Smillie – Grade 3 – 41 Students - \$850.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 4 – 40 Students - \$850.00
Janet Helen MacMorran – Grade 5 – 36 Students - \$983.00
Anne Helen Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 52 Students - \$1,026.00
Marion Anderson – Grades 7 and 8 – 34 Students - \$983.00
Lillian Mary McInnes – Grade 8 – 32 Students - \$850.00
Lillian Weganest – Grade 9 – 33 Students - \$1,000.00
Margaret Peto – Household Sciences - \$1,000.00
Arthur George Stanley Williams – Principal and Grade 9 - \$1,400.00

1939-1940

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 35 Students - \$1,154.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grades 1 and 2 – 35 Students - \$937.00
Cecillia Smillie – Grade 3 – 37 Students – \$850.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 4 – 39 Students - \$925.00
Janet Helen MacMorran – Grade 5 – 46 Students - \$1,012.00
Anne Laidlaw – Grade 6 – 42 Students - \$1,026.00
Marion Anderson – Grade 7 – 38 Students - \$1,050.00
Lillian McInnes – Grades 7 and 8 – 39 Students - \$1,008.00
Lillian Weganest – Grade 8 – 39 Students - \$1,050.00
Arthur George Stanley Williams – Principal and Grade 9 – 45 Students - \$1,600.00

1940-1941

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 24 Students - \$1,154.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 2 – 29 Students - \$975.00
Cecillia Smillie – Grade 3 – 27 Students - \$900.00
Mary Margaret Leus – Grade 4 – 35 Students - \$1,012.00
Anne M. Laidlaw – Grade 5 – 45 Students - \$1,026.00
Marion Anderson – Grade 6 – 40 Students - \$1,050.00
Robert Henry Alexander – Grade 7 – 42 Students - \$1,000.00
Lillian Weganest – Grade 8 – 25 Students - \$1,050.00
Arthur George Stanley Williams – Principal and Grade 9 – 39 Students - \$1,800.00

1941-1942

Marguerite M. Gelley – Grade 1 – 26 Students - \$1,054.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 2 – 17 Students - \$1,012.00
Cecillia Smillie – Grade 3 – 39 Students - \$950.00
Dorothy Harnott Dutton – Grade 4 – 28 Students - \$850.00
Stella Safaniuk – Grade 5 – 35 Students - \$1,012.00
Isabel Loutit – Grade 6 – 37 Students - \$1,000.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Grades 7 and 8 – 37 Students - \$1,125.00
Lillian M. Weganest – Grade 8 – 26 Students - \$1,100.00
Arthur George Stanley Williams – Principal and Grade 9 – 36 Students - \$1,900.00

1942-1943

Angeline Edith Waterman – Grade 1 – 36 Students - \$850.00
Cecillia Smillie – Grades 2 and 3 – 42 Students - \$1,000.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 4 – 36 Students - \$1,080.00
Stella Safaniuk – Grade 5 – 29 Students - \$1,080.00
Annie Wach – Grade 6 – 29 Students - \$850.00
Mildred Grace Brown – Grade 7 – 36 Students - \$1,000.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 34 Students - \$1,500.00

1943-1944

Angeline Edith Waterman – Grades 1 and 2 – 31 Students - \$900.00
Mary Edna Williams – Grade 2 – 34 Students - \$900.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grades 3 and 4 – 32 Students - \$1,275.00
Stella Safaniuk – Grade 5 – 35 Students - \$1,215.00
Annie Wach – Grade 6 – 25 Students - \$900.00
Wilfred Brian Deering – Grade 7 – 28 Students - \$1,000.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 26 Students - \$1,700.00

1944-1945

Mary Edna Williams – Grades 1 and 2 – 34 Students - \$1,000.00
Carrie M. Garson – Grade 2 – 41 Students – \$1,000.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 41 Students – \$1,000.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grades 4 and 5 – 44 Students - \$1,310.00

Annie Wach – Grades 5 and 6 – 44 Students - \$1,045.00
Wilfred Brian Deering – Grade 7 – 22 Students - \$1,137.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 23 Students - \$2,040.00

1945-1946

Mary Edna Williams – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$1,075.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grades 2 and 3 – 34 Students - \$1,000.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grades 4 and 5 – 38 Students - \$1,413.00
Annie Wach – Grade 6 – 44 Students - \$1,126.00
Wilfred Brian Deering – Grade 7 – 27 Students - \$1,267.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 17 Students - \$2,145.00

1946-1947

Mary Edna Williams – Grade 1 – 26 Students - \$1,150.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grades 2 and 3 – 32 Students - \$1,050.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grades 3 and 4 – 23 Students - \$1,000.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 36 Students - \$1,450.00
Annie Wach- Grades 5 and 6 – 30 Students - \$1,200.00
Evelyn Doreen Jackson – Grade 7 – 21 Students - \$1,500.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 23 Students - \$2,250.00

1947-1948

Mary Edna Williams – Grade 1 – 26 Students - \$1,620.00
Jean Tatlock – Grades 1 and 2 – 28 Students - \$1,340.00
Shirley Ann Hoddinott – Grade 2 – 29 Students - \$1,200.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 36 Students - \$1,550.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 4 – 33 Students - \$1,270.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 28 Students - \$1,900.00
Annie Wach – Grade 6 – 35 Students - \$1,620.00
Evelyn Doreen Jackson – Grade 7 – 32 Students - \$2,040.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 18 Students - \$3,000.00

1948-1949

Mary Edna Williams – Grade 1 – 34 Students - \$1,690.00
Jean Tatlock – Grades 1, 2 and 3 – 22 Students - \$1,410.00
Shirley Ann Hoddinott – Grade 2 – 27 Students - \$1,200.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 27 Students - \$1,620.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 4 – 31 Students - \$1,340.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 36 Students - \$1,900.00
Annie Wach – Grade 6 – 34 Students - \$1,690.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 6 – 36 Students - \$1,900.00
Patricia Rose Taylor – Grade 7 – 32 Students - \$1,925.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 28 Students - \$3,166.00

1949-1950

Mary Edna Williams – Grade 1 – 19 Students – \$1,960.00

Jean Tatlock – Grade 1 – 19 Students - \$1,480.00
Shirley Ann Legary – Grade 2 – 34 Students - \$1,270.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 41 Students - \$1,690.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 4 – 30 Students - \$1,410.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 35 Students - \$1,900.00
Mary Ellen McMillan – Grade 5 – 32 Students - \$1,410.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 6 – 34 Students - \$1,900.00
Alona Jean Evanson – Grade 6 – 32 Students - \$1,410.00
Margaret Blanche Mann – Grade 7 – 30 Students - \$1,620.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal and Shops - \$2,475.00
Mary Elizabeth Ritchie – Home Economics - \$1,825.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 27 Students - \$3,400.00

1950-1951

Jean Tatlock – Grade 1 – 21 Students - \$1,750.00
Lois Turriff – Grade 1 – 21 Students – \$1,400.00
Shirley Anne Legary – Grade 2 – 34 Students - \$1,540.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 34 Students - \$1,960.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 4 – 37 Students - \$1,680.00
Catherine Flett – Grade 5 – 33 Students - \$1,610.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 33 Students - \$2,100.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$2,100.00
Walter Regehr – Grade 6 – 32 Students - \$1,400.00
Winona Elaine Kincaid Pratt – Grade 7 – 31 Students - \$1,825.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal and Shops - \$2,750.00
Mary Elizabeth Ritchie – Home Economics - \$2,025.00
John Martin Sinclair – Principal and Grade 8 – 34 Students - \$3,700.00

1951-1952

Helen E. Unruh – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$1,556.00
Lillian Elizabeth Barry – Grades 1 and 2 – 28 Students - \$1,766.00
Audrey Peebles – Grade 2 – 36 Students - \$1,556.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 33 Students - \$2,186.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 4 – 34 Students - \$1,906.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 5 – 36 Students – \$2,256.00
Mary Hamilton – Grade 6 – 30 Students - \$2,256.00
William N. Kormylo – Grade 7 – 27 Students - \$2,186.00
Winona Pratt – Grade 7 – 29 Students - \$1,981.00
Mary C. McIntosh – Home Economics – \$2,181.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal and Shops - \$2,906.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 28 Students - \$3,856.00

1952-1953

Helen Unruh – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$1,896.00
Margaret Tanchak – Grade 1 – 32 Students - \$2,011.00
Audrey Marion Kopachena – Grade 2 – 40 Students - \$1,731.00

Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 38 Students - \$2,431.00
Shirley Duncalfe – Grade 4 – 29 Students - \$1,801.00
Lillian Elizabeth Barry – Grade 4 – 30 Students - \$1,941.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 40 Students - \$1,801.00
Madelaine Ruth Campbell - Grades 5 and 6 – 34 Students - \$1,801.00
Annie Dorothy Kammrath – Grade 6 – 40 Students - \$2,431.00
Charles Eber Douglas – Grade 7 – 26 Students - \$2,426.00
Katherine Flett – Grade 7 – 26 Students - \$2,431.00
Inez Marie Bere – Home Economics - \$2,225.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal and Shops - \$2,956.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 30 Students - \$4,031.00

1953-1954

Evelyn L. Stadel – Grade 1 – 28 Students - \$1,920.00
Ethel Edwards – Grade 2 - 30 Students - \$2,100.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 35 Students - \$2,650.00
Shirley Duncalfe – Grade 4 – 34 Students - \$1,870.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 39 Students - \$2,320.00
Adolphe Sochaski – Grades 5 and 6 – 33 Students - \$2,560.00
Madelaine Ruth Campbell – Grade 6 – 39 Students - \$1,940.00
Jacob D. Friesen – Grade 7 – 32 Students - \$2,600.00
Dorothy Dyson – Grade 7 – 32 Students - \$2,400.00
Inez Marie Bere – Home Economics - \$2,425.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal and Shops - \$3,025.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 8 – 27 Students - \$4,275.00

1954-1955

Inez Marie Wilson – Grade 1 – 28 Students - \$3,095.00
Evelyn Stadel – Grade 1 – 28 Students - \$2,476.00
Helen Lily Derksen – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$2,425.00
Gloria May Warenko – Grade 2 – 26 Students - \$2,220.00
Ethel Catherine Edwards – Grade 2 – 26 Students - \$2,650.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 29 Students - \$3,200.00
Yolande Saurette – Grade 4 – 29 Students - \$2,760.00
Rose Fedoryshen – Grade 4 – 26 Students - \$2,200.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 35 Students - \$2,870.00
Margaret Hooper – Grade 6 – 25 Students - \$2,500.00
Mary Ellen Foster – Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$3,350.00
Gregory Wilbert Sinclair – Vice Principal - \$4,000.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal and Grade 6 - \$5,175.00

1955-1956

Marie Vivian Kobylak – Grade 1 – 28 Students - \$2,250.00
Helen Lily Duerksen – Grade 1 – 35 Students - \$2,430.00
Ethel Catherine Edwards – Grade 2 – 27 Students - \$2,900.00
Gloria May Warenko – Grade 2 – 23 Students - \$2,450.00

Rose Fedoryshen – Grade 3 – 30 Students - \$2,350.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 31 Students - \$3,400.00
Yolande Yvette Saurette – Grade 4 – 38 Students - \$2,510.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 30 Students - \$3,120.00
Margaret Hooper – Grade 5 – 32 Students - \$2,750.00
James Gordon Ladoski – Vice Principal and Grade 6 – 25 Students - \$2,430.00
Janice Marianne Lindsay Graham – Home Economics - \$3,130.00
Inez Marie Wilson – Home Economics - \$3,325.00
John Martin Hawryluk – Principal - \$5,775.00

1956-1957

Helen Lily Duerksen – Grade 1 – 23 Students - \$3,065.00
Marie Vivian Wangen – Grade 1 – 21 Students - \$2,640.00
Gloria May Warenko – Grade 2 – 29 Students - \$2,840.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 37 Students - \$3,625.00
Yolande Yvette Saurette – Grade 4 – 31 Students – \$2,960.00
Margaret Hooper – Grade 4 – 32 Students - \$3,140.00
Gloria Winifred McPherson – Grade 4 – 32 Students - \$2,540.00
Ethel Catherine Edwards – Grade 5 – 34 Students - \$3,290.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 35 Students - \$3,350.00
Paul Moroz – Vice Principal and Grade 6 – 32 Students - \$2,940.00
Robert McElroy – Principal and Grade 6 - \$4,350.00

1957-1958

Vivian Wangen – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$2,700.00
Gloria Warenko – Grade 2 – 34 Students - \$2,840.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 28 Students - \$3,625.00
Garfield Brickman – Grade 4 – 32 Students - \$2,500.00
Margaret Hooper – Grade 4 – 34 Students - \$3,140.00
Gloria Winifred McPherson – Grade 4 – 33 Students – \$2,600.00
Ethel Edwards – Grade 5 – 29 Students - \$3,290.00
Mabel Louise Johnson – Grade 5 – 30 Students - \$3,550.00
Marilyn McLeod – Grade 5 – 30 Students - \$2,500.00
Paul Moroz – Vice Principal and Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$3,200.00
Robert McElroy – Principal and Grade 6 – 32 Students - \$4,350.00

1958-1959

Lorna Mastin – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$2,500.00
Gloria Warenko – Grade 2 – 34 Students - \$3,100.00
Winnifred Nellie Williams – Grade 3 – 25 Students - \$3,800.00
Verna Campbell – Grade 4 – 36 Students - \$2,600.00
Gloria McPherson – Grade 4 – 37 Students - \$2,860.00
John Petrash – Grade 5 – 29 Students - \$3,000.00
Marilyn McLeod – Grade 5 – 28 Students - \$2,500.00
Ethel Catherine Edwards – Grade 5 – 30 Students - \$3,550.00
Mary Wolfe – Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$3,000.00

Paul Moroz – Vice Principal and Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$3,266.00
Robert McElroy – Principal and Grade 6 – 31 Students - \$4,525.00

1959-1960

Lois Elizabeth Lundy – Grade 1 – 27 Students - \$3,400.00
Ethel Catherine Edwards – Grade 5 – 28 Students - \$4,150.00
Mary Teenie Wolfe – Grade 6 – 27 Students - \$3,600.00
Mary Rose Sawchuk – Home Economics - \$4,400.00
Margaret Rose Venables – Home Economics - \$4,600.00
Paul Moroz – Vice Principal and Grade 6 - \$4,200.00
Robert McElroy – Principal and Grade 6 – 25 Students - \$5,550.00

