

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
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The House met at three o'clock p.m.
On Orders of the Day:

SECOND READING

Bill No. 77 — An Act to amend The School Act

Hon. W.S. Lloyd (Minister of Education): — Mr. Speaker, this Bill has a number of small amendments, with one or two changes in principle, in legislation presently existing. In the case of an organization of a new school district, or in the event of a vote for a debenture by-law in a rural or a village district, the vote is not taken by ballot, but is taken rather by people entering their names for or against in a poll book. This is a procedure which has been in existence since the School Act was first written, I suppose, Mr. Speaker. There has been some dissatisfaction with regard to it and we are now proposing that in these two instances the vote shall be by ballot, rather than by the entering of names in a poll book.

Another change which may be of interest at this time has to do with the matter of fees for the Trustee Association. Up until now the actual schedule of fees has appeared in the Act. This is rather cumbersome, in that whenever the Trustees wish to change their schedule of membership fees, there has to be a change in legislation and we have felt that that could be done otherwise and the Act makes it possible for them to set their own fees, subject only to our approval, but not requiring a change in the legislation itself.

The others, I think, can be discussed in committee. I would move Second Reading.

Second Reading was carried and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 78 — An Act to amend The School Grants Act.

Hon. W.S. Lloyd (Minister of Education): — Mr. Speaker, this is a Bill to amend The School Grants Act and it contains further changes in School Grants. I will just mention, as with regard to the secondary education Act, the change which results in an increase of \$100 a year to schools under the secondary education Act.

The School Grants Act changes propose to increase the grant with regard to other schools, also by the extent of 50 cents a day, or \$100 a year.

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It provides, also, Mr. Speaker for the changing of the equalization grant to those districts which are not organized as school units, or which are not included within cities or towns operating 50 or more classrooms. I had reference to this change in the budget debate; it is simply that we take the difference between the assessment per classroom and in rural and village districts, \$130,000. We multiply that difference at present by 13 mills and the Bill proposes to change that by increasing it to multiplying it by 14 mills. The same formula is followed with regard to town districts, except that there the difference is between the average assessment per classroom and \$125,000, multiplied by, at the present time, 13 mills, and to be changed to 14 mills.

I would move Second Reading.

Second Reading was carried and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m.