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**SEPTEMBER 18th**  
 10.00 A.M.  
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**Milton, Georgetown Seek High School District End**

A meeting which could be forerunner of the end of North Halton high school district took place in Milton town hall last Wednesday.

Called by Milton public school board to discuss sale of the high school in that town for use as a public school, officials representing Georgetown, Milton and Acton councils, Milton public school board and North Halton high school board participated in the discussion.

The meeting was "boycotted" by the townships, Esquimaux and Nassagaweya; both on record as opposing the sale, who sent no representatives.

A. Deakin, a public school trustee acted as chairman.

When Mr. Deakin explained that before the main item of business could be discussed, it would be well to deal with rumours of possibilities of dissolving the district, spokesmen for Georgetown and Milton intimated that it might be an opportune time to seek this.

Dr. Carl Martin, original chairman of the district high school board and now Milton's reeve, outlined the district's formation in 1948.

At that time, he said, there were 400 pupils and it was economical to operate as one unit, taking in the three townships and two townships under one administration.

"We have outgrown this, to some extent and I think we should give serious consideration to discontinuing the board," though the government grant structure would have to be considered.

Dr. Martin pointed out that soon each of the three high schools would have an enrolment of 300 and ten years ago he had been told that 300 pupils is a sensible economic operation.

"I can see no purpose in a central board continuing to operate three schools and I can speak for Milton council in believing the district should disband provided it is economically sound," said Dr. Martin.

Asked for figures, high school inspector G. F. Johnson corroborated the 300 pupil estimate cited by Dr. Martin.

Mayor Jack Armstrong, Georgetown was even more emphatic than the Milton reeve in wishing a return to three separate school areas.

"Georgetown opposed the district in the first place," he said "and we joined a year later only because of an economic squeeze which would have made it impossible for us as a town to continue a high school for town students only."

Mayor Ted Tyler, Acton, in a cautiously worded statement said his town opposes sale of the Milton high school, but that until he sees figures to change his mind, he could not agree

with abandoning a district formed for economic reasons and to provide better education.

At this point in the meeting, there were conflicting views expressed about the high school board's position.

Ernest Forgrave, a Georgetown board member said he couldn't quite understand why the meeting had been called because in June his board had written saying they would be agreeable.

There was an interchange of remarks by Milton public school board members about the letter, some saying it had gone to Milton council and not to them. Gordon Brown, high school board secretary, said it had been mailed to the public school board the day after the motion was passed. The chairman said he had been thrown off by Esquimaux's Council's opposition and thought this would stop any sale.

S. D. Handell, a Dept. of Education official, told Mr. Deakin that the high school board can sell or transfer property with the approval of the Minister of Education. However, he said, we must be realistic and the minister would likely not be inclined to agree when the school board would have to go back to the projecting municipalities for money to build a new high school.

"We shouldn't hash over the past," remarked high school board member Nelson Pickett, Milton. "We were the only town which contributed a good school to the district. Acton had nothing and now has a fine new school. Milton is going to have a new high school so why not use the present one for a public school. If Esquimaux or others don't want to cooperate, we can't carry on as an area."

J. M. Ledwith, chairman of Milton public school board, suggested the meeting adjourn and that his board accept the high school board's proposal to sell the building and go on from there. Chairman Deakin apologized for not answering the letter of offering the building for sale.

Mr. Handell outlined the procedure for breaking into separate areas, saying the district was formed by county council and could only be changed by them.

"One municipality just can't pull out," he pointed out. "You must have 10 school sections or a total of 600 public school pupils to form a new district and in a small district the capital grant would drop from 75 per cent to 50 per cent."

Mr. Handell said that a consultative committee would have to be set up to study the question, composed of 3 county appointees, public school inspector I. L. Skuce and a Dept. of Education man. Their report would be presented to county council, who then would decide on procedure.

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