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ANNUAL REPORT - MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

I beg to submit my annual report upon the health and sanitary conditions of our community for the year ending December 31, 1967.

The health of the community has been good throughout the year except for an outbreak of streptococcal throat infection starting in the Fall and continuing through the year end.

There was only the usual amount of communicable disease otherwise.

Examination of new pupils was done at both grade schools as in the past and the program of immunization for all pupils was carried out against polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Mrs. Rena Macadam, the school nurse, made frequent visits to the schools for the purpose of vision testing, hearing testing, immunization and search for health abnormalities.

Immunization of infants and pre-school children was done at the doctors' offices as usual. Only a very few adults have kept up with their polio, immunization.

There were minor outbreaks of Measles, German Measles and Mumps during the year but no cases of polio or whooping cough were seen and - next col..

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quire a complex and highly sophisticated grant structure to try and compensate for inequities. Within the new school divisions the local cost of education will be supported by a broader tax base of reasonable stability and predictability thus reducing many of the variations within the local unit, he added.

It is proposed that school divisions will be designated by regulation in the territorial districts in Northwestern Ontario.

They will each encompass a geographic area around a centre in which is located an existing high school or schools, and will include the lands in the present rural and urban school sections, townships and district school areas and high school districts served by the secondary schools.

A board of education having jurisdiction over both public and secondary schools would be elected in each division. Although the board of education would be composed of trustees elected by public school rate-payers and separate school supporters, it should be noted that the board of education has no jurisdiction over the separate schools, according to Steele. In

answer to a question from the floor, Mr. Steele said that this was a matter of choice on the part of the separate school supporters. The trustees elected by separate school supporters are to represent the interests of those supporters in secondary schools only.

It is to be hoped, that in the near future, the separate schools will be under a parallel proposal, he said.

There are seven public schools listed in this area, although all not active. They are Rosspport, Jackfish, Port Coldwell, Marathon, Heron Bay, Schreiber and Terrace Bay. The High Schools are Marathon, Schreiber and Terrace Bay. As yet, Manitouwadge has not been made part of the jurisdiction.

Mr. Steele also mentioned that where a student may not find the course he is interested in, in his own jurisdiction, he will still be allowed to pursue that course in another school, with mutual consent of both school boards.

A question and answer period followed the meeting. Mr. Steele stressed that the plan is a proposal to be put before the Legislature, and still not an accomplished fact.

two cases of Scarlet Fever occurred.

All schools were found to be in excellent sanitary condition.

The North Camp dorms, dining hall, kitchen and food storage were inspected and found to be in sanitary condition.

Water samples submitted from the town supply have been reported as "A" by the Provincial Laboratories.

The three sewage systems serving the town have been inspected by Provincial (Continued page 5..)

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