

East Kildonan Project Ahead Of Schedule

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Work Forges Ahead On 1,000-Acre \$20 Million Development

The fast-growing municipality of East Kildonan recently signed an agreement with the British American Land Development company that will eventually result in construction of 1,800 new homes, an investment of close to \$20,000,000 in houses and services alone, and the opening up of close to 1,000 acres of former prairie land.

Actual work on the first part of the vast scheme — installation of sewer and water and other services and construction of 800 houses — only began in July, yet 400 of the homes are now under

construction.

Between 50 and 60 of these 400 houses are already completed and occupied and the development generally is far ahead of schedule, according to Leo A. MacDonald, president of the development company.

One month ago the company purchased nearly all the remaining land in the municipality, 634 additional acres in Morse Place and will begin development of the huge site for another 1,000 homes, sometime next spring, Mr. MacDonald said.

Of the 800 residential lots in the original 346-acre tract 470 have been sold and applications have been received by the company for nearly all the other lots.

Provision for industrial development has been allowed for in both areas with a total of about 400 acres being set aside for this purpose under the agreement with the municipality.

THREE-YEAR PERIOD

Original time-table for the 800-home area called for installation of services over a three-year period. In a matter of months the more than \$500,000 job of extending sewer and water facilities throughout the area has been largely completed.

Building of the first 800 homes was to have been spread over a 10-year period. Now half of these houses are under construction within less than one year.

City Gas Firm Buys 2 More Companies

W. F. Davey, president of Winnipeg and Central Gas Co., Thursday announced his company's purchase of two more Western Canada propane gas companies, Regas of Regina, and Manitoba Propane, of Brandon.

Mr. Davey said the operations of Regas and Home Gas (Sask.) and Saskatoon Propane Ltd., eventually would be combined under the name Central Propane (Sask.) Ltd., which will provide

the signing of the first agreement.

"There has been a lot of talk about big housing developments in Greater Winnipeg in the past year," Mr. MacDonald said. "The only difference with our development is that there is plenty of action to back up the talk."

OVER 55 ACRES

Area A, where development is well underway, is bounded by Roch and Golspie streets and Neal and Leighton avenue for residential building. Industrial part of this section comprises in excess of 55 acres between the power transmission line and the railway line.

Area B, 634 acres, will have residential lots between Simpson and Montrose and Louise and Gateway road. More than 250 acres of industrial sites will be serviced in this area.

A method entirely new to Manitoba was employed by Simkin Construction company in laying the main sewer trunk in Area A.

First a huge excavation, as deep as 24 feet at the lowest point, was made the length of the main. Then pre-cast concrete pipe sections, made locally by Supercrete limited, were set in place, for over 300 feet.

FIRST TIME

Diameter of these pre-cast sections was eight feet. It was the first time in the province that pre-cast concrete has been used in this manner for such a large main.

Over 4,000 feet of sub-main sewer line has been installed to service the 800 lots. The main trunk line will be extended several thousand feet to take in Area B next year.

Paving of streets in Area A will also be undertaken next year. Watt street will be created as a main 32-foot thoroughfare with bus traffic from Munroe to the municipality's northern boundary.

Land has been retained by the municipality within the development areas for schools and other community purposes.

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