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DISTRICT SCHOOL District School Attendance Shows Substantial Increase

Prince Rupert's public school population was more than 100 greater in September than it was in September, 1948, reports of principals submitted to Friday night's meeting of the School Board revealed.

Total listed in the four city schools was 1,261 last month, while in September, 1948, enrolment for the month was 1,155. Rural school enrolment in the district last month was 356, also an increase of more than 100 over last year.

Admission of the former Indian schools at Port Essington and Port Edward into the provincial school system and their administration by the district School Board is responsible for the registered rural increase.

A flood of beginners in the city schools was responsible for the increase enrolment in the city. For that reason, the Board last night reaffirmed its policy of not admitting children who will not reach the age of six on or before November 30 to enter primary classes. An application in behalf of one child who will reach the age of six shortly after November 30 was turned down by the board.

Board members felt that they could make no exceptions since there are a number of children in the same position and if they were admitted it would add to the already seriously crowded conditions in the primary grades. Report of Principal Allan M. Hurst showed 458 attending

Booth High School, with an attendance percentage of 91.

King Edward elementary school had an enrolment of 315 and a percentage attendance for the month of 90. Principal R. G. Moore's report stated.

At Conrad Street elementary school, the enrolment was 247 and the attendance percentage 94, according to Principal T. G. Bateman.

Borden Street elementary school's enrolment was 241 and attendance averaged 93 percent, Principal J. S. Wilson reported.

A few children at King Edward and Conrad had measles, but the outbreak had not reached epidemic proportions, the principals said.

In rural area, Port Essington school had 50 pupils, Port Edward 77, Digby Island 17 and Port Simpson 12, the teachers reported.

Miss Elizabeth Holmes of Victoria, arrived in the city today on the Prince George to take the position of dietician at Prince Rupert General Hospital.



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