

PROTEST OVER LANGUAGE

Sons of England Demand Teaching of English

Regina, March 1. — The Regina Sons of England Society has sent to Premier Martin a resolution protesting against the teaching of foreign languages in the northern portion of the Province. Some of the charges made are very serious. The resolution is as follows:

"Being in receipt of statements made by certain representatives of our organization in North Saskatchewan to the effect that,

"In certain districts adjacent to and north of the City of Saskatoon the use of languages other than the English language as the basis of tuition is officially recognized and tolerated, and further,

"That the use of the English language has been absolutely discontinued in twelve school districts in favor of the Austrian and German languages, and further,

"That in one school the day's work is commenced by the scholars singing the 'Austrian National Anthem.'

"And we, of the Sons of England Society, being an organized fraternity of purely British subjects, irrevocably pledged to uphold and defend the rights, principles and interests of Great Britain and British citizenship, and being thoroughly convinced that such conditions as are outlined in the foregoing statements are not conducive to the ultimate assimilation of the people of the affected districts, by the Cana-

dian nation, as loyal and worthy citizens, but rather create in their minds, contempt for Canadian discipline and disrespect for British principles and institutions, do, therefore, hereby resolve:

"That legislation be requested of the Saskatchewan Provincial Government bringing each and every school in the Province of Saskatchewan under the direct jurisdiction of the Minister of Education and his department, and that each and every school, its teachers and scholars, be subject to visitation and inspection by Government representatives and inspectors at the department's discretion.

"And, further, that the teaching of the English language by the 'direct' instead of the 'indirect' method, to all scholars in all schools, be rigidly enforced."