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NEWS SERVICE

McTAVISH APPOINTED 'TRAFFIC' JUDGE

Attorney General Howard Pawley has announced the appointment of Gordon B. McTavish, 48, as a full-time provincial judge. Judge McTavish will hear all contested cases under the Highway Traffic Act in the Eastern Judicial District which includes Winnipeg.

Two years ago, Judge McTavish was appointed a magistrate to hear all Highway Traffic Act cases brought before Provincial Magistrate's Court in Winnipeg and local magistrates' courts of Winnipeg, St. Boniface, Transcona, Old Kildonan and East St. Paul. With his appointment as a judge he will hear all contested cases of the Highway Traffic Act in the Eastern Judicial District.

Judge McTavish has established a circuit traffic court at Selkirk and Steinbach to hear cases arising in these two centres as well as in Gimli, Beausejour, Ste. Anne, Sprague and Falcon Beach.

Mr. Pawley said the new appointment will serve to remove the burden of contested Highway Traffic Act cases from the heavy dockets of other judges in the district.

"It also means," he said, "that the Eastern Judicial District will be able to maintain a master docket system designed to avoid multiple appearances of accused persons. This would allow trial dates to be set for the accused at the time of apprehension or shortly thereafter."

Upon his graduation from the Manitoba Law School, Mr. McTavish was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1961. He articulated with the Winnipeg law firm of Keith and Westbury before entering private practice. In 1965 he was appointed justice of the peace for Fort Garry. Judge McTavish is married with two children.