

**75 YEARS AGO**  
**(January 28th, 1937)**

The Medical Officer of Health, through the County Council, forwarded the result of a recent census taken on the question of immunisation against diphtheria.

Out of 2,400 children on the school rolls, slightly less than 50 per cent, through their parents, accepted the scheme proposed. Only 48 were prepared to pay for the cost of tests and inoculation. The scheme, it was stated, would cost slightly over £700 annually.

After a lengthy discuss, in which it was pointed out that even in the wealthiest county of Aberdeen, where the scheme was applied, there was no guarantee that inoculation had proved beneficial, members of Sutherland Education Committee resolved to continue the matter until such time as the Public Health Committee and Council had reviewed it.



Sutherland Education Committee resolved to economise by cutting down the teaching staff at Embo School from four to three in view of the fact attendance had been reduced to an average of 64 pupils.

Rev. Wm. Macleod, Dornoch, made a strong plea to retain the staff as at present, and said that the number of classes, not the number of pupils, counted.

He would be sorry to see the day when Embo School would have to face a reduction in staff. There were other schools, he maintained, which could stand a reduction better than Embo.

Mr J Murray, Dornoch, contended that it was a pure waste of public money to maintain four teachers at Embo School, where each teacher would have less than 20 pupils.

“Why not,” he said, “send the older pupils to Dornoch Academy?” It was his contention that there would be a saving in adopting this course. Ultimately it was agreed to reduce the staff at Embo School to three, the fourth teacher to be relieved when a vacancy elsewhere arises.



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