

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of the Canadian delegation to attend the Fifth Commonwealth Education Conference being held in Canberra, Australia, February 3-17, 1971. Like its four predecessors (Oxford, 1959; New Delhi, 1962; Ottawa, 1964; Lagos, 1968) the Fifth Conference will be concerned with reviewing existing schemes for Commonwealth cooperation in the education field. It will also examine new proposals for cooperation in the light of the Conference's theme "Matching Needs to Resources".

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, was consulted about the composition of the delegation. The Association canadienne d'Education de langue française, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Committee, the Canadian Education Association, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the Institut canadien d'Education des adultes, were also consulted.

The delegation will be led by Dr. A.D. Dunton, President of Carleton University. Dr. T.C. Byrne, Deputy Minister of Education for Alberta, and Dr. Michel Plourde, Dean of Educational Sciences at the University of Montreal will serve as Vice-Chairmen of the delegation.

The delegation will include:

Mr. L. H. Bergstrom  
Deputy Minister of Education, Saskatchewan

Dr. J.R. McCarthy  
Deputy Minister of Education, Ontario

Mr. J. H. Dinsmore  
Associate Deputy Minister of Education, Quebec

Mr. Réal Charbonneau  
Director, Adult Education Service  
Montreal Catholic School Commission

Mr. Joseph Chiasson  
Adult Education Division  
Department of Education, Nova Scotia