

There has been a movement towards the erection of new and larger schools and the elimination of one-room rural schools. The trend is to buildings of one and two storeys, with folding or otherwise movable partitions, ramps instead of stairs, and rooms planned for special techniques and courses such as television and motion-picture screening, music appreciation, the industrial arts, and commercial studies.

The "Canadian Education Showplace" has continued as an annual display of school supplies and equipment since its debut in Toronto in 1965. It includes an exhibiton of school architecture.

National Education Organizations

Local and provincial education associations with similar interests usually establish a national federation with a permanent staff to co-ordinate activities. The following is a partial list of the better-known organizations:

The Canadian Education Association dates back to 1892. The CEA is supported by the ten departments of education, by school-boards, and by individual members. It maintains an office in Toronto, publishes Canadian Education and Research Digest, conducts an information service, and maintains liaison among the provincial departments. It is a semi-official organization.

The Canadian Teachers' Federation was established in 1919 by the provincial teachers' societies. Combined memberships today total about 200,000. The CTF, with headquarters in Ottawa, conducts an information service, undertakes research studies, and maintains liaison among the provincial associations.

The Canadian Association of Professors of Education draws its members from among the staffs of university faculties of education. It meets annually as part of the convention of learned societies.

The Canadian School Trustees Association and its constituent provincial associations hold annual conferences, publish professional magazines, and have fostered research in school finance. The CSTA was founded in 1922.

The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, founded in 1927, holds annual conventions and provides leadership for provincial affiliates.

The Canadian Association of French-Language Educators (ACELF), organized at Ottawa in 1947, is a group of French-language educators at the national level. Existing in the interests of French culture and Catholic teaching in Canada, it is a representative organization that presents its views to provincial and federal commissions and before international associations on education. The Association publishes a bulletin, L'ACELF, about four times a year.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada brings together in voluntary association 58 Canadian institutions of higher education to foster the development of higher education. Constituted in 1965 by an Act of Parliament, AUCC is the successor to the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges and its executive agency, the Canadian Universities Foundation. Membership is institutional, with associate membership open to national organizations