

TOWARD REPATRIATION OF THE BNA ACT

The following brief communiqué was issued at the close of the recent federal-provincial conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island:

The Prime Minister and premiers affirmed their unanimous decision to conclude the repatriation of the British North America Act without delay. To this end, they decided to complete a procedure for amending the constitution of Canada, based on the draft legislation proposed at the constitutional conference of 1961, which they accept in principle. An early meeting of the attorneys-general of Canada and the provinces will be held to complete the amending formula devised by the 1961 conference, and to report to the Prime Minister and premiers.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Over 4,790,000 Canadians were attending elementary or secondary school during the school year just ended, while another 158,000 were enrolled full-time at university or college. This represents an increase from the preceding year of more than 4 per cent at the elementary-secondary level and about 12 per cent at the university level.

This information is contained in the annual publication of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics "Preliminary Statistics of Education", which, besides figures of school enrolment and finance, includes data on numbers of school boards, trustees, schools and teachers, and salaries of teachers and university staff, adult (part-time) education, libraries, and the education attainment of the out-of-school population.

KINDS OF SCHOOL

The institutions covered in this report include public and private elementary and secondary schools,

universities and colleges, teacher-training institutions, schools of technology, vocational schools, trade schools (public and private), business colleges, schools for the blind and deaf and schools operated by federal departments for Indians, children living in the Territories, and children of servicemen stationed overseas. Statistics on libraries cover public libraries and university and college libraries.

COMMUNITY AIRPORT STUDIES

The federal Department of Transport, in cooperation with the Social Science Research Council of Canada (a non-government, non-profit organization) is providing technical and financial assistance for a series of studies on what constitutes a good, economic community airport to serve the needs of training, recreational, local and itinerant flying. Dr. Neil McArthur, associate professor of geography at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, is conducting the studies.

Some of the questions Dr. McArthur hopes to answer include: How can such an airport be made self-supporting? What use can be made of adjoining zoned land and abandoned buildings, as well as large, unproductive areas on existing airports? When would it make economic sense to subdivide an airport and build a new one?

For the past two years Dr. McArthur has been doing research in the broad area of community airport development and in the integrating of small airports with the economic and recreation areas they serve.

During 1963 he completed research on Kingston's Collins Bay Airport, and this summer he is continuing his studies with field trips and research at Mount Hope, Goderich (Sky Harbour), and other selected local airports. The result of these studies will be made available to communities and other agencies interested in community airport planning.