

in co-operation with the Department of Manpower and Immigration as an exchange gesture for the annual visit to Germany of some 400 Canadian university students at the invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Organizations and International Conferences

The outstanding event of the year 1968 was undoubtedly the fifteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which took place in Paris from October 15 to November 20, 1968. Composed of 15 persons, the Canadian delegation was headed by Mr. Napoléon LeBlanc, Vice Rector of Laval University in Quebec and Chairman of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. In addition, the Federal Government had invited the ministers of education of the provinces to take part in the delegation as observers. Messrs F.W. Rowe of Newfoundland and W.W. Meldrun of New Brunswick were able to accept the invitation.

During the fifteenth session of the General Conference, Canada was re-elected to the Legal Committee of UNESCO and Mr. Alphonse Ouimet was named Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Communications of the Programme Commission. For Canada, the salient fact of the fifteenth session was the election of Mr. G.C. McInnes, Permanent Delegate of Canada to UNESCO, to the Executive Board of the Organization. Through the presence of its representative within the Organization, Canada will be associated more closely in the formulation of UNESCO policy.

In accordance with the wishes of the fifteenth Conference, UNESCO intends to devote increasing attention to the following problems: permanent education; practical literacy; the preservation of traditional, cultural and moral values in the technological age; the future and the role of youth; the use of communications methods for the development of cultural exchanges.

During 1968, Canada also participated in several conferences and seminars organized by UNESCO in various countries. The delegates to these conferences were appointed by the Canadian Government and the provincial departments of education.

From July 1 to 10, the thirty-fifth session of the International Conference on Education was held in Geneva. A Canadian delegation directed by Mr. Neil Perry, Deputy Minister of Education of British Columbia, participated in the work of this meeting.

Canada also took part in the international conference entitled "Education Planning" held in Paris from August 6 to 14. The delegation was headed by Mr. F. Gathercole, director of education of the public schools of Saskatchewan. The purpose of the conference was to seek ways of improving international co-operation in education.

Another delegation, headed by Mr. W.E. van Steenburgh of the Science Secretariat (in the Privy Council), went in September to the conference entitled "Resources of the Biosphere" in Paris.

The Canadian Government also continued its participation in the work on "Hydrological Decade of UNESCO".