

believe, to leave him free to devote himself to this work, rather than to place him again in the invidious position of trying to reconcile it with his responsibilities as head of the Canadian Delegation. The work of the Executive Board may, as usual, be very exacting during the coming session. Dr. Doré, has furthermore, consistently taken the position that he acts on the Executive Board as a servant of UNESCO and not as a representative of Canada. This may be a logical position, but we cannot admit that the Canadian Delegation should be bound to agree to whatever Dr. Doré has accepted in the Board. We do not want, for example, a repetition of the situation last year when the Canadian Delegation did not carry out its instructions to criticize the budget presented by the Executive Board. In an attached letter† Mr. Bryce has expressed his concern over this possibility.

6. Mr. Watkins has not had experience of UNESCO, but he would combine a genuine interest in cultural activities with the appropriate scepticism. He will have had a year in Moscow and will be due for a break in his tour of duty there. Mr. Charpentier is well versed in the affairs of UNESCO, having acted for the past year as our direct contact with the Secretariat in Paris and, on occasion, as a substitute for Dr. Doré on the Executive Board. The secretarial work should be undertaken by someone from the Department familiar with the details of UNESCO, our attitude, and the budget. If appropriate arrangements can be made, this will be the officer who is shortly taking over UNESCO work when it is transferred from the U.N. Division to the Information Division.

7. With public attention focussed on the terms of reference of the Royal Commission relative to the establishing of a National Commission for UNESCO, the inclusion of one of the Commissioners would be timely. This first-hand experience of the machinery of UNESCO and of National Commissions already established abroad would be a valuable asset in considering Canada's relationship with UNESCO; the Royal Commission's representative would moreover bring to the Conference an expert knowledge of the functions and problems of our national organizations, and would be well qualified to evaluate the practicability of implementing UNESCO's programmes in Canada. His inclusion in the official delegation would also mean that Canadian educational, scientific and cultural life would be represented, and would obviate any criticism on this point. The Royal Commission's representative could be the spokesman in the discussions of the "general topic" set forth in paragraph 2(d) above.

8. I attach lists of previous delegations and of members of the Executive Board.†

9. If you approve, I shall prepare a submission to Cabinet.⁹⁴

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⁹⁴ Le Cabinet approuva une note à ce sujet, le 24 août 1949.

Cabinet approved a memorandum on this subject on August 24, 1949.