

National Organizations

Throughout Canada there are a great many associations, organized on a local, provincial or national scale, either wholly or partially interested in furthering education. Some are concerned with local activities, some with provincial and some with Canada-wide activities, and others are concerned with problems abroad. A national federation usually has a permanent office and staff and produces a professional magazine. Such federations coordinate the work of provincial institutions. Among the better-known organizations are the following:

The Canadian Education Association dates back to 1892. It is supported by the ten departments of education, by school boards and by individual members. It maintains an office in Toronto, published Canadian Education and Research Digest, acts as a clearing-house and maintains liaison among the provincial departments.

The Canadian Teachers' Federation, established in 1919, now enrolls over 125,000 members. It also acts as a clearing-house, undertakes research studies and maintains liaison among the provincial associations of which there are one or more in each province.

The Canadian School Trustees Association and the provincial associations hold annual conferences, publish professional magazines and have fostered research in school finance.

The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation holds annual conventions and provides leadership for provincial affiliates. (The chief French-language organization with national scope is l'Association canadienne des éducateurs de langue française. It holds annual conventions, has produced reports and conducted research.)

The National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges acts as a meeting ground for university personnel, a research and information centre and an agency for collective action through committees, etc. (The Canadian Universities Foundation, a related body, is responsible, among its other duties, for the distribution of federal grants.)

Fédération des collèges classiques has recently established an office in Montreal, and the Canadian Association of University Teachers has established one in Ottawa.

The Canadian Association for Adult Education serves as a clearing-house, holds radio forums and conferences and publishes Continuous Learning. Its permanent office is in Toronto. (Its counterpart in Quebec, l'Institut canadien d'éducation des adultes, serves the same functions for French-speaking adults.)

The Canadian Council on Research in Education has an executive body that is representative of most of the bodies noted above that are interested in research. It was established to promote and foster research and to maintain liaison throughout the field. It is expected that it will develop a regular publication programme; so far, it has made occasional reports available.