

primarily of universities and community colleges. Thus one finds a Department of Colleges and Universities in Ontario; a Department of Colleges and Universities Affairs in Manitoba; and a Department of Advanced Education in Alberta. In Saskatchewan, a second department has been announced but not yet named. Quebec has created two directorates, one of which is responsible for universities and the other for colleges. British Columbia has created a new position under the Superintendent of Post-Secondary Services, called the Co-ordinator of Post-Secondary Services.

Council of Ministers  
of Education, Canada

The Council of Ministers of Education was established in 1967 with the concurrence of the ministers' respective governments. The Council is an interprovincial educational agency set up for co-ordination, information and liaison purposes, operating at the interprovincial and provincial-federal levels. Also, it is intimately involved, through the Department of External Affairs, in Canada's international role in education. Its basic aim is to enable the ministers to consult on such matters as are of common interest, and to provide a means for the fullest co-operation among provincial governments in areas of mutual interest and concern in education.

Interprovincial co-ordination is achieved mainly through the Council's committees and subcommittees, which consist of senior departmental officials working in the following areas: manpower programs, instructional media, post-secondary education, curricula, and education statistics.

Although education is a provincial concern within Canada according to the Constitution, the Federal Government has become involved in this field as well; this necessitates co-operation between the Council and various federal departments and agencies.

Contacts have been established by the Council with the Department of the Secretary of State and a number of federal agencies reporting to the Secretary of State, such as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the National Film Board and the Canadian Radio and Television Commission. Other federal contacts include the Departments of External Affairs, Manpower and Immigration, Indian and Northern Affairs, and National Health and Welfare, as well as Statistics Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO(2) and the Preparatory Commission for Metric Conversion.

The Department of External Affairs maintains close liaison with the Council on all matters pertaining to Canada's international commitments in the field of education. With the increasing importance of

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- (2) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.