

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE - DR. FREEMAN K. STEWART

Dr. Freeman Kenneth Stewart was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, on May 23, 1913. He holds the degrees of B.A. (Honours, Dalhousie, 1934), B.A. Honours, Oxon 1937 and M.A.; IODE Scholar for Nova Scotia); M.Ed. (Toronto, 1956); LL.D. (Alberta, 1962). He was a secondary school teacher and principal in Nova Scotia for five years; served as an administrative officer in the R.C.A.F.; as National Director of the Canadian Legion Educational Services 1945/46 and Industrial Relations Officer with the Canadian International Paper Company, Montreal 1946/47 prior to assuming his present appointment as Executive Secretary of the Canadian Education Association in June, 1947. In September 1960, on the establishment of the Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Education, he was named its Secretary. Dr. Stewart, who is the author of "Interprovincial Co-operation in Education" (1957) and co-editor, with Dr. G.E. Flower, of "Leadership in Action: The Superintendent of Schools in Canada", has given the course on "Comparative Education" to graduate students at the Ontario College of Education, University of Toronto, since 1958.

Dr. Stewart represented the Canadian Education Association at the International Conference on Public Education, Geneva, 1950. He served as a member of the Canadian Government Delegation to the UNESCO Biennial Conferences in Montevideo, Uruguay, (1954) and in New Delhi, India, (1956); he was also a member of the Canadian Delegation to the Commonwealth Education Conference in New Delhi in January, 1962. Dr. Stewart is familiar with educational systems in various parts of the Commonwealth and also in other countries, having visited in connection with his duties schools and educational agencies in Australia, Britain, Ghana, India, New Zealand, Nigeria, Egypt, Thailand, Uruguay and the United States. His honorary degree from the University of Alberta was given "in recognition of his services to Canadian education".