

APPENDICE A

MEMORIAL for representation to the Premier and Cabinet of the Dominion

The Executive of the Dominion Educational Association desires to call your attention, as Premier of Canada, to the importance of establishing a Bureau of Education as a sub-department of the Public Service.

In the United States, a Bureau similar to that which we ask you to consider was established nearly twenty years ago; General Eaton, a distinguished scholar and diplomatist, was the first head of the Bureau. He has been followed by a line of eminent educators of great ability.

It might appear at first sight that under our federal system, the establishment of such a Bureau would conflict with the provincial management of our schools. The experience of the United States disposes of all fears on this score. All the States of the Union accept the reports of the Bureau as helpful in co-ordinating the school systems of the different States and in directing the teachers and school officers as to government, discipline and pedagogical instruction. The Canadian Bureau would fill a similar place in the school system of Canada. Its functions might be briefly described as follows:

- 1° The collection of all documents in connection with the development of the schools of Canada and the preparation of historical memoranda connected therewith.
- 2° The preparation of an annual compendium of the great educational movements, but more particularly in those fields of educational activity where modern methods are considered.