

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANS

Chairman: W.C. Ferguson

Your committee would recommend that the following general plan be adopted:

GENERAL PLAN FOR A STUDY OF EDUCATION IN MODERN LANGUAGES IN CANADA

A.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEMPLATED STUDY

To fulfil the purposes of the study and to throw light upon all its angles, it will be necessary to extend its scope to include all the factors, — linguistic, geographical and institutional, — which go to make up the problem. In view of the complexity of the questions involved, with their regional and national bearing, any attempt to set limits to the enquiry would be untimely, since any such limitation should come as a result of facts which are now unknown or too little known to make them a basis for recommendations. Under such circumstances the conference feels that it is its duty to describe the task in its widest possible implications, and to seek to give perspective to those features which stand out as especially important.

I.

Languages to be considered.

Two groups of modern languages offer themselves for consideration, as determined by the present situation of modern language study. This classification is not concerned, of course, with any question of degree of relative importance, and the terms used have no bearing except as defined below: