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SEPTEMBER 8, 1966.CANADIANS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE
ON THE STATUS OF TEACHERS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin announced today that Canada would be represented at the Special Intergovernmental Conference being convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) in Paris from September 21 to October 5, 1966.

The Head of the Canadian Delegation will be Mr. Graham McInnes, Canada's Permanent Delegate to Unesco in Paris. Other members will be Mr. F. T. Atkinson, Fredericton, Chief Director and Deputy Minister of Education, New Brunswick; Mr. Raymond Laliberté, Quebec City, President of la Corporation des Instituteurs et Institutrices du Québec, and member of L'Association canadienne des éducateurs de langue française; Mr. Charles D. Ovans, Vancouver, General Secretary, British Columbia Teachers' Federation and representative of the Canadian Teachers' Federation; Mr. Howard Pammett, Ottawa, Executive Assistant to the Director, International Labour Affairs Branch, Department of Labour.

The Conference is to examine a Draft Recommendation to Member States on the Status of Teachers which was prepared by a meeting of experts jointly convened by Unesco and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in January of this year; it is expected to adopt a final Draft Recommendation which will be submitted to the Thirteenth Session of the General Conference of Unesco in November. The Recommendation is concerned with educational legislation and administration; pre-service and in-service training for teachers and educational research; practical primary and secondary teaching; and the role of teachers' organizations.