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PRESS RELEASE

The External Aid Office announced today the appointment of Dr. W.T.R. Flemington, O.B.E., who has been the President of Mount Allison University since 1945, as Director of Education in the External Aid Office. Dr. Flemington will be responsible, under the Director General of External Aid, for Canadian assistance to less-developed countries in the field of education, an aspect of Canada's external aid programmes which has assumed increasing importance in recent years. Among other duties, Dr. Flemington will be concerned with assistance by Canada in the development of universities and other educational institutions abroad; providing the services of Canadian teachers to less-developed countries; bringing students to Canada under the bilateral aid programmes for courses in Canadian universities; the administration in Canada of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan; and maintaining co-operation with the various educational authorities in Canada in relation to overseas assistance programmes in the field of education.

Dr. Flemington was born in Newfoundland, graduated from the Fredericton High School and from the Provincial Normal School and then went overseas with the Canadian forces, transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and won his wings as a Pilot. After the war he attended Mount Allison and received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in the field of Biology and the Diploma in Theology. In his Senior Year he was a member of the inter-collegiate Teams in Football and Debating, Editor of the Argosy and President of the Student Union. Postgraduate work followed at Columbia and Toronto, where he received the B.Paed. degree. For seventeen years he was Headmaster of Mount Allison Academy and University Lecturer.

In 1939 he went overseas as Chaplain of the Carleton York Regiment and for the last four years of the war was Principal Chaplain Overseas, receiving the O.B.E. in 1944. While Overseas he was invited to become President of Mount Allison University, succeeding Dr. George J. Trueman in this post in 1945.

Dr. Flemington is a past president of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and the first president of the Canadian Universities Foundation. As a member of the Executive of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth he visited the Universities of South Africa in 1960 and spent last summer lecturing at the ten Universities of Australia on a Visitor's Award.

He has been honoured by nine Universities, both English and French, with doctor's degrees, honoris causa. He is at present the President of the New Brunswick Education Association and a trustee of the National Gallery. He is a past President of the New Brunswick Cancer Society, and of the New Brunswick Museum, and active in many organizations.

Dr. Flemington married Marjorie Eileen Brownell and they have a son Kent who is a Lieutenant with the Canadian Forces in Germany, and a daughter Patricia Anne. His first wife died in 1954 and last May he married Inez Marie Morrison who was previously Dean of Women at Mount Allison.