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# THE EDUCATIONAL HORIZON

## -A SATURDAY FEATURE-

PRESENTING NEWS AND VIEWS OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND ALL OTHERS SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION

WITH THE C. T. F.  
by J. A. S. Williams

### Report of the Meeting of the Directors of the C.T.F. (continued)

The first business taken up on the morning of Saturday, March 8, dealt with the advertisement of the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the C. T. F. The application was drawn up, which has already appeared in the News Letter sent out from our own Island Secretary.

### National Film Society

Mr. Gordon Adamson, Executive Secretary of the National Film Society, explained to the directors the purpose of his Society, and how they were endeavouring to develop a distribution plan for sponsored films. At the present time the Society is evaluating and cataloguing all available educational films. After a discussion, on the invitation of Mr. Adamson to the C. T. F. to become a corporate member in the Society, the request was unanimously agreed to, and the C. T. F. instructed its Treasurer to pay to the Society \$25, the necessary fee of membership. A suggestion was accepted that someone be appointed to investigate the relationship with this Society and report at the August convention what can be done through the C.T.F. and Provincial Organizations to make best use of this membership. The matter of appointment was left with the Quebec people.

### Joint Planning Commission

The Secretary explained that this Commission composed of about twenty-four national organizations which meet two or three times a year for the following purposes:

- (a) To facilitate exchange of information about program plans and activities between different agencies in the field.
- (b) To work out ways of effecting more successful division of labour in the field and to avoid overlapping or duplication of effort, particularly in the production of program materials.
- (c) To work out more effective ways of using available materials and agencies.
- (d) To consider important areas of adult education which are not being covered and to ascertain ways of reaching groups not now being served.
- (e) To make suggestions about program needs and to work out ways of using programs that are made available by public bodies such as CBC.

Miss Nora Hodgins, who was the C.T.F. representative at the meeting of the Joint Planning Commission held in Montreal Friday, March 7th, reported to the directors that discussion had been chiefly concerned with community centres and wartime housing. A brief has been sent to the Dominion Government, who are being urged to take definite action on these two matters.

### Unesco

The Secretary was asked to send a resolution to the Federal Government asking them to set up a National Commission on Unesco and that C. T. F. representation be equal in number to that of any other national organization.

### Education Week

Miss Kinney, Directress of Manitoba and chairman of the 1947 Education Week Committee, presented an interim report on the work done by her Committee.

Miss Kinney reported that she attended a meeting of the American Education Week Committee in Washington on January 8 and that the only point on which she thought we could co-operate with the American Education Week Committee this year is an historical broadcast from some historical spot. The Seven Freedoms has been chosen as the title for our Education Week pamphlets. It was agreed that her committee should find out from the various provincial teachers' organizations how many would be required in their province, and proceed with their publication. The Ontario Teachers' Federation are to make the best possible arrangements with the CBC for radio broadcasting during Education Week.

It was suggested that the Provincial Secretaries contact their Regional Director of Films for material during that week.

The Canadian Legion are very much interested in Education Week, and all Provincial commands are being urged to cooperate with provincial committees.

### Income Tax Exemptions

By resolution the General Secretary was requested to investigate the practicability of urging the Dominion Government to amend or to interpret the regulations re Income Tax to allow as deductible from taxable income the following:

- (a) Cost of attendance at Summer School;
- (b) Cost of attendance at Teachers' Conventions;
- (c) Cost of attendance while marking Department exam. papers;
- (d) Cost of professional books and magazines;
- (e) Amount of school taxes paid to school districts or municipalities.

Steps were to be immediately taken to have this matter considered by the Income Tax Department at Ottawa and to report to the next Annual Convention at Halifax. (At noon the Directors were invited to a luncheon at the Royal York Hotel as guests of Miss Kinney.)

### Teacher Shortage

Mr. Crosthwaite, chairman of the Committee on Teacher Shortage, stated that he had spent part of the morning with Mr. Longland, the English educationist who is at present touring Canada, giving lectures on the New British Education Act. Mr. Longland stated that at one time the proportion of male and female teachers in the Old Country was approximately 1 to 3 and that today the situation is completely reversed, the proportion now being 3 men to 1 woman. The reason for this change has been largely due to the fact that prestige of the teacher in Great Britain has been greatly enhanced during the last few years. The teachers in Britain today are absolutely free academically and are not regimented as some would lead us to believe.

Mr. Crosthwaite then gave an interim report on the work of his committee. It was felt that since case histories have a direct appeal to the public, they should be presented, and it was suggested that each director get a story from his own province.

The various directors gave data on the shortage of teachers in their respective provinces, and the information revealed showed that approximately 7,900 unqualified persons are now holding positions as teachers in the schools of Canada. The speaker stated that one of the main causes for teachers leaving the profession is the lack of appreciation on the part of the public of the work being done in the classroom. He stated that in too many centres "the parents are the teachers in the school" and it is impossible for properly trained teachers to carry out the program.

Resolutions, dealing with the teacher shortage situation, were adopted as follows:

That the C. T. F. affirms the statement in its National Policy that every Canadian child is entitled to educational services under the direction of a professionally qualified teacher.

That the Directors of the C.T.F. protest to all Departments of Education and to the public, which is not fully informed, the employment of unqualified persons in any capacity in classrooms under various guises as:

- (a) persons with short courses in teacher training;
- (b) persons with deficiencies in academic qualifications;
- (c) persons with no professional training generally called "Permit Teachers";
- (d) persons with no academic and no professional training called "permit teachers" or "correspondence supervisors."

And further that the real extent of the teacher shortage in each province be determined as accurately as is practicable and that this information be given to the public.

That the present substitutes for education be evaluated in relation to instruction by a qualified teacher.

er and that every Department of Education be urged to take immediate steps to discontinue employment of unqualified persons as on June 30, 1947, and to make constructive plans to supply enough teachers to meet the demand of a teacher for every classroom.

The Teacher Shortage Committee is to meet a few days before the Annual Convention in order to prepare an interim report. This report is to be dealt with at the beginning of the Convention in order that it may be given first place on the agenda.

### Request From B. C. T. F.

(a) Abolishment by Canadian Universities of Compulsory Second Course in Languages.

The following resolution was passed, and is sent, to Provincial Secretaries:

That the C. T. F. go on record as being in favour of elective system of courses after the first year for teachers working towards a degree.

(b) Interchange of Teachers. Another resolution states: That arrangements be made with the various provincial associations under which teachers on exchange would pay fees to the teachers' association in the home province, and would be credited with membership in the association of the province visited.

### World Organization of the Teaching Profession

Dr. Miller explained fully the proceedings of the conference at Endicott and stated that the C. T. F., since it had helped to formulate the constitution, should be the first to join and that if we did not, we would create an attitude of isolation which would not be good for the teaching profession. He stated that since the WOTF (World Organization of the Teaching Profession) would be closely related with UNESCO, hence the United Nations Organization, it could play an important part in world affairs.

It was explained to the directors that the charge to the C. T. F. for this year would be \$300 which would be deducted from our fee payable for the first year's operation of the organization. It was pointed out that the 2c per member fee is not a definite charge against the provincial teachers' organizations affiliated with the C. T. F. However, Provincial organizations could follow the example of Saskatchewan who has already paid \$140 for this purpose. Your F. E. I. Director agreed to P.E.I.T.F. payment of its fee.

### Federal Aid to Education

It was suggested after some discussion that the C. T. F. Secretary draw up a brief showing what action had been taken since 1935 by the C. T. F. in demanding Federal Aid for Education.

Mr. Oates of B. C. undertook to head a Committee on Federal Aid. At five P. M. the meeting adjourned, after its two-day sessions.

(To be continued)

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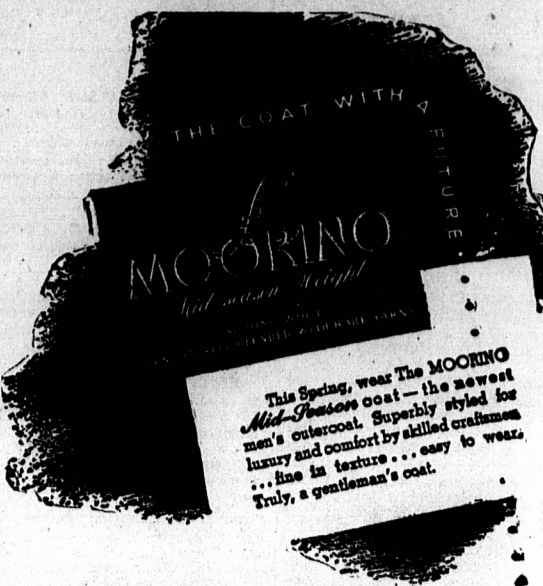
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## New Greek King Takes Up New Job

ATHENS, April 2.—(AP)—King Paul acted tonight to carry on the fight against Leftist bands which his dead brother, George

had been mapping. As Paul took up this new responsibility, his subjects learned that Soviet Ambassador Constantine Rodinov had been called to Moscow for consultations. The news first appeared in a Royalist newspaper this afternoon and later was confirmed by a Soviet Embassy spokesman who said Rodinov would leave "shortly."

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"Every license shall expire at midnight on the last day of February following the date of such license."

Public notice is hereby given that midnight, Thursday the 10th April, 1947, has been fixed as the deadline for the use of 1946 license plates.

ON AND AFTER 11TH APRIL, NEXT, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES USING THE HIGHWAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY 1947 PLATES.

Definite instructions have been issued to the police to make this effective.

(W. E. MASSEY)

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

## Dr. Shields Answers Halifax-Lunenburg Presbytery

in THE GOSPEL WITNESS of March 27th, also

## Rockwood's Sermons which Presbytery Ordered Burned

of Truro, N. S. Both series, "Protestants Awake", and "The Church Sick Unto Death". The exact text of the sermons upon which Mr. Rockwood's "Trial" by Presbytery was based, are contained in THE GOSPEL WITNESS of March 13th (special issue, 32 pages), as well as a verbatim report of DR. SHIELDS' ADDRESS, entitled: "Rev. Perry F. Rockwood—a Hero of the Faith, or a Fundamentalist's Fanatic?" as preached in Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, Ont., Sunday March 9th.

Send this advertisement with fifteen cents in stamps, or coin, to THE GOSPEL WITNESS, 130 Gerrard St. East, Toronto 2, Ontario, for March 13th, 20th and 27th issues, that you may be informed of Mr. Rockwood's exact words, and judge of the merits of the case for yourself.

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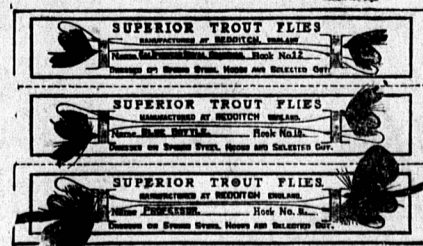
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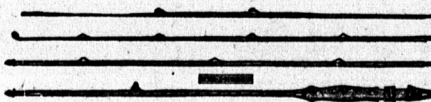
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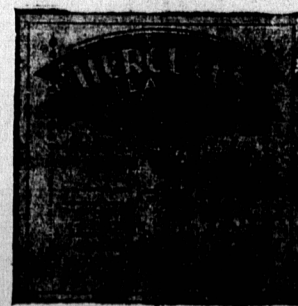


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