

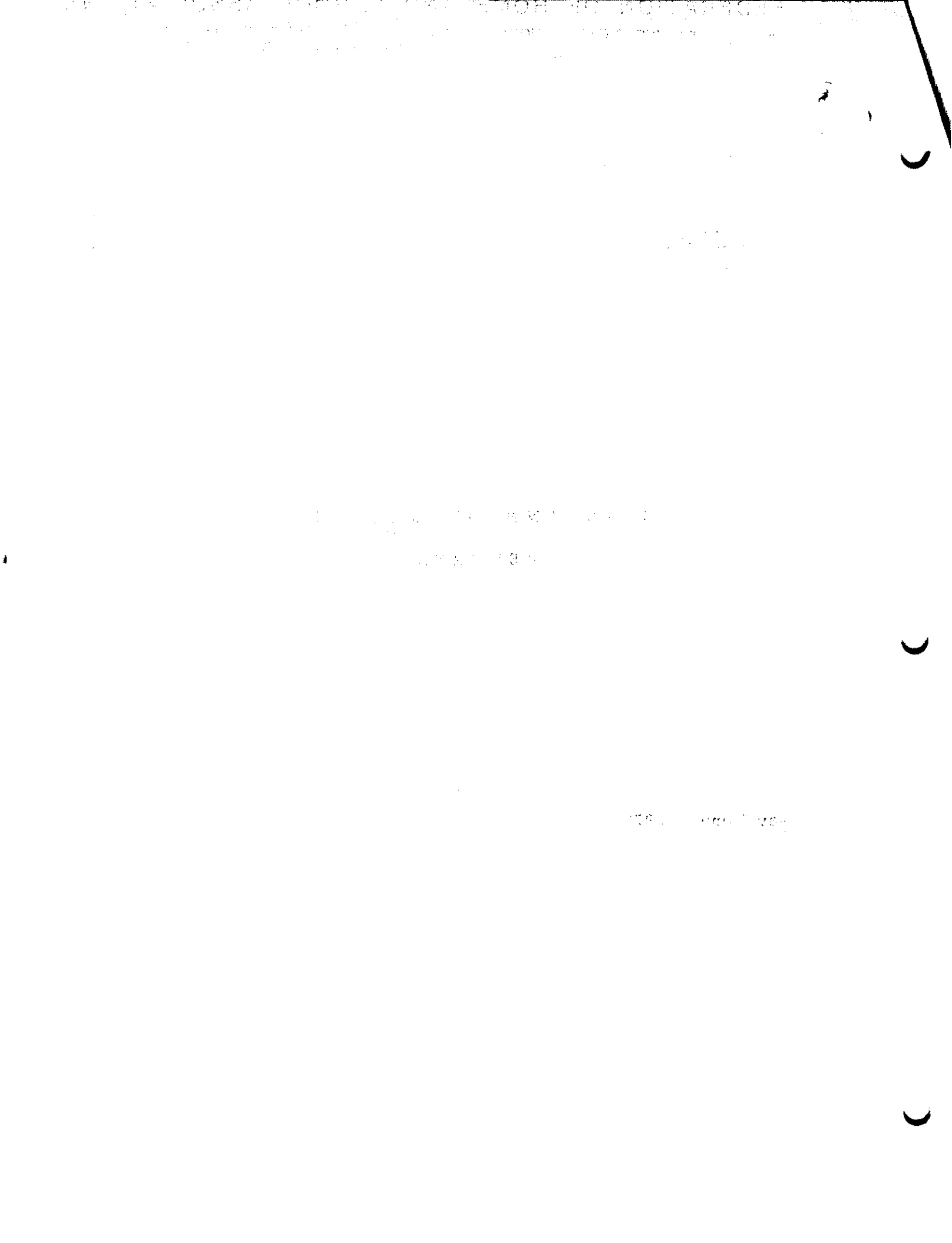


QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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**1978 ANNUAL/ MEETING
REPORTS**

May 5 and 6, 1978



AGENDA

O Canada

President's opening remarks

Introductions

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 1977 AGM

President's Report

Adoption of Financial Report and Fixing of Fees for 1978-79

Reports of Standing Committees

- Disposition of 1977 Resolutions
- Membership
(Presentation of Membership Awards)
- Insurance
- NEWS
(Presentation of newsletters awards)
- All remaining Reports (except Nominations) en bloc

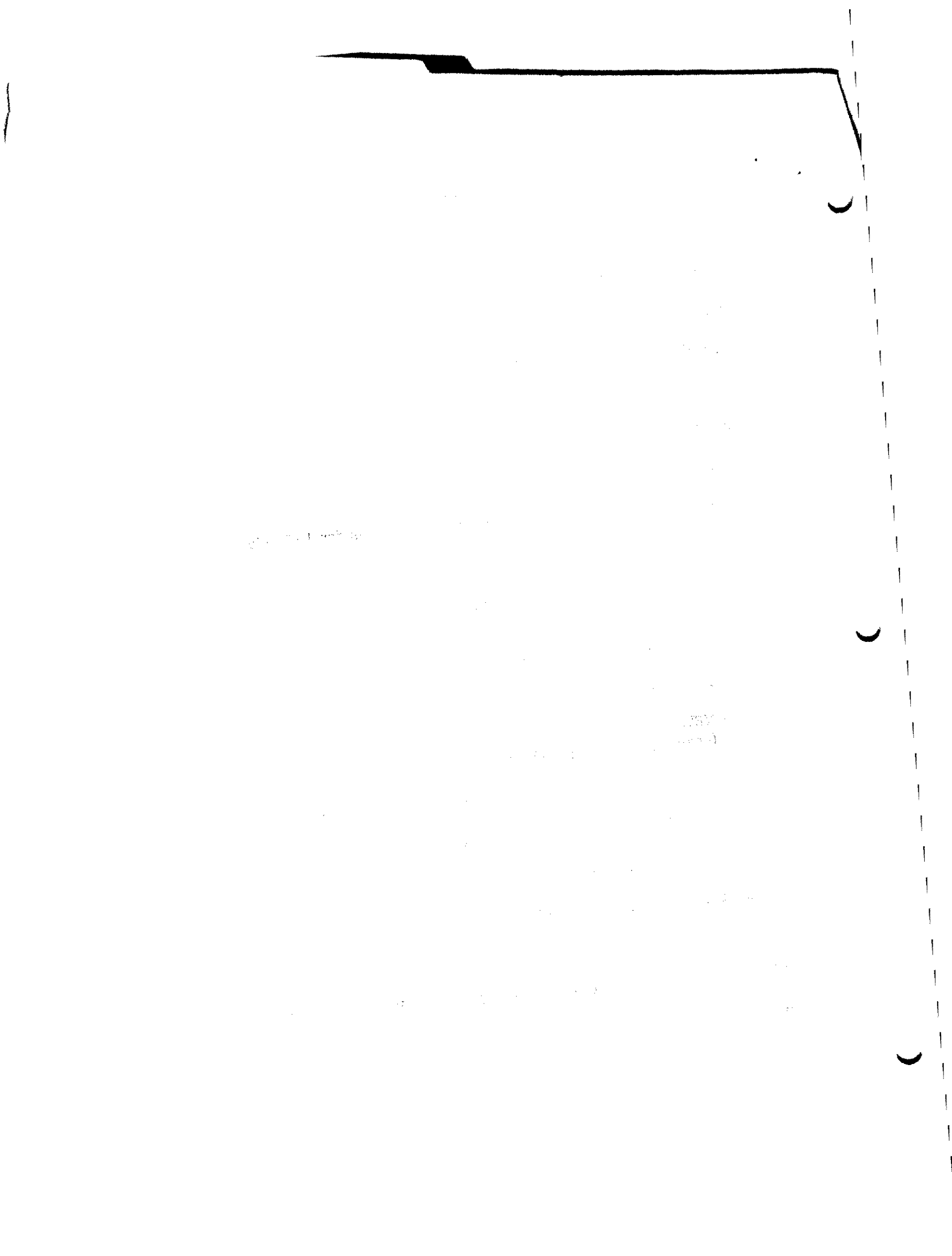
Adoption of Nominations Committee Report

Policy Resolutions 1978

Constitution Amendments 1978

(TO BE CONTINUED SATURDAY AT 3:30 P.M. IF NECESSARY)

Adjournment



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1977-78

The regular workload and schedule of activities of Quebec Federation was greatly increased this year by our involvement with Bill 1 and the subsequent Bill 101. However, in spite of that, we maintained the on-going representative role that has always been our function.

The attached reports adequately summarize the activities of the past year and indicate the extent to which individuals and groups have been sharing in the responsibilities of Federation.

FINANCE

Details will be found in the Treasurer's report, but in general our financial position remained reasonably healthy. It's soundness was somewhat in doubt for a while due to the time that lapsed before we received our grant from the provincial government.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has been maintained at a high level despite a widespread decrease in the school population. Several new Associations have been formed, indicating an increased awareness of the importance and the role of a parent organization such as ours.

COMMUNICATION

While maintaining the necessary information packets and mailings to the locals, our chief vehicle of communication is the NEWS. This excellent paper contains a wealth of national, provincial and local news relating to education, and is sent to all members of Home & School, as well as to School Committees. Supplementing the NEWS has been the regular personal contact between the President, members of the Executive and Board, and the membership in the locals. During the past year the President has visited Lachine Rapids, Lasalle High, Lindsay Place, Asbestos-Danville-Shipton, Holland School, Allancroft, Lakeside Heights, John Rennie, North Hatley and Magog, while other members of the Executive have maintained contact with many other schools of the province.

LIAISON WITH OTHER GROUPS

We have consistently maintained our relationship with the Department of Education, writing to and meeting with the Minister of Education, as well as other members of government and the opposition parties. The President, along with several members of the Executive, attended the P.A.P.T.-P.A.C.T. Convention in November. Also in the Fall the President attended the annual conference of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and participated in several workshops. The Spring conference was attended by the Executive Vice-President. Representatives from Quebec Federation attend the regular meetings of that Association.

Both the New York P.T.A. and the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations invited the President to attend their annual meeting and conference. I was honoured and pleased to attend both affairs in Liberty, New York, and London, Ontario, respectively, and to bring greetings to both on behalf of Quebec Federation.

While not fully in accord with all its principles, we have nevertheless met regularly with the Positive Action Committee and have participated in the meetings of their education committee.

REPRESENTATIONS

As well as those noted in the following reports of committees, we made representations to the Task Force on Canadian Unity and to the Martin Commission on Teacher Contract Negotiations. The high standard of both was acknowledged by the receiving groups and by several individuals. At present a committee is preparing a presentation on the Green Paper in response to the Minister of Education.

CONCLUSION

It would be incorrect for me to say that this past year has been an easy or even a normal one. When an organization is trying to make adequate representation and response to the type of legislation enacted by the provincial government difficulties are bound to arise; problems of management, distribution of work, availability of personnel, etc. However, in spite of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Quebec Federation has made its mark in the educational scene.

As President, I have enjoyed and have been grateful for the support of a great number of people. There have been times when we have had to come to grips with many issues including individual roles, leadership styles and personal differences, however we look forward to a future that will see a vigorous, healthy and productive Federation.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978
William Asherman, Chairman

As mentioned on previous occasions, changes in Federation's By-Laws have to be approved by an Annual Meeting of Federation, in accordance with Article XI of these By-Laws. It should be noted here that in spite of two reminders to member associations, one last Fall and one earlier this year, no suggestions for changes were received from them.

Reference is made here to a notice sent out to all member associations and to the Board of Directors on March 21, 1978, reading as follows:-

"In accordance with ARTICLE XI of Federation's By-Laws, due notice is hereby given that the following amendments will be presented at the 1978 Annual General Meeting to be discussed and voted on:

ARTICLE V, Paragraph 4, to be preceded by the word subsequent so as to read:

Subsequent nominations for Officers of Federation may be made by a group or individual members

ARTICLE V, Paragraph 6(ii) to be deleted.

Background: This paragraph pertains to the inability of members of Federation's Executive to hold office as school commissioners at the same time. Proponents of this deletion feel that Federation may deprive itself of the services of a valuable personality, if the stipulation of the paragraph remains in force.

ARTICLE IX. To be added to paragraph 6(a) afterAnnual Meeting:

See to it that the minutes of all meetings be made available to the Executive Secretary for distribution according to the following schedule:-

Executive Meeting Minutes: Two weeks after a meeting, or if a special meeting of the Executive is being held before the end of that period, in time for the special meeting.

Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting (or Special General Meeting) Minutes: One month after meetings."

There was one more suggestion for an amendment, which due to a misunderstanding on the part of the undersigned was not included in above notice.

A member of the Board of Directors, concerned that ARTICLE V does not provide for continuity of service, as far as President and Executive Vice-President are concerned, suggested the following amendment:-

"..... that the President and the Executive Vice-President step up or down in alternative years with the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary."

Before a recent Board Meeting, I discussed this suggestion with the proponent as follows:-

The Constitution Committee, responsible for the amendment of ARTICLE V as it stands now, considered it the best solution, if also the President and the Executive Vice-President are elected in alternate years, i.e. the President in odd years and the Executive Vice-President in even years, as indicated in Section 3, paragraph 3, of that Article and stipulated for all members of the Executive in paragraph 2 of the same section. An argument that under this setup an Executive Vice-President can never become President is not valid. When the term of the President is up the Executive Vice-President will have served one year of his/her term. If he/she agrees to stand for nomination as President, the Nominating Committee will nominate somebody else to serve for one year as Executive Vice-President. Continuity will have been maintained.

Under the suggested setup, whereby the President and the Executive Vice-President would go off the Executive at the same time, it is quite possible that the latter, for one reason or another (lack of necessary time, family and/or business matters, etc.) could not stand for nomination as President. In such a case, the Nominating Committee would face the task to fill these two positions with other people at once and continuity would be harmed. Consequently it is preferable to adhere to the present setup, i.e. elect the President and the Executive Vice-President in alternate years.

Unfortunately my impression that the conversation at the Board Meeting settled the matter was wrong. Had I known that at the time, when the notice was sent out, I would have included above suggestion in it, most certainly.

If delegates to the Annual General Meeting have any questions pertaining to this matter, I will do my best to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ASHERMAN

Amendments to be considered:

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- (4) Article 5, Paragraph 3 - change to read

That the President and the Executive Vice-President step up or down in alternate years with the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary.

Background: The present arrangement does not provide for continuity of services as stated in paragraph 2. It would normally follow that the Executive Vice-President would assume the presidency, however the present Article does not permit this.

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1978
Barbara Moore, Chairman

The work of the Committee this year has concentrated on keeping alert to related items in the press and by reacting to them by Letters to the Editor, to the Honorable John Roberts and to Federal Members of Parliament. In all cases the letters were drafted by the committee but signed by the President, Alex Morris.

In October, 1977, at the time of the Opening of Parliament, every MP was sent a copy of QFHSA's Brief concerning future bilingualism programmes which had been presented to the Secretary of State by Quebec Federation in April 1977. A covering letter, sent with the Brief asked all MP's to familiarize themselves with the current situation and alerting them to the fact that the present agreement expires in March 1979.

A second letter was sent to all Federal MP's when an item appeared in the Ottawa papers which indicated that the provinces were being offered tax points as a possible basis for a new bilingualism agreement. This would mean unconditional grants and would effectively remove any basis for complaint on our part.

Acknowledgements were received from only a few MP's but we are sure that their level of awareness has been heightened in this regard. With less than one year remaining before the present Bilingualism Grants Agreement expires, we shall continue to keep watch on developments and press for accountability for use of grants and for freedom of choice in the language of education.

Respectfully submitted,

3/30/78

BARBARA MOORE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1978
Mae G. Wilson, Chairman

Membership, as of April 7th, 1978, reads as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	93
Number of Memberships at \$3.00 This figure includes 109 Supporting Members (individuals who have not joined through a local Home & School Association)	10,553
Number of Associate Memberships (families who have joined through more than one school)	950
Group Association Memberships	6
Associations not submitting membership lists	5
Potential Total Membership for 1977-78	11,000

New Associations - Asbestos-Danville-Shipton
Alexander Galt
Champlain Street School
Lennoxville
Ormstown
Richmond Regional
Waterloo

The above new Home & Schools have all formed the nucleus of their executives, submitted membership lists, and are in the process of applying for affiliation. We wish to welcome them and offer our best wishes for their endeavours.

Membership this year has increased over last year by more than 10%. Congratulations to all the Membership Chairmen for their hard work. It has been an interesting and busy year and we are encouraged by the increase in membership; We must keep on "selling QFHSA" as this is where our future strength lies.

Respectfully submitted,

MAE WILSON

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

1978 MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

This year awards are being given based on the percentage of membership compared to student population. We are pleased to recommend the following schools for their excellent membership results.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Highest Membership -	Willowdale	- 68.5%
	Beacon Hill	- 60.6%
Over 55% Membership -	Seigniory	- 55.9%
	Meadowbrook	- 55.2%
Out-of-town Winners -	Howick	- 38.5%
	Thetford Mines	- 37.1%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Dorval - 44.3% - have increased membership consistently last four years

Macdonald - 39.7% - a winner for the 6th consecutive time

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1978
Aldis Lee, Chairman

One inquiry has been received on Transportation for the year 1977-78. This inquiry has resulted in a re-affirmation of a previous resolution regarding compulsory bus driver education.

All previous resolutions have been persistently followed up, with a meeting with the Department of Transport on February 8th, 1978. It is a long tedious process which can only be hastened by the membership reporting and documenting their particular problems, making representation to their own school boards and reporting to this committee for follow up.

Respectfully submitted,

ALDIS LEE

SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1978
Aldis Lee, Chairman

A mandate from three resolutions permitted a pilot project to look into support services of schools as the School Boards were no longer the body to administer them. Seven hospitals administer school nurses within one Board. During re-organization one nurse went through four administration changes. Social workers were re-organized and decentralized. The tardy outline of responsibilities were outdated on receipt.

Support services welcomed the opportunity to attempt to rectify the inadequacy. Operating under the premise that behavioural problems were related to mental, physical, or social difficulties, and could appear as a learning difficulty, an attempt was made to compile statistical data to support it and subsequently present the findings to the government agencies involved - Department of Education, Department of Transport and Department of Social Affairs. This would support a request for more staff to deal with the social malaise which was becoming apparent province wide. This area project was aborted, but is continuing at the school level.

It must be said here that a psychologist's opinion is that all difficulties must be identified and treated at as early an age as possible. The starting of treatment of a fifteen year old is likened to treating terminal cancer.

New administration began a look at the worsening social malaise resulting in an ever increasing amount of vandalism and violence. All agencies associated with the life of the student and the school were made aware of the assessment of the parents, teachers and administration and asked for assistance. At this point Youth Section Officers and Probation Officers had to be involved as behaviour was becoming criminal and these agencies too were extremely worried.

Social Affairs Committee, cont.

Replies received were supportive of our concern, but all expressed lack of funds and personnel. A behavioural psychologist expressed the need for non-competitive recreational facilities. A strong School Committee thrust brought a Board wide seminar on Vandalism and Violence, but again was only for high schools. As in Home and School workshops on Social Problems and Vandalism and Violence, the Board seminar welcomed the opportunity to talk openly on subjects which were not previously discussed. Also that more time was needed.

The reporting of all vandalism, in a similar manner to accident reports, would assist greatly as a means to attempt to identify patterns of behaviour, to isolate and control the incidence.

The number of agencies involved in attempting to rectify such a situation is large. The Committee on Social Affairs could well be divided for stronger follow up into mental health, health and nutrition, social services, municipal services, etc.

Familiarization of multi-cultures with the community. A great deal of PR is needed to sell mental health institutions; to support the work of Youth Section Officers and Probation Officers; lobbying for gun control; enforcement of liquor laws; teenage parenting; birth control.

A concentrated appeal to elementary teachers and administrators to identify all problems, academic and social, and make parents aware of the facts as they are.

One must consider that one and a quarter million dollars spent on vandalism in one school Board would fill many educational needs.

Communities should acquaint themselves with the situation within their own neighbourhood and work with agencies. The school is not equipped to deal with all social ills plaguing today's society. The children are the responsibility of the parent or guardian even when both parents work. The pressures of a dual role usually leaves the children short changed and the school therefore must place the responsibility on the parent or guardian and with open communication co-operate to overcome. However, having achieved this, the school must still reinforce the parental responsibilities of behaviour.

Respectfully submitted,

ALDIS LEE

CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION LIAISON
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1978
June Ellingsen, National Representative

Annual General Meeting - Baddeck, Nova Scotia, May 26 - 30, 1977. Québec Federation National representatives present were Alex Morris, President; Elizabeth O'Connell, Past President; June Ellingsen, Vice-President; and Sandra Keightley, Vice-President (substituting for Dorothy Chant, Executive Vice-President). Mrs. O'Connell substituted for the President in his absence at some sessions. Other delegates from Quebec on the National board - William Asherman, Chairman of Bilingualism Committee and Joan Mansfield, Chairman of the Education Committee.

The Annual General Meeting was officially opened with the trooping of the colours by the local Brownie Pack and the singing of O' Canada in Gaelic and English followed with a brief address by the Hon. Gerald Regan, Premier of Nova Scotia, who stressed the need for all Canadians to keep their country united, in the light of the threat of possible separation by the Government of Quebec. He felt that Home & School, and other similar groups, have a duty to contribute to keep our country united.

Reports were presented by all Provincial Associations, National President, Vice-Presidents and the following committees - Board of Trustees, Finance, Education, International, Public Relations, Bilingualism, Child Abuse, Special Studies, Smoking & Health, Program and Constitution, Resolutions and Policies.

Resolutions Adopted

1. On Unified Family Courts
2. Definition of National Educational Goals
3. Women in Positions of Leadership in Education
4. Research into and Employment for Mentally Handicapped Persons
5. Programs and Methods to Aid the Functionally Illiterate
6. Teaching and Learning Styles
8. Financial Aid to Teachers Mastering a Second Language
9. Funding for Immersion Programs
10. International Children's Year Stamp
11. Federal Financial Support for Immigrant Education
12. Amendment of the Canada Pension Plan
13. Abolition of Alcoholic Beverage Advertising on T.V.
14. Movies Suitable for Family Viewing
15. Defensive Driving Course
16. National Unity

These resolutions were forwarded to their appropriate destinations by the secretary and replies have been received for all, with additional replies expected. Letters on file at office. A resolution on Federal Grants for Bilingualism was deferred to the Mid-Term Meeting after much discussion.

Following presentation and discussion of the Quebec Federation report a motion was passed re-affirming the National policy on a parent's right to choice of language of instruction.

Fee Structure - Mainly through the determined efforts of Quebec Federation and after years of discussion, an amendment in the fee structure was made to the following: That provincial affiliation in the Federation be based on a single uniform fee, either for an individual or for a family unit of not more than two persons, each province having the right to decide the amount of the fee and the type of membership sold in that province. The uniform fee for affiliation with the Federation be \$0.35 per individual or family membership.

Workshops - Two workshops were given, both of which were very well received. Parent Power, chaired by Joan Mansfield, and Priorities in Education, chaired by Cathy Schoen.

Message to the Queen: On the occasion of her Silver Jubilee.

Awards: Life Membership to Mrs. Sheila Sutherland in absentia. Laycock Memorial Award to Dr. Remi Chiasson, an outstanding educator in the host province, Nova Scotia.

Addresses and Greetings: During the course of the AGM others who addressed the delegates, or who brought greetings from their respective organizations, were - Judge Victor Cardoza, N.S. Citizenship Court judge, representing the Department of the Secretary of State; Tom Heath, National Council of Boy Scouts; Michael Woodford, Inspector of Schools in N.S.; Norman Ferguson, Canadian Teachers Federation; Mr. R.C. Atherton, Canadian School Trustees Association; Robert Blair, Canadian Education Association. Dr. Nason was the guest speaker at the banquet given by the Department of Education. He concluded his speech with a stirring call to continue working for the welfare of the young people of Canada, for whom the Federation has existed for the fifty years of its history.

50th Anniversary congratulations received from the Prime Minister and the National Congress of PTA.

Officers Installed: Elizabeth O'Connell was elected Central Vice-President and together with the following officers was installed by Flora Priddle, Past President; Mrs. June Lore, President; Dr. Blanche Bourgeois, Immediate Past President; Mrs. Catherine Schoen, Western Vice-President; Mr. Tom Wilkinson, Eastern Vice-President; Mrs. Harriet Shaw, Treasurer and Mr. Alex Morris and the other eight provincial presidents.

Appointments: June Ellingsen, Citizenship; Joan Mansfield, Education; W. Asherman, Bilingualism and William I. Miller, Board of Trustees. Sandra Keightley was named Quebec representative to Life Membership Committee.

Representation of other Organizations: June Ellingsen, Canadian Citizenship Federation and Elizabeth O'Connell, Canada Safety Council.

Annual Meeting 1978 - Host province, Quebec

Program Chairman, Elizabeth O'Connell

Appointments to be made by Quebec Federation: Nominations Chairman 77-78; Bilingualism Committee. Barbara Kerr has been named Public Relations Committee Member.

Poster Contest: For postage stamp for International Year of the Child Contest is 50th Anniversary project.

Other Workshop: Quebec Federation had requested, through the President, June Lore, to hold a special workshop on bilingualism in Canada and the role of Home and School in this matter, in particular the teaching of the official languages as second language. However, the workshop that was presented, while interesting, did not deal with the subject as requested, but more on grants for bilingualism and how to communicate with French organizations. Miss McDowell, for the Secretary of State's Department, was present to give information on project grants.

Committee to be formed: Child Abuse - it is quite evident that such a committee is needed in each province.

Commemorative Plaque: Such a plaque was added to the cairn commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Federation, given by the Nova Scotia Federation. The Cairn is on the site of the school where the first home and school association was formed in Canada 82 years ago by Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell.

Report of Mid-Term Meeting: January 19-21, 1978, held at the Park Lane Hotel, Ottawa. Present: June Lore, President; Dr. Blanche Bourgeois, Immediate Past President, Catherine Schoen, Western Vice-President; Elizabeth O'Connell, Central Vice-President; Tom Wilkinson, Eastern Vice-President; Harriet Shaw, Treasurer; also all Presidents of provincial associations, except Fred Sawyer of Ontario who was represented by Marie May. Observers: Kirsti Jarvis, Public Relations Chairman; June Ellingsen, Citizenship Chairman; Sister Georgina Johnston, Chairman of Child Abuse and Neglect Commission; Doreen Richter, Life Member and Liaison with Metric Commission.

On the afternoon of January 19th two special meetings were held, a Provincial Presidents meeting and a meeting of the Finance Committee.

Friday, January 20th

The President, June Lore, gave reports on Canadian Teachers Federation, Canadian School Trustees Association, Council of Ministers of Education Canada, National Council on Voluntary Action. Two new liaisons - Tom Wilkinson with Newfoundland, Cathy Schoen with Yukon Teachers Federation. Quebec representatives to Board of Directors are Sandra Keightley, June Ellingsen and Dorothy Chant. Elizabeth O'Connell to be a representative to the Canadian Safety Council, with Kirsti Jarvis and Frances MacLean.

Reports were given by June Lore (regarding National delegates especially); Catherine Schoen, Western Vice-President; Tom Wilkinson, Eastern Vice-President. Reports were received from Provincial Presidents, including Quebec which dealt with Green Paper on Education, Bill 101 and Teacher Contract Negotiations. These can be read in Book of Reports.

Pamphlets (1) Child Abuse and Neglect, now ready. This was produced by Sister Georgina Johnston, who introduced Mrs. Barbara Morrison of the Social Service Programs Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare, who helped with funding of pamphlet and assisted in format of pamphlet. Mrs. Morrison spoke on 'Child Abuse' - films and pamphlets available, including 13 filmstrips, from "Challenge for Change" in Montreal.

(2) Home & School Policies pamphlet still in working stage at present. This committee is headed by Fred Sawyer.

Report on Metric Commission - was given by Doreen Richter, who also gave out kits on metric conversion. She felt teacher training lagging behind and students not receiving proper training in metrics.

Report from Bilingualism Committee - William Asherman - Report to be read by all provincial presidents and any discrepancies noted and sent to Mr. Asherman so they would be corrected by AGM.

Smoking and Health - provinces-wide survey (held under auspices of CHSPTF) by University of Waterloo, covering ten provincial departments of education, 261 Boards of Education and a total of 408 schools.

Report - Liaison Ottawa - Flora Priddle - an ad hoc committee has been set up on the "International Year of the Child (1979)" chaired by Flora Priddle. Each provincial President to be a member.

Report of Program Chairman AGM - Elizabeth O'Connell - National meeting to take place at Bishops University, Lennoxville, June 7 - 11 inclusive. All Chairmen in vicinity of AGM to be invited, besides those on Constitution, Resolutions & Policy, Media, Home Influences and Finance.

Nominations Chairman - Doreen Richter has agreed to undertake this duty.
Publicity Chairman - Barbara Kerr

Report from Citizenship Committee - June Ellingsen

Resolutions

- 1) Grants for Bilingualism - Quebec Federation
- 2) Legal Status of the Child as Non Person - from Mary Van Stolk, Pres. Tree Foundation of Canada

Announcement - Mrs. St. Lawrence resigning as secretary after AGM in June. Discussion took place regarding her replacement, training of, etc. Selection Committee to be set up - Kirsti Jarvis, Joan Anderson, Fred Sawyer and Ivy. Elizabeth O'Connell proposed a vote of appreciation to Mrs. St. Lawrence for

the many years of dedicated effort she had given to Federation.

Finance Committee - A tentative budget was given for information only.

Bilingual Workshop - held January 17 and 18, prior to the Mid-Term meeting. This was funded by the Secretary of State Department enabling each province to bring delegates from French speaking groups to Ottawa to discuss matters of concern to all parents in both education and social services to the community.

Reports from Hansard are sent out regularly to all provincial presidents and delegates. Anything dealing with subjects of interest and concern such as:-

- Sexual exploitation of children
- Pornography and obscenity
- Canadian Bill of Rights for children
- Young offenders
- Relief to non-smokers in transit
- Advertising on children's programs
- Advertising on food
- Amendment of the Official Languages Act
- Amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act

Full details of the resolutions or reports are available upon request.

Respectfully submitted

JUNE ELLINGSEN

TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978
Acting Chairman, Elizabeth O'Connell

The past president continued responsibility for any activity in this area following the 1977 AGM.

The only concern of this "committee" has been regarding the Martin Commission. This Commission was established on July 27, 1977, by order-in-council of the government of Quebec to study negotiations in the public and parapublic sectors and make recommendations to the government for future legislation re negotiations in these sectors.

Unfortunately, Quebec Federation was not made aware of the Commission from the onset which gave it a very limited time for preparation and submission of a Brief. Sydney Dutton, the former Chairman, prepared the Brief based on Quebec Federation's experience in past Teacher Contract Negotiations, with input from Maybelle Durkin, who also served on this committee during the period of negotiations, and the acting chairman. The Brief was reviewed by members of the Executive Committee before submission.

The Commission held hearings on the Briefs submitted from October 21st to December 21st, 1977, inclusive, the Quebec Federation Brief being heard on December 14th represented by Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Ellingsen. The Quebec Federation brief was circulated to the Board of Directors and local associations.

The report of the Martin Commission was prepared and delivered to the Government on February 15, 1978. However, this "committee" did not come into possession of it until the week of April 3rd. Time has not permitted arrangement of the study of the report and its recommendations, which is 557 pages in length and in French only. Fortunately, QAPSB has made available overview in English which was given to us on April 19, 1978. This is being circulated to the above mentioned persons and a brief oral comment will be given at the AGM, since time does not permit its inclusion herewith.

It is most important for the parents' point of view to be expressed to the Government regarding any forthcoming legislation in the area of Teacher Contract Negotiations. Therefore, the following recommendations are made:-

- 1) That the Executive Committee, with subsequent ratification by the Board of Directors, at the first possible opportunity following the AGM, take action to ensure the ongoing work with respect to the Martin Commission report.
- 2) That the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation, not later than its September meeting, ensures that the Teacher Contract Negotiations Committee commences study on the forthcoming negotiations (the present contract expires June 30, 1979). That these studies include formation of directives to local associations re analysis of past and present contracts in order that parents can more fully understand these negotiations and the full ramification of the demands and offers, in particular concerning the education of the student.

Respectfully submitted
ELIZABETH O'CONNELL

77/1
Health Education in the Schools
Replies received from the Minister of Education and PAPT. No
Board, PAPT and LTA. Follow up meetings were held with the PAPT.

77/2
French Language Instruction Financial Support
Replies received from the Minister of Education and PAPT. No
Board, PAPT and LTA. Follow up meetings were held with the PAPT.

77/3
Safety in Transportation of School Children
Replies received from the Minister of Education, Minister of Transport,
Quebec Safety League and the MUCTC. Additional meetings were
held and changes in bus markings will be made for 1978-79 school
year.

77/4
Secondary Five Certificats
Replies received from the Minister of Education and Lakeshore School
Board. No change in existing practice.

77/5
Translation Facilities at the Superior Council of Education
Replies received from the Council.
Disposition of Resolutions from the 33rd Annual Meeting
Replies received from the Minister of Education, Minister of Labor,
All resolutions were forwarded to the designated destinations.
Minister of Public Service and PAPT.

77/6
Health Education in the Schools
Replies received from the Minister of Education and Lakeshore School
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77/7
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77/8
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RESOLUTION 78/1 - SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

From: Executive Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Assocs.

WHEREAS the Department of Education is committed to a policy of more parental involvement in the operation of schools, their educational policies and financing,

WHEREAS the School Commissioners elected from the population at large in a community are the elected representatives of the citizens,

WHEREAS the elected representatives are playing an increasing role in the governing of our education in this province,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the existing law under the Education Act which only requires candidates to be nominated one week in advance of a school board election, be changed to allow more time for nominations thereby giving the electors additional time to meet the candidates and discuss issues,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT candidates must file for election as school commissioners at least four weeks prior to election day.

Destination: Minister of Education
School Council of the Island of Montreal
Q.A.P.S.B.

Background

One week is not sufficient time to allow voters to study and evaluate candidates and issues.

RESOLUTION 78/2 - SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The following resolution is presented for reaffirmation by the Transportation and Safety Committee of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations.
(Formerly passed as Resolution 73/10)

WHEREAS the safety of children in school buses rests to a large extent on the competence of the bus driver, and

WHEREAS, in the past, Quebec school bus drivers have only been required to demonstrate their ability to obtain a chauffeur's license and to pass a medical examination; and

WHEREAS school bus driving requires distinct skills, and

WHEREAS the Provincial Ministry of Labour recognizes its role in the training of, and granting of certificates to most other tradesmen; and

WHEREAS school bus drivers should be capable of administering at least elementary first aid; and

RESOLUTION 78/2 - SCHOOL BUS SAFETY, cont.

WHEREAS the safety of children in school buses must depend upon the ability of the drivers and passengers to understand each other,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Government be required to institute and maintain a program of mandatory instruction, examinations and periodic re-examinations for school bus drivers, that the instruction include first aid training and driver candidates be remunerated by the Government during their initial training,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that drivers must have a working knowledge of the language spoken by the majority of their student passengers; the acceptable minimum being a working knowledge of the language of instruction of the school.

Destination: Minister of Labour
Minister of Transport
Minister of Education
Q.A.P.S.B.

Background

School bus accidents continue to happen. Better trained drivers will help reduce these accidents.

RESOLUTION 78/3 - INTEGRATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEES

From: Roslyn and Westmount High Home and School Associations

WHEREAS the activities of the Home and School Association at local, regional and provincial levels are often duplicated by school committees and parent committees,

WHEREAS the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is no longer the only organization serving the interests of parents in the Province of Quebec,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations instruct its executive to take all necessary steps to bring about the integration of its activities at the local, regional and provincial levels with School Committees, Parent Committees and existing federations.

Destination: Q.F.H.S.A.
Central Parents Committee
Lakeshore Parents Committee
Superior Council of Education

Background

Many schools have difficulty raising one group of parents to take an active role in the school, let alone two groups. Can one combined group serve the school better?

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 78/1

SUPPORT OF ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD IN THE DU LITTORAL SCHOOL AREA

From: QFHSA, Executive Committee

WHEREAS the du Littoral School Board was created in 1967 as an administrative unit to serve an evolving North Shore society in education,

WHEREAS this evolution period towards autonomy has not been reflected by the management of the du Littoral School Board,

WHEREAS the du Littoral School Board is in a position to recognize, of its own volition, the increased desire for responsibility and accountability on the part of the people it serves and has failed to do so,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations most strongly urge the Department of Education of Quebec to investigate the management structure and responsibility to the public of the du Littoral School Board,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education of Quebec direct the du Littoral School Board to proceed with all haste to institute a democratically elected school board.

Destination: Department of Education, Quebec
Superior Council, Protestant Comm.

Background

Interviews with Mrs. Gloria Nadeau, Chairman of the Parents' Committee of the du Littoral School Board, as reported in the Gazette, have brought to the public's attention the situation in the North Shore region of Quebec regarding the parental voice in education. From these press reports it appears that the effectiveness of the voice of the parents has lessened to a considerable degree since the Fall of 1976, when Quebec Federation's President attended the du Littoral Parents' Committee meeting.

GREEN PAPER COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978

Co-Chairmen: June Ellingsen, Bill Clinton

A committee to study the Green Paper was set up by the Board soon after it was issued in mid Fall. Once the English version was made available directions were sent to local associations to submit reports on the Green Paper to the committee in order that a Brief may be prepared on behalf of Quebec Federation.

Members of the Board and of the Committee have attended many meetings in various parts of the province - as active participants as well as passive observers. The most important general meeting was the one called by the Superior Council of Education and held at Loews LaCité on March 9 and 10.

Members of the Committee have been invited to provide leadership to some of our associations in their study of the Green Paper.

We will be submitting our Brief in final form to the Minister by June 2nd.

Respectfully submitted

JUNE ELLINGSEN
BILL CLINTON

Committee members: Bob Miller
Terry Copeland
John Labute
Irenée Palmer
Syd Dutton
Pat Lewis

LIAISON WITH CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FEDERATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978
June Ellingsen, Chairman

At the National Mid-Term meeting, held in Toronto, January 20/22, 1977, I was appointed liaison with the Canadian Citizenship Federation and, subsequently, at the National meeting in Nova Scotia, June '77, I was appointed Chairman of the Citizenship Committee. Since then I have attended meetings in Ottawa and Montreal in that capacity and Quebec Federation has always been invited to all seminars by the President, Mrs. Irene Cleary.

Annual Meeting and Symposium on Multiculturalism - held at Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, April 23/24, 1977. Delegates attended from all parts of Canada. After registration, opening remarks were made by George Bonaviva, Editor of Ethnic Kaleidoscope Canada, a monthly publication of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, of Ottawa, on "Multiculturalism and Canadian Citizenship". Greetings were brought to the delegates from the Multicultural Department of the Secretary of State and then the meeting was thrown open to discussion regarding the purpose of the conference and resolutions that could result from workshops.

Following lunch, two workshops were set up - one regarding realistic demands in respect of grants from government, encouragement of Canadians to know their own country and learn about their historic heritage, encouragement of the provincial governments to supply such facilities for these tourists as special rates in accommodation and fares; one to discuss the situation regarding Quebec and the government of same and the referendum. Five resolutions came from the first workshop and two from the second, and were duly accepted by the delegates present at the business meeting, Sunday morning, April 24th, after the installation of the new President, Mrs. M. Cleary, and officers.

Dr. Nicholas Zsolnay, who chaired the conference, was a delegate from the Montreal Citizenship Council, and invited me to attend the "Citizenship Day" at the Chalet Mont Royal on May 19th. On this occasion, the Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable Jules Léger, attended by the Judges of Immigration and Citizenship Court, presented the awards to twenty new Canadian citizens, and Outstanding Citizenship awards to -

Alice Parizeau, for her work in the protection of children by law
Ethel Stark, well known Canadian musician
Claude St. Jean, for medical research on Freidreich Ataxia and setting up of association across Canada for those stricken by that neurological disease.

Other awards were given to students who had entered the essay contest on "Welcome and Friendship" in both school systems, Montreal Catholic and Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. It was a very inspiring evening, especially when the 800 people present stood to sing "O Canada".

Four seminars on "Multiculturalism - Cultures in Contact/Conflict" were held in the auditorium of Vanier Library, Loyola Campus, September 18, October 23, November 27 and December 4, 1977, given by Professor Rudnyckj, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, a member of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and a long time leader within the Canadian Citizenship movement. These lectures explored the use of formulae in analyzing socio-cultural problems and as an aid to understanding the ever evolving changes in human cultures. The role of language and the influence of technology on progress in our present world were discussed, especially with regard to Canada and Quebec.

Symposium on Canadian Unity - Saturday, January 21, 1978

Jointly organised by the Canadian Citizenship Federation and the Montreal Citizenship Council at Sir George Williams campus, Concordia University.

Guest speakers - Dr. Kéveark Baghdjian, President, Ethnic Groups of Quebec, spoke on "Canadian Unity is also our Problem".

Professor L.P. Arnopoulos - "The Re-Constitution of Canada".

Mr. H. Ian MacDonald, President, York University, Toronto spoke on "Towards New Options for Canadian Confederation".

Mr. MacDonald was also the guest speaker at the banquet held that evening at the Windsor Hotel, and his topic - "The Future of Canada, It's in our Hands". These speeches were extremely well received by those present - from our multicultural society.

Other symposiums have been held across Canada - Vancouver, Winnipeg, Calgary and Laval. The National AGM was held April 22/23 in Vancouver so I was unable to attend.

Visits to Ottawa

June 21/77 - "On a National Understanding" spoken to by the Honorable John Roberts, Secretary of State, in the House of Commons.

July 5/6 - "Canadian Unity" debate - Prime Minister Trudeau, House of Commons. Attended with Betty O'Connell, Maybelle Durkin and Irene Cleary, President, Canadian Citizenship Federation. Afterwards visited with Senator Forsey, Drury and McEachern to discuss the position of the government on freedom of choice of language of education.

United Nations - Montreal Branch - December 8/77 - held at Concordia (Sir George Williams Campus) - Human Rights Day and the Year of Human Rights 1978. Guest Speakers, M. Jacques Bergeron, Commission on Human Rights Quebec and Dr. John Humphrey, Professor Emeritus, McGill and United Nations. Discussion held on the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Bill 101.

Respectfully submitted

JUNE ELLINGSEN

CURRICULUM COUNCIL PACT/PAPT LIAISON
Report to the Annual General Meeting
June Ellingsen, Liaison

Meetings

June 28/77, PAPT Building, D.D.O.

December 2/77, February 8/78 and February 27/78, all held at Marymount.

Report on meeting, May 26th, at PAPT offices

A meeting was held between the Curriculum Council and representatives of the Direction Generale de Developpement Pedagogique of the MEQ. Subject matter mainly referred to the boycott policy on provincial exams, and a new evaluation policy that could come from the Green Paper; also a restructurisation of curriculum at the elementary and secondary level. History and geography specifically mentioned; also a new chemistry course. Provincial exams ongoing, now only 93 exams until June '78. Teachers asked again to take part in writing of exams. Tests for levels of general competence in a subject, eg. English, Maths at Grades 2, 4, 6 elementary, Secondary 2 and 4.

Report of meeting with MEQ, June 9th

Scheduling of exams for '77 examined and local boards had been consulted and agreed on its use. MEQ's position on matric exams was stated. History 412 mandatory for high school certificates from June '78 on. School mark to count for more with regard to final mark. Number of exams in Secondary V to be reduced and tests given from Secondary I to V. Syllabus of future History course still under study. Curriculum Council requested each subject association to determine views on boycott and return so that the policy could be reviewed.

December 2nd meeting

Report on Green Paper - it was suggested that each subject association respond independently with Briefs.

Status of Women - statement issued on resolution by PACT regarding Women's studies.

Art teachers submitted paper on "Survival of Art Education in Quebec" now under study.

Education Consultants of Montreal - a new association formed for resource and input by MCSC.

January 26th/78 meeting

Re-appraisal of Curriculum Council - its composition, mandate. Consultation on formation and perfecting of teacher training qualifications and standards.

February 8th/78 meeting

Re-appraisal continued - suggestion that structure be changed as Curriculum Council sometimes circumvented. Review of mandate and proposals made for amended role; recommendations to be presented May 11 meeting. M.R.I. teachers to be represented, also Biology and Tech/Voc.

Feb. 27/78 Report of Meeting with MEQ in April

Re exam boycott policy - recommendations were made which have been provisionally accepted by MEQ. Review Board to have say in and make public who prepares exams.

Ontario Association for Curriculum Development

Held their 26th Annual Conference at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Nov. 10/12, 1977. Theme - "The Teacher in Ontario in 1977" -

Sub-themes: The Teacher as Curriculum Developer
The Teacher as Professional Educator
The Teacher in the Community: Rights, Responsibilities, Rewards and Recognition
The Teacher as Catalyst and Performer
The Teacher as Futurist

Quebec Federation decided not to send a delegate this year, but a copy of the report on workshops and conclusions has been obtained. Anyone interested especially teacher members of Federation contact office.

Minority Groups and Education Conference

held at McGill, Faculty of Education and Royal Victoria College, April 5/6.

Theme - "Human Rights in Education?" -

Purpose - to stimulate thought, discussion and action regarding perception and treatment of minority groups in the educational system.

Participants - students, community members, teachers, school administrators and university academics.

Workshop Objectives - 1) Bring together cross section of those involved in the education system.
2) Explore how schools perceive, label and deal with minority group issues.
3) Design proposals focusing on more effective teacher preparation for dealing with minority needs in school and community.

Guest Speakers - Harold Trofer - OISE, Toronto

topic - "Immigrants and Today's Schools" - A Historical Perspective. Information: history course 'Multicultural Heritage', Grade 9/10 Toronto.

- André Malte - Quebec Superior Council of Education
topic - "Aspirations and needs of Minorities Groups in Quebec"

Information: an ad hoc committee has been set up under the direction of the Superior Council consisting of representatives of Black, Jewish, Orthodox and Italian communities, entitled "Interconfessional and Intercultural Committee". (COLVEPS) To study expectations and needs of religious and ethnic groups. Integration of groups with respect toward cultural values. Recommendations to go to Superior Council on Education end of May. Robert Kouri, Principal, Baron Byng High School is a member.

April 6/78 Workshops

- 1) Dealing with discrimination and prejudice in the school and community.
- 2) The role of teacher training with respect to minority groups.
- 3) Multiculturalism - myths and realities

Formulation of specific recommendations or proposals:

- a) One day pedagogical workshop at McGill.
- b) Mobile workshop to be held in school.
- c) Materials for programs and resource centre in community to be designed by McGill.
- d) Involvement of inner city parents in decision making.

Multicultural milieu is a reality of our everyday life. School Boards should influence Faculty of Education to give more consideration in teacher training. Proposals that focus on better preparation of teachers to work in a multi-ethnic school and community environment will go back to faculty of education members for approval, then to ethnic communities for suggestions, input and approval. There will be ongoing studies and Quebec Federation has asked to be kept informed.

Respectfully submitted

JUNE ELLINGSEN

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978

Allan Locke, President

In May, 1977, several members met to reply to the Lakeshore School Board request for comments on the LSB future role and for suggestions of what we felt were the skills needed by the Director General of a Board.

During the summer the Lakeshore Regional Council Bill 101 Committee was active initiating and preparing material for the Westmount High School Meeting, and Messrs. Dutton and Tanner were the Home and School representatives on a LSB committee working to provide information for parents re Bill 101.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on September 20th and the President of QFHSA brought us up to date on their position on Bill 101.

Several members of the LRC attended the excellent conference on the Green Paper in February run by the Lakeshore Teachers Association and Mr. Dutton was our representative on their planning for this conference.

A further general meeting was held on April 19th and the Green Paper, Bill 101, and LSB enrollments were some of the items discussed.

Respectfully submitted

ALLAN LOCKE



QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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April 5, 1978.

TO: ALL LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: The Committee on Nominations for Provincial Officers

The Committee on Nominations for Officers of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, appointed by the Board of Directors, met on March 16th, 21st and 28th, 1978, to consider nominations received for those positions on the Executive Committee which are open for election at the 1978 Annual General Meeting.

The members of the Nominating Committee and alternates present at the meetings were as follows:-

March 16, 1978 - Board members - Elizabeth O'Connell, Chairman, Aldis Lee, Pat Lewis and alternate Barbara Kerr. Non-Board members - Ian Trasler, Lyman Roberts, Pamela Paz and alternates Getta Denhardt and Joan Riches.

March 21, 1978 - Board members - Elizabeth O'Connell, Chairman, Aldis Lee and alternate William Asherman. Non-Board members - Ian Trasler, Lyman Roberts, Sylvester White, Pamela Paz and alternate Getta Denhardt.

March 28, 1978 - Board members - Elizabeth O'Connell, Chairman, Aldis Lee, Pat Lewis and alternate Barbara Kerr. Non-Board members - Ian Trasler, Lyman Roberts, Sylvester White, Pamela Paz and alternates Getta Denhardt and Joan Riches.

After considering all the nominations received, the following persons have been nominated for the seven positions which were open to election, namely:-

Executive Vice-President

Dr. Calvin Potter

Five (5) Vice-Presidents

Carol Bulow

Dorothy Chant

William Clinton

Patricia Morgan

Barbara Milne-Smith

Recording Secretary

Irene Donaldson

The term of office is for two years for all nominees with the exception of William Clinton, whose term of office shall be for one year only, having been nominated to complete a term of office which expires at the Annual General Meeting 1979.

While a committee on nominations for Provincial officers exists to ensure that there are nominees for election to office for all vacancies on the Executive Committee in the following two years, or one year should this arise, it does not preclude other members in good standing from being nominated for election in accordance with Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws which states:-

Nominations for Federation Officers may be made by a group or individual members, such nominations to be accompanied by signatures of at least twenty-five (25) supporting members in good standing and indicating nominee's acceptance. Nominations from the membership must reach the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than one week before the Annual Meeting, and shall be included in the official ballot.

In cases where association members are involved, please indicate name of association.

In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation of elections should further nominations be made, they must be received at Federation office NOT LATER THAN - NOON, on Friday, April 28, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH O'CONNELL, Past President
Chairman, Nominations Committee 1978

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

NOMINATED FOR EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT 1978-80

CALVIN POTTER Dr. Potter is the father of three children, two attending University and one at a private school. He is a graduate of both Sir George Williams and McGill Universities. He is a chartered accountant and economist, now at Concordia University as Professor in the Faculty of Commerce and Administrative Studies. He is past treasurer of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Federation of the Associations of the Universities of Quebec and also of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations. Calvin is presently serving the first year of a two year term of office as a Vice-President. In this capacity he has chaired the Federation's Bill 101 Action Committee. He was responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Federation's Brief to the Unity Task Force.

(Home address: 2285 Cambridge Road, Town of Mount Royal)

NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENTS

CAROL BULOW The mother of two children both attending Logan School in Montreal where Carol is a past president of the Home & School Association, has served on several committees and is at present on the executive committee. As membership chairman, Carol, together with the help of her husband, achieved for Logan Home & School an award for 100% membership from Quebec Federation. Carol has been educated in England, Japan and China. She is a graduate cardiology technician of the Montreal General Hospital. Carol, who is also trained in art, is in business with her husband.

(Home address: 1910 Van Horne Avenue, Montreal)

DOROTHY CHANT She is the mother of two children, one a graduate of Queen's University and another graduating this year from Carleton University. Both are graduates of MacDonald High in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. She has been President of MacDonald Home & School Association and served as its membership chairman and also as Membership Chairman of Quebec Federation. Dorothy has served on the executive of CFHSA since May 1975 as a Vice-President and is presently completing a term of office as executive Vice-President. She is editor of the Home and School NEWS and on the Bill 101 Action Committee as well as being on the Lakeshore District Council of Home & School.

(Home Address: 110 Bedford Avenue, Baie d'Urfé)

WILLIAM CLINTON The father of four children, two attending Heroes' Memorial School in Cowansville and one in private school. Bill has long been active in Home & School, both in the Bedford District and at Quebec Federation level. He was first elected to the executive as a vice-president in 1971 and has subsequently served as executive vice-president and vice-president for four terms, prior to this year's appointment as a vice-president by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the executive committee. He has chaired and served on many committees including English, Teacher Classification, Bill 22 and Immigration and Citizenship, the latter of which he is presently chairman. Bill is an Anglican priest and a teacher of Moral and Religious Education at Massey-Vanier Regional High School.

(Home address: 330 Bruce Blvd., Cowansville)

Biographical Notes, cont.

PATRICIA MORGAN The mother of two children attending Alexander Galt Regional High School where Patricia has served for four years on the School Committee. During this period she has been the Chairman of the Parents' Committee for this region. Prior to this Pat was active as a volunteer during the years her children were in elementary school. Professionally Pat is a Royal Bank Savings Manager and her community interests, besides in the schools, are in the church, Brownies, Guides and minor soccer. She is also studying part-time for her B.A. at Bishop's University, majoring in English, and teaches music.

(Home address: 129 Queen Street, Lennoxville)

BARBARA MILNE-SMITH The mother of four children, three still at school at high school, CEGEP and University level. She has been active with Home and School for many years serving as chairman of many committees and on the executive committees of both Lakeside Heights and John Rennie High School where she has been president of both. Barbara has been Area Director for Lakeshore II and serves as the secretary of the Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School. She is presently completing a one year term of office as a vice-president of Quebec Federation. She served as conference co-chairman for 1977 Annual General Meeting and again this year - 1978, as well as the chairman for the 1977 Leadership Conference. She was born and educated in Quebec and is by profession a secretary.

(Home address: 144 Concord Crescent, Pointe Claire)

NOMINATED FOR RECORDING SECRETARY 1978-1980

IRENE DONALDSON The mother of three children, two of whom are at Lachine High School and one attending CEGEP. Irene, who has been active in Home and School since 1965, has served on the executive of Meadowbrook as President and is presently serving in that capacity at Lachine High. Irene was educated in the USA, is bilingual, and a trained secretary. She is presently the secretary for the Western Lachine Recreation Centre Baseball Association.

(Home address: 4625 Sherbrooke Street, Lachine)

NEWS COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978
Dorothy E. Chant, Editor

Six issues, five regular and one Special Edition in July, approximately 90,000 copies, of the Quebec Home and School NEWS were circulated in Quebec since the last General Meeting.

The \$3.00 Provincial Membership Fee ensures the continuing existence of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and provides for the publication and distribution of the NEWS to the home of every member. Extra copies of each issue are available upon request, for Membership Promotion in the schools and copies are circulated to other interested organizations, including the School Boards.

To fulfill the objectives of the NEWS is a challenge at the best of times and today with the constant crisis in the Educational field as a result of Bill 101, it has become even more difficult but we try!

OUR AIMS: (1) To inform each member of what is heppening in Education in Quebec, what it means to him and what the Provincial Executive is doing about it.

(2) To give each local association the opportunity to share with others in Quebec through the:-
FOCUS ON THE LOCALS
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
SUGGESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

(3) To offer practical and interesting family-oriented articles on subjects such as health, statistics, current events, etc.

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WHAT would the EDITORIAL BOARD LIKE TO HAVE HAPPEN ????

YOU PARTICIPATING IN YOUR PAPER !!!!!

Respectfully submitted
DOROTHY E. CHANT

OFFICE SERVICES COMMITTEE 1977-78
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1978
Mrs. Ruth Pidduck, Chairman

The past year has meant a greatly increased workload. Our fight against Bill 1 and Bill 101 has literally doubled the amount of paperwork coming out of the office, without a corresponding increase in the number of volunteers. Hopefully the request for volunteers in the last issue of the "News" will result in the needed help in the fight against Bill 101. Early response has been encouraging.

It is, however, for the more mundane, day-to-day chores that we most require help-addressing labels, typing running off stencils, collating, stuffing envelopes etc. that anyone can do but almost no one is willing to do.

Consequently, Mrs. Donna Sauriol, our Executive Secretary, is overwhelmed with these tasks, and cannot find time to deal with reports, briefs, inquiries, the mail, banking etc. As it is, she invariably works through her lunch hour, has to stay overtime practically every night and many weekends--all without extra recompense. While she does not complain it is too much to expect of anyone.

Among the handful of regular volunteers I would like to particularly thank Aldis Lee, Barbara Milne-Smith, Fay Richardson, Getta Denhardt, and the children of Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Sauriol.

It is impossible for such a small group to cope adequately with all the work that must get done. More help is needed at once. Even with the task of getting all the reports out for the A.G.M.; stuffing the kits; getting them to the hotel; making arrangements for the hotel etc. etc. there still remains vast amounts of work to be done on a continuing basis.

We realize that with so many women returning to work there are fewer and fewer people available to do volunteer work. As we, as a volunteer organization, cannot afford to hire people (although provision was made to pay their travelling expenses if coming from a distance) it simply means that the small pool of volunteers who do have the time and inclination to help have to do more and more. Frankly I am at a loss as to how to recruit more volunteer help. Possibly some of the locals who are at a distance or whose members cannot donate their services might consider making a donation to reimburse in a small way some of the regular volunteers--such as treating them to lunch on a particularly hectic day of putting out a brief for example. I would appreciate receiving other suggestions from the locals.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Pidduck
Office Services Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE 101 ACTION COMMITTEE

The 101 Action Committee was set up by the Executive Committee in July 1967. At that time the social climate in Quebec was deteriorating and relations between the linguistic communities were accordingly strained. The 39 page Brief on Bill 1 that had been prepared and submitted by Federation had not been given a hearing by the Committee of the National Assembly, nor was our telegram to Premier Levesque requesting an interview to express our concerns and priorities accorded a positive response. The Executive Committee, conscious as it was of the implications of the deteriorating scene, set up the 101 Action Committee to oversee all the initiatives, actions and responses of the Federation in relation to Bill 101. As originally named, all the members except one were members of the Executive, so that the Action Committee was essentially a sub-committee task force.

The activities of the Action Committee have reflected its mission nature.

- 1) The first project of the Action Committee was to write in July a letter of protest to the Secretary of State concerning the bias and omissions in the Federal Government's document, A National Understanding -- a document that was intended to explain each of the linguistic communities to the other.
- 2) In August the Action Committee organized a bus load of Home and Schoolers who took the message of "Freedom of Choice" down to the Premiers' Conference in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

In August a letter was received from Prime Minister Trudeau commending the Federation on its Brief for Bill 101.

- 3) In September the Action Committee wrote to all those who had submitted briefs on Bill 1 or 101 to the National Assembly. We gathered over 100 briefs in the responses. Originally our intention was to organize a public symposium. We would sponsor a public forum where all those who had taken the time and care to prepare briefs could state their position to the public.

Those who had been denied the opportunity to speak, and the public which had been denied the information that had been suppressed, would both be benefitted. Unfortunately despite a lot of search we could not find a French language co-sponsor and so we allowed, reluctantly, a good idea to lapse.

In this month the Committee also organized the submission to the Cabinet of a Legal Petition requesting Bill 101 be referred to the Supreme Court.

- 4) In October a reply was written to Mr. Trudeau setting forth the Federation's position. Concurrently the Action Committee organized a Blitz on Ottawa. Approximately 200 members descended by bus and auto upon Ottawa to interview their M.P.'s. Before the visit arrangements had been made for Home and Schoolers from 22 constituencies to visit with their particular M.P.'s. After those interviews the party met as a group with spokesmen from the Progressive Conservatives, the N.D.P., and the Liberals.
- 5) In November Federation received a 2 page reply from the Secretary of State which ended with the statement: "I hope you will continue to pursue the issue within the province's judicial system".
- 6) In December the Board of Directors approved in principle the initiation of a court action against Bill 101.
- 7) In January an appeal to the membership for funds was launched. A brief was prepared and presented to the Task Force on Canadian Unity.
- 8) In February a letter was written to the ten provincial premiers in anticipation of their meeting in Montreal. This letter set forth Federation's position on 'freedom of choice' and 'reciprocal accords in education'.
- 9) In March detailed replies were received from Premiers Blakeney, Hatfield, and Levesque.
- 10) In April organization continued for a public campaign for funds when the court action is launched.
- 11) From the period August 1, 1977, until April 30, 1978, the 101 Action Fund raised slightly over \$28,000. Approximately \$22,000 of that sum was raised as a result of an appeal to members in January 1978.

The total expenditures to date including advances to legal counsel amount to approximately \$25,000. Full audited statements will be presented for the fund in the normal fashion.

This impressive series of missions could not have been completed without the continuing co-operation of all members of the Action Committee, and particularly without the steadfast attendance and participation of Barbara Milne Smith, Barbara Moore, Betty O'Connell, and June Ellingsen.

Respectfully submitted,
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