

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

JOINT DOMINION-PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.

FRANK MACKINNON, Principal, Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I., presiding.

MR. FRANK MACKINNON: Come to order. Our general subject on the agenda concerns Dominion-Provincial Agreements and the various mechanisms by which Dominion-Provincial Agreements can be facilitated. Many of you have read that very interesting little book called "Cheaper by the Dozen", which was a best seller of last year, in which a father with twelve children had to find means of facilitating agreements within his family by giving each a responsibility for his own share of the family duties and yet provide for co-operation among the whole group. Now we in Canada have a rather large family and it is essential for us to find various means of facilitating joint action among its various branches.

Today, we are to have three papers on three interesting and important topics: Conditional Grants, Joint Action by Agreement, and The Joint Corporation or Board. The first one on Conditional Grants is, of course, a touching topic to discuss with a college principal as chairman, because we have conditional grants in colleges as well as in government. You know what it is like when an elderly-lady comes to you with a large amount of money to give to the college and you immediately think of salary raises and more equipment. Then she puts a condition on it, and says, "Well this is to be given to the student from Two Three Corners who stands highest in Latin and who looks like my late husband" or something like that. That is a conditional grant which at times can become very irritating but which on most occasions is an important part of college finance. Today we are to have a paper on "The Technique of Conditional Grants:—Old Age Pensions," given by Mr. Gustave Poisson, K.C., Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Youth from the Province of Quebec. Mr. Poisson. (Applause).