



MEMORIAL PRESENTS

Education Reform in Post-Confederation Newfoundland and Labrador: Politics and Lessons

Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 7:30 pm
Inco Innovation Centre – Memorial University
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Dr. Philip Warren



Phillip Warren has had a rich career in education, both provincially and nationally. Educated at Memorial University and the University of Alberta, Dr. Warren began his career in the 1950s and has served as a school principal, university professor, university administrator and policy researcher.

From 1964 to 1969, he chaired the Royal Commission on Education and Youth and, in the government of Premier Clyde Wells, served as Minister of Education. Dr. Warren retired from political life in 1993 and has served on numerous boards and commissions since that time. Named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2002, Dr. Warren continues his scholarly pursuits and is currently researching and writing the story of the reform of Newfoundland's denominational education system.

Dr. Alice Collins



Alice Collins is Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Education at Memorial University. She has studied at Memorial University, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Ottawa, where she obtained her PhD.

Dr. Collins has had extensive national participation in education as President of the Canadian Association of Teacher Education (1999-2001), President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (2001-2004), President of the Canadian Association of Deans of Education (2005-2007), and member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences (2002-2004).

Her research interests include teacher education and school governance. She has published in scholarly and professional journals and has presented at national and international conferences. She has been involved in development work in Indonesia at the University of Jakarta.

She is a community volunteer and presently serves on the boards of Eastern Health and the Janeway Foundation, and is Chair of the Johnson GeoCentre.

Honourable Edward M. Roberts



Edward Roberts has taken an active part in the legal and public life of Newfoundland and Labrador for 40 years. He conducted an extensive litigation practice, and has appeared before courts at every level from the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador to the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Roberts served as a member of the House of Assembly for 23 years and leader of the Liberal Party for five years. He became the Province's 11th Lieutenant Governor in November 2002 and served in that role until 2008.

He was Chairman of the Board of Regents at Memorial University from 1997 until his appointment as Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Roberts reads widely, particularly in pursuit of his passionate interest in the history of Newfoundland and Labrador. He has collected books about this province for more than 50 years.

He was born in St. John's, the son of Harry Duncan and Mary Katharine (Moxon) Roberts. He married Eve Hargraft Roberts in 1982. He has two daughters, Catherine and Caroline.

He was educated at Holloway School and Prince of Wales College, St. John's; St. Andrew's College, Ontario; and the University of Toronto. Memorial University of Newfoundland conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon him in May 2003. Mr. Roberts was called to the Bar of Newfoundland in 1965. He became a Queen's Counsel in 1979 and a Master of the Supreme Court in 1989.

Post-Confederation Educational Reform: From Rhetoric to Reality

Memorial University, St. John's, May 7-9, 2008

How do we bridge the rhetoric of educational reform, and examine the reality of how reform comes about and is operationalized in real school and school board contexts?

Program of Events

Wednesday, May 7

Education Reform in Post-Confederation Newfoundland and Labrador: Politics and Lessons (Dr. Philip Warren)

Thursday, May 8

Keynote Address: Schools and the Changing World (Dr. Ben Levin, University of Toronto)

Concurrent Sessions:

- Educational Reform
- Church and State
- Higher Education

Luncheon address by the Honourable Joan Burke, Minister of Education

Concurrent Sessions:

- Educational Governance I
- Curriculum Reform
- Changing Educational Models

Concurrent Sessions:

- Early Childhood Education
- The Poor Cousin: Adult Literacy
- Aboriginal Education

Banquet with keynote address by Dr. Charles Ungerleider of the Canadian Council on Learning

Friday, May 9

Breakfast Session for Faculty of Education Doctoral Students

Concurrent Sessions:

- Educational Governance II
- New Learning Technologies
- Rural and Francophone Education

Plenary Session: Current Reform Initiatives:

- SAEET Teacher Education Study
- Pathways Review
- White Paper on Post-Secondary Education
- State of the Arts (Arts and Cultural Education Study)
- Teacher Allocation Review

Panel Discussion: Learning from the Past, Challenge for the Future

Conference Summary (Dr. Ben Levin)