

## BRIEF HISTORY AND PAST PRESIDENTS

The teachers of Prince Edward Island have been organized for over one hundred years and continuously sought the achievement of these two general aims and objects:

1. to advance and promote the interests of education; and
2. to advance, promote and safeguard the interests of the teaching profession and its members.

Some of the highlights in this long and proud history are:

In February, 1880, three years following the adoption of the Public School Act of Prince Edward Island, one hundred and thirty-eight teachers gathered at Upper Prince Street School to form the Teachers' Association of Prince Edward Island;

At the organizational meeting, Mr. D. Montgomery, Superintendent of Education, occupied the presidential chair and Mr. J.D. Seaman, Principal of Prince Street School acted as secretary;

In 1885, this new association was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature;

In 1903, at the annual convention of the association, efforts were made to change the association to a federation, however, this did not occur;

1920 marked the change of the Teachers' Association of Prince Edward Island to the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Union - an effort to unite to obtain improved working conditions;

The Union was dissolved in 1924 and the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation came into existence - a time when the total teacher population in the Province was 612; and

1945 marked the Act of Incorporation for the new Federation;

In 1897 an unsuccessful attempt was made to establish an interprovincial Association for the Maritime Provinces;

In December, 1915 the first organization publication, the Teachers' Magazine was published with Mr. J.D. Seaman as editor;

P.E.I.T.F. affiliated with the Canadian Teachers' Federation in 1924;

CTF Annual Meetings have been hosted by the Federation in 1926, 1951, 1962, 1973, 1987 and 2000;

In 1929 there was a teachers' strike for higher salaries;

The P.E.I.T.F. Newsletter was first published in 1945;

In 1947 the first office was established in the Saunders Building on Prince Street in Charlottetown;

1949 marked the provision for sick leave;

In 1950 the Federation was instrumental in the establishment of summer school for teachers;

The Grafton Street Office was purchased in the spring of 1961;

In 1964 a group disability insurance plan was developed;

1968 marked the beginning of Sabbatical Leaves;

The first collective agreement for the Province was signed in 1972; and in 1974 the present offices - Federation House - were opened in Southport;

In 1980 the Federation celebrated its "Centennial Year".

In 1986 the Federation made provisions for the presidency to be held on a full-time basis.

### PEITF PRESIDENTS FROM 1880

(insofar as records are available)

|           |                   |          |                       |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1880-'85  | D. Montgomery     | 1923-'25 | L.T. Lowther          |
| 1885-'86  | Neil MacLeod      | 1925-'27 | E.J.H. Morrissey      |
| 1887-'88  | J.D. Seaman       | 1927-'28 | W.H. Yeo              |
| 1888-'89  | L. Millar         | 1928-'29 | C.B. Jelley           |
| 1892-'93  | J. A. Ives        | 1929-'30 | Marion Douglas        |
| 1893-'94  | Ewan Stewart      | 1930-'31 | Leo F. MacDonald      |
| 1897-'98  | James Landrigan   | 1931-'32 | Russell Laird         |
| 1898-'99  | R.H. Campbell     | 1932-'33 | Elmer Pineau          |
| 1899-1900 | A.P. Trowsdale    | 1933-'34 | Norman MacDonald      |
| 1900-'01  | Norman Carruthers | 1934-'35 | J.W.F. MacCallum      |
| 1901-'02  | W.D. MacIntyre    | 1935-'36 | Bessie MacLeod        |
| 1902-'03  | Alex Campbell     | 1936-'37 | John Gillis           |
| 1903-'04  | W.J. MacMillan    | 1937-'38 | C.F. Hine             |
| 1905-'06  | Ira J. Yeo        | 1938-'39 | J. Reginald MacDonald |
| 1906-'07  | J.E. Gillis       | 1939-'40 | D.M. Bell             |
| 1907-'08  | J.W. Jones        | 1940-'42 | Edison MacDonald      |
| 1908-'09  | C.W. Kielly       | 1942-'44 | Pius Callaghan        |
| 1909-'10  | Wilfred Boulter   | 1944-'46 | Estelle Bowness       |
| 1910-'11  | P.S. Bradley      | 1946-'48 | Daniel MacDonald      |
| 1911-'12  | M. Coughlan       | 1948-'50 | James R. Murphy       |
| 1912-'13  | Inspector Johnson | 1950-'52 | Mabel O'Brien         |
| 1913-'14  | R.H. Campbell     | 1952-'54 | Earl Jelley           |
| 1914-'15  | Vernon Crockett   | 1954-'56 | Elmer Pineau          |
| 1915-'16  | G.A. McCarthy     | 1956-'58 | Mabel Matheson        |
| 1916-'17  | Leo Nelligan      | 1958-'60 | John Hughes           |
| 1917-'18  | L.W. Shaw         | 1960-'62 | Mrs. Marjorie Dover   |
| 1918-'19  | M.E. Francis      | 1962-'63 | Frank Costello        |
| 1919-'20  | R.H. Rogers       | 1963-'64 | Thomas Hall           |
| 1920-'22  | L.W. Shaw         | 1964-'65 | Charles Campbell      |
| 1922-'23  | D.J. MacArthur    | 1965-'67 | J. Weeks Murphy       |

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| 1967-'68  | Francis Blanchard  |
| 1968-'69  | Rufus Reid         |
| 1969-'70  | Albert Fogarty     |
| 1970-'71  | Archie Clark       |
| 1971-'72  | Richard Noonan     |
| 1972-'73  | James Blanchard    |
| 1973-'74  | Wendell Deagle     |
| 1974-'75  | Roberta Hubley     |
| 1975-'76  | George MacDonald   |
| 1976-'77  | Kimball Blanchard  |
| 1977-'78  | Willard Moase      |
| 1978-'79  | Gerald Praught     |
| 1979-'80  | Brooke Brady       |
| 1980-'81  | Frank Gillan       |
| 1981-'82  | James MacAulay     |
| 1982-'84  | Daphne Hodge       |
| 1984-'87  | James Ross         |
| 1987-'89  | Barbara Foster     |
| 1989-'91  | Michel Plamondon   |
| 1991-'93  | Linda McGuire      |
| 1993-'95  | Leo Broderick      |
| 1995-'97  | Joyce McCardle     |
| 1997-'99  | Ralph Grant        |
| 1999-2001 | Ed Kilfoil         |
| 2001-'03  | Margaret Stewart   |
| 2003-'05  | Maurice Poirier    |
| 2005-'07  | Seana Evans-Renaud |
| 2007-'09  | Phyllis Horne      |

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