

but it has received attention in areas surrounding Calgary, Red Deer Edmonton and Grande Prairie. It has been a precocious child in that it has shown leadership not of youth but of experience.

I am charged with the responsibility of guiding the council through the current year. Thank goodness I have the support of a strong executive! We have planned activities for the next eight months, one of which results in the publication you are reading now. Watch for subsequent issues containing announcements of events to come. Do what you can to make our MCATA a vital force in the teaching of mathematics in Alberta.

- T. P. Atkinson

#### REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE AND LOCAL MEETINGS

The meeting of the MCATA Executive was held October 19 at Barnett House with all executive members present, including those from Calgary and representatives from Red Deer and Edmonton Locals. Details regarding the value and advisability of purchasing the Lindstedt TV films for use by the council was assessed. Problems of editing and organization of the MCATA Newsletter and Yearbook were discussed and a budget of \$600 was approved for publications for the current year. Dates of publication will be November 30, January 30,



The provincial executive confers on a matter of policy (left to right): Dr. Allan Gibb, Gordon Jepson, Mrs. M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Jean Martin, T. P. Atkinson, Fred Tarlton, and T. Rempel.

and April 30. The Professional Lead of Alberta Teachers" (one in a series of research monographs published by The Alberta Teachers' Association) will be studied by the Calgary members of the executive and a report made to the association.

Affiliation with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics was approved by resolution. Problems arising where a member of one council partakes of the services of another council, such as attending seminars and obtaining publications, were discussed and referred for further action at a later date. General plans for seminars indicate they will be held next July at the same locations. The advisability of the general meeting being held at this time was tentatively approved.

A meeting of the executive of the Edmonton Area Regional Local MCATA was held at O'Leary High School on October 29 for the purpose of making plans for the inservice training program initiated by them as a project for this year. Ross Sheppard and Scona Composite High Schools are booked Tuesday and Thursday nights from January 9 to March 19 (February 13 excluded), for ten lecture and workshop sessions dealing with topics under consideration for the revised junior high school mathematics curriculum. The list of instructors is an impressive one and includes a fine distribution from the Department of Education, the University of Alberta and The Alberta Teachers' Association.

On the basis of information to this date a possible schedule was drawn up, subject to revision.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Tuesday Evening</u>	<u>Thursday Evening</u>
Sets	T. P. Atkinson Larry Tymko	J. S. Hrabí N. L. Hrynyk
Number Systems	M. T. Sillito Irene Buckles	R. M. Fysh Dr. Warren Bailey

Numeration	J. Wood Mrs. M. Hutchinson	Fred Tarlton Mrs. M. Herchek
Problem Solving	N. M. Purvis Jack Kirkconnell	A. B. Evenson Mrs. M. Govenchuk
Geometry	A. B. Evenson G. Lambert	J. Cherniwchan Dr. Doyal Nelson

Members of the MCATA will be charged for instructional material; non-members are to be assessed an additional dollar. The executive plans to have the sessions culminate with a banquet for participating instructors.

#### GAINING PERSPECTIVE: A LOOK AT BRITISH COLUMBIA AND SASKATCHEWAN

Editor's Note: In an effort to identify MCATA problems with those of our counterparts in our closest sister provinces, the editor sent a ten-point questionnaire to A. Wayne Kerr, Editor, Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers' Society (SMTS) and J. F. Clark, President, British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers (BCAMT). In substance, here are the answers. Wide differences of viewpoint, function or structure which appear to exist between our organization and SMTS or BCAMT will be underlined.

#### Questionnaire with Answers as Indicated

QUESTION 1 - When was your Mathematics Society formed? Was it promoted by your teachers' association? When did the need become apparent?

SMTS - The Saskatchewan Mathematics Teachers' Society was organized in August, 1961, by a group of teachers attending the International Nickel Mathematics Seminar held at the University of Saskatchewan. The STF central office staff encouraged the initial organization. The need for the Society was visualized for many years, but the seminar