



Tuesday, April 6, 1999  
St. John's NF

### **Dr. Otto G. Tucker to be Made Honorary Member of NLTA**

Dr. Otto G. Tucker will be made an honorary member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association on April 7, 1999 during the Association's Biennial General Meeting in St. John's. Dr. Tucker joins a group of 35 distinguished Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who have received this honor.

Dr. Tucker began his teaching career in 1942 in the communities of La Scie, Trout River and Change Islands. For the 1948-49 school year he was principal of Salvation Army School in Botwood, and from 1949-51, Salvation Army School in Gambo. While in Gambo he co-founded the Gambo-Gander Branch of NTA and was elected its first President.

While attending Memorial University of Newfoundland, he co-founded the NTA Branch on campus. In 1958 he graduated from Memorial with a B.A.(E.d) and received a medal for student leadership. He served as principal of Salvation Army School in Windsor and was President of the NTA Exploits Valley Branch. From 1958-59 he was vice-principal at Botwood Salvation Army Central High School.

In 1960-61 he taught history at Booth Memorial while writing his thesis for a partial requirement for a M.Ed. at the University of Alberta. The thesis was titled "Origin and Development of Regional and Central High Schools in Newfoundland."

From 1961 to 1964 he was school principal in the Mackenzie Delta region of the North West Territories in the communities of Aklavik and Fort McPherson. He then attended the University of Toronto and graduated in 1967 with a Ph.D in Education. While at the University of Toronto he organized the first Graduate Students Association in Education and was elected as the President of the Association.

He was a professor of Education at Acadia University in Nova Scotia until 1971 when he moved to Memorial University, also in the position of professor of Education. It was from Memorial that he retired in 1988.

Besides his extensive educational and professional history, Dr. Tucker has also been very active at the community level. He co-founded and is President of the Wessex Society an organization that explores and strengthens Newfoundland's link to the West County of England. He was recipient of the Silver Cross of St. George, and the Canadian Centennial Medal, for his work with the Wessex Society. In 1984 he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree (L.L.D.) from Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is also a volunteer with the Newfoundland Cancer Society, a member of the Provincial Steering Committee for prostate cancer support group, and co-founder of the Inter-Church Fund for Hungry Children.

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(Delta St. John's Hotel: April 6-9)

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