

people is needed to help make better Citizens for this Canada of ours. Good Citizens can play a part in shaping the future.

All eligible students of Merivale High School, on the outskirts of Ottawa, were offered the opportunity to obtain Canadian Citizenship certificates. The staff was also included in this project. The idea originated with a staff member, Mr. S. E. McDonald, who thought such an undertaking would focus attention on the privileges and responsibilities of Citizenship. Plans were started early in Sept. 1966. The Students first had to obtain a Birth or Baptismal certificate, after which they completed and turned in Citizenship application forms. This was completed by Nov. 30th 1966, and on Jan. 3rd. 1967 the first day of school in the New Year, our Centennial year-- the presentations were made to 592 persons, all but thirty-five being students. These thirty-five were teachers, office and maintenance staff. Presentation was made by Miss Judy La Marsh, our Sect. of State, who said ~~xxx~~ at this time, "These certificates are your opportunity to participate to the maximum of your individual abilities in the benefits which come from being a member of a Democratic Society." A sense of deep pride in Canadian Citizenship seemed to be felt by all. These students now have a tangible form in the shape of a Certificate which they may keep and treasure.

And so it behooves all of us to value our Citizenship in this wonderful country of ours, and to be thankful that we are able to do so.