

WARREN GARDINER HILL, Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine. Leaving rugged Nova Scotia early in life for the hospitable nurture of the gentle climes of Maine, he completed his formal education at Gorham State Teachers College, Boston University, and Columbia University. After three years as Principal of the insular elementary school at Islesford, how better could a former blue-nosed maritimer have served his newly adopted land than as a Coast Guard Officer in World War II. With the proficiency and experience gained in practical administration in the education institutions and systems of Connecticut, he returned to the State of Maine in 1956 to accept its highest position in public education. His five years as Commissioner have demonstrated him to be a sturdy and skillful administrator, a resourceful and persuasive liaison officer with the Legislature, a dynamic leader of the teaching profession, fully appreciative of the role of liberal education in a complex world. Uncompromising in his efforts to raise educational standards throughout the state, he would create for Maine a system of public education to meet not only her needs, but his high ideals.

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