CHAPTER X.—EDUCATION AND RESEARCH*

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According to the British North America Act, education is a function of the Provincial Governments and, therefore, the schools and universities, teacher training and other matters involved in the formal educational field are planned, financed and controlled by the provinces.

However, in a broad sense, education cannot be limited to merely what is taught in schools and colleges. It is as broad as life and experience itself and, for that reason, this Chapter of the Year Book deals also with such subjects as libraries, art and scientific research. Certain agencies of the Dominion Government, while not in any sense in conflict with the formal field of education ascribed by the Constitution to the provinces, have functions that concern education. Among these agencies are the National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Thus, while the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is engaged more in the field of entertainment and recreation than in that of education, there are aspects of its work that are properly included in the broader field. These are dealt with in Section 3 of Part II of this Chapter and cross references are given to those non-educational features of these agencies that are dealt with elsewhere in the Year Book.

PART I.—THE FORMAL EDUCATIONAL FIELD IN CANADA Section 1.—The Current Situation in Canadian Education

The impact of two world wars, improved transportation and communication, and other contributing factors have not only complicated living, provided more leisure and annihilated former geographic barriers but have also increased the need for formal education and made greater demands for successful citizenship. Realization of the possible contribution of the schools to the economic and social life of the State has given an impetus to education and resulted in co-operation, as well as friendly rivalry, among the provinces.

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