

Included in these groups are some 300 "one-man" libraries, and an additional 100 libraries staffed partly or entirely by volunteer workers. Some of the latter are conducted by members of religious orders and a larger proportion of them by members of local organizations.

## 2.—Summary Statistics of Public Libraries, by Provinces, Library Years Ended in 1945, with Totals for Alternate Years 1931-43

| Year and Province<br>or Territory | Volumes          | Circulation       | Registered<br>Borrowers | Expenditure<br>on Books,<br>Periodicals<br>and Repairs | Total<br>Expenditure |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
|                                   | No.              | No.               | No.                     | \$   | \$                   |
| <b>Totals, 1931</b> .....         | <b>4,516,206</b> | <b>21,135,354</b> | <b>1</b>                | <b>509,322</b>   | <b>1</b>             |
| <b>Totals, 1933</b> .....         | <b>4,770,981</b> | <b>22,376,340</b> | <b>1,114,201</b>        | <b>421,142</b>   | <b>1</b>             |
| <b>Totals, 1935</b> .....         | <b>4,848,793</b> | <b>21,106,742</b> | <b>1,097,247</b>        | <b>448,251</b>   | <b>1</b>             |
| <b>Totals, 1937</b> .....         | <b>5,070,132</b> | <b>19,560,375</b> | <b>1,062,187</b>        | <b>502,509</b>   | <b>2,041,486</b>     |
| <b>Totals, 1939</b> .....         | <b>5,175,811</b> | <b>20,728,151</b> | <b>1,045,521</b>        | <b>494,776</b>   | <b>2,131,199</b>     |
| <b>Totals, 1941</b> .....         | <b>5,495,543</b> | <b>20,283,618</b> | <b>1,057,336</b>        | <b>530,064</b>   | <b>2,154,437</b>     |
| <b>Totals, 1943</b> .....         | <b>5,681,291</b> | <b>20,056,094</b> | <b>1,105,990</b>        | <b>611,891</b>   | <b>2,484,705</b>     |
| <b>1945</b>                       |                  |                   |                         |  |                      |
| Prince Edward Island.....         | 63,707           | 171,058           | 23,992                  | 5,201  | 15,863               |
| Nova Scotia.....                  | 122,416          | 162,444           | 15,547                  | 4,637  | 18,478               |
| New Brunswick.....                | 104,378          | 165,763           | 30,192                  | 5,899  | 25,164               |
| Quebec.....                       | 712,040          | 960,513           | 78,959                  | 44,657   | 275,580              |
| Ontario.....                      | 3,862,543        | 13,351,620        | 784,784                 | 436,482  | 1,838,683            |
| Manitoba.....                     | 129,749          | 742,865           | 43,754                  | 26,643   | 113,228              |
| Saskatchewan.....                 | 251,548          | 885,831           | 59,599                  | 30,212   | 141,235              |
| Alberta.....                      | 254,477          | 1,504,241         | 75,499                  | 42,468   | 172,734              |
| British Columbia.....             | 442,821          | 2,065,509         | 142,013                 | 72,807   | 289,011              |
| Yukon.....                        | 13,210           | 6,448             | 128                     | Nil  | 450                  |
| <b>Totals, 1945</b> .....         | <b>5,956,889</b> | <b>20,016,292</b> | <b>1,254,467</b>        | <b>669,006</b>   | <b>2,890,476</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

In the larger centres the main libraries are conducted as municipal institutions usually by a board appointed by the city or town council. The more numerous smaller libraries are conducted by voluntary associations. Small provincial grants are given to libraries of both types in most of the provinces, but not in New Brunswick, Quebec and Manitoba. There is a provincial centre for the direction and encouragement of public-library development in the Public Libraries Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, and in the Public Library Commission of British Columbia. This seems to be one of the most effective means of assisting the library movement; public-library service is more complete in Ontario and British Columbia than in the other provinces. Prince Edward Island now possesses a centre in the headquarters of its provincial library, and Nova Scotia in its recently founded Regional Libraries Commission. The Province of Saskatchewan has undertaken extensive reorganization of the libraries and a program of regional libraries is in process of development.

*Circulation.*—The circulation of books in the Dominion is confined to about 40 p.c. of the population and averages about five books per person per year. It is estimated that about one-quarter of the patrons of libraries are children, which is approximately the same proportion that school enrolment bears to the total population of the country.