

The Natural Science Section will work closely with the international scientific unions. The list of approved projects and procedures to be followed is long. Of particular interest is the plan to send teams of nutritional scientists to China and India, and to undertake, on a broader basis, the study of problems of living in the vast Amazon forest belt, which, could it be made inhabitable, might be expected to support a population of many millions.

The Social Science Section, too, envisages a number of basic studies: a study of tensions conducive to war, a study of population distribution and problems, and a study of the influences of modern technological developments. The philosophers and other scholars in the Humanities will, among other matters, give attention to plans for translation of the world's classics.

The constitution of UNESCO provides for participation of national bodies in the work of the organization, in the following terms: (1) Each Member State shall make such arrangements as suit its particular conditions for the purpose of associating its principal bodies interested in educational, scientific and cultural matters with the work of the Organization, preferably by the formation of a National Commission broadly representative of its Government and such bodies. (2) National Commissions or national co-operating bodies, where they exist, shall act in an advisory capacity to their respective delegations to the General Conference and to their Governments in matters relating to the Organization and shall function as agencies of liaison in all matters of interest to it.

In October, 1946, the Department of External Affairs called together at Ottawa a representative group of persons connected with educational, scientific and cultural organizations for the following purposes: (1) to advise on the composition of the Canadian delegation to the Paris Conference; and (2) to make recommendations on the means whereby the principal Canadian bodies interested in educational, scientific and cultural matters might be associated with the work of the Organization, whether by the formation of a Canadian National Commission or by other means.