

film councils. The majority of Canadian communities with populations of more than 5,000 now have their own film libraries which numbered 235 by the end of 1948. Nearly 250 Film Councils and local film committees assist in encouraging the use of informative and educational films in the community.

Special Educational Services.—Special services have been developed for industry, women's organizations, scientific and engineering groups, health and medical bodies, and in other specialized fields such as education, science, welfare, reconstruction and housing to assist in building suitable programs of films and other materials for all interested organizations. To serve their film needs, the Board maintains at Ottawa a Preview Library of 2,600 titles.

Rural Film Circuits.—Rural areas that lack projectors and film libraries are served with monthly film programs by the Board's rural circuits. An increasing number of circuits are operated in co-operation with farm organizations and provincial and local governments. The careful planning of the rural film programs, together with discussion booklets for teachers and group leaders, relate them closely to the work and interests of the communities they serve. Each rural circuit reaches about 20 locations each month bringing a program in the afternoon to school children and in the evening to general audiences. Films are chosen for the value and interest of the information they contain. The program for schools is chosen in consultation with the Department of Education in each province. Many thousands of Canadian school children have had their first opportunity to see educational films regularly through the Film Board's rural circuits. Through their co-operation with farm organizations, extension departments of universities, and provincial Departments of Education, Health, and Agriculture, the Board's rural representatives have come to be regarded as valued servants of the community.

Section 3.—The Educational and Cultural Functions of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation devotes a considerable portion of its broadcast time on the English- and French-language networks to programs of an educational nature directed to both children and adults. When possible, education and entertainment are combined.

Pre-School Broadcasts.—All over the country, and particularly in rural areas, there are children of pre-school age who cannot enjoy the advantages of nursery school or kindergarten training. For them, the CBC provides one of its most successful educational programs, *Kindergarten of the Air*, fifteen minutes each weekday. This program is carefully planned with the advice of kindergarten experts and representatives of the Federation of Home and School, Women's Institutes and the Junior League; it gives the children instruction in the learning of songs, listening to stories, participation in play exercises, and the development of other activities suitable to their age level.

School Broadcasts.—The CBC co-operates with the provincial Departments of Education in Canada in providing special programs related to the courses of study which are heard in the classrooms as a regular portion of the school work.

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