

1.—Summary Statistics of Libraries Organized for Regional Collaboration, 1951—concl.

Regional Organization	Participating Libraries	School Deposits	Other Agencies	Population Served	Borrowers
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland Regional Libraries.....	26	..	52	62,018	16,243
Prince Edward Island Libraries.....	25	420	..	98,700	..
Nova Scotia Regional Libraries—					
Annapolis Valley.....	7	2	125	33,000	..
Cape Breton Island.....	9	18	110	111,488	18,799
Colchester—East Hants.....	4	7	122	48,000	..
Pictou County.....	4	—	135	40,000	..
Ontario County Library Co-operatives—					
Bruce.....	20	82	—	40,331	..
Elgin.....	13	112	—	32,541	..
Essex.....	10	193	2	216,045	..
Huron.....	35	189	7	49,280	..
Kent.....	10	157	11	57,028	..
Lambton.....	—	145	3	38,000	..
Middlesex.....	28	111	27	64,000	..
Oxford.....	18	118	2	40,225	..
Peel.....	15	39	—	47,608	..
Simcoe.....	19	171	14	100,000	..
Victoria.....	10	58	2	16,000	..
Wendell.....	9	125	10	122,745	..
Wentworth.....	4	84	25	53,104	..
Saskatchewan Regional Libraries—					
North-Central Saskatchewan.....	12	—	—	25,345	3,427
Alberta Regional Libraries—					
Barrhead.....	..	..	..	..	..
Lacombe.....	..	..	..	..	..
British Columbia Union Libraries—					
Fraser Valley.....	11	113	134	111,667	22,042
Okanagan Valley.....	54	52	—	67,877	19,675
Vancouver Island.....	1	63	151	67,000	13,600

In January 1953, Ontario inaugurated the Thunder Bay District Library to serve residents of northwestern Ontario; its headquarters are at Fort William. This library deviates from the usual form of organization for a regional library in that it includes incorporated communities and non-incorporated areas. With generous assistance from the Province, a mobile service will be provided which will distribute books to the community libraries in the area, to the schools and to special deposit stations. Service to isolated residents will be provided by mail.

Public Libraries.—The survey of libraries in Canada (1950-52) covers 798 public libraries including the regional libraries listed above, 307 free public libraries and 444 association libraries. Statistics relating to the libraries of Newfoundland are included for the first time in the summarized data for Canada.

Excluding Newfoundland for purposes of comparison, book stock in public libraries in 1951 increased about 20 p.c. over 1949. Circulation increased 11 p.c. and expenditures for current purposes 28 p.c. in the two-year period. The per capita expenditure on public library service for Canada was 44 cents in 1951 as compared with 38 cents in 1949. The proportion spent on new book stock dropped from 20 p.c. in 1949 to 19 p.c. in 1951; the salary quota was unchanged at 51 p.c. of the total for each year. Grants-in-aid from provincial sources increased from 11 p.c. of the revenue in 1949 to 13 p.c. in 1951.