

**Adult Education.**—Programs of an adult education nature are presented frequently by the CBC on its radio and television services. In the planning of these programs co-operation is received from various educational organizations. The CBC is an active participant in the work of the Joint Planning Commission, a body established by the Canadian Association for Adult Education for exchange of information and co-ordination of plans for adult education in Canada.

**Radio Programs.**—*Citizens' Forum* is a round-table program on which a panel of experts discuss important issues of the day. It is arranged jointly by the Canadian Association for Adult Education and the CBC. Its French counterpart, *Les Idées en Marche*, is planned in co-operation with La Société Canadienne d'Éducation des Adultes. A similar type of program, but one prepared specially for rural listeners, is *National Farm Radio Forum*, arranged in co-operation with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Canadian Association for Adult Education. All these forum programs are heard by organized listening groups, which continue the discussion of the topic at the conclusion of the broadcast.

For the past three summers the evening sessions of the Couchiching Conference have been broadcast. This week-long conference, organized jointly with the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs, examines Canadian and international affairs in open meetings and group discussions.

Other programs of an educational nature are *Cross Section*, a series of drama documentaries dealing with economic and social questions; various dramatized series in the field of human relations and mental health; and *Trans-Canada Matinée*, a daily afternoon program including informative talks and commentaries designed specially for the woman in the home. This latter program was one of six CBC programs that captured a First Award at the 1954 Exhibition of Educational Radio and Television Programs at Columbus, Ohio. On the French Network, *Forum de Radio-Parents* presents broadcasts designed to help parents on the subject of child care, and general questions sent in by parents are answered by psychologists in the series *Le Courrier de Radio-Parents*. For women listeners the day time program *Femina* is presented twice weekly.

In the Province of Quebec the CBC's French network broadcasts *Radio-College*, a series of weekly programs dealing especially with fine arts, music, literature, theatrical arts, sciences, religion and philosophy. These broadcasts are not designed for classroom use, being of a more adult nature than those on the English-language networks and scheduled, in the main, for other than school hours.

In addition talks on a wide range of subjects including international affairs, Canadian history and community activities are broadcast regularly over the various networks.

**Television.**—Organized in co-operation with the Universities of Toronto and Montreal and McGill University, the program *Exploring Minds* presents, in panel or lecture form, examples of the work of the modern university. On *This Week* the important world news of the preceding week is discussed by a panel of experts. *Fighting Words* is a program on which guest experts in the fields of arts and sciences discuss controversial quotations sent in by viewers. A daily program—*Living*—presents information of interest to consumers on a wide variety of commodities and services.

## Section 4.—Library Services

**The National Library.**—The National Library of Canada, authorized by the National Library Act of June 18, 1952 (1 Elizabeth II, c. 330), came into existence formally on Jan. 1, 1953. The work formerly carried on by the Bibliographic Centre and the staff of the Centre were then absorbed by the National Library, which came under the administration of the Secretary of State.