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Up to the end of March 1954, 24 civil defence manuals were published by the Federal Civil Defence authorities to assist in the organization, training and general education of civil defence personnel, and nine others were in preparation. In addition to these a considerable amount of guiding literature was issued to assist provincial and local governments.

Each province has developed its own civil defence organization patterned on that of the Federal Government. Certain provinces have conducted civil defence training courses, similar to those of the Federal Government, with the object of training local instructors and key personnel.

Many of the main centres of population have made considerable advances in organization and training. An estimated 179,185 civil defence workers for the whole of Canada were reported on strength as at Mar. 31, 1955.

In 1951 an agreement was made between Canada and the United States whereby each country pledged itself to go to the assistance of the other in the event of attack and a United States-Canada Civil Defence Committee was set up. A number of working groups were also formed to carry out specific tasks in the development of ways and means of carrying out this agreement. The Provinces of Canada too have discussed with adjoining States of the United States the working out of their mutual problems. Close liaison is maintained with the United Kingdom and other NATO countries.