

no library services, and the additions and renovations to established libraries, have resulted in this era being described as the most active period of library building since the days of Andrew Carnegie. The style, however, is no longer monumental, but open and inviting, with large windows and entrances through which may be seen the busy attractive interiors.

Regional and semi-urban library developments are making increasing use of book-mobiles and other forms of mobile service to bring books to schools and other community centres.

Canadian children are responding to library services offered to such an extent that library figures show the circulation of books in the boys' and girls' departments to be about half of the total circulation, although the population of the 5-to-14 age group represents only about one-quarter of the total population over five years of age.

Surveys of libraries for the year 1957 included public libraries in centres over 10,000 population, all regional public libraries and travelling and open-shelf libraries serving the public. In 1956 the libraries in larger centres represented 85 p.c. of the population served, 70 p.c. of the bookstock, 82 p.c. of the circulation, 88 p.c. of the expenditures and 90 p.c. of the full-time staff for all municipal and association public libraries. Statistics for these public libraries for 1957 are given in Table 1.

1.—Summary Statistics of Public Libraries 1957^a

Province	Libraries or Bor- rowers ¹	Popu- lation Served	Bookstock ²	Circulation	Current Operating Expenditures	Full- time Staff
LIBRARIES IN CENTRES OF 10,000 POPULATION OR OVER						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	No.
Newfoundland.....	2	80,303	61,808	115,997	139,741	21
Prince Edward Island.....	1	16,707	..	47,339	17,715	4
Nova Scotia.....	3	124,695	102,501	358,652	140,695	28
New Brunswick.....	3	106,797	79,300	218,956	79,430	13
Quebec.....	31	1,838,629	1,209,057	1,988,482	759,114	231
Ontario.....	53	3,026,220	3,570,505	18,115,414	5,405,823	948
Manitoba.....	9	383,031	262,039	1,348,521	392,385	84
Saskatchewan.....	5	223,194	257,249	1,127,329	430,972	77
Alberta.....	5	470,408	409,952	2,259,344	707,788	128
British Columbia.....	9	662,123	662,206	4,356,183	1,420,005	284
Totals.....	121	6,932,107	6,614,617	29,936,217	9,493,668	1,818
Estimate for all municipal and association public libraries....	..	8,155,400	9,449,400	36,483,200	10,813,300	2,020
LIBRARIES ORGANIZED FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	No.
Newfoundland.....	1	180,000	191,858	563,260	..	10
Prince Edward Island.....	1	99,285	97,506	255,033	38,566	7
Nova Scotia.....	4	244,727	132,201	843,572	149,095	24
New Brunswick.....	1	36,003	25,836	99,627	11,089	4
Ontario.....	15	1,015,954	288,123	2,318,690	246,946	36
Saskatchewan.....	1	31,764	31,188	103,857	36,979	4
Alberta.....	2	24,000	39,241	120,087	27,475	3
British Columbia.....	3	341,229	278,009	1,674,248	328,473	49
Totals.....	28	1,972,962	1,083,962	5,978,374	838,623	137

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