

Under the provisions of the Broadcasting Act, the Board has issued the Radio Broadcasting Stations Regulations and the Radio (TV) Broadcasting Regulations applying to radio and television stations respectively; these regulations cover all aspects of station operation and the enforcement of them is the responsibility of the Board.

Broadcasting Facilities.—As of Apr. 1, 1964, there were in operation in Canada some 39 CBC radio stations plus another 110 low-power relay transmitters maintained by the Corporation, and 14 CBC television stations plus 104 rebroadcasting and network relay stations. On the same date there were 267 privately owned radio stations in operation and 158 privately owned television broadcasting and relay stations. All but 12 of the privately owned television stations and many of the privately owned radio stations are affiliated with the CBC and help to distribute national radio and television services over networks operated by the CBC. Of the 12 unaffiliated private television stations, nine form the Canadian Television Network (CTV) which commenced operating in the fall of 1961. The other three stations in Chicoutimi, Hamilton and Montreal are independent of any network affiliation. Of the 267 private radio stations, 228 were AM standard band stations, 33 were FM stations and six were shortwave stations; 21 of the 33 FM stations operated on the new multiplex stereophonic system.

Operations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 1963-64

Television.—The current television policy of the Corporation is to establish facilities to serve those Canadians beyond the reach of existing CBC stations or of private stations affiliated with the CBC networks. The dramatic extension of coverage that marked the developing years of television is now past. By the end of 1964, over 94 p.c. of Canadians were within reach of the national television service through CBC-owned stations and private affiliates. The remaining 6 p.c. are progressively difficult and expensive to serve since many of them live in isolated communities sometimes thousands of miles from the main east-west lines of communication and extension of coverage to these areas is subject to financial considerations and to various technical limitations, such as the availability of broadcasting frequencies and network services. The Corporation is following the policy of extending service first to those areas where the most people can be served at the least cost. Current planning takes into account all areas having a population of more than 2,000 and includes about 60 communities. The 63 p.c. of the Canadian public within reach of CBC-owned television stations receives full service of national programming but the 31 p.c. of the population served by private affiliates of the Corporation's networks receives an average of about 49 hours a week English and 66 hours a week French national network service. The Corporation intends gradually to eliminate this disparity in service by the installation of additional CBC facilities and, in keeping with the CBC-private station combination approach, television channels in the Saint John-Fredericton area of New Brunswick, at Saskatoon, Sask., and at Sudbury, Ont., have now been reserved for the use of the Corporation.

However, extension of television service to unserved areas is only one aspect of the Corporation's responsibilities. Of vital consideration is the gradual provision of basic production facilities in each province and the replacement of obsolete facilities in order to maintain operations at a high level of efficiency. During 1963-64, two new CBC television rebroadcasting stations were brought into operation and, as the year ended, six more stations were under construction; all of these were designed either to rebroadcast the signals of existing stations or to relay service direct from the television network. In addition, the Corporation completed two major television installations—one at Quebec City and the other at St. John's, Nfld.—both of which have production facilities and the necessary operating staffs. The establishment of production facilities and associated transmitters