

The Heritage Branch is responsible for implementing acts regarding cultural properties. It is also required to supply any necessary technical and financial assistance to preserve, maintain and develop Quebec's heritage. This Branch co-ordinates and supervises archaeological and ethnological research, protects natural and historic sites, preserves manuscripts, furniture and buildings of historic significance, catalogues, acquires and preserves private, semi-public and public archives, and keeps an up-to-date inventory of works of art. During 1973-74 the Heritage Branch allotted \$1.8 million to the restoration and renovation of historic properties.

The Film and Audio-visual Branch advises all departments and organizations of government on films and audio-visual material, produces films and audio-visual materials, and distributes visual materials ordered or sponsored by government departments and organizations. During 1973-74, its production budget reached \$2.2 million.

The Performing Arts Branch plans and directs the Department's instructional and financial role by assisting various presentations of the performing arts. It also administers the Conservatories Act. During 1973-74 the Branch allocated \$1.6 million to musical organizations and \$1.8 million to the theatre.

The Cultural Relations Branch assists in bringing foreign companies and individuals to encourage the development of Quebec's cultural resources. In addition, the Regional Cultural Development Branch helps to stimulate local creativity.

Ontario. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities, through its Cultural Affairs Division, allocated in 1974-75 the following amounts: the Ontario Arts Council, \$7 million; the Royal Ontario Museum, \$5.7 million; the McMichael Canadian Collection of Art, \$465,000; the Art Gallery of Ontario, \$2.4 million; the Royal Botanical Gardens, \$495,000; Festival Ontario, \$225,000; grants to local museums, \$812,000; libraries, \$15.7 million; Ontario Educational Communications Authority, \$7.8 million; the Elliot Lake Centre for Continuing Education, \$250,000; and the Ontario Science Centre, \$4.9 million.

The prime function of the Division is to obtain, co-ordinate, and present budgets and multi-year plans for the 13 cultural agencies it serves and the three cultural programs it administers. In January 1975 the Ontario government established a new Ministry of Culture and Recreation encompassing programs for the development of the performing and creative arts, community recreation, amateur sports and the preservation of Ontario's architectural, historical and archaeological heritage. Other ministries involved in cultural programming are Agriculture and Food, Education, Natural Resources, Industry and Tourism, and Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Province of Ontario Council for the Arts, now a part of the new Ministry, was established by legislation in 1963 to promote the study, enjoyment and production of works in the arts. It provides financial assistance to performing and creative arts groups and individuals; advises and consults with members of the arts community; and develops projects aimed at promoting and expanding the arts and the public interest in them throughout the province. The Council also collaborates with other agencies and levels of government in encouraging support for the arts. The Arts Council contributes to such organizations as the National Ballet of Canada, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Toronto Arts Foundation, the Canadian Opera Company, the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and the Shaw Festival. In addition it makes grants to individuals and organizations in the performing and creative arts, and assists with regional programs, touring and sponsorship programs, and educational programs in the arts.

Manitoba. The Manitoba Arts Council was formed by legislation passed in 1965 providing for a chairman, vice-chairman and 10 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, with the objective of promoting the study, enjoyment, production and performance of works in the arts by assisting and co-operating with those organizations involved in cultural development, providing for grants, scholarships or loans to Manitobans for study or research in the arts and making awards to citizens of Manitoba for outstanding accomplishments in the arts. Working on a budget of \$404,000, the Manitoba Arts Council in the year ended March 31, 1974, made grants to 28 organizations, including \$65,000 to the Manitoba Theatre Centre, \$42,500 to Rainbow Stage, \$80,000 to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and \$72,000 to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. The Manitoba Arts Council's awards program provided assistance to individual Manitoba artists.