

Without it the country could not be so effectively linked as it is, for to-day the posts of the far north can receive their news and enjoy the entertainments that the radio provides equally with their fellow citizens living in Halifax, N.S., Montreal, Que., or Vancouver, B.C.

News broadcasts and programs occupy a considerable proportion of national and regional network time. They include news, drama, informative talks, children's programs, religious programs, public services broadcasts, sports, women's activities, etc.

An important development that the War has brought about has been the world coverage of news broadcasts from international centres that are picked up by the CBC short-wave receiving stations and rebroadcast to Canadian listeners. Thus it is that CBC is taking its rightful place among the official sources of information available to Canadians.

Section 1.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics was set up by statute in 1918 as a central statistical department for Canada (8-9 Geo. V, c. 43).^{*} The Act was a consolidation of all previous statistical legislation and was based on the report of a Commission on Statistics, appointed in 1912, which recommended (1) a series of specific reforms and enlargements in Canadian statistics, and (2) a policy of statistical co-ordination for the Dominion, under central direction. In 1915, following the recommendations in this report, the office of Dominion Statistician was created but it was not until 1918 that the recommendations of the Commission were embodied in legislation.

The 1941 Year Book, at pp. 968-969, gives salient features of the Statistics Act and outlines the growth, organization and purpose of the Bureau.

Publications.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is the largest publishing department of the Dominion Government: the subjects of its reports cover all phases of the national economy. Items in the vote of the Bureau, passed by Parliament each year, provide limited funds for the printing and processing of reports and bulletins. Reports printed from type are set up by the King's Printer, but the Bureau itself operates its own offset printing presses and all processed reports and bulletins are completely printed as well as published by the Bureau of Statistics.

The present policy with regard to the distribution of publications is based on sales to the public at actual cost of paper and presswork only; compilation, editing and other overhead costs are not included. The object is to extend the service to the public as widely as possible and so spread the compilation and overhead, which are the big items in total costs. A special subscription rate of \$30 per year entitles the subscriber to receive a copy of each publication as issued, with the exception of news bulletins. Other special rates are set for series of publications in related groups; these are referred to in the respective sections of the list below. This list, for convenience to the reader, is set up alphabetically, by subject, as follows:—

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| 1. Administration | 6. Labour, Unemployment | 10. Trade |
| 2. Economic and Business | and Earnings | 11. Transportation and |
| Conditions | 7. Population | Communications |
| 3. Education | 8. Production | 12. General |
| 4. Finance | 9. Public Health and | |
| 5. Justice | Welfare Institutions | |

^{*} Consolidated as the Statistics Act (c. 190, R.S.C., 1927).