

library catalogues representing some 4,720,000 volumes in some 60 libraries had been microfilmed for the National Union Catalogue. A department to catalogue the volumes now available has been organized and will soon begin its work using the Library of Congress classification. In addition, the Library has assumed the duty of receiving, registering and acknowledging all books deposited under the terms of the Copyright Amendment Act. Publications deposited in accordance with both this Act and the National Library Act will be received and checked at the same point, thus providing a more convenient method for publishers to comply with the regulations.

Regional Library Service.—Regional library service, or an adaptation thereof, now functions in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In addition, a Director of Regional Libraries was appointed in January 1954 by New Brunswick, preparatory to the establishment of a regional library system in that Province, and preliminary surveys are being undertaken in Manitoba.

Statistics for the regional libraries in operation during 1953 appear below; those for the two Alberta Regional Libraries for the first time.

1.—Summary Statistics of Libraries Organized for Regional Collaboration, 1953

Regional Organization	Volumes	Circulation	Expenditure		
			Book Stock	Salaries	Total
			No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland Regional Libraries ¹	179,362	278,999	52,900	42,952	122,353
Prince Edward Island Libraries.....	85,995	165,601	10,838	19,284	38,613
Nova Scotia Regional Libraries—					
Annapolis Valley.....	20,527	116,066	3,928	11,004	20,094
Cape Breton Island.....	42,215	239,079	14,732	36,229	59,247
Colchester—East Hants.....	27,000	133,243	5,024	11,740	20,651
Pictou County.....	16,782	106,893	4,449	13,574	22,456
Ontario County Library Co-operatives—					
Bruce.....	10,620	52,800	1,574	2,497	8,487
Elgin.....	19,656	121,000	4,080	5,355	11,845
Essex.....	15,638	180,536	3,886	5,582	13,769
Huron.....	16,361	164,880	6,641	5,639	15,546
Kent.....	16,639	228,108	4,219	5,554	13,501
Lambton.....	18,589	162,286	4,567	6,005	14,204
Middlesex.....	20,011	150,038	6,343	6,264	14,489
Oxford.....	10,573	107,753	3,597	5,309	14,563
Peel.....	9,000	44,716	3,714	3,099	8,505
Simcoe.....	14,166	102,043	3,108	5,973	13,458
Thunder Bay District.....	5,163	7,572	7,837	3,546	18,391
Victoria.....	5,884	56,404	2,756	2,971	6,871
Welland.....	12,839	119,943	4,253	4,372	13,179
Wentworth.....	14,530	174,094	5,092	10,388	19,186
Saskatchewan Regional Libraries—					
North-Central Saskatchewan.....	16,289	67,632	3,974	10,457	16,750
Alberta Regional Libraries—					
Barrhead.....	7,054	24,554	2,867	2,841	6,099
Lacombe.....	950	"	8,000	4,000	15,000
British Columbia Union Libraries—					
Fraser Valley.....	73,045	492,887	14,152	38,337	77,535
Okanagan Valley.....	56,222	302,497	15,128	27,723	52,515
Vancouver Island.....	51,429	309,084	16,666	36,358	68,789

¹ Includes Gosling Memorial Library.
quarters.

² Records lost in fire which destroyed library head-