

The Act provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council consisting of 15 members, including at least one representative from each of the ten provinces; the appointment of a National Librarian, an Assistant Librarian and other personnel. Duties of the National Librarian include the establishment of a National Union Catalogue listing the books in every important collection in Canada; the purchasing of book stock; and the publication of a National Bibliography listing books published in Canada, written by Canadians, or of special interest to Canadians. The Act requires two copies of each book published in Canada to be supplied to the National Librarian within one month of the date of publication; one copy of expensive books must be deposited.

The site has been selected and working plans are being prepared for the National Library building at Ottawa. The acquisition of book stock is limited until permanent quarters are available but activities in other departments of the Library reflect noteworthy progress. The coverage of *Canadiana*, a bilingual monthly publication listing new Canadian publications, has been expanded to include those issued by all provincial governments. By Dec. 31, 1954 individual library catalogues representing about 5,963,000 volumes in 91 libraries had been microfilmed for the National Union Catalogue. In addition the library has assumed the duty of receiving, registering and acknowledging all books deposited under the terms of the Copyright Amendment Act.

**Public Libraries.**—Public library service in Canada includes main libraries and their branches in metropolitan areas—sometimes augmented by bookmobile service to outlying districts—small association libraries in villages and hamlets, regional service on a county or wider basis, and the use of boats and the mails to supply remote rural areas. Through these facilities, 75 p.c. to 80 p.c. of the population receive library service.

The current DBS Survey of Libraries presents statistics for the year 1953. Operations of the 766 public libraries surveyed are given in Table 1. The 1954 DBS publication *Free Urban and Regional Public Libraries* contains data on all free libraries in urban areas of 10,000 or over, all regional libraries and an estimate of volumes, circulation and expenditures.

1.—Summary Statistics of Public Libraries by Province 1953

| Province                  | Volumes          | Circulation       | Borrowers        | Current Expenditure | Full Time Staff |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                           | No.              | No.               | No.              | \$                  | No.             |
| Newfoundland.....         | 179,362          | 499,304           | 25,385           | 122,353             | 23              |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 85,995           | 304,008           | 13,500           | 47,390              | 11              |
| Nova Scotia.....          | 196,086          | 931,077           | 73,572           | 224,015             | 46              |
| New Brunswick.....        | 137,147          | 218,574           | 27,711           | 59,960              | 16              |
| Quebec.....               | 1,101,286        | 1,830,825         | 93,440           | 697,739             | 136             |
| Ontario.....              | 4,911,782        | 18,811,520        | 991,174          | 4,503,187           | 964             |
| Manitoba.....             | 195,320          | 988,343           | 44,519           | 259,979             | 64              |
| Saskatchewan.....         | 340,045          | 1,048,085         | 60,117           | 291,039             | 59              |
| Alberta.....              | 505,427          | 2,022,310         | 119,493          | 467,740             | 101             |
| British Columbia.....     | 752,925          | 4,292,684         | 223,031          | 1,138,063           | 250             |
| <b>Totals.....</b>        | <b>8,465,375</b> | <b>30,946,730</b> | <b>1,671,942</b> | <b>7,811,465</b>    | <b>1,670</b>    |