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DELEGATION FROM THE CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR RECONSTRUCTION THROUGH
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On May 23 Mr. Heeney received a delegation in the person of Dr. James A. Gibson, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO. Dr. Gibson expressed the regrets of Major Vincent Price, K.C., Chairman of the Council, and the Honourable Thomas Vien, P.C., K.C., Vice-Chairman, who were unable to attend. Mr. R.G. Riddell and Mr. V.C. Moore of the Department were also present.

On behalf of the Council Dr. Gibson presented *A Report of Activities, July 1947-March 1949*, together with a financial statement and auditor's report.

Although about \$500,000 remain to CCRU's credit in the Bank, all of this except \$11-12,000 has already been committed to be spent. A new budget for the period to December 31st has been drawn up providing for a greatly reduced staff which will probably consist only of an Administrative Director and an Accountant. Shipping costs overseas are at present an uncertain factor.

Three of the five projects undertaken by CCRU have now been substantially completed. It is hoped that by September 1 all the books collected under the "March of Books" project will have been shipped abroad. There has been a delay owing to the tardiness of Universities and other Institutions abroad in submitting requests; should no more requests be received soon, the remaining books will be despatched to designated countries for distribution in order to avoid the continued cost of maintaining a specialist staff in Halifax.

Successful candidates for Fellowships are to arrive from abroad in July and September of this year and the Canada-UNESCO Fellowships project will terminate in June 1950. The Book Exchange will go out of business shortly, chiefly because of lack of funds from the Library Association. It is therefore possible for the offices in Ottawa to be closed by September 30, 1949. Mr. Heeney welcomed Dr. Gibson's statement that he did not anticipate the initiation of a fresh drive for funds. It was agreed by all present that CCRU had come into being in 1947 for a specific short-term task; with this task accomplished and the needs of the war-devastated countries considerably reduced, it would now be unrealistic for CCRU to tie itself to a new campaign. Dr. Gibson remarked that he believed this view would be held by