

In recent years the book presentation programme has been aimed principally at assisting libraries of universities abroad to develop *Canadiana* collections. The programme gives special attention to universities of the Commonwealth countries in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, and also to other universities in these areas, the Middle East and Latin America. Last year, for example, collections of Canadian books were presented to the University Colleges of The West Indies and of Ghana and to the University of Chile. This year presentations will be made to several other centres of learning, including the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, the Indian School of International Studies in New Delhi, the Universities of Cairo and Damascus, United Arab Republic, and the University of Mexico. In addition to these major presentations to universities, smaller collections of books will be presented to a number of other institutions abroad.

It is hoped that, over a period of time, collections of basic books on Canada can be presented to one leading university in each of the countries where Canada is represented. It is hoped that such gifts will encourage these universities to become reference centres on Canada, and, when possible, centres for Canadian studies. Presentations of books have already prompted a number of universities abroad to establish or to make plans for establishing courses of study on such subjects as Canadian government, economic development and literature.

In addition to presenting books under the Department of External Affairs' own programme, Canadian posts abroad also make presentation to a variety of institutions on behalf of the Canada Council. The Council from time to time assists the publication of Canadian books in the fields of the arts, humanities and social sciences, by making block purchases of copies for presentation abroad.

Many libraries abroad also regularly receive Canadian Government publications free of charge under a "selective depository library scheme". Under this arrangement, the Queen's Printer sends on request a free copy of each current Canadian Government publication to some 115 libraries abroad, which, on the recommendation of the Department of External Affairs, have been designated as depositories of Canadian Government publications.