

6. Development of Public Libraries

The Canadian Library Association's Reference Section devoted its 1953 annual meeting to co-operation with UNESCO. Through membership in the International Federation of Library Associations, this Canadian organization is also participating in the UNESCO programme. The UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries, Education Abstracts and the special issue of UNESCO Courier devoted to libraries were helpful in the development programme of the Association.

7. National Bibliographical Services

(a) The National Library of Canada prepared the bibliography Canadiana in 1952 and 1953 and is constantly striving to improve bibliographical services in Canada. More than 6,000 items were deposited with the National Library during 1953.

(b) A Canadian correspondent of the International Advisory Committee on Bibliographical Services was approved.

8. Centre for Exchange of Publications

(a) The National Librarian assisted in the revision of the UNESCO Handbook on Exchange of Publications. The references to Canadian exchanges in the first edition were confusing and inaccurate.

(b) The Canadian authorities do not think that the proposed Convention on Microfilming would serve a useful purpose. Requests for reproductions from abroad are now accorded the same treatment as requests from Canadian institutions neither type of request being permitted to monopolizing of the limited facilities available. The proposed convention would not eliminate the minor difficulties that arise from time to time in international exchanges.