

also important to rapidly develop French-language television services for the considerable proportion of the Canadian population whose mother tongue was French.

One result of this rapid development has been that Toronto and Montreal now rank among the world's chief television production centers in the English and French languages, with additional programs provided by regional production centers in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax and St. John's.

Of the 17 stations owned and operated by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 12 broadcast in English and five in French. Of the 59 privately-owned stations, 33 English-language and nine French-language stations are affiliated with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. There are 12 private English-language stations affiliated with the CTV television network, and one English-language station and three French-language stations operate independently.

The majority of the French-language population lives in Quebec and in the neighboring provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick. But French-language communities have been established in most of the provinces, and the need for a national policy has been stated in the Broadcasting Act of 1968, "all Canadians are entitled to broadcasting service in English and French as public funds become available".

Control and Regulation

The Canadian broadcasting system is regarded as a single system, comprising public and private components. The control and regulation of all broadcasting, public and private, radio, television and cable television, is the responsibility of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission (CRTC), which has its headquarters in Ottawa. The CRTC is composed of five full-time commissioners and ten part-time commissioners representative of the various regions of Canada.

Future Developments

To date, Canadians have viewed live television programs from overseas by means of American communication satellites. Now Canada plans its own communications satellite, and the Telesat Canada Corporation that has been established for that purpose plans to have a Canadian communications satellite in space by 1972.

Progress continues in the field of educational television, with emphasis on provincial development since education is a provincial responsibility.

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