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C.B.C. reports that 1955-56 saw the extension of farm television to all regions. At the beginning of the year the Ontario region of the C.B.C. had its weekly edition of "Country Calendar" and the Vancouver and prairie editions had just got on the air. Since then the Winnipeg show has been extended to a non-connected network of five television affiliates across the prairies; maritime and Newfoundland editions have been initiated in Halifax, and "Les Travaux et les Jours", the French language version, has been started from Montreal.

The section of the report on children's programs states that careful attention is being given to programming for television because of the particular impact which television has on very young people. It reports a large extension in the provision of programming for children, and lists programs covering a variety of interests for youngsters of all ages, scheduled for the most part between 4.30 and 6.00 in the afternoon.

In the area of religious broadcasting the C.B.C. reports attempts to try out new forms of programming for those who cannot be reached through the broadcasting of church services. One example in radio was "The Question Box", on which a panel of clergymen and lay people discussed questions submitted by listeners.

On television, plays were commissioned to mark Thanksgiving, Christmas and holy week.

On the French networks Sunday high mass was televised every Sunday instead of once a month as was done previously. And on radio, French speaking audiences were able to hear sermons or talks of a topical nature including some speeches by His Holiness the Pope, a talk by Cardinal Felin, Archbishop of Paris, several addresses by Cardinal Leger and addresses given in the diocese by Abbe Pierre.

The section of the C.B.C. report dealing with sports broadcasts refers to coverage of regular events such as the national hockey league, football games in the western conferences and the big four and annual tournaments in golf, track and field, sculling, and so on. There were also such individual events as coverage of Marilyn Bell's English channel swim and Cliff Lumsden's victory in the marathon at the Canadian National Exhibition, radio and television coverage of the Davis cup elimination rounds, and the winter olympics at Cortina D'Ampezzo in Italy.

The engineering section of the report says that during the year an appreciable amount of work was done to improve existing facilities and provide new equipment. At Halifax

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the television transmitter building was completed on Geizer hill and a new four-storey television studio building neared completion. New television and sound studios were built in Toronto. The second C.B.C.-T.V. French language transmitter went into operation in Ottawa as station CBOFT, to serve the French speaking population in the Ottawa valley, and the combined studio-transmitter building in Ottawa went into service. The English language transmitter for CBOT went over to the permanent antenna at the same time.

In Montreal an audience-participation studio was provided, and a sound studio was converted to a two-camera television studio to cope with the increase in the number of live French language productions originating in Montreal.

The report notes that construction was started in both Toronto and Montreal of new buildings which will house large television and associated service areas. Meanwhile plans were completed to raise both CBFT, Montreal and CBLT, Toronto, to maximum power. New equipment was provided at various locations. A second film camera chain and a third mobile unit camera chain were added at Vancouver, and a second film camera chain was added at Winnipeg. In radio, improved transmitters replaced obsolete equipment at St. John's, Newfoundland, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Quebec city and Ottawa. The fifty-fourth of the C.B.C.'s low-power relay transmitters—unattended installations bringing radio service economically to remote areas—went into operation at Grand Falls.

The report explains that with the tremendous expansion in television more stress was placed on personnel training. The corporation has full-time technical instructors on the establishment at Toronto, Montreal and Halifax whose function is to instruct new staff in television operations and the more experienced staff in improved techniques. C.B.C. experts have visited a number of privately owned stations at such points as Edmonton, Lethbridge, North Bay, Barrie and Moncton, instructing both technical and program staffs in the various phases of television operations.

The corporation has also made available technical bulletins and manuals to these stations. In addition, courses have been held both in Toronto and Montreal which were attended by members of the staffs of Canadian National Telegraphs, Canadian Pacific Communications, and the Bell Telephone Company, as well as by C.B.C. personnel.

Mr. Chairman, I wanted to put on the record a brief summary of the activities of