

PROGRAMME NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

Transcription Service for Foreign Radio Stations

In February, the CBC International Service inaugurated a transcription service for radio stations abroad. In an effort to make Canadian music better known abroad, the International Service had previously presented albums of recordings of Canadian music to foreign stations. The transcription service now started will continue these efforts; so far, 15 programmes have been prepared, featuring Canadian compositions or music played by Canadian artists.

It has been decided that the International Service should undertake this transcription service as a response to numerous requests from abroad for Canadian music. The transcriptions will be made available both to individual radio stations and to Canadian missions abroad.

French Language Service

The French Section on February 6, featured the programme "Canada-Jeunesse" specially arranged for school children in Belgium and France. In the form of a dialogue, highlighted by dramatic incidents, "Canada-Jeunesse" told of two schoolboys, one from France and one from Canada, who made the trip from coast to coast in Canada and together visited interesting places, witnessed all sorts of exciting events, had a grand time, and learned many new things.

European Language Service

The Italian Section has been planning an extension of its programme which will go into effect at the beginning of February. Wednesday's Italian programme which until now has been a repeat programme will, in the future, be an original production, and added to the programme in Italian, Monday through Friday, will be a special survey of Canadian news.

On February 1, the Swedish Section started the first English language course ever broadcast by the Voice of Canada. Numerous requests from listeners in Sweden have prompted this new programme which will make a language course available at a listening time convenient for all (8 p.m. Swedish time). The texts to be used in the course will serve two purposes; they will contain basic material for the teaching of English and, at the same time, will tell student listeners about Canada. "Canada from Sea to Sea", which has already been distributed widely by the International Service, will be used as the study book.

English Language Service

In the weekly series "Canadians at Work" which describes Canada's industries and production methods, the programmes during February will originate in the following cities: February 3, Toronto; February 10, Montreal; February 17, Halifax; and February 24, Vancouver.

Latin American Service

The international quiz programme "What's the Answer" broadcast to the Caribbean area and the Latin American republics on stations CKRA, 25.51 m.—11.76 megacycles, and CKLO, 31.15 m.—9.63 megacycles, will make the following areas the topic of questions and answers during the month of February: February 5, Newfoundland; February 12, Guatemala; February 19, Prince Edward Island; and February 26, Paraguay.