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## CANADIAN BOOKS (IN ENGLISH) OF SPECIAL MERIT

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The Arts and Letters Section of UNESCO made a request last September for the preparation of a list of representative Canadian books written in English.

It was proposed to distribute this list abroad through UNESCO facilities with a view to awakening and promoting interest in Canadian literature.

Moreover, a basic list would thus be available from which books for translation might be selected.

The Canadian Arts Council, acting on the UNESCO request, and with the approval of the Department of External Affairs, consulted national organizations most closely associated with the literary and publishing field. A committee was appointed and the list drawn up.

The committee appointed was as follows:

### Canadian Arts Council Representative (and Chairman)

Philip Child - Professor of English, Trinity College,  
Toronto.

### Canadian Library Association Representatives

F.C. Jennings (Secretary) - Ottawa Public Library.  
W.S. Wallace - University of Toronto Library.

### Royal Society of Canada Representative

B.K. Sandwell - Editor of "Saturday Night".

### Humanities Research Council of Canada Representatives

Watson Kirkconnell - President of Acadia  
University.  
E.K. Brown - Professor of English, University of  
Chicago.

### Canadian Authors' Association Representatives

W.A. Deacon - Toronto Globe and Mail.  
Lorne Pierce - Editor of Ryerson Press, Toronto.

A similar committee will make a selection of Canadian books written in French.