

Europe. The W.I.B. had a workmanlike stable of writers and a great deal of pertinent and usable material was produced for external use. At least one of the W.I.B. productions, the Reference Papers series, has been carried on and is still part of the panoply of Canadian public information. The relationship of W.I.B. to the Department had its ups and downs but, in the main, seems to have been cordial and cooperative. A representative of External Affairs was a member of the Board and kept in touch with its work, particularly its work abroad, of course. Mr. Pearson fulfilled this function for some time. That a certain asperity might, from time to time, cloud the relationship between the Department and the W.I.B. is indicated in a personal letter of June 30, 1943, from Mr. Pearson to Norman Robertson. Mr. Pearson was at that time Minister-Counsellor of the Canadian Legation in Washington and, on a visit to New York had a session with the redoubtable John Grierson, then General Manager of the W.I.B.

When in New York yesterday, I spent some time with John Grierson. He immediately reproached me for having criticized his organization at the last meeting of the Board, but was inclined to be charitable when he realized how tired and jaded I was and probably should not be held responsible for my actions or words! . . .

Grierson also held forth at some length about grandiose plans he had for this and that, but I must say I found some difficulty in following him. I did gather, however, that his