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CULTURE

A Cultural Agreement was concluded between Canada and Italy. This agreement provides for the establishment of a Canadian Foundation at Rome and an Italian Institute at Montreal and looks forward to exchanges of students, artists, films, exhibitions, concerts and cultural activities of many kinds. The Canadian Government is taking steps to implement the agreement.

The programme of Canadian Government Overseas Awards was expanded during the years under review. The Royal Society of Canada is responsible for arranging the programme and selecting winners of the awards and has discharged these functions so competently that few difficulties have been encountered. Many of these awards are made in the creative arts.

An Act respecting the establishment of a National Library in Canada was approved in 1952 and came into force on January 1, 1953. (A copy is annexed to this report). Book deposit regulations effective February 1, 1953, were prepared by the National Librarian in accordance with the Act (copies in English and French are attached.)