

display unit was supplied to the posts in London and the United States. Forty-two sets of colour reproductions of the Canadian Coat of Arms were distributed to missions abroad for official purposes.

Enquiries Service

This service handles requests from Canadian posts, organizations and individuals abroad and foreign missions in Canada for general information on Canada; and enquiries from Canadians for information and publications on Canada's international relations. During 1949 approximately ten thousand requests for information were handled; the last three months of the year showed an 88 per cent increase in correspondence over the same period in 1948.

Requests from abroad account for approximately 75 per cent of the total received; they cover every conceivable aspect of Canadian life, and come from over 50 countries. Requests from Ceylon, India and Pakistan have markedly increased during the past year.

There was an increase in 1949 of over 85 per cent in the number of requests for information on international affairs received from Canadians. These enquiries comprise about 25 per cent of all correspondence received by the Enquiries Section.

A large proportion of the correspondence comes from educational institutions, libraries, journalists, authors and publishers, and the information supplied is generally given widespread distribution. For example, a considerable number of women's organizations in the United States are devoting a year's study to Canada and have been provided with kits of material. Requests originating in Canada come from groups studying various aspects of international affairs.

Library Services

The Departmental Library and the Press Clipping Service are the responsibility of the Information Division.

The Library Committee of the Department exercises general supervision over the Departmental Library, and determines what books, periodicals, newspapers and other publications—official and non-official—should be sent to posts abroad. The Chairman of the Committee is an officer of the Information Division, and the Committee's decisions are implemented by the Information Division which conducts all correspondence relating to its work.

In selecting books, periodicals, etc., for posts abroad, the Library Committee, while taking into account the wishes of the recipients, endeavours to provide posts with material that will enable members of the service to keep in touch with developments in Canadian and