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UNESCO COMES OF AGE

An address to the plenary meeting of the eleventh session of the UNESCO General Conference on November 22, 1960, by Mr. Marcel Cadieux, leader of the Canadian delegation.

... It gives me great pleasure to be able to report to this conference that during these last two years there has been a very considerable increase in interest and in activity in Canada in UNESCO affairs. The Canadian National Commission for UNESCO, created at the end of 1957, has during this interval been briskly getting on with its important tasks of collaborating with UNESCO, and in bringing the work of the organization to the attention of the appropriate Canadian institutions and organizations, and to the interest of the Canadian public generally. The Canadian National Commission for UNESCO has been particularly successful in organizing the many and varied resources in Canada, whether governmental or private, to advance the purposes of UNESCO's East-West major project - the mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values. For example, the co-operation of the National Film Board and of the Canadian Film Institute was secured to compile a catalogue of films on Asia available in Canada; and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been active in producing special radio projects on this theme. The National Gallery of Canada and other organizations have undertaken special activities on the East-West theme, and the National Commission has sponsored a variety of conferences which we think have successfully stimulated a wide Canadian interest in this important part of UNESCO's programme.

Canadian Programme

We are informed that there has been a steady increase in Canada in sales of and in subscriptions to UNESCO publications. Over the last two years, moreover, Canada has profited from a number of important international meetings organized or sponsored by UNESCO. The Canadian Commission has also developed close relations with other national commissions throughout the world, and Canada has continued its important duty in providing facilities for the reception and the training of UNESCO fellows from other countries.