

their children the benefits of education they themselves lacked while taking pride in their own race and its achievements. Now we stand at a crossroads, we have neither enough education to get better paying jobs nor can we depend on the country itself, as our ancestors did, for a livelihood.

"As students graduating, you represent the result of many years in a classroom, the work of many teachers has gone into helping you get the education you now have. If you con-

tinue on with your education what will you do then with your lives? Will you come back North to serve? Our North needs young vigorous people like yourselves. Your own people look up to you for help, for guidance. Don't stand idly and watch progress pass you by. Keep the best of what your people know and combine it with the education you now have. Make your own lives something to be proud of, take an active interest in the affairs of the North and make of it the wonderful place we all know it to be."

Inuvik Needs Library Books

Editor's Note: This message came to us indirectly from Mrs. Ellen Binder of Inuvik whose article "The Changing North" appears in this issue.

WITHIN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE a new library has just opened for the benefit of Canada's northernmost residents. The library is a striking one-storey structure measuring 36 feet by 60 feet, and is located on the busy main street of the Canadian showpiece development in modern Arctic living.

Inuvik, which in Eskimo means "the place of man", is the focal point for all the people in the Western Canadian Arctic. It is located on the east side of the Mackenzie River delta just 50 miles south of the Arctic Ocean and 125 miles north of the Arctic Circle. It is the home of both Indians and Eskimos. With a large number of students brought into the Inuvik school there is an exceptional number of children in the community — around 1500, which is well over half of the town's 2800 population.

The new library will fill an important gap in the community and will assist in bringing Canada's North into the complexities of the jet age world. The library is operated as an activity centre with books and exhibits to interest both young and old. It is locally operated and is open to everyone. The building was financed through a Centennial grant with Territorial support and is the only Centennial Project in the Northwest Territories ready for Centennial Year.

All of the grant funds were put into construction to obtain a building large enough to hold the 10,000 books recommended by the Canadian Library Association for a community the size of Inuvik. Now assistance is needed to fill the library's shelves with suitable books.

There is an immediate requirement for books of all types with a special call for children's

volumes. Although there is a government program to stock the library over a period of years, the library deserves to be filled with books *now* to satiate the present interests of all residents. There are many people in the area who have never had the opportunity of having a book in their home. The need for the satisfaction and knowledge from books is urgent in this rapidly developing part of Canada.

Donations of money to buy books or books themselves will be gratefully acknowledged with a donor's plate in every book. Any books sent should be clearly marked "book rate" which costs 10c for the first pound from anywhere in Canada and 8c a pound for the next 10 pounds up to a shipment maximum of 11 pounds.

Donations and books should be addressed to: The Inuvik Centennial Library, Box 1400, Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada.

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THE STAY-AT-HOME THRUSH

By Patience Strong

When the swifts and the martins have sung
their goodbyes,

And the swallows departed for tropical skies,

He is all the more welcome, my faithful old friend,

When I hear his sweet song at the day's quiet
end.

In the massed choirs of summer he's only a note:

A melody piped from a single small throat.

It is only when listening in autumn's first hush

That I catch the full song of the stay-at-home
thrush.

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