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Vancouver
There is no obvious solution to the problem of how a small community group acting as a charter board or programming depot for a community can prevent itself from becoming a programming elite like any other.

What's happening
City-Cable Vision Ltd. has had six hours of community programming per day for the past year. It has now set up Edmonton Cable (French language). It has portable units for coverage of sports and university discussions. A volunteer "Advisory Board" of eight people exists. A series on New Brunswick Indians attracted 40% of the available audience. Programs contain phone-in audience reaction. Discussions concerning expanded community service are now taking place, and 1/2 equipment has been acquired for use by community groups.

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What is happening
Community access.

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NFB in collaboration with the University of Toronto youth groups, citizen committees and local Indians has participated in a large amount of local and community programming with the Cable Commission of Ontario, the president of which is Mr. Jarmin who has been inviting citizen participation for some time.

Thunder Bay, Ontario
A Thunder Bay citizens production unit is providing one evening's programming a week. The programmes are made at the request of local groups. In addition, the Lakehead Board of Education now has its own cable channel and its own studio connected to the Cable Company's head end and will shortly be originating live and taped programming of both an educational and community type.

Fergus, Ontario
Local talent has been given an outlet here five nights a week over the past two years.

North Bay, Ontario
The NFB distribution representative is now meeting with leading citizens to discuss ways in which citizen access to cable can be achieved. In North Bay, Hannover, Midland, Penetangoshene, and Owen Sound "Communications Councils" are being set up to determine uses for community channels.

Vancouver, B.C.
The B.C. consumers association has been putting its own programming on cable and is now starting a new series with NFB support.

Hamilton, Ontario
NFB has helped to prepare programmes on local pollution and these were designed for use on the cable system.

Boucherville, Quebec
Students from the Informations Culturelles department of Universite du Quebec a Montreal are providing all original programming and production for the cable station owner, at his request.

Edmonton, Alberta
The Metropolitan Edmonton Educational Authority (M.M.E.A.) is a form of Charter Board producing mainly educational but some community programming and sharing a channel-they make programmes for service (broadcast TV).

Normandin, Quebec
Citizens of Normandin run their own programming a week. The programmes made at the request of local groups. In addition, the Lakehead Board of Education now has its own cable channel and its own studio connected to the Cable Company's head end and will shortly be originating live and taped programming of both an educational and community type.

Yellowknife, N.W.T.
Only in talking stage but a similar situation in Yellowknife is being planned. Equipment and trained people exist in Yellowknife and programmes have been produced that are compatible with NFB transmission facilities.