

For twelve years, the Bick family from Holland engaged in market gardening on a modest scale in a rural district of Ontario. One day they had the idea of growing vegetables to make pickles. And so the Bick Pickles Company was born. In the very first year of its existence, 1959, it employed 140 workers in the production of a million crates of pickles in 33 varieties.

If we cast a glance at the Province of Quebec - this province which is of particular interest to us - we feel everywhere the same impetus applied by newcomers to the economy of our country.

At St. Hyacinthe, a Belgian, W.E. Hecké, operates a door and window factory valued at over half-a-million dollars. When he became the owner 12 years ago, he invested \$200,000 of personal capital in the business.

Hecké is one of the 19,000 immigrants who, in the course of the last 14 years, have either established their own business enterprises or bought their own farms. Richard Segieth is another. He is one of the 2,200 Germans who have gone into business since 1950. In his native country, Segieth was a cabinet maker. After his arrival in Canada in 1953, he worked for four different furniture manufacturers before establishing his own firm in Iberville. The German cabinet maker was assisted financially by a Canadian businessman; and today his industry is highly successful. Most of the furniture he produces is made of beautiful teakwood imported from South Africa.

Everywhere in Canada any number of commercial establishments reflect the initiative and talent of immigrants of various ethnic origins. French, Swiss, Belgian and Italian people, whose culinary talents are renowned in all the large cities of Europe and America, have, in the post-war period, established many restaurants that are the delight of Canadian gourmets.

In the industrial field the majority of New Canadians in the Province of Quebec have been outstandingly successful. May I name, in passing, the St. Lawrence Ceramics, an achievement of a German chemist, Gesbert Boch, who produces tile for sale not only in Canada but also in the United States.

The St. Laurent Cement Works, also located in Quebec City, began operations with a few million dollars of Swiss capital. Among the lesser industries, but quite as worthy of mention, is the nursery started only five years ago at Champigny by the Belgian, Jean Speth. The three Spanish cabinet makers, Juan, Francisco and Agajuto Pelegrin, who came from Barcelona in 1957, have also established their shop on a solid basis in the St. Sacrement quarter of the city. Another Spaniard, Aurelio Hernandez, descended of an ancient line of craftsmen, has splendid pieces of religious goldsmithing now decorating several Canadian churches.

In Montreal, two Italian brothers, Jean and Flavio Rodighiero, who came to Canada in 1951 with a few hundred dollars, launched a construction enterprise now valued at some \$75,000. During the busy season, the Rodighiero firm employs approximately sixty workers, one half native born Canadians and the other half New Canadians.