

The immigrant miners began to arrive in December, and to date some 1,400 have been received and settled in their jobs. From all quarters reports indicate that these men are winning high praise and an excellent reputation as willing, hard and able workers, who give every promise of establishing themselves as useful Canadian citizens.

From every mining centre concerned we have had the greatest co-operation in working out plans for the reception, escorting and allocation of each group upon arrival. Our best thanks are due to those who have undertaken the extensive travel involved in meeting and escorting successive groups. We are also much indebted to those who have helped us greatly by acting as our liaison officers in various areas and have taken much trouble to keep us in touch with local needs and conditions, and arranging for local distribution; in particular, Mr. J. C. Perry of the Lamaque Mining Company, President of the Western Quebec Mining Association, Mr. R. V. Porritt of Noranda Mines, Mr. Alex. Harris of Kirkland Lake, Mr. H. M. Ferguson of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Mr. Hugh Thompson of McIntyre Porcupine Mines and Mr. E. G. Crayston of Madsen Red Lake Gold Mines.

Some appreciative record should also be made of the many arrangements which mining companies have made to assist the immigrants to become adapted to their new surroundings and assimilated to their new communities. It is interesting to note that an official of the Department of Labour states, in a report to Ottawa, and as a result of extensive personal observation, that it is "astounding to note the co-operation given by the industry to the new immigrants."

Of the 1,400 who have arrived in this country only some 25 have proved unfit, from medical or other reasons, for mining employment. This can be rightly regarded as a low percentage of rejections considering the handicaps under which the Selection Team had to operate.

Some 850 immigrants have yet to come. It is expected that they will arrive at the rate of 200 to 250 a month, so that the operation will not be completed until September next.

We are now giving our attention to the somewhat pressing problem of speeding up plans for the transportation of the wives and families of the married men, who form a small proportion of the total number.

In reviewing this operation as a whole we cannot speak too warmly of the helpful assistance that we have received on all hands. It is somewhat astonishing in view of the number of organizations, governmental and private, which are in one way or another directly concerned, that we have not hit more snags, and that for the most part arrangements have proceeded smoothly and efficiently.

There seems every ground for expecting that the benefits of this undertaking will be felt in the industry for many years to come.

This is Mr. Wansbrough's covering letter to me dated June 5, 1948.

Dear Senator WILSON:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of June 3rd in which you state that some members of the Senate Committee on Immigration and Labour would like to have a report on Displaced Persons in the employ of the various industries in Canada.

As far as the metal mining industry is concerned it has fallen to us to make the arrangements for selecting suitable men from the Displaced Persons camps.

I am not sure how much detail you would like to have, but as a beginning, I enclose a pertinent section of a report which I gave last week to our Annual General Meeting. This gives in summary form