

NEWCOMERS ON INCREASE

Statistics released by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration show that 98,761 immigrants entered Canada in the first eight months of 1956, an increase of 19,512 over the total for the corresponding period last year.

By August 31, 1956, Canada had received 56,804 workers, as against 43,716 in the first eight months of 1955, and 41,957 dependents, as against 35,533 in the same period a year ago.

Of the 56,804 workers, 18,610 were skilled or had some training in a craft, 5,805 were in professional occupations, and 8,092 were listed in semi-professional categories.

Included among the immigrants with professional training were 684 teachers and professors, 1,046 engineers, 240 doctors, 770 graduate nurses, 275 accountants, 126 architects, 246 laboratory technicians, 156 chemists, 18 dentists, and 1,426 others in a variety of professional occupations.

Farmers and farm workers totalled 5,496; service workers, including nurses' aides and domestic servants, 8,034; and general labourers 7,211.

U.S. ASSIGNMENT

The general upswing in immigration has not been reflected in an increased movement from the United States this year, although previous annual totals from the United States had risen steadily to a post-war peak of 10,392 in 1955.

With a view to increasing the flow of settlers from south of the border, two experienced immigration officials have been assigned to special duty in the United States. Starting November 26, they will visit the eight Consular offices maintained by Canada in the United States to study the types of applications for entry to Canada coming from different parts of the country and to survey manpower potentialities in the midwestern states and in New York and California.

Officers selected for the special assignment are, M.S. Cooke, settlement supervisor for Alberta, and H.W.P. Thompson, acting settlement supervisor for the Atlantic Provinces.

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ENDS JAPAN VISIT: The Right Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Defence Production, left Tokyo today following a sixteen-day goodwill and trade mission to Japan. He was accompanied by Mr. Mitchell W. Sharp, Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.

During his stay in Japan, Mr. Howe had an audience with the Emperor, and called on the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Minister of International Trade and Industry and the Minister of Agriculture. He also met a number of businessmen, individually and as members of various trade associations. This enabled him to review the results of the Agreement of Commerce, signed by Canada and Japan on March 31, 1954.

As Mr. Howe is particularly interested in the use of Canadian wheat in Japan, he visited a flour mill in Yokohama and a bakery at Akabane. He also saw a textile mill at Osaka, a steel mill at Amagasaki, a shipbuilding yard at Kobe, and a brocade manufacturing company at Kyoto.

Various functions in which Mr. Howe participated included a dinner by the Foreign Minister at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo; a luncheon tendered by the Imported Foods Association, the Flour Millers Association, and the Bakers Association, at the Kasumigaseki Golf Club; a dinner by the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. T.C. Davis; a luncheon given by Governor Uchiyama, of the Kanagawa Prefecture at Gaihinkan; a reception by the Economic Organizations at the Kogyo Club, and a dinner by the Canada-Japan Society and the Japan-Canada Trade Council in the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo; a luncheon by the All-Japan Cotton Spinners' Association, at

Boseki Kaikan, and a dinner by the Osaka Prefectural and municipal Governments and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce; luncheons tendered by the Kobe Chamber of Commerce, and the Minister of International Trade and Industry, and a dinner by the Minister of Agriculture.

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NEW MINESWEEPER: HMCS Thunder, a Bay class coastal minesweeper, was launched October 27 at Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, Port Arthur, Ont.

She was the second to be launched of six minesweepers being built for the Royal Canadian Navy to replace those turned over to France in 1954 under the NATO Mutual Aid Agreement.

The first launching under the programme was that of HMCS Fundy, which commissions at Lauzon, P.Q., on November 20. At present eight Bay class minesweepers are in service with the RCN and six are with the French Navy.

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NEW GOVERNMENT: When Nova Scotia electors went to the polls October 30 they ended 23 years of Liberal administration in the Atlantic Province.

Victors in the provincial election were the Progressive Conservatives led by Robert L. Stanfield, who captured 23 of the 43 seats at stake.

Party standing was as follows:

	1956	1953
Progressive Conservative	23	12
Liberal	19	23
C.C.F.	1	2
	43	37