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HEAVY IMMIGRATION MOVEMENT

The year-end total of immigrants to Canada during 1957 is expected to be between 280,000 and 285,000, according to the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. This would be the fifth largest immigration total in the present century.

In 1913, immigrants totalled 400,870. The three other years in which immigration has exceeded 285,000 were 1910 with 286,839, 1911 with 331,288, and 1912 with 375,756.

Final figures for the first nine months of 1957 show that arrivals from all countries totalled 244,266, up from 110,009 in the corresponding period last year. Arrivals for all of 1956 were 164,857.

Nearly half of total immigrants in 1957 will be arrivals from the British Isles and Hungarian refugees.

By the end of the year, immigration from the British Isles is expected to total 115,000. Arrivals of Hungarian refugees will be in the neighbourhood of 33,000. No other country has taken as many for permanent residence. The United States has admitted about the same number but 17,000 have no legal status.

A total of 35,797 Hungarian refugees had arrived in Canada at the end of November. They

include 31,079 who arrived between January 1 and September 30 of this year.

During the first nine months of 1957 arrivals of immigrants from the British Isles totalled 99,081, up from 34,734 in the corresponding period last year. They included 63,872 from England, 20,357 from Scotland, 2,209 from Wales and 12,643 of Irish origin.

Arrivals of German immigrants in the January-September period rose to 24,353 from 16,971 last year. Italian immigrants increased to 24,156 from 19,708; Dutch to 11,501 from 6,768; Danish to 7,262 from 2,612; Norwegian to 1,168 from 605; Finnish to 2,216 from 689, and French to 4,666 from 1,985.

Of the 244,266 immigrants who arrived in Canada in the first nine months of 1957, a total of 135,675 were classified as workers and 108,591 as dependents. In the same period a year ago workers totalled 63,026 and dependents 46,983.

In the nine-month period arrivals of skilled workers rose to 50,055 from 20,246 a year ago. Arrivals of professional people increased to 13,932 from 6,651, labourers rose to 18,253 from 8,150, and clerical workers increased to 14,831 from 6,743.

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TAX REDUCTIONS

Among the changes in taxation announced by Finance Minister, Donald Fleming in the House of Commons on December 7, 1957, were the following:

Personal income tax exemption for dependents increased \$100, effective January 1, 1958.

Basic personal and marital exemptions unchanged at \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

Room, board and transportation allowances to workers on away-from-home construction