

**146,236 IMMIGRANTS:** Mr. Walter Harris, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, announced on December 3 that during the month of October a total of 10,940 immigrants entered Canada, bringing the total for the first ten months of the year up to 146,236. This compares with a total of 152,473 for the same period of 1951.

Of the number arriving in October 5,966 were dependents, either accompanying the head of the family or coming to join close relatives here. In this group were 2,375 wives and 3,026 children. Skilled workers comprised the largest single group in the 4,974 workers who arrived, with a total of 1,244. Other major groups among the workers were 870 unskilled and semi-skilled, 764 female domestics, 748 professionals and 315 destined for Canadian farms.

The month's figures showed a continuation of the increase in immigration from Great Britain with 3,856 English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh arriving in October of this year as compared with 3,123 in the same month a year ago. Total arrivals from the United Kingdom in the ten months of this year now stand at 36,637, as compared with 25,058 during the same ten months of 1951. Representing an increase of 46 per cent, the ten-month British arrivals are almost 5,300 in excess of the twelve-month total of 1951.

Also exceeding the total twelve month figures of 1951 are the number of immigrants who have come to Canada from the United States and the number of Canadians who have returned to Canada from that country. In the ten months of this year 7,904 United States immigrants have come to Canada and in the same period 4,104 Canadians have returned. During all of 1951 the total of United States immigration was 7,732 and of returning Canadians 3,635. October figures themselves showed 927 immigrants from the United States, an increase of 28 per cent over the 722 who arrived in the same month a year ago and 311 returning Canadians, as compared with 291 in October 1951.

While figures from the United Kingdom and the United States are up, the total immigration for the ten months is down four per cent or 6,177 over the total of the first ten months of 1951.

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**PAYROLLS RECORD:** Employment, payrolls, and average weekly wages in Canada's principal industries rose to new peak levels at the beginning of October, according to preliminary figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The advance index of employment climbed to 192.0 from 190.6 at the beginning of September, and 186.5 at October 1 last year, while the payrolls index advanced to 449.9 from 442.7 a month earlier, and 410.0 a year ago. Average weekly wages and salaries increased to \$55.03 from \$54.55 at the beginning of September, and \$51.59 a year earlier.

**CANADA-U.S. AIR DEFENCE:** The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Brooke Claxton, made a statement in the House of Commons on December 1 on Canada-U.S. co-operation for the air defence of North America. The statement was made after Mr. M.J. Coldwell, CCF Leader, asked, "Under what authority do United States planes cross into Canada for the purpose of investigating planes flying over Canadian territory?"

The Minister replied:

"As hon. members know, the defence of North America must be regarded as a single operation, and in consequence of recommendations of the Permanent Joint Board an arrangement has been worked out related to the defence of North America against air attack. The important element in this arrangement is that air defence identification zones have been set up along both sides of the international border and along both coasts. Civil aeronautical regulations require that any aircraft operating in these zones should file flight plans.

"Any unidentified aircraft flying in an air defence zone near the international border and apparently heading toward the border is liable to interception for purposes of identification by military aircraft of the country towards which the unidentified aircraft is believed to be headed. For this purpose United States Air Force aircraft may cross the border into Canada and R.C.A.F. aircraft may cross into the United States. Interceptor aircraft must obey the rules of interception procedure laid down by the country over which the interception is made. United States aircraft when flying over Canada are not permitted to order any aircraft to land."

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**CANADIAN SANTA:** In an effort to alleviate some of the hardship being suffered by thousands of German East Zone refugees now in Hanover, Germany, and to give a little Canadian spirit to unfortunate children, 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group has launched an appeal for soldier contributions.

The appeal to all units for Christmas comforts asks for contribution of cash donations, clothing, shoes, tinned food stuffs, etc. As suitable used clothing and shoes are not available to Canadian troops in Germany, it is expected that cash contributions will form the largest portion of Canadian gifts.

According to German officials in Hanover, there are more than 60,000 displaced people in and around the city.

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As has been the custom for several years, the Canadian Travel Bureau will be represented with an exhibit at the National Travel Show in Chicago from February 20 to March 1 next, the Minister of Resources and Development, Mr. Robert H. Winters, has announced.