

## 362,451 IMMIGRANTS SINCE 1945

**MINISTER'S STATEMENT:** A total of 362,451 immigrants had entered Canada by the end of 1949 since the cessation of hostilities in Europe in 1945, it was announced on February 2 by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Mr. Harris.

This figure was made up of 160,848 from the United Kingdom, 38,828 from the United States, 45,720 members of northern European races, and 117,055 from other races. Of the total, 92,533 were Displaced Persons. More than 41,000 of these were brought to this country in group movements and have found places in Canada's expanding industry. Nearly 50,000 Displaced Persons joined relatives residing in Canada, and some 1,000 were orphan children who have been placed in homes in all parts of the country.

Immigrants to Canada during the calendar year 1949 totalled 95,217, a drop of 24.1 per cent from the total of 125,414 arrivals in 1948. Immigration from the United Kingdom declined 51.8 per cent, comparative totals for 1949 and 1948 being 22,201 and 46,057, respectively.

An increase of 4.9 per cent in immigrants from the United States was noted, 7,744 entering Canada during 1949, compared to 7,381 during the previous year.

Immigrants from northern European races numbered 17,439, a 2.8 increase over the 1948 total of 16,957. Approximately 7,000 members of Dutch farm families came to Canada during

1949, increasing to 17,000 the number of Netherlands agriculturists who have been brought to this country since April 1947, through the Canada-Netherlands Farm Settlement Plan. These Dutch immigrants work for Canadian farmers until they can acquire land of their own, and many have already become established on their own farms.

Little change was indicated in the movement of citizens of France to Canada, the 1949 total of 1,021 being only slightly lower than the figure of 1,074 for 1948.

A decrease of 13.1 per cent in immigration of other races was recorded, the 1949 total being 47,833, against 55,019 in 1948. Italian immigrants numbered 7,742, an increase of 4,540 over the 3,302 arrivals in 1948. There were 12,233 Polish immigrants in 1949, only 1,566 fewer than during the previous year.

The destination by provinces of the 1949 arrivals was as follows: Ontario, 48,607; Quebec, 18,005; Alberta, 8,519; British Columbia, 7,847; Manitoba, 5,721; Saskatchewan, 3,664; Nova Scotia, 1,626; New Brunswick, 782; Prince Edward Island, 240; Newfoundland, 129; Yukon and Northwest Territories, 50.

The Minister stated that emigration from the United Kingdom and Western Europe had been made increasingly difficult by currency devaluation and exchange control measures, and that at present it was practically impossible for members of many other races in Europe to leave their countries.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION:** Details of the organization of the new Department established to administer federal responsibilities in connection with Citizenship, Immigration, and Indian Affairs were announced on February 1 by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. Harris.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration includes the Canadian Citizenship Branch and the Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch, formerly with the Department of Secretary of State, the Immigration and Indian Affairs Branches of the former Department of Mines and Resources, and a newly organized Administration Branch.

The Departmental organization is as follows: Minister: Hon. W.E. Harris; Deputy Minister: Laval Fortier.

Canadian Citizenship Branch: Director, Frank Foulds; Assistant Director, Dr. Louis Charbonneau. This Branch assists Provincial Departments of Education and national organizations and societies in the development of programs designed to help immigrants adjust themselves to the Canadian way of life. It also assists in the integration of the various ethnic groups which make up Canada's population.

Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch:

Régistrar, J.E. Duggan; Assistant Registrar, Paul Deziel. This Branch administers the Canadian Citizenship Act, deals with applications from aliens wishing to become Canadian citizens, and issues certificates in proof of their status to Canadian citizens.

Immigration Branch: Director, A.L. Joffliffe; Commissioner, C.E.S. Smith. The Immigration Branch comprises the Canadian service, which includes five Immigration Districts and 293 ports of entry in Canada: the Overseas Service, which includes immigration offices in the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, and elsewhere; and the Settlement Service, whose members stationed in Canada and Europe provide up-to-date information and individual guidance to prospective immigrants.

Indian Affairs Branch: Director, D.M. MacKay. The Indian Affairs Branch administers the affairs of the 130,000 Indians in Canada. The Branch has five divisions - Administrative, Agencies, Education, Reserves and Trusts, and Welfare.

Administration Branch: Director, to be appointed. This branch will provide central services for the entire Department through five sections - Administration, Legal, Personnel, Purchasing, and Editorial and Information.