

refugees and their dependents who had been living in camps. Under the original scheme, a total of 344 persons consisting of 100 tuberculous refugees and their families were brought to Canada. Provincial governments co-operating in this programme undertook to pay most of the costs of medical treatment in sanatoria while the Federal Government paid all other costs including transportation to Canada and maintenance of families until they were reasonably able to support themselves.

As a result of the encouraging experience in treating these tuberculous refugees and integrating them into the Canadian community, it was decided to extend the programme. Thus a total of 553 refugees including 211 afflicted with tuberculosis arrived in Canada from European camps under the special and extended programmes.

To assist the High Commissioner further in his efforts to clear the camps, the Canadian Government initiated another special refugee immigration scheme to admit from camps in Italy over 800 refugees who had met regular health and other criteria but who lacked sponsors. Some of these refugees had spent as long as five years in camps. In admitting these refugees, the Canadian Government provided such help as was required to enable them to become established and self-supporting in Canada.

These special contributions to the re-settlement of refugees living in camps is, of course, separate from the normal immigration of refugees to Canada. Every year since 1945 there have been thousands of refugees admitted to Canada from European camps and outside camps. It is difficult to give an accurate figure because Canada has followed the policy of admitting all new arrivals as immigrants without establishing a special category or label of "refugee". Very often the documents submitted by the new arrival do not indicate clearly whether he is a refugee or not. It is possible therefore that we have considerably underestimated the figure when we calculate that 250,000 refugees have been admitted to Canada since World War II.

In addition to this normal immigration of refugees, Canada has, for a number of years, permitted the sponsorship of handicapped refugees who did