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During the 1930's, due to the adverse economic conditions of the period, these provisions were necessarily interpreted in a restrictive manner. It is now possible because of improved economic conditions to interpret them in a liberal manner. Under present circumstances it is our intention so to administer the regulations that British subjects from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Australia or the Union of South Africa, and citizens of the United States who desire to enter Canada will be required only to meet certain standards of health and character, and to show that they are not likely to become public charges.

During the war a number of refugees were received and at the end of the war it was felt that conditions in Europe made it desirable to widen the categories of relatives who could be admitted to Canada. As a result these categories have now been greatly extended and further extensions are being considered.

In addition to new categories of relatives, we have extended admission to persons suitable for employment in the primary industries of Canada which have been experiencing an urgent shortage of manpower.