

NEW DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

THREE ACTIVITIES: The new Department of Citizenship and Immigration combines under one head three activities of Government dealing with human beings and designed to bring these human beings to the status of full citizenship.

It plans and directs the movement of immigrants to Canada; administers the Canadian Citizenship Act and assists in the adjustment of immigrants to the Canadian way of life and in the integration of the various ethnic groups which make up Canada's population, and administers the affairs of the 130,000 Indians of Canada, the Department announces.

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration is the Honourable Walter Harris, and the Deputy Minister is Laval Fortier. A.L. Jolliffe is Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister on immigration matters. Head Office of the Department is in the Woods Building, Slater and Elgin Streets, Ottawa.

The Department is divided into the following five branches: Administration, Immigration, Canadian Citizenship Registration, Canadian Citizenship, Indian Affairs.

Administration Branch: W.J.F. Pratt, is Acting Chief Administrative Officer. The Administration Branch provides central services for the entire Department through the following five sections: Administration, Personnel, Purchasing, Legal, Editorial and Information.

Immigration Branch: C.E.S. Smith, is Acting Director. 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 Hong Kong; and the Settlement Service, whose members stationed in Canada and Europe provide up-to-date information and individual guidance to prospective immigrants.

Heads of services are the following: Canadian Service, P.T. Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner; Overseas Service, J.D. McFarlane, Assistant Commissioner; Settlement Service, J.A. Paul, Superintendent.

Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch: J.E. Duggan, is Registrar; Paul Deziel, Assistant Registrar. 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.

Canadian Citizenship Branch: Frank Foulds, is Director; Dr. Louis Charbonneau, Assistant Director. This Branch assists Provincial Departments of Education and national organizations and societies in the development of programmes 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.

The Branch is subdivided into three main divisions: The Liaison Division, concerned with the co-ordination of citizenship training programmes sponsored by the Provincial Departments of Education and national organizations and societies; the Research Division, responsible for the preparation of citizenship training manuals and data relating to ethnic and cultural groups, and the Information Division, responsible for the preparation and distribution of material to the foreign language press in Canada and to organizations and individuals requesting information of a general citizenship character.

Division heads are the following: Liaison, Dr. V.J. Kaye; Research, W.H. Agnew; Information, H.N. Lohead.

The Indian Affairs Branch directs the affairs of the Indian population on 91 agencies throughout Canada. It devotes particular attention to education -- 72 residential schools and 432 day-school classrooms are now in operation -- and to the provision of welfare services for the Indians. Modern methods of land usage and effective measures of fur conservation are taught to Indians dependent on farming and trapping for their livelihood.

ARMY PAY CORPS COURSE: A month-long course for members of the Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps from all parts of Canada will begin at Ottawa on Monday, February 20, it was announced on February 17 by Army Headquarters. First of its kind ever conducted, the course is designed to train personnel in the rules governing the operation of messes and canteens. It includes training in bookkeeping and auditing.

GOLD PRODUCTION: Canadian production of gold in November continued the uninterrupted monthly gains of previous months in 1949 over

1948, amounting to 361,311 fine ounces, 16 per cent above the November 1948 output of 311,399 fine ounces. Aggregate output for the first 11 months of 1949 rose to 3,739,166 fine ounces from 3,202,575 for the corresponding period of 1948, or by 17 per cent.

PRICE CONTROLS ON STEEL SCRAP WITHDRAWN: The Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced on February 14 that all price controls on steel scrap have been withdrawn effective February 15, 1950. This removes the last remaining commodity price control under the Wartime Prices and Trade Regulations.