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The Department of External Affairs announced today the conclusion of an immigration agreement with the Government of India. The agreement takes the form of an exchange of notes. The notes were exchanged in Ottawa today, which is India's national day. The agreement comes into effect immediately. The Canadian note was signed by the Prime Minister. The Indian note was signed by Mr. P.K. Banerjee, the Acting High Commissioner for India.

The agreement, which may be terminated by either government on six months' notice, reads as follows:

- "(1) In the twelve month period commencing on the 1st day of January, 1951, and in each succeeding twelve month period thereafter, the admission to Canada for permanent residence of one hundred and fifty citizens of India, including both sexes and all ages, shall be authorized provided the immigrants comply with the provisions of the Canadian Immigration Act.
 - (2) In addition to the citizens of India whose entry to Canada for permanent residence is authorized in accordance with paragraph (1) above, a citizen of India who can otherwise comply with the provisions of the Canadian Immigration Act may be admitted to Canada for permanent residence if he or she is the husband, wife or unmarried child under twenty-one years of age of any Canadian citizen legally admitted to and resident in Canada and if the settlement arrangements in Canada are shown to the Canadian authorities to be satisfactory.
 - (3) The provisions of Canadian Order-in-Council P.C. 2115, dated the 16th day of September, 1930, as amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 6229 of the 28th day of December, 1950, shall not apply to citizens of India.
 - (4) The admission to Canada as non-immigrants of citizens of India shall not be affected by the preceding paragraphs."
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