

Although it has been found necessary to require every alien coming to the United States to obtain a passport and visa, it is the aim of this Government to facilitate the issuance of visas in every way possible. The visas which Canadian visitors will be required to obtain on and after July 1, 1940, will be issued without cost, valid for one year provided that the passport is valid for this period, and may be used for any number of entries during the period of its validity.

As you are aware, the United States has a large number of consular establishments in Canada and it is contemplated that additional offices will be opened at Sault Ste. Marie, Fort Erie, Sarnia, Kingston, and Sherbrooke. Although the office at London, Ontario, will be closed, residents at that district will have ready access to the office at either Sarnia or Windsor. Additional personnel is also being added, where needed, to other offices in Canada and Mexico in order to expedite the issuance of visas to persons entitled thereto.

The so-called "commuters" who have already entered the United States with immigration visas will, under the present law, continue to be readmitted with Border Identification Cards. Other persons admitted as immigrants may obtain reentry permits before departing from the United States. Special arrangements have been made to take care of the operating personnel of railroad trains, vessels engaged in water transportation, aircraft and automobile vehicles operating on regular schedules, who shall not have been able to obtain passports and visas by July 1, 1940, to afford them a reasonable time within which to obtain their documents, as it is recognized that these essential services should not be disrupted.