

ed products is increasing, and with this growth there are appearing new potential users of bulk transport as provided by waterways. The savings to be gained from the use of water transport are thus coming within the reach of an ever growing volume of traffic

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**"DOORWAY TO CANADA"**

There is little doubt that immigration has played an integral part in the recent growth of the Canadian economy, says the Bank of Montreal in its May Business Review.

The Review, entitled "Doorway to Canada", points out that immigration has not only brought over one million new customers, most of them adults, to the Canadian market since 1949, but it has also eased the labour shortage that would otherwise have been acute.

"Not since the historic period from 1903 to 1914, when new arrivals were reaching our shores at an average rate of 230,000 a year, has immigration attained such levels," says the Review, adding that, while it is somewhat more difficult for a person either to leave his own country or to enter Canada than it was before 1914, it is much easier now than it was in 1946, or even 1950.

This easing of restrictions, coupled with intensive promotional campaigns abroad in 1950-51 and again in 1955-56, are reflected in the higher immigration statistics, says the Bank of Montreal, which notes that during the six years from 1945 to 1950, only 453,000 people migrated to Canada, whereas immigration totalled 957,000 in the ensuing six years to 1956.

The Review also observes that the proportion of immigrants of British nationality was substantially reduced in the later period, while the number emigrating from Germany, Italy and Holland rose sharply. It adds, however, that during the second half of 1956, there was a marked increase in the number of residents of the United Kingdom expressing interest in emigrating to Canada, and it is expected that this year as many as 100,000 may cross the Atlantic to this country.

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**APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED**, Two important appointments have been announced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Ronald M. Macdonnell, at present Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been named to succeed the late E. Herbert Norman as Canadian Ambassador to Egypt and Canadian Minister to Lebanon. Mr. Macdonnell will arrive in Cairo within the next few days to take up his new duties.

Mr. Evan W.T. Gill, at present High Commissioner for Canada in the Union of South Africa has been appointed the first High Commissioner for Canada in Ghana, which became independent on March 6, 1957. Mr. Gill will take up his new duties in Accra next fall.

"This factor," concluded the speaker, "will be one of the most important in increasing water transport in the years ahead, and its presence enables us to foresee traffic accruing to the Seaway which could hardly have been taken into account even a few years ago."

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"If the numbers arriving from Germany, Italy and Holland are as large this year as they were in 1956, and the estimate of 30,000 Hungarian refugees proves to be close to the mark," states the Bank of Montreal, "it is altogether likely that total immigration in 1957 will exceed the postwar peak of 194,391 reached in 1951."

The importance of successfully absorbing immigrants into Canadian society is manifest when it is recalled that, of a total Canadian population of a little over 16 million, one million have come to these shores from other countries during the 1950's, the Review says. "It may further be observed that approximately 55 per cent came to Canada with the objective of becoming gainfully employed, and, assuming that those who did so have retained this objective, their number is equivalent to a tenth of the total civilian labour force in Canada."

The Bank of Montreal also notes that the immigrant flow contains more males than females, more single men than married, more in the 20-30 age group than in any other, and that more than half have given Ontario as their destination. "A number of them have established small businesses of their own, and it has been estimated that in the six years to 1956, such enterprises represented an investment of more than \$11,000,000 and employed some 3,400 persons."

"Like the massive movement of capital from abroad," the Review sums up, "the inward surge of people has been attracted by, and has contributed to, the remarkable record of Canadian economic expansion in the 1950's."

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**SCOUT AIRLIFT** Canada plans to send a total of 1,494 Scouts and Leaders to the Boy Scout Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield, England, next August 1 to 22. Included in these figures are 1,047 Scouts and Leaders for the Jamboree: 184 Scouters for the Indaba (a world gathering of Scout Leaders), 183 Rovers and Leaders for the Rover Moot section, 26 service staff and 52 H.Q. staff. It is the first time all three events have been planned for the same location and at the same time.

Some 1,350 members of the Canadian Contingent will fly the Atlantic via chartered aircraft, believed to be the world's largest single Scout airlift.