

With the help of private organizations and individuals, the refugee private sponsorship scheme which began in World Refugee Year was carried on in 1962. A number of other refugees were also admitted to Canada within the ordinary immigration provisions under the sponsorship of their close relatives in Canada.

Furthermore, special refugee programmes were carried out by the Canadian Government during this year. A special authorization was granted for the admission of fifty families of stateless persons from the Middle East to be settled in Canada under private auspices. The normal occupational, age and education standards were not applied to this group. The majority of these families have already arrived and are being settled satisfactorily.

Although, this year, there were no Canadian Government-sponsored movements of refugees affected by tuberculosis, the treatment and integration of those who had arrived previously continued successfully. The three movements which took place between December 1959 and March 1961 included 325 tubercular patients and their dependents for a total of 826 persons. Most of these persons have now succeeded in establishing themselves firmly in Canada, and we consider that, on the whole, this movement has been very successful.

In May 1962, the Canadian Government decided to accept 100 families of Chinese refugees from Hong Kong. Some 45 families have already arrived in Canada and their settlement is proceeding without undue difficulties with the co-operation of individuals and private organizations across the country. This was a special movement, initiated against the background of the emergency in Hong Kong earlier this year. It must be borne in mind, however, that Canada has, in the past 13 years, received under its normal immigration provisions approximately 25,000 Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong, most of whom had fled Mainland China.