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During the 1930's, due to the adverse economic conditions of the period, these provisions were necessarily interpreted in a restrictive manner. Because of improved economic conditions, it is now possible to interpret them broadly. It is the intention of the government, under present circumstances, to have the regulations so administered that British subjects from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Australia or the Union of South Africa, and citizens of the United States, who desire to enter Canada will be required only to meet certain standards of health and character, and to show that they are not likely to become public charges.

At the end of the war, it was felt that conditions in Europe made it desirable to widen the categories of relatives of Canadian residents who could be admitted to Canada. As a result these categories, some time ago, were extended substantially. Recently, the terms of admissibility were extended to include still wider groups of relatives. All married relatives who are admissible are now granted the right to bring their families with them.

The government has also extended admissibility to the final persons who are suitable for employment in the primary industries. As hon, members are aware, Canada's primary industries are experiencing an acute shortage of manpower.

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