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Canadian Immigration Policy

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There has been a great deal of apparent misunderstanding as to the position of the government with regard to immigration, and I should like to give a brief statement which may be of some assistance.

*to
Crawford*

Canada needs population. The Government is fully seized of that fact. It is determined to do everything that can properly and usefully be done to foster the growth of the population of Canada through the development and the energetic application of a wise and productive immigration policy.

The problem of immigration has to be viewed in the light of the world situation as a whole. We cannot devise a wise and productive policy by studying only the situation within our own country. We must relate our policy to the chaotic social, political and economic circumstances resulting from the war. We must also take into account the urgent need for the resettlement of persons displaced and homeless as an aftermath of the world conflict. Finally we must recognize that there exist certain physical

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