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THE BENEFITS OF IMMIGRATION

In amplification of a statement made by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough, in the House of Commons on February 9, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration recently issued the following statement:

"There are many benefits that have accrued from immigration. Not only do newcomers infuse a new spirit into our social and cultural life, but they have made a quite distinctive contribution to Canada's economy.

"In the past 11 years, for example, 5,967 businesses have been established and 5,385 farms purchased by post-war newcomers. The value of these businesses and farms amounts to \$140,866,900. They have provided employment for 34,882 persons.

"These are business and farm purchases reported to Immigration Branch officials. There are many others, for no immigrant is under any compulsion to report his business or farm purchase to the Department.

"It is well known that most immigrants are willing to work hard and sacrifice much in order to establish themselves securely in Canada. This is borne out by figures that indicate that they paid \$69,284,200 - almost half the value of their businesses and farms - in 'cash-down' payments.

IMMIGRANT BUSINESSES

"There has been a very marked upswing in the number of immigrants establishing businesses in the past two or three years. Roughly

one-quarter of the businesses established during the last 11 years were bought in 1960.

"There are certain patterns emerging from the statistics for both business and farm settlements.

"In the business field, 2,433 out of 5,967 settlements since 1950 have been in Ontario, 1,557 in British Columbia-Yukon, 1,150 in Quebec, 275 in Manitoba, 269 in Alberta, 221 in Saskatchewan, 41 in Nova Scotia, 17 in New Brunswick and four in Prince Edward Island.

"Germans have established 1,381 of these businesses, Dutch 1,223, British 559, Italians 531, Hungarians 333, U.S. citizens 329, Polish 267, French 263, Danish 254 and Austrians 242.

"The average immigrant buys his business from three to six years after his arrival in Canada.

"Among the 137 'other' settlements reported are included New Canadian businessmen of Argentinian, Australian, Bolivian, Cypriot, Icelandic, Moroccan, Mexican, Paraguayan, South West African and Venezuelan nationalities.

"In agriculture, 3,123 out of 5,385 farms were bought in Ontario, 815 in British Columbia, 500 in Quebec, 293 in Alberta, 235 in Nova Scotia, 152 in Manitoba, 139 in Saskatchewan, 69 in New Brunswick and 59 in Prince Edward Island.

"Dutch farmers, who have brought to Canada their experience, skill and many new techniques, predominated in the purchase of farms. Two-thirds of the new farm-owners - 4,213 -

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