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our population was only 8,788,000. To-day it is about 12,000,000 -- almost 50% greater. Moreover, the Canadian economy has undergone a tremendous expansion during the last two decades. Thus our capacity to absorb immigrants during the coming years should be far greater than it was in the 1920's. It is difficult to deal in specific figures but the Government is prepared to accept a minimum movement of 100,000 immigrants a year as a target figure. If it becomes apparent that the country can absorb a larger influx we will gladly raise our annual objective.

From what I have said it will be apparent that the government is thinking of future immigration in terms much less rigid than those which have applied in the immediate past. However, this does not in any sense imply an "open door" policy for mass immigration. There is a definite need of adjusting the speed of flow and there is also the further need of controlling our immigration so as to ensure that we get the right kind of people to build up our population.