

The United Kingdom and continental immigration staff, numbering approximately 110 during 1951, of whom approximately 80 were officers authorized to issue visas, held personal interviews with more than 900,000 persons during 1951, and sent out more than 1,000,000 letters in response to requests for information and to applications received. In addition, well over 300,000 medical examinations were conducted by doctors stationed at the immigration offices.

During 1951, 232,004 persons were completely "processed" for emigration to Canada. In other words, they had been thoroughly checked as to admissibility, had met the medical standard, and had received their travel visas.

The Director of the Immigration Branch has declared that no one who had not visited one of the Canadian immigration offices in Europe could have an adequate conception of the complexity of the problems encountered by his overseas staff or of the pressures under which they carried out their duties. To these devoted workers, he added, should go much of the credit for the success of the Canadian immigration programme during 1951.



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July 12 marked the 70th anniversary of Canadian representation in France. The original agency, through a series of transformations, became the present Embassy. The Paris office reported at first to the Department of Secretary of State but was transferred to the control of the Department of External Affairs in 1913 thereby becoming the first post abroad to be placed under the latter Department supervision. Major-General George P. Vanier has been head of the mission since 1938.