

leniency in the case of these refugees. Those who failed to meet even these limited standards were considered under the private-sponsorship scheme or the handicapped-refugee programme.

With the help of private organizations and individuals, the refugee private sponsorship scheme which began in World Refugee Year was also maintained in 1962. A number of other refugees were also admitted to Canada within the ordinary immigration provisions under the sponsorship of their close relatives in Canada.

Special Projects

As well, special refugee programmes were carried out by the Government during 1962. A special authorization was granted for the admission of 50 families of stateless persons from the Middle East to be settled in Canada under private auspices. The majority of these families have already arrived in Canada and are being settled without difficulty.

Although there were no government-sponsored movements of refugees affected by tuberculosis last year, the treatment and integration of those who had arrived previously continued with success. The three movements which took place between December 1959 and March 1961 included 325 tubercular patients and their dependents for a total of 826 persons. Most of these persons have now succeeded in establishing themselves in Canada, and I consider that, on the whole, this movement has been very successful.

In May 1962, the Canadian Government decided to accept 100 families of Chinese refugees from Hong Kong. Some 76 families have already arrived in Canada and their settlement is proceeding satisfactorily with the co-operation of individuals and private organizations across the country. While this is a special movement, initiated against the background of the emergency in Hong Kong early last year, it must be borne in mind that Canada has, during the past 14 years, received under its normal immigration provisions approximately 25,000 Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong, most of whom had fled mainland China.

Handicapped Refugees

On an experimental basis, the Government initiated plans in 1962 for the movement to Canada of a number of handicapped refugees who were capable of obtaining employment. It was expected that careful advance preparation could enable these individuals and their families to establish themselves successfully without becoming a burden to their sponsors or without the need for extensive public assistance. A number of cases are at present under consideration, and it is hoped that some families will soon enter Canada.