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## CANADA'S MANY SOLITUDES

*The following is a partial text of an address to the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in Montreal on April 9 by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. René Tremblay:*

...There has been considerable discussion in recent months on the values of inter-group relations - and there is likely to be even more in coming months. I do not propose at this time to add to the spate of words that have been spoken and written on the topic of biculturalism and bilingualism but to discuss group relations more broadly.

I am sure that many here tonight remember that old Indian saying: "Do not criticize your brother until you have walked a mile in his moccasins". It is good advice. Greater understanding of, and sympathy for, the viewpoints of others offer the best solutions to all our difficulties. Prejudice, discrimination and, to a great extent, indifference, are our principal adversaries, just as tolerance, courtesy and the "golden rule" are our most effective allies.

Cynics would have us believe that the world is not growing better. I am not one of those pessimists, for I firmly believe that the world is infinitely kinder and more understanding than it used to be, that there is more co-operation among peoples and nations, and more concern for the rights and privileges of individuals.

Montreal is an admirable setting for a study of inter-group relations. It is not only the largest city in Canada but also one of the most cosmopolitan. It is the largest French-speaking city outside France and has the second largest Jewish community in the British Commonwealth. In addition, there are in

the population thousands of individuals who are referred to as "New Canadians". Nearly half a million immigrants reported on arrival in post-war years that they intended to settle in the Province of Quebec. The majority live in or near Montreal because they like the tempo of the city and the opportunity to mingle with their countrymen.

The other day I received a letter from a school teacher of the Province of Quebec. She said that the students were anxious to know if people from every country of the world had settled in Canada. There must be few, if any, countries that are not represented here by at least a few nationals.

### VARIETY OF ORIGINS

Last year 19,650 immigrants declared their destination to be Montreal. Their countries of last permanent residence varied from Ceylon to Iceland, from Saudi Arabia to Argentina. The largest group - 3,712 - came from Italy. There were also 2,533 from Britain, 2,287 from Greece, 2,018 from France, 1,210 from Germany, 1,121 from the United States, 1,062 from Egypt, with lesser numbers from the Philippines, Rhodesia, Syria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Mexico, India, Hong Kong, Israel, Iran, Malta, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain - and a whole host of other countries. Every continent is represented here. Whether it was choice or force of circumstances which induced such immigrants to settle in our midst, the result has been beneficial. They have contributed their talents and their culture to the advancement of the community; they have established hundreds of new businesses which have given employment both to new and native-born Canadians.

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