

TO ADMIT GERMAN IMMIGRANTS: The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. Harris, has announced that German nationals who heretofore, as enemy aliens, were inadmissible to Canada, are now admissible, subject to general regulations governing the entry of immigrants of other nationalities.

From 1939, under provisions of Orders in Council, the entry to or landing in Canada of enemy aliens was prohibited and, as a result, German nationals were not allowed to come to this country.

Regulations affecting German nationals were modified by Order in Council P.C. 1606 of March 28, 1950, which permitted the entry of otherwise admissible enemy aliens who could satisfy the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that they were opposed to an enemy government; of immigrants of German nationality who were close relatives of legal residents of Canada; and of immigrants of German ethnic origin who were displaced persons or refugees and who were not German nationals on September 1, 1939.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

The Government of Canada has decided that, under present circumstances, it is appropriate to place immigration of German nationals on a peacetime basis.

By Order in Council P.C. 4364 dated September 14, 1950, all German nationals are now admissible to Canada as immigrants, provided they can comply with the provisions of the Immigration Act and Regulations. Under these Regulations they must satisfy the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that:

- (a) they are suitable immigrants having regard to the climatic, social, educational, industrial, labour, or other conditions or requirements of Canada; and
- (b) they are not undesirable owing to their peculiar customs, habits, modes of life, methods of holding property, or because of their probable inability to become readily adapted and integrated into the life of a Canadian community and to assume the duties of Canadian citizenship within a reasonable time after their entry.

Mr. Harris stated that German immigrants who came to Canada in earlier years had become an important, industrious, and loyal element of the Canadian population.

STUDY RODENT-BORNE DISEASES: A thorough study of the danger from diseases spread by small animals and ticks is being carried out in Saskatchewan this year as part of the National Health Programme, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, announced on September 29.

It is well known, public health authorities state, that the rat population is spreading in Canada and has now reached the Saskatchewan-

Alberta border. Rats are known to be carriers of plague, pseudotuberculosis, rat bite fever, leptospirosis and other diseases. It is also known that ticks capable of transmitting tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever to humans have infested small animals such as ground squirrels and that the infection in these animals is spreading north from the United States and eastward in Canada.

The western branch of the federal Laboratory of Hygiene at Kamloops, B.C. has been carrying out studies of tick-borne and insect-borne diseases for the past 10 years.

\$10,000,000 EXPANSION PROGRAMME: The Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, announced on September 28 that negotiations had been completed for the sale of approximately 130 acres of Crown property located on the east bank of the Welland Ship Canal, near Thorold, Ontario, to McKinnon Industries Limited. "This will allow for the proposed \$10,000,000 industrial expansion programme in that vicinity being undertaken by McKinnon Industries," said the Minister. "Construction of a malleable iron foundry and power plant will be undertaken and I have been assured that grading and ground clearing operations would begin immediately."

Acquisition by McKinnon Industries of the 130-acre tract will allow for a long term development by the Company calculated to meet the anticipated expansion in the automobile field and will include equipment and tooling for the Buick programme which provides for the reinstated Canadian manufacture early in 1951 of the Buick automobile.

INVESTIGATE ST. JOHN RIVER SYSTEM: The Department of External Affairs announced on September 28 that the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to ask the International Joint Commission to conduct an investigation of the St. John River system above Grand Falls, New Brunswick, in order to determine whether the waters of that system may be more beneficially conserved and regulated.

Canada's chief interest in this investigation lies in the possibility of providing water storage on the upper reaches of the St. John River system which would permit the regulation of the flow of the lower river in the interests of hydroelectric power generation in the Province of New Brunswick.

DISTRICT CONTROLLER OF AIR SERVICES: Appointment of H.J. Williamson as District Controller of Air Services, Department of Transport, with headquarters at Moncton, N.B., is contained in a joint announcement by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, and the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Williamson fills the vacancy caused through the transfer of S.S. Foley to a similar position in Toronto, which was announced in August.