

APPENDIX

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION

The Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour beg leave to report as follows:

By order of reference made on Tuesday, February 3, 1948, your committee was authorized and directed to:—

Examine into the Immigration Act (R.S.C. Chapter 93 and Amendments), its operation and administration and the circumstances and conditions relating thereto, including (a) the desirability of admitting immigrants to Canada, (b) the type of immigrants which should be preferred, including origin, training and characteristics, (c) the availability of such immigrants for admission, (d) the facilities, resources and capacity of Canada to absorb, employ and maintain such immigrants, and (e) the appropriate terms and conditions of such admission.

In obedience to this order of reference, your committee has enquired into the general subject of immigration, the Act and Regulations as amended from time to time, the manner in which the administration of the Act has been performed, and the progress that has been made during the past year and in previous years in meeting Canada's needs and obligations in this regard. In the course of its inquiries, your committee has heard evidence submitted on the following dates by the organizations and persons mentioned:

Witnesses appearing before the Immigration and Labour Committee, Session 1948, are as follows:—

January 29, 1948 and February 4, 1948: Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Deputy Minister, Department of Mines and Resources. Mr. James Colley, Resident Representative, Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Mrs. Jean Henshaw, former Director and Supervisor of Displaced Refugees Camps in Germany.

February 11, 1948: The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, P.C., M.P., Minister of Labour. Mr. A. MacNamara, Deputy Minister, Department of Labour. Mr. William Van Ark, Toronto, Ontario, former I.R.O. Assembly Camp Director in Europe.

February 18, 1948: Captain E. S. Brand, Ottawa, Ontario, Temporary shipping adviser, Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources. Mr. R. G. Riddell, Chief of United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs. Mr. Leslie G. Chance, Chief

of Consular Division, Department of External Affairs. Mr. A. A. Day, United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs.

March 10, 1948: Mr. Irving Himel, Toronto, Ontario, Legal Counsel of Committee for the Repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. Dr. A. E. Armstrong, Toronto, Ontario, Co-Chairman of the Committee for the Repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. Rev. Father Beal, Toronto, Ontario, Co-Chairman for the Repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. Mr. A. R. Mosher, C.B.E., President, The Canadian Congress of Labour. Dr. S. K. Ngai, Toronto, Ontario, Co-Chairman for the Repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act.

March 17, 1948: Mr. Max Lerner, London, Ontario.

April 28, 1948: Mr. A. L. Jolliffe, Director of Immigration, Department of Mines and Resources. Mrs. A. K. Hugessen, Representative of Canadian National Committee on Refugees on the Community Committee for New Canadians in Montreal.

June 2, 9, and 15, 1948: Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Deputy Minister of the Department of Mines and Resources. Mr. Frank Foulds, Director, Citizenship Branch, Department of Secretary of State.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE ADDUCED BY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 29 TO JUNE 15, 1948

Immigration Branch

Reports from Dr. Keenleyside on January 29, and June 15, together with statistical statements filed by Mr. Jolliffe on April 28, show a marked increase in the number of immigrants admitted to Canada. In several other aspects, the general situation in respect of immigration has greatly improved.

By Orders in Council—June 5, July 18, October 1, 1947, and Order in Council P.C. 1628, April 22, 1948, a total of 30,000 displaced persons has been approved. This number will be additional to those who come as close relatives. Regulations permitting the entry of British subjects from the United Kingdom and the dominions, and of United States citizens, continue to operate.

The total number of admissions for the fiscal year 1947-48 is approximately 80,000, representing an increase of 13,000 over the year