

might lead to serious difficulties in the field of international relations. The Government, therefore, has no thought of making any change in immigration regulations which would have consequences of the kind.

I wish to state quite definitely that, apart from the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act and the revocation of Order in Council P.C. 1378 of June 17, 1931, regarding naturalization, the Government has no intention of removing the existing regulations respecting Asiatic immigration unless and until alternative measures of effective control have been worked out. Canada recognizes the right of all other countries to control the entry or non-entry of persons seeking to become permanent residents. We claim precisely the same right for our country.

I wish to make it equally clear that the Canadian Government is prepared, at any time, to enter into negotiations with other countries for special agreements for the control of admission of immigrants on a basis of complete equality and reciprocity.

Through the years of depression and war, and consequently of greatly restricted immigration, the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources