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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.

With the end of the war, and in the light of changed economic conditions, the Government has already taken steps to expand and strengthen this branch of the public service, ^{to} carry out the Government's policy effectively, immigration services will be further developed to meet expanding requirements.

Through the years of depression and war and consequently of greatly restricted immigration, the Immigration Branch of the Department of Customs and Revenue and its offices abroad were reduced to proportions entirely inadequate to cope with an active immigration policy.