

Kingdom to see what may be possible in the way of special shipping services. As to what may prove feasible, I am unable to make a final report at this time. Other countries interested in encouraging immigration face precisely the same conditions, and are experiencing the same difficulties. The problem of transportation is a very real one. It cannot be overcome in a week or a month, or indeed within the next year.

The shortage of shipping means that Canada cannot secure more immigrants simply by changing laws and regulations. Since those persons we would be glad to welcome will not all be able to come, the shortage of shipping also means that we have to decide to which immigrants prior opportunity to come to Canada is to be given.

Because of the limitations of transport, the government decided that, as respects immigration from Europe, the emphasis for the present should be on the admission of the relatives of persons who are already in Canada, and on assisting in the resettlement of displaced persons and refugees.

Up until the end of the war, (under Order in Council P.C.695 of March 21, 1931) four broad categories of persons were admissible to Canada. These were: