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So far as long-term policy is concerned, I have already mentioned the difficulties which are presented by the fluidity of present world conditions. The government is strongly of the view, however, that our policy should be devised in a positive sense with the definite objective of enlarging the population of the country. The population of Canada at present is in the vicinity of 12,000,000. Projections that have been made of future population indicate that by 1951 the population of Canada will not have reached 13,000,000 in the absence of immigration. It is also estimated that, without immigration, the population by 1971 will only be in the vicinity of 14,600,000.

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In a world of want and poverty, we cannot ignore the danger that lies in too small a population attempting to hold so great a heritage as we have.

Some persons have expressed the fear that immigration would lead to a reduction in our standard of living. This need not be the case, and the reverse will be the result if immigration is properly controlled. A larger population will help us to develop the resources of this country. It will also provide a larger group of consumers to reduce the present precarious dependence of our country on external trade. The essential thing is to select our immigrants with care and to adjust the flow