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Immigration



Immigration is a fact of life in Canada.

Last year some 122,000 men, women and children came to its towns, cities and farms. A fifth of all Canadians are immigrants, and almost all other Canadians except the Indians and Eskimos have a forefather or -mother who came from somewhere else not too long ago.

Canada has welcomed strangers since the first Frenchman stepped ashore; once it needed them to harvest its furs, turn its forests into plowed fields, build its towns and lay its railway tracks. Now it needs them in its mines and factories and as professional men and women and business entrepreneurs. The mines and oil fields newly developed in the Northwest Territories are full of young immigrant men earning high wages and making a good start in a new world. Canada's

enormous resources remain resources until people change them into something of use. Canada must grow, and, as Immigration Minister Robert Andras pointed out last spring, newborn Canadians (like newborn Americans) are now barely replacing those who die. Canada needs immigrants and immigrants want to come to Canada. Why do they come? For a wide variety of reasons. Some, like Charles and Jean Argast, once of Indianapolis, Indiana, come to remake their lives, but most, like Arnold and Maria Murray, come because Canada is a land of economic opportunity. In this issue we tell about the Argasts and the Murrays and, in less personal terms, about the others who've sought and found in Canada, new homes.