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IMMIGRATION UP AGAIN

The Department of Manpower and Immigration reported recently that 209,840 immigrants had come to Canada last year. In addition, landed immigrant status was granted during 1967 to 13,036 persons already in Canada. The total number of people granted landed immigrant status was, therefore, 222,876, an increase of 28,133, or 14 per cent, over the 1966 figures, when 194,743 immigrants were recorded.

The granting of landed immigrant status to persons already in Canada followed changes in immigration policy and regulations announced in July 1966 and September 1967, which made it possible for visitors and others already in Canada, who had previously not been able to apply, to seek landed immigrant status.

SOURCE-COUNTRY TOTALS

Among the arrivals and legally-landed immigrants, there were slightly fewer persons from the two leading source countries, Britain and Italy. From all other major sources there was an increase. Totals by major source-countries were: Britain 62,420 (1967), 63,291 (1966); Italy 30,055 (1967), 31,625 (1966); United States 19,038 (1967), 17,514 (1966); Germany 11,779 (1967), 9,263 (1966); Greece 10,650 (1967), 7,174 (1966); France 10,122 (1967), 7,872 (1966); Portugal 9,500 (1967), 7,930 (1966).

The totals from Greece and Portugal included large numbers of nationals of those countries who were already in Canada when they were granted immigrant status.

Immigration from France has almost doubled in the past two years, to the largest number of immigrants in any one year since the recording of statistics by country began in 1940. The increase in 1967 was 28 per cent, compared to the number of arrivals recorded the previous year.

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Immigration from Central America and the Caribbean in 1967 was more than double that of the previous year. There was an increase of about 50 per cent in the number of Asian immigrants, while a lesser increase was recorded from Africa.

The totals for the foregoing continental areas and Australasia were: Asia 21,228 (1967), 14,327 (1966); Central America and Caribbean 9,005 (1967), 4,359 (1966); Australasia 6,179 (1967), 4,059 (1966); Africa 4,608 (1967), 3,661 (1966).

PROVINCIAL FIGURES

Ontario and Quebec continued to receive the major share of Canada's immigrants. Ontario received 116,850, or 52.6 per cent, Quebec 45,717, or 20.5 per cent, followed by British Columbia with 27,215, or 12.2 per cent, the three Prairie Provinces with 28,071, or 12.6 per cent, and the Atlantic Provinces with 4,859, or 2.1 per cent.

LABOUR FORCE

Just over 53 per cent of the total consisted of labour force entrants or 119,539 workers and 103,337 dependants or non-workers.

The workers included 38,761 in the manufacturing, mechanical and construction trades; 30,853 professional and technical; 16,609 clerical; 10,716 service and recreation; 8,792 labouring; 3,358 commercial and financial; 3,203 agricultural; and 3,023 managerial.