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absorbed in various primary industries or occupations, and who can be readily placed in employment. Selection Teams will then consider applicants for entry into Canada, screen them on a basis of suitability and under the usual physical examinations, and make the necessary arrangement for their orderly movement and placement in Canada. Any persons so admitted will, of course, be included in whatever quota Canada finally accepts as its share in the meeting of the general problem. In taking these immediate steps we may also ensure that the displaced persons admitted to Canada are of the type most likely to make good citizens of this country.

So far as long-term policy is concerned, the government is strongly of the view 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 our population 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. 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 ours.