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In summary, the imediate policy of the government is to let in all immigrants possible within the physical limitations of the present time and, in doing so, to give prior consideration to displaced persons, relatives of people resident in Canada, and men for employment in our primary industries.

The long-term policy of the government is eventually to promote increased immigration and thus rapidly augment the population of Canada. We look to immigration to increase our numbers and to help develop our resources. We will maintain full control over all aspects of immigration policy and we will maintain a principle of selection in order to ensure the continuance of the present composition of our population.

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