

Recent Emigration from Canada.—An important factor tending to offset our immigration activities was a movement from Canada to the United States which attained considerable proportions at certain periods during recent years. The quota system of immigration regulation, applied by the United States Government against European immigrants but not against Canadians, had the effect of limiting immigration to the United States and as a consequence offering especially attractive inducements to Canadians to enter the United States. No record of this movement had ever been kept by the Canadian Government, and, while the seriousness of the movement was recognized, its magnitude, as indicated by the United States returns, was questioned, on the ground that these returns did not make allowance for Canadians returning to Canada after a more or less extended period of residence in the United States. The Canadian Department of Immigration and Colonization was convinced that a very considerable return movement was taking place, but until 1924 no attempt was made to ascertain the exact magnitude of that movement. In that year immigration officers were instructed to take note of Canadians returning to Canada from the United States after an absence of more than six months in that country; the results are tabulated in Table 17.

Another circumstance which has in the past occasioned a considerable movement from Canada to the United States has no doubt been the practice of Europeans entering Canada, apparently as *bona fide* immigrants, but really with the intention of entering the United States as soon as the quota restrictions would permit them to do so. The recent tightening up of the American regulations concerning persons entering the United States from Canada and the active co-operation of the Canadian Department of Immigration and Colonization in discouraging this traffic, seem likely to reduce a movement which is already distinctly on the wane.

Table 17 shows the number of Canadians returning from the United States from April 1, 1924, to December, 1928.

17.—Canadians returned from the United States, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1925-1928, and April-December, 1928.

Fiscal Years ended Mar. 31.	Canadian-born Citizens.	British Subjects who had acquired Canadian Domicile.	Naturalized Canadian Citizens.	Total.
1925.....	36,473	4,487	2,815	43,775
1926.....	40,246	4,102	2,873	47,221
1927.....	49,255	5,326	2,376	56,957
1928.....	35,137	3,280	1,470	39,887
1928—April-December.....	24,890	2,225	840	27,955

Non-immigrants entering Canada.—In Table 18 will be found the number of returning Canadians and other non-immigrants who entered Canada through ocean ports in the two latest fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1927 and 1928. The grand total of such persons was 48,560 in 1928.