

Racial Origin of Immigrants.—Where there is any considerable immigration into a democratic country, the racial and linguistic composition of the immigrants is of great importance. Canadians generally prefer that settlers should be of a readily assimilable type, already identified by race or language with one or other of the two great races now inhabiting this country and prepared for the assumption of the duties of democratic Canadian citizenship. Since the French are not to any great extent an emigrating people, this means in practice that the great bulk of the preferable settlers are those who speak the English language—those coming from the United Kingdom or the United States. Next in order of readiness of assimilation are the Scandinavians, Dutch and Germans, who readily learn English and are already acquainted with the working of democratic institutions. Settlers from Southern and Eastern Europe, however desirable from a purely economic point of view, are less readily assimilated, and the Canadianizing of the people from these regions who have come to Canada in the present century is a problem both in the agricultural Prairie Provinces and in the cities of the East. Less assimilable still, according to the general opinion of Canadians, are those who come to Canada from the Orient. On the whole the great bulk of Canadian immigration of the past generation has been drawn from the English-speaking countries and from those Continental European countries where the population is ethnically nearly related to the British, though for some years there was an increasing immigration of Slavs.

The racial origins of the immigrants who arrived in Canada in the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1929 and 1930 are shown in Table 5.

5.—Racial Origin of Immigrants into Canada, Arriving via Ocean Ports and from the United States, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1929 and 1930.

Racial Origin.	1929.			1930.		
	Via Ocean Ports.	From U.S.	Total.	Via Ocean Ports.	From U.S.	Total.
British Races—						
English.....	30,355	9,181	39,536	32,278	9,379	41,657
Irish.....	9,199	3,767	12,966	10,159	3,762	13,921
Scottish.....	16,137	3,453	19,590	18,640	3,638	22,278
Welsh.....	3,189	300	3,489	3,005	332	3,337
Totals, British.....	58,860	16,701	75,561	64,082	17,111	81,193
Continental European Races—						
Albanian.....	28	7	35	26	1	27
Austrian.....	409	100	509	437	75	512
Belgian.....	1,222	79	1,301	696	92	788
Bohemian.....	8	86	94	20	81	101
Bulgarian.....	282	2	284	296	10	306
Croatian.....	990	24	1,014	771	11	782
Czech.....	846	5	851	434	14	448
Dalmatian.....	1	-	1	7	-	7
Dutch.....	1,599	741	2,340	1,755	703	2,458
Estonian.....	92	-	92	117	2	119
Finnish.....	3,651	100	3,751	4,565	82	4,647
French.....	745	3,934	4,679	697	4,419	5,116
German.....	12,896	3,803	16,699	14,281	3,733	18,014
Greek.....	786	70	856	634	48	682
Italian.....	792	272	1,064	1,277	236	1,513
Jewish.....	3,301	547	3,848	3,544	620	4,164