

4.—Sex Distribution of Immigrants as Adult Males, Adult Females and Children, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1911-32.

Fiscal Year.	Adult Males.	Adult Females.	Children under 14.	Total.	Fiscal Year.	Adult Males.	Adult Females.	Children under 14.	Total.
1911.....	185,198	71,038	54,848	311,084	1922.....	38,597	32,042	19,360	89,999
1912.....	211,266	82,922	60,049	354,237	1923.....	33,286	24,756	14,845	72,887
1913.....	238,779	95,168	68,485	402,432	1924.....	87,623	38,763	23,169	149,560
1914.....	224,348	94,028	66,502	384,878	1925.....	55,478	34,294	21,590	111,362
1915.....	74,143	41,990	28,856	144,789	1926.....	46,963	26,611	22,490 ¹	96,064
1916.....	23,139	15,478	9,920	48,537	1927.....	80,512	33,277	30,202 ¹	143,991
1917.....	43,074	19,537	12,763	75,374	1928.....	82,204	36,978	32,415 ¹	151,597
1918.....	47,497	17,775	13,802	79,074	1929.....	94,861	38,987	33,924 ¹	167,732
1919.....	25,842	18,594	13,266	57,702	1930.....	74,062	47,534	41,692 ¹	163,288
1920.....	40,872	50,006	26,458	117,336	1931.....	34,317	28,777	25,129 ¹	88,223
1921.....	70,808	49,377	28,292	148,477	1932.....	6,664	9,133	9,955 ¹	25,752

¹"Children" since 1926 includes all under 18 years of age.

Racial Origins 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 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 duties of 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 who have come to Canada from these regions in the present century is a problem both in the agricultural Prairie Provinces and in the cities of the East. Less assimilable still, 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, 1931 and 1932 are shown in Table 5. In the latter year the British races contributed 59 p.c. of the immigrants, French 11 p.c., and Germans 9 p.c.

5.—Racial Origins of Immigrants into Canada, arriving via Ocean Ports and from the United States, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1931 and 1932.

Racial Origin.	1931.			1932.		
	Via Ocean Ports.	From U.S.	Total.	Via Ocean Ports.	From U.S.	Total.
British Races—						
English.....	14,662	7,498	22,160	4,275	4,525	8,800
Irish.....	4,233	2,804	7,137	791	1,716	2,507
Scottish.....	7,872	2,917	10,789	1,843	1,732	3,575
Welsh.....	817	231	1,048	179	147	326
Totals, British.....	27,584	13,550	41,134	7,068	8,120	15,208