

6.—Languages of Immigrants, Ten Years of Age or Over, Calendar Years 1931-38.

NOTE.—Dashes in this table indicate that no immigrants were reported for the corresponding stub item.

Language.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
English	15,869	11,037	7,524	6,059	5,367	5,397	6,643	7,142
French	1,028	992	562	467	507	485	478	623
German	624	506	378	370	274	282	511	571
Norwegian	68	74	34	33	29	36	25	20
Swedish	72	65	21	23	18	15	4 ¹	28
Danish	56	45	44	19	21	19	38	36
Icelandic	—	6	5	4	2	—	—	1
Flemish	36	36	23	45	53	43	62	131
Dutch	39	33	21	36	26	53	58	95
Finnish	71	34	36	44	37	36	65	56
Estonian	5	3	1	1	3	3	—	8
Lettish	3	2	4	—	—	3	7	4
Lithuanian	36	30	29	24	22	38	43	40
Russian	51	36	50	54	32	36	42	29
Hebrew ¹	266	215	223	137	158	197	110	93
Ruthenian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Russniak	211	164	149	205	184	266	401	728
Ukrainian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polish	421	390	505	688	707	793	1,215	1,440
Roumanian	39	32	29	45	64	65	103	142
Slovenian	10	—	3	—	—	3	2	1
Czech (Bohemian)	224	192	269	433	356	490	989	1,389
Croatian (Serbian)	111	120	114	189	214	305	438	460
Hungarian (Magyar)	300	211	314	290	234	265	436	507
Italian	420	273	227	261	265	245	367	337
Spanish	14	24	19	6	7	9	11	7
Portuguese	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Greek	52	49	42	42	44	56	76	106
Albanian	4	—	—	1	1	3	7	5
Turkish	1	—	—	—	—	4	1	1
Bulgarian	17	11	10	6	10	13	27	20
Chinese	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—
Japanese	161	112	104	117	66	96	130	52
East Indian	48	48	30	29	21	10	8	8
Armenian (Aramaic)	4	10	3	1	1	5	3	1
Syrian (Arabic)	15	20	16	10	13	15	16	18
Totals	20,276	14,772	10,791	9,640	8,738	9,286	12,354	14,099

¹ Includes those speaking Yiddish.

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 learn English readily and have some acquaintance 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 closely related to the British, though for some years there was an increasing immigration of Slavs. In the latest year the British races contributed 39.4 p.c. of the immigrants and the French 6.1 p.c.