

CHAPTER VI.—IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION*

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Section 1.—General Information

In 1851 the population of Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick totalled 2,312,919 and in 1941 the population of the Dominion was 11,419,896 (preliminary). During that period no fewer than 6,703,891 persons were admitted as immigrants, not all of whom stayed in the Dominion, for numbers eventually found their way to the United States while others returned to the lands of their birth.

The present war has not affected immigration to the same relative extent as did the First World War. The year 1913 witnessed the greatest immigration in Canada's history, 400,870 persons having been admitted; the greatest number admitted during the war years was 72,910 in 1917. At the outbreak of war in 1939, Canada had been going through a period of restricted immigration and the figures for 1940 and 1941 showed decreases of only 34 p.c. and 46 p.c., respectively, as compared with the last complete pre-war year 1938, while the decrease between 1913 and 1917 amounted to almost 82 p.c.

Assimilation of Immigrants.—Statistics of the cumulative effect of immigration on the racial composition of the population, showing the percentages of each origin born in Canada and in other countries and also the leading races with which the males have intermarried, as found at the Census of 1931, were presented at pp. 159-160 of the 1939 Year Book and at pp. 144-146 of the 1940 edition. The information was summarized from Census Monograph No. 4 "Racial Origins and Nativity of the Canadian People", copies of which may be obtained from the King's Printer, Ottawa, price 35 cents each.

Expenditures on Immigration.—From Confederation to Mar. 31, 1941, Canada has spent \$67,782,640 on the encouragement and control of immigration; over 68 p.c. of this was spent in the three decades 1901-1930. Expenditures for the five latest years will be found in the Public Finance chapter of this volume, while yearly details may be obtained from the "Public Accounts", published annually by the Department of Finance.

Immigration in Relation to the Total Inward Movement.—While immigration proper has declined materially since 1930, the work of the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources continues to be heavy, inasmuch as the officials of the Branch are required to examine tourists and other non-immigrants, including the many persons who cross the International Border in the course

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