

but the percentages, by racial origins, of those speaking neither official language varied greatly. A short discussion of this subject will be found at p. 150 of the 1940 Year Book.

The Immigration Branch does not record the ability of immigrants to speak the official tongues of the Dominion; the statistics appearing in Table 5 relate only to the mother tongue of the immigrant. The great majority of those coming from the United States naturally give English as their mother tongue, regardless of their racial origin. In the calendar year 1940, 410 persons coming from the United States, many of whom were undoubtedly of French-Canadian origin, gave French as their mother tongue. In that year, persons from all countries giving English as their mother tongue constituted 84.94 p.c. of the total and those giving French 5.18 p.c. Immigrants giving German, Italian or Czech as their mother tongues accounted for 2.15 p.c., 1.09 p.c. and 1.04 p.c., respectively, of the total number of immigrants of ten years of age or over.

5.—Mother Tongues of Immigrants, Ten Years of Age or Over, Calendar Years 1932-41

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

Language	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
English.....	11,037	7,524	6,059	5,367	5,397	6,643	7,142	7,431	8,206	7,497
French.....	992	562	467	507	485	478	623	559	501	356
German.....	506	378	370	274	282	511	571	1,944	208	50
Norwegian.....	74	34	33	29	36	25	20	43	27	16
Swedish.....	65	21	23	18	15	41	28	14	12	4
Danish.....	45	44	19	21	19	38	36	73	23	7
Icelandic.....	6	5	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Flemish.....	36	23	45	53	43	62	131	90	8	7
Dutch.....	33	21	36	26	53	58	95	190	56	30
Finnish.....	34	36	44	37	36	65	56	60	10	7
Estonian.....	3	1	1	3	3	-	8	5	-	-
Lettish.....	2	4	-	-	3	7	4	3	5	2
Lithuanian.....	30	29	24	22	38	43	40	50	15	4
Russian.....	36	50	54	32	36	42	29	88	16	23
Hebrew ¹	215	223	137	158	197	110	93	197	36	41
Ruthenian.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russniak.....	164	149	205	184	266	401	728	665	5	2
Ukrainian.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polish.....	390	505	688	707	793	1,215	1,440	1,198	62	47
Roumanian.....	32	29	45	64	65	103	142	90	12	12
Slovenian.....	-	3	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-
Czech (Bohemian).....	192	269	433	356	490	989	1,389	673	100	20
Croatian (Serbian).....	120	114	189	214	305	438	460	185	43	3
Hungarian (Magyar).....	211	314	290	234	265	436	507	383	94	21
Italian.....	273	227	261	265	245	367	337	183	105	8
Spanish.....	24	19	6	7	9	11	7	8	21	11
Portuguese.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Greek.....	49	42	42	44	56	76	106	103	45	12
Albanian.....	-	-	1	1	3	7	5	5	-	-
Turkish.....	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	4
Bulgarian.....	11	10	6	10	13	27	20	13	2	-
Chinese.....	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Japanese.....	112	104	117	66	96	130	52	40	38	5
East Indian.....	48	30	29	21	10	8	8	16	6	1
Armenian (Aramaic).....	10	3	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	-
Syrian (Arabic).....	20	16	10	13	15	16	18	13	2	4
Totals.....	14,772	10,791	9,640	8,736	9,286	12,354	14,099	14,326	9,660	8,195

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