

CHAPTER IV.—IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

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PART I.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION*

The history of immigration and the Immigration Act and Regulations is dealt with in detail in a special article entitled "Developments in Canadian Immigration" appearing in the 1957-58 Year Book at pp. 154-176. Supplementing that material is an article on the "Integration of Postwar Immigrants" at pp. 176-178 of the 1959 edition.

Section 1.—Immigration Policy and Administration

Since the end of the Second World War it has been the policy of the Government of Canada to stimulate the growth of the population by selective immigration. Efforts are made to choose immigrants of prospective adaptability to the Canadian way of life and to admit them at such times and in such numbers as employment conditions warrant.

Federal immigration policy is governed by the provisions of the Immigration Act and Regulations, which permit the admission to Canada of British subjects by birth or naturalization in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa; citizens of Ireland and of the United States; and French citizens born or naturalized in France or on the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. All, however, must be in good health, be of good character, and have sufficient means to maintain themselves until they have secured employment. Other classes of admissible immigrants consist of persons considered to be desirable in the light of social and economic conditions prevailing in Canada at the time, and possessed of qualifications for successful integration. Also admissible are wives, husbands, unmarried children under 21 years of age, fathers over 65 and mothers over 60 of legal residents of Canada who are in a position to receive and care for their dependants, provided such dependants satisfy the requirements of the Immigration Act and Regulations. Agreements are in effect with the governments of India, Pakistan and Ceylon for the admission annually of 300, 100 and 50 persons, respectively, from those countries in addition to certain close relatives.

The Immigration Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration administers the Immigration Act and Regulations. Twenty-seven visa officers are located abroad at London, Liverpool, Leeds, Bristol, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Paris, Brussels, Berne, The Hague, Copenhagen, Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Stuttgart, Vienna, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Lisbon, Rome, Athens, Tel Aviv, New Delhi and Hong Kong. Four offices in the United States—at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Minneapolis—

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