

5.—Languages of Immigrants, Ten Years of Age or Over, Calendar Years 1932-39

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

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