

CANADA CALLING

Question: How many people move into Canada each year from the United States?

Answer: In 1963, close to 12,000 migrated, which has been about the average for the past few years. Canada received 92,000 immigrants from all countries during 1963 of which Americans were third in number, after the United Kingdom and Italy. It is interesting to note that approximately 1200 of these who moved last year were Californians. *600 per year from Washington*

A few facts on United States immigration to Canada may be of interest - the first sizable movement took place in the decade preceding World War I, when some 70,000 persons a year crossed the border. In 1912 an all-time high of 120,000 was reached. The second large influx came during the late '20s and totalled about 100,000. Since 1945, approximately 175,000 people have moved to Canada from the United States, of a total from all countries of 2.4 million.

Question: Who moves, and why?

Answer: In 1962, as an example, 2300 were managerial and professional people, 1700 had trades and skills, upwards of 500 were self-employed in farming or small business and 1200 retired in Canada. The balance were wives and dependent children.

Many reasons are given for moving - the feeling that Canada is a land of opportunity, with a great growth potential; the chance to do a little pioneering - Canada has one of the world's last frontiers; the Canadian way of life - a little slower pace, lots of wide open spaces to live and roam, appeals to many, plus lower taxes and reasonable living costs coupled with a high standard of living.

Question: Where do they go?

Answer: Of the nearly twelve thousand a year who move, 5000 are destined to Ontario, 2100 to British Columbia, 1900 to Quebec, and 1100 to Alberta. Reports were received from our Settlement Officers in Canada during the past year on 116 United States citizens established in their own business and 121 who bought their own farms or ranches. (These figures are not totals, however, as all such establishments are not reported each year.)

Question: Are Americans welcome in Canada?

Answer: Canada is a growth country - we need more people, and encourage immigration from all over the world. Americans are especially welcome; they speak the same language, their trades and professions and way of doing business are similar. The Canadian Government encourages United States citizens and residents, who are interested in moving, and will assist them in every way possible.

Question: What are the opportunities?

Answer: With the recent expansion in our economy, Americans find opportunities in small business - providing goods and services needed in Canada; in farming and ranching - property is reasonably priced, markets and prices for produce are good; in the trades and professions - many shortages have developed in the past few years with the growth of secondary industry and manufacturing, and there is a continuing demand for many kinds of skills.

Some examples of the business opportunities available are: - a 200-seat movie theatre and an 80-car Drive-in theatre in central British Columbia - no competition (no TV), price \$40 thousand - property taxes \$160.00 a year; a body shop in Manitoba, price \$16 thousand, taxes \$200. These are just samples - also many areas sorely need teachers, dentists, doctors, and other professional and trades people.

Question: What is the present economic picture in Canada?

Answer: Since 1945 manufacturing and secondary industry have grown tremendously, population has increased by 50%, and national income has tripled. Evidences of this growth are: - an 8% rise in our Gross National Product in 1962 (highest of any industrialized nation); exports of end products have increased 94% in the last ten years (such items as industrial equipment and machinery, electronics equipment, farm machinery and motor vehicles). Our population is now 19 million, with three provinces registering a growth rate of 2.3% (British Columbia, Alberta and Newfoundland). We have the highest rate of population growth in the world. Cities such as Calgary and Edmonton have doubled their population in the last ten years.

Question: How do working and living conditions compare?

Answer: Very comparable to the United States. Wages are generally lower, but a slightly lower cost of living and tax structure compensates somewhat. From a strictly monetary point of view I would not say the wage earner would find it to his advantage to move to Canada, it is usually the opportunity to participate in the other advantages Canada has to offer which prompts salaried persons to make the move. Generally speaking our standard of living is very similar to yours.

Question: What are the requirements for a U.S. citizen to migrate?

Answer: These are fairly simple. There is no quota, no visa is required, and provided a person is in good health, of good character, and has the ability to establish himself in Canada he may be admitted as a legal resident. After five years if he so desires he may become a Canadian citizen.

Question: What is the function of the Canadian Government Immigration Service in the United States?

Answer: To provide interested U.S. citizens and residents with up-to-date information on working and living conditions, as well as opportunities in small business, farming, ranching or employment. Our four offices in Denver, Chicago, New York and San Francisco, and our placement and settlement offices in Canada are in a position to provide both general and detailed information on request. There is no charge for this service, and no obligation on the part of the enquirer.

Question: Where may an interested person obtain information:

Answer: If those interested will write to us, the Canadian Government Immigration Service, at 333 Montgomery Street, San Francisco 4, California, we will be pleased to be of assistance.

Conclusion: Canada needs to populate her vast areas, and open up her frontiers. Our immigration program has been expanded to encourage more people to consider Canada as a place to live. While immigration policy is based on absorptive capacity, or the capacity of the economy to absorb the newcomer, our long range objective is to increase the population by about 1% per year through immigration.

Since World War II nearly 2½ million people have migrated to Canada - 16% of our population are foreign born - we need still more - more farmers and ranchers - more business and professional men - more tradesmen and skilled workers. Americans are invited to consider the opportunities in Canada, and join with us in developing our burgeoning nation.