

IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE AT STANDSTILL

Disorganization of Steamship Service Affects Traffic From Europe

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OTTAWA, May 17.—With the outbreak of the war and the consequent disorganization of the Atlantic steamship service, immigration to Canada from the Mother Country and continental Europe has practically ceased. Between August 1, 1914, and April 30, 1915, the British immigrant arrivals have been 12,000 and the continental arrivals 3,700.

Consisting as it does largely of agriculturists, the movement of settlers from the United States to the Dominion is still encouraging to the Canadian government, it being felt that the greater number engaged in farming operations the better able we are to provide the food supply required in these times of stress by the Empire and our allies. Since the outbreak of the war 30,000 from the states have taken up their homes in Canada.

Not only has the government continued to encourage immigration from the states, but the greatest care has been taken that no unnecessary barriers be placed in the way of intercourse between the two countries. There is an immense trade between Canada and the neighboring republic which necessitates constant crossing of the international boundary by commercial travellers and other business men. There are in both countries hundreds of places of scenic beauty and historical interest which attract the tourist and realizing the advisability of in no way interfering with this class of traffic, officials have been instructed to continue the same courteous treatment to the bona fide traveling public as was customary before the war. It is pointed out that the United States citizens need not go to the trouble or expense of securing passports, nor unnaturalized residents of the United States coming to this country for peaceable purposes be in any way interfered with.