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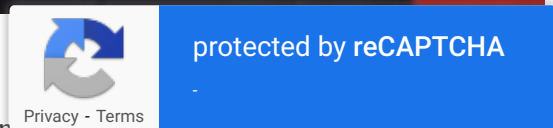
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Immigration Rate Defies Cap

Immigration levels in the first third of the year outpaced Prime Minister Mark Carney's promised cap on quotas. Figures released by the Department of Immigration for the first 120 days set a pace that would see nearly 400,000 new landed immigrants in 2025.

"The system isn't working," Carney told an April 16 televised leaders' debate. "We will maintain the cap on immigration for certainly a couple of years so that we can increase our capacity to welcome newcomers," he said.



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“Our population has gone up at about three percent per year because of immigration,” said Carney. “That’s why we need to have a cap for a certain period of time.”

“The targets set by your predecessor Mr. Trudeau, you would bring them down further?” asked a moderator. “Well, there are some challenges,” replied Carney.

A total 132,160 landed immigrants arrived in Canada in the period from January 1 to April 30, new figures show. The number if maintained would set the pace for 396,480 this year.

Figures were released yesterday by the Senate national finance committee. Senators sought the numbers following June 18 testimony by Nathalie Manseau, chief financial officer with the immigration department.

“We remain firmly committed to treating people seeking protection with fairness, compassion and dignity,” testified Manseau. “This commitment reflects our identity as a country.”

Seek “The Actual Figures”

The department budgeted \$5.17 billion this year, a reduction from \$6.4 billion in 2024. “Various programs have been scaled back for 2025,” said Manseau. “One of them is the *Immigration Levels Plan* tabled for 2025 which shows lower immigration thresholds.”

The *Levels Plan* tabled in the Commons last October 24 set a quota of 395,000 landed immigrants this year, a reduction of 16 percent from 2024. Department managers testifying at the Senate committee hearings expressed reluctance to discuss actual numbers of new immigrants arriving in Canada.

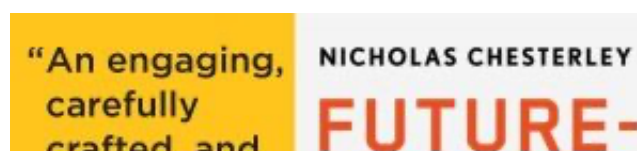
Senator Claude Carignan (Que.), chair of the national finance committee, sought details. “Sometimes plans aren’t followed through,” he said. “Quite often, in fact. I would like the actual figures, meaning the total number.”

“We are required under the Act to release an annual report,” testified Financial Officer Manseau. “So it will be easy to do,” replied Senator Carignan.

“I don’t have the figures with me,” said Manseau. “That is why I am asking for it in writing,” replied Senator Carignan.

The figures released yesterday did not include numbers of foreign students, visitors or migrant workers in Canada. Those numbers totaled 3,049,277, the equivalent of 18.5 percent of the private sector workforce, according to a May 1 briefing note to Immigration Minister Lena Diab, *Temporary Resident Reduction*.

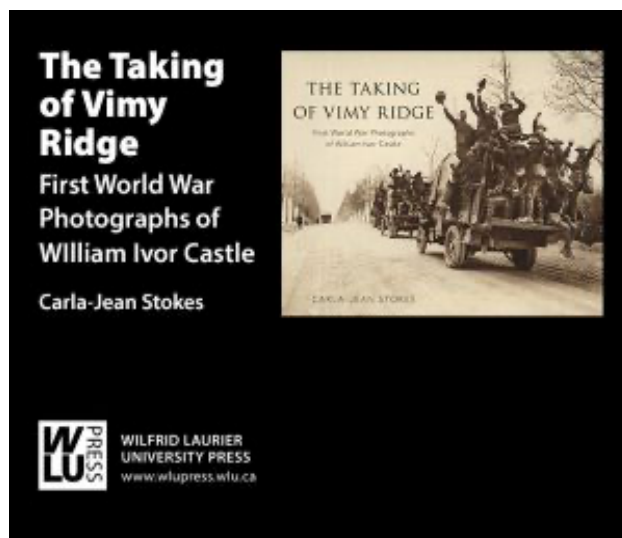
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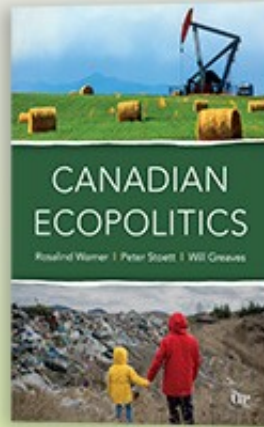
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