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How Many?

Figure 10–4 on the next page gives a summary of the dramatic changes that have occurred in the number of migrants at different times. When you look at this graph, remember that you are looking at numbers, not rates. The largest number of immigrants came to Canada in 1913, when 413 000 people arrived. This number is even more impressive when you consider that Canada’s population then was only 7.6 million. A quick calculation shows that there was one immigrant for every 18 residents in the country. In contrast, in 2015, when the population was 35 850 000, we received 271 660 immigrants—a rate of one immigrant for every 132 people. We are still a country of immigrants, but not like we were before World War I, when the government was working very hard to populate the country.