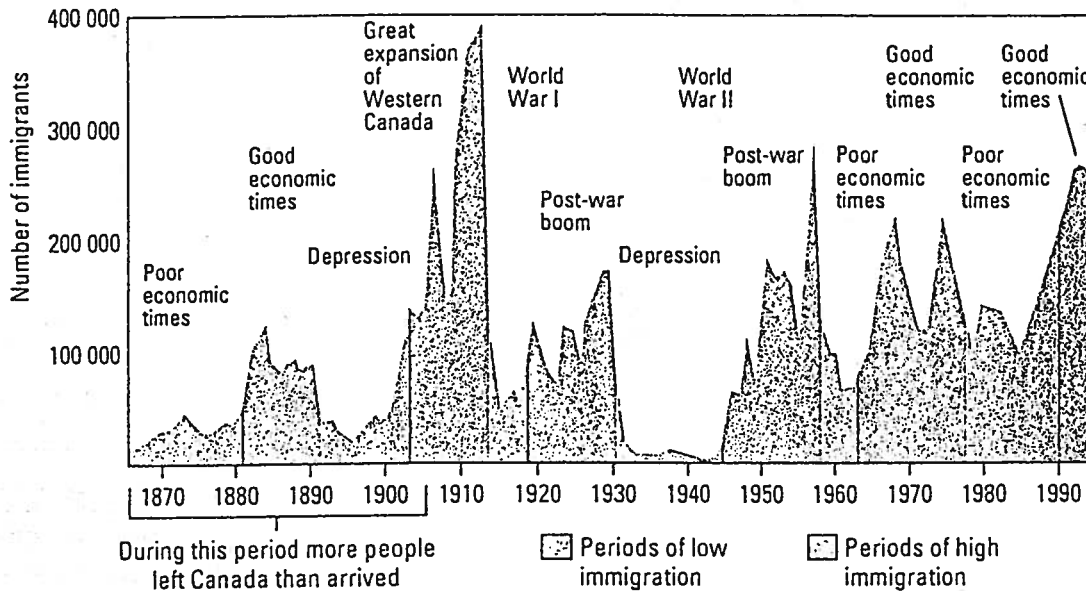


How Many?

Examine Fig. 17-2. This graph shows the number of people who have come to Canada since 1867. As you can see, the number of immigrants has varied enormously from year to year.



◁ Fig. 17-2 Canada's immigration, 1867-1997

When?	What happened?	Why?
1840s	• Arrival of thousands of Irish settlers	• Irish potato crop fails; facing starvation, many Irish move to Canada and other countries
1905-1914	• Massive immigration to Canadian west from eastern Europe	• Canadian government, wanting to settle the Prairies, offers free land and other incentives to immigrants
1915-1919	• Little immigration	• World War I and worldwide influenza epidemic limit immigration
1930-1945	• Little immigration	• World-wide economic depression and World War II limit immigration
1956	• Many Hungarians come to Canada	• Hungarians revolt against the Russians fails; refugees come to Canada to avoid punishment
1980s-1997	• Arrival of thousands of Hong Kong Chinese	• Immigrants are looking for political stability before China takes control of Hong Kong in 1997