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I am not an immigrant, although in 1958 I was a returning Canadian and went through the immigration process, albeit very speedily. However I worked as a stenographer in the Immigration Office from March 1942 to Feb or March 1944 and I remember it as an extremely interesting place to work.

We were mostly concerned with those people who were held in detention and refused entry for one reason or another. They stayed there while their "Boards" were sent to Ottawa, generally with a appeal written by the Inspector who Chaired the Board. The minutes of the Board were taken by a stenographer, we also typed the appeals, so we got to hear the stories first hand.