

CHAPTER XI

DISTRESSED CITIZENS ABROAD  
(RELIEF AND REPATRIATION)

Responsibility  
of Consul

11.01 a. Destitute citizens have no legal claim to financial assistance. The procedure in the following articles should therefore be considered as an exception to the general rule. The primary responsibility of the Consul is to assist the applicant in obtaining funds from assets or friends in Canada. He is not a relief agency.

b. Occasionally an employer or former employer is legally responsible for the distressed person.

Annual Vote

11.02 To provide for rendering assistance to citizens who become destitute abroad, a small annual vote is included in the estimates of the Department.

Canadian  
Citizens

11.03 a. The only persons who can be considered for assistance are Canadian citizens as defined in Chapter VI. (see also 11.21)

b. Canadian citizens ordinarily resident outside Canada should not be given any financial assistance without prior approval of the Department. In Canada such persons are usually a charge upon the municipality.

c. If it is necessary for the Department to confirm the birth in Canada the following information is required:

1. Date and place of birth,  
including parish where applicable
2. Date and place of baptism  
where applicable
3. Name of father and maiden  
name of mother.

*Section covers all the  
Dip. and other  
persons who have  
no other means of relief*