

OTTAWA,

Dear

On February 25, 1949, Mr. L.B. Pearson, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced in the House of Commons that:

- (a) Instructions had been given to passport issuing officers that a person who applied for renewal of the old-type Canadian passport, which was in some respects inappropriate because of the inadequate description of national status, would be issued with a standard Canadian citizen passport, for the renewal fee of \$2.00. The new passport would expire ten years from the date of issue of the passport it replaced.
- (b) Provision had been made for a refund of \$3.00 to any person who had applied after January 1st, 1949, for a renewal of his old passport and who had been issued a new passport at a fee of \$5.00. The refund of \$3.00 represents the difference between the renewal fee and the new passport fee.

You will remember that on \_\_\_\_\_ a standard Canadian citizen passport was issued in your name in replacement of the old type Canadian passport issued to you on \_\_\_\_\_. Your old passport was capable of being renewed until \_\_\_\_\_.

I am now writing to ask that you be so good as to let me know, using the form attached and the enclosed addressed envelope, if,

- (a) You wish to keep your new passport with its full five year validity, in which case the fee you paid of \$5.00 is correct and no refund is available, (it can, of course, be renewed for a further five years at the end of the first five year period), or;
- (b) You wish to return your new passport to me so that its total validity may be shortened. If you wish to do this, you will receive a refund of \$3.00 but your new passport will expire ten years from the date on which your old passport was issued.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. O'Brien,  
Passport Officer.