

that this passport was issued (May 5, 1924) and that no visas are being granted there now. It is added that the officer who granted the visa in this particular instance was subsequently dismissed from the service. The Canadian Government does not recognize the validity of passports issued by officials of the former Russian regime.

On May 17, 1926, Mr. Kulik wrote to you, confirming receipt of the letter above quoted, thanked you for making the enquiries and expressed his deep satisfaction with your statement as quoted above.

I regret to state that, notwithstanding your assurance that "the Canadian Government does not recognize the validity of passports issued by officials of the former Russian regime," since then, such "passports" were presented to this office on several occasions. I am enclosing herewith one of them which was visaed by Canadian Immigration Officers in Danzig as late as Sept. 20, 1926 and part of another "passport" which was visaed also in Danzig after April 14, 1925.

I am bringing this matter to your attention in the hope that you will give it your earnest consideration and that proper steps to do away with this practice, which is contrary to the agreement existing between our countries, will be taken.

Yours very truly,

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures à l'agent officiel  
de l'Union soviétique*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to Official Agent  
of the Soviet Union*

Ottawa, February 17, 1927

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of February 4th on the subject of the viseing by Canadian Immigration Officers in Danzig of documents issued by officials of the former Russian regime, I am now able to say that enquiry has been made through the Immigration authorities.

The Department of Immigration states that the situation has not been changed in any way since May 12th, 1926, when you were informed that the Canadian Government does not recognize the validity of passports issued by officials of the former Russian regime. It is true that the documents which were enclosed in your letter of January 11th were stamped by the Department's Inspectional Officer in Danzig. This stamp was simply intended to indicate that the holders of the documents had passed inspection as required by Canadian law and did not indicate that the documents were accepted as passports. As a matter of fact, in the cases referred to the admission of the aliens in question had been approved by the Department without passports, in accordance with an arrangement by which an Association