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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION

Ottawa, 20th July, 1922.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the case of Leon Perelman about whom you wrote us on the 16th December, 1921, and about whom we had some telephone conversations recently (this case being dealt with on your file No. 11594/21 Nat), I may say that on the 3rd instant we wrote to the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs forwarding a copy of our letter to our Agent at Antwerp. For your information I quote our letter in full:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, your file No. 525/22, in the case of one Leon Perelman now in Poland who was at one time resident in Canada and during his residence secured a Certificate of Naturalization here. Your letter now acknowledged is the first intimation we have had that Leon Perelman concealed his nationality during the war. We have a file of papers dealing with Mr. Perelman and on the 20th April last we wrote him addressing him at Warsaw and stating that if upon arrival at a Canadian port he satisfied the Immigration officer that his absence since 1914 was for a mere temporary purpose and that his return had been delayed by circumstances over which he had no control, he would be re-admitted.

It is not.....

Thomas Mulvey, Esq.,
Under-Secretary of State,
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