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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD
Mothers' Assistance Department

April 17th, 1923

Brig. Gen. V. W. Odlum

VANCOUVER

RE : MRS. MARY BRINKMAN, VICTORIA
CLAIM P-2407

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 16th in reference to the application of the above mentioned lady for assistance under the Mothers' Pensions Act and we regret that this is a case where the Board have no discretionary power. A clause in the Act stipulates that an applicant, in order to be eligible, must be a British subject and as you are no doubt aware a woman assumes the nationality of her husband at the time of marriage. When Mrs. Brinkman's application was received we made every endeavor to obtain information as to whether Mr. Brinkman became a British subject but the Secretary of State at Ottawa informs us that there is no record in his Department of Brinkman ever having made an application for citizenship.

Another feature of Mrs. Brinkman's case is the fact that she has eight children over sixteen years of age and two under sixteen, aged fifteen and eleven. With all these children over sixteen it is hard to understand why Mrs. Brinkman should be in very distressing circumstances.

Yours truly,

"G. F. PYKE"