

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (December 19, 1955 and January 9, 1956) BETWEEN CANADA AND FINLAND PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVING OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA FEES

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to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Finland has under review its policy of visas and visa fees for foreign nationals travelling to or through Finland.

It has been decided, as a step towards easing travel barriers, that visa fees may be waived in respect of the citizens of certain countries, on condition of reciprocity.

I have been instructed to inform you that the Government of Finland is ready to issue, from February 1, 1956, visas free of charge to Canadian citizens, if the Government of Canada is prepared, with effect from the same date, to instruct Canadian visa officers to issue visas gratis to nationals of Finland.

I would highly appreciate if, through your good offices, I could be informed whether the Government of Canada agrees to the proposed arrangements.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sigurd von Numers.

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