

direct to the Minister of Interior, Mr. Oliver, on April 18, 1910, as follows:

Private

Do you not think that the Minute No. 713 with reference to Section 38 of the Immigration Act recently passed, giving authority to prohibit the immigration of British Indian subjects into Canada, would be more acceptable to the Government of India if it confirmed in words, the Secretary of State for India's presumption that the Government of Canada has no intention to discriminate against British Indian subjects because of race and colour, but only for economic reasons.

A few words to above effect could easily be inserted in paragraph 2, without spoiling either the sense or the symmetry of the Minute. (1)

To this, Mr. Oliver replied in a "Personal" note of April 20th proposing an insertion "in accordance with your suggestion." Grey answered the next day:

I am obliged for your letter of April 29th and heartily approve the suggested amendment to the Minute of Council.

I return the original Minute as submitted to me for my signature, and shall be obliged if you will put it through Council in the amended form. (2)

The Minister, thereupon had an amended Minute typed, dated April 23rd, addressed "To His Excellency the Governor General in Council", and concluding:

The undersigned begs further to recommend that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies be advised in this sense through the usual proper channels.

Respectfully submitted
(Sgd) Frank Oliver
Minister of the Interior.

It may be supposed, in the lack of complete correspondence, that after this private exchange between the Governor General and one of his Ministers, the

(1) Laurier Papers. Vol. 627. 170288.

(2) Ibid. 170286