

steps to confer franchise on the small Indian community in that province and thus rectify the present anomalous position which is a source of humiliation to Indians." The Prime Minister of Canada has brought the views of the Indian Government to the attention of the Premier of British Columbia. A special committee of the British Columbia Legislature, which has been studying the provincial Elections Act with a view to modifying its provisions, has recommended extension of the franchise to Canadian-born East Indians and Chinese. It is expected that a bill based on the committee's report will shortly be introduced into the provincial Legislature.

(d) In British Columbia Asiatics, including Indians, may not be candidates at a provincial election. They may not vote at municipal or school elections, though it is thought they could legally be candidates. They may not serve as jurors, nor be admitted to the professions of law and pharmacy; they are excluded (in practice) from the provincial civil service; they may not participate in public works contracts, obtain a license for hand-logging, nor be employed in the sale of Crown timber.

14. *Miscellaneous Administrative Items:*

(1) In addition to the annual report of a mission, which is forwarded each year to reach Ottawa before the end of December, an annual Post Report on living conditions should also be furnished. This matter will be the subject of a special despatch at a later date.

(2) In the past some missions have sent many newspaper clippings. These are of limited value and should be sent only rarely. They should not take the place of a despatch, and a despatch accompanied by clippings should read intelligibly without reference to them.

(3) When missions abroad wish a matter to be taken up with any particular department or agency in Ottawa, they should communicate with the Department of External Affairs. Similarly, if offices abroad receive communications from other Departments or agencies in Ottawa they should, generally speaking, either reply through the Department of External Affairs or forward copies of the correspondence and inform the Department of any action taken. There may be exceptions to the above rule. In the past, certain routine matters have been handled by correspondence which does not pass through the Department. In such cases it is desired that missions should inform this Department of the existence of this correspondence and of its general character.

(4) A separate set of instructions and regulations will be prepared covering that part of the work of the mission which has to do with immigration matters and duties similar to those performed in foreign countries by consular officers.

15. In conclusion, I should repeat that this letter is intended to be only a general indication of some of the issues and topics in which we are interested. If there are any points which you would like to have expanded, we shall be glad to go into them with you at any time.