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CANADA TAKES UP PASSPORT RULING

Discussions With Us Begun
to Iron Out Complications,
Prime Minister Says

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OTTAWA, Ont., June 7—The Canadian Department of External Affairs is discussing with the American State Department the new regulation, effective July 1, under which Canadian residents entering the United States will be required to present passports and visas.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today that this discussion has begun with a view to ironing out the complications which will arise, especially for border residents. It was hoped to achieve reciprocity in these matters, said the Prime Minister.

He made his statement in answer to a request by R. B. Hanson, leader of the Opposition, who expressed the hope that satisfactory arrangements could be made to cover train transit through United States territory from one Canadian point to another. Mr. Hanson instanced the case of passengers who, taking a train from Montreal to a point in New Brunswick or vice versa have to pass through the State of Maine or use a whole day for a short journey.

Consideration of the new regulation from the Canadian viewpoint shows that its rigid enforcement will entail numberless complications, entirely apart from the cases of Canadians who, living on the border, have been accustomed to dine in United States restaurants on the other side or who go to work daily in the automobile factories of Detroit and Buffalo. The most striking complications arise on the railroads.

Canadian railroad lines dip into United States territory and come back into Canada at many points along the border. Similarly, United States railroads, notably the Michigan Central, a subsidiary of the New York Central, cross into Canadian territory and return. Every train between New York and Chicago over the Michigan Central passes through Western Ontario. The railroad even has a special sleeper which it holds over in Canadian territory at Niagara Falls to enable passengers to see the Falls.

Between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, Canada, the Canadian National Railway passes through Minnesota for fifty miles. Will a Canadian on that line be required to

pay for a United States visa to travel over his own railway?

From the Maritime Provinces, the Canadian Pacific, to reach Boston, crosses the line at Abercorn, Quebec, passes through three Vermont stations and returns through two Canadian stations. Will Canadian passengers between these Canadian points require American visas?

The whole question bristles with complications, which, as the Canadian Prime Minister has said, it is hoped to iron out by negotiation before the order goes into effect.