

at any time to assist discreetly in ensuring that this aspect of the situation is not overlooked, advantage might be taken of the opportunity.

(7) The Department will be glad to be kept informed of any tendencies in India towards multilateralism, or alternately, of any tendencies towards bilateral methods and more restrictive devices.

(8) While the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner Service, in India as elsewhere, forwards detailed reports on trade matters to the Department of Trade and Commerce, it will be of advantage for the Department of External Affairs to have your personal appreciation of general developments affecting Canadian trade with India.

(9) It would be useful also, both for this Department and for the Department of Finance, to have reports on India's financial position, on its budgeting, and on its balance of payments position.

(10) Information would be welcome, too, on exchange controls, price controls, and any arrangements for rationing.

11. You may wish to send us an interpretative despatch now and then on general political and economic developments in India. Such a despatch would review the main internal and external policies and developments of the period and analyse the trends in public opinion. These reports would summarise and supplement despatches on particular questions. It is hoped that in your despatches, in addition to including factual material, you will give us the benefit of your own opinions and your appreciation of a situation.

12. (a) It might be useful occasionally to examine the extent and effect of Canadian publicity in India, and the value of developing closer cultural relations. By encouraging the use by Indian newspapers and periodicals of Canadian information, both news and background material, much can be done to strengthen common interests and to increase the knowledge and understanding of Canadian affairs in India.

(b) The usual information material, including Canadian Information Service publications and government reports as well as miscellaneous items, will be sent to the Canadian mission in India, but special material for special purposes can always be prepared at your request. It is sometimes possible for missions to obtain Canadian films, paintings, and other graphic publicity material for display.

13. *British East Indians in Canada:*

It may be useful for you to have some observations on the position of British East Indians in Canada. Clarification seems desirable on three distinct points: (1) immigration rules; (2) national status rules; (3) civic rights.

(1) The immigration regulations still place restrictions on *any* Asiatics, including Indians. Order in Council P.C. 2115 of Sept. 16, 1930, prohibits the entry into Canada as immigrants of Asiatics, except the wives and unmarried children under 18 years of age of Canadian citizens legally resident in Canada and in a position to care for their dependents. This provision applies to British Indians among other Asiatics. It is a form of discriminatory legislation which Indians resent. It may be observed that a general reaction against specific discriminatory immigration legis-