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H.B.M. Consulate-General

No. 89

Beirut, June 13th, 1922.

My Lord,

With reference to Foreign Office Circular T8978/86/350) of October 4, 1921, I have the honour to submit that the Government of Canada may desire to annul the Certificate of Naturalization granted on August 5, 1892 at Vancouver B.C. to Abraham Nicola Elrahy. Particulars are as follows:-

Nationality of origin - Ottoman (Lebanon)

Date and place of birth - Zahle, Lebanon about 1868

Nationality of Parents / Ottoman

Name etc., of wife and children - Wife Wardy (born Bakash)

now dead, born at Zahle. Ottoman origin. One child, Ragy, born Victoria, B.C. on February 9, 1894. Birth registered February 10, 1894.

Abraham Elrahy seems to have come back to Lebanon in 1904 and has never returned to Canada. He has thus been absent from His Majesty's Dominions for about 18 years. He is the owner of a paper called "Zahle el Fitat" does not represent British interest in any form and apparently does not intend to return to Canada. His son was educated here and is a lawyer. The latter claims that during the war he and his parents owing to the hostility of the Turks had to move from Zahle to a district of the Lebanon named Kesrouan. They probably have no definite attitude to the British Empire, but would be glad to receive British protection especially as ownership of a newspaper is apt to lead to trouble for the owner.

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