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Dear Mr. Waley-Cohen,-

I have just received your letter of the 1st instant, and am glad that you have written me in reference to the interview I had with Mr. Marks, the Secretary of the Jewish Emigrants' Information Board.

It is rather difficult to explain in a letter just the circumstances which called forth the remark which Mr. Marks quotes me as having made, or to indicate correctly what I had in mind at the time of making it. We were speaking in general I think of encouraging Jewish Emigration to Canada, and not to any specific work such as assisting emigrants, who of their own volition might come to this country to obtain employment. My belief is that the class of man most likely to be of use to this country as an immigrant is the man who has the initiative to get here himself. There are undoubtedly cases of men who have met with hardships elsewhere, and might find it difficult, nay, almost impossible, to come this far without assistance, and in such cases the society might be doing good work in helping to put a man on his feet, but I am very strongly of the belief that a man who is not able to look after himself in another country is not the class of man who is likely to be a valuable addition to this community. That is why I used the

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