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July 4, 1929.

Hon. William Phillips,  
Minister for The United States,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I am venturing to write you with reference to a case of hardship affecting an old citizen of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, the town in which I lived for many years. The hardship arises under the United States Immigration Laws or Regulations. The name of the citizen is John Dodemiede. He is eighty-three years old. His daughter, Miss Lottie Dodemiede is the only member of the family upon whom he can depend for a living; indeed she has supported him for some time. Miss Dodemiede is Canadian born and consequently is admissible to the United States, and has lived in Detroit for some length of time at 3232 Kendall Ave. with her brother-in-law, W. J. Snider. Mr. Dodemiede has lived there some time also, but has done so only under licence, he having been born in England. He has, however, lived in the Dominion for fifty-five years, and is very anxious to be able to continue now living with his daughter above named, Miss Lottie Dodemiede, in Detroit. If he cannot be allowed to do this, I do not know what is going to happen him, because Miss Dodemiede certainly cannot afford to keep him separately in Canada. His licence to remain in the United States has been extended until September and a Bond was exacted by the Immigration representative at Winnipeg to enable this extension to be given. The two of them went to Detroit in March 1928.

Would it not be possible to meet this rather distressing case and allow the old man to live with his daughter there? If there is anything you can do to bring this about, I will feel very grateful indeed.

I may add that Mr. Dodemiede is in good health, and is of excellent character and habits.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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