



Office of
The Deputy Minister of the Interior

190 W.W. Coay to Sir Joseph Pope

LMB.

Ottawa, 26th April, 1915.

My dear Sir Joseph,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant to which is attached a paraphrase of a secret despatch, dated the 19th instant, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which he inquires whether the Canadian Government would be able to grant to Mrs. Hopkinson and her children a gratuity up to but not exceeding £500 on condition that the Government of India made a grant of equal amount from the Secret Service Trust.

In reply, I may say that in lieu of making a cash grant to Mrs. Hopkinson, we have employed her in our Immigration Service as a stenographer at a salary of \$1,000. per annum. Mrs. Hopkinson's training well fitted her for the duties which she has to perform and it is our opinion that probably the present arrangement is much more satisfactory to her than a cash grant of \$2,500. would have been. At the same time, I may say that I understand that Mrs. Hopkinson has been under pretty heavy expenses and a cash grant from the Home authorities would be indeed a great help to her at the present juncture. Our late officer had assumed certain liabilities in connection with the purchase of a house and property based on the salary which he was receiving and, of course, the widow will find it extremely difficult to make both ends meet with the greatly reduced stipend.

Yours very truly,

Sir Joseph Pope, K.C.M.G.,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa.-