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Deputy Minister of the Interior.
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th. inst., re Balwant Singh.

Several leaders of the Hindu community have sought my advice in connection with being put on the Voters' list in this City, and stated that they intend to make application to be placed thereon, and approached me on the subject before doing so.

As far as I am aware, there is an Act of the Provincial Parliament passed in 1907 which forbids all Hindus from the privilege of voting in this Province, but I do not know how this Act would affect their being allowed a vote in the Federal Elections?

Some provision should be made to keep these people out of Politics, for if they ever had a voice in the matter it would result in a lot of corruption. These people are - in the major part - uneducated, and very susceptible to influences and corruption. The leaders (educated men) could use them to further their own interests and make themselves felt as a party who have a voice in the question at issue.

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