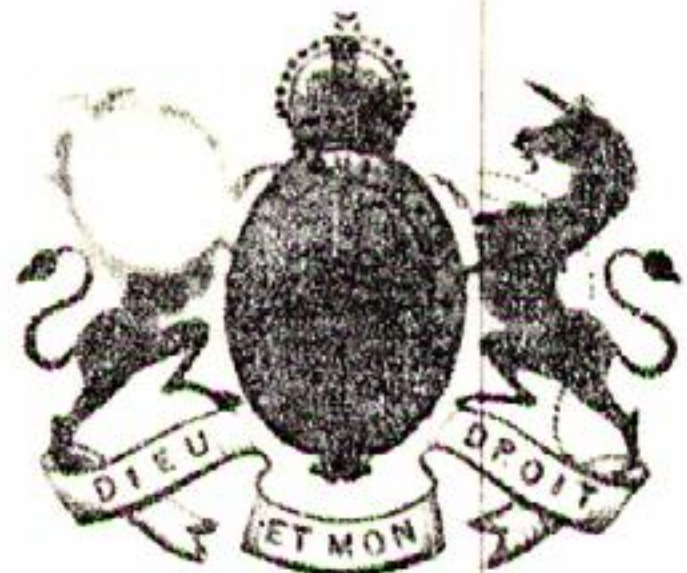




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203 W.W. Cory to Sir Joseph Pope,
Under Secretary of State for
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~~Ottawa~~ 20 February 20th, 1915.

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Reference of the 18th instant, covering a despatch which His Royal Highness the Governor-General has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in regard to Indian newspapers, of which we have furnished photostat reproductions to the Governor-General's Secretary for transmission to the India Office.

We have followed a general rule of sending to the Governor-General's office three copies of everything we receive from our Immigration officials on the Pacific Coast. It may be that sometimes the data they send can be secured from other sources as suggested in the present despatch from the Colonial Office but adherence to our rule in the matter relieves us of the responsibility of discrimination. The paper which is most frequently sent is one published in California and circulated secretly.

We expect it will not be very long now before the India Government make some other arrangement in regard to investigation work on the Pacific Coast and of course their officer will attend to the securing of his own information. Anything our officials may get will be handed over to him when he takes charge, but in the meantime, I would respectfully suggest that we continue our present practice in the matter.

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

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Deputy Minister.