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220. Malcolm R. J. Reid to W.D. SCOTT

Kindly do not write of more than one subject in any one letter.

In your reply refer to No. 604...

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Vancouver, B.C. June 6th 1916

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File No. 379496 Imm.

Sir:-

Please refer to your favor dated May 22nd., addressed to Mr. A. L. Jolliffe, the Dominion Immigration Agent at this port, re discussing additional office space which is required by this office.

Mr. Jolliffe has offered me a large bedroom on the third floor with another bedroom across the hall. However, these rooms were never built for office use and are not suitable in many ways for a private office on account of the proximity of the Immigrants and the fact that the rooms do not adjoin the present office occupied by me on the second floor.

It is absolutely necessary in doing certain class of work that the staff be all close at hand, and naturally the suitable room, as already pointed out to you, is the one of similar size immediately adjoining my present office in the corner of the new building on the second floor and now occupied by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Jolliffe claims that he wishes all his staff kept together but I cannot see why Mr. Kirk should need a private office as the duties of the Accountant must be very light since the Chinese Revenue head tax has ceased to be a factor and in view of the fact that this office has to check the accounts of the outside Inspectors.

Mr. Elliott also has a private office which is empty for the greater portion of the day as he checks the early morning boat. In view of this it does not seem to me that it would be a very great hardship for Mr. Kirk to be placed in that room with Mr. Elliott. The whole second floor with the exception of one small room which is now occupied by

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myself, is used as office space by the Vancouver Agency which is smaller now by several members than it was when we occupied the old building. Mr. Howard, Naftel, and Nelson are away on war service, I am not now connected with that staff, Inspector Hopkinson is dead, and the only new appointment to the staff is that of Mrs. Hopkinson.

As pointed out in my previous communication this office has a number of assistants who are doing special work on account of the war, and our duties have been recently increased as doubtless you are aware, which matter is covered by your confidential letter to me dated April 12th. By having the adjoining office a member of the staff during my unavoidable absence from the city could answer the telephone whereas if they were in an office on the floor above this would be impossible. I have suggested ^{also} to Mr. Jolliffe that he give me the stenographer's room in which we could put in a petition and let the three stenographers, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Hopkinson, and Mr. McNamara occupy the office now used by myself.

My present office is located at the head of the back stairs and is admirably situated for our work, whereas if any transfer was made to the third floor the elevator would have to be used. You have the plan of the building before you and can readily see the spacious office accommodation allotted to the Vancouver Agency, and I appeal therefore to you to have this additional space given to this office. At the present time the Relieving Inspector McColl is now forced to have his desk in the Stenographers room and it is my desire to have him in this office, and if this is done it will give Mr. Jolliffe more room in the

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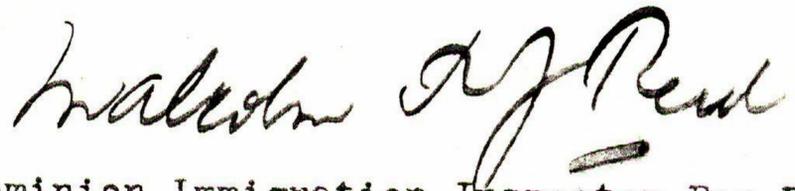
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stenographers room.

At the present time I am using my house for a good part of the work from 7:00 P.M., to midnight for the simple reason that I have no privacy here.

Your obedient servant,



Dominion Immigration Inspector For B.C.

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