

[Malcolm R. J. Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott,
Superintendent of Immigration, re salary increase for Inspector Hopkinson.
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101 Malcolm R.J. Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent to W.D. Scott,
Superintendent of Immigration

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Sir,

Inspector Hopkinson has for some time been talking of resigning his position owing to the poor salary paid him for perhaps what is a dangerous class of work. I have asked him to refrain from placing his resignation in the Department's hands for some time past until I could endeavour to help him locally. However, I have had very little success so far and Mr. Hopkinson now insists on an answer one way or the other. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible if it can be arranged for Mr. Hopkinson to receive an increased salary. It is true that in March last he had an increase of \$25 a month, but the cost of living has increased right along. Mr. Hopkinson, of course, makes a little more through being connected with the service as he is in receipt of \$25.00 per month from the U.S. Immigration Office for acting as their interpreter and further is employed by the Police and Provincial Court of Justice, making \$4.00 a day when required.

I personally should regret to see him leave the Service as I have found him a very reliable man and have no cause for complaint whatsoever; and we are on very amicable terms.

Will you kindly take this matter up immediately as, should Mr. Hopkinson leave, it would be necessary to have his successor appointed before the resignation took effect in order to give the new man some time in which to get in touch with the work.

Your obedient servant,
Malcolm R.J. Reid

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