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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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October 6,

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Dear Mr. Henry:

With reference to my letter of September 7th, I have now to inform you that so far as I am aware there is no Dominion legislation on the subject of racial discrimination.

As intimated in my letter of September 7th, I wrote to the Attorneys-General of all the provinces and have now received replies from every province except Prince Edward Island.

The only Provincial legislation on the subject of which I am aware is contained in the Libel Act of Manitoba, being chapter 119, R.S.M. 1940. Section 14 thereof reads as follows:

"14. (1) The publication of a libel against a race or creed likely to expose persons belonging to the race or professing the creed to hatred, contempt or ridicule, and tending to raise unrest or disorder among the people, shall entitle a person belonging to the race or professing the creed to sue for an injunction to prevent the continuation and circulation of the libel; and the Court of King's Bench is empowered to entertain the action.

(2) The action may be taken against the person responsible for the authorship, publication, or circulation of the libel.

H. R. L. Henry, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister,
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(3) The word 'publication' used in this section shall be interpreted to mean any words legibly marked upon any substance or any object signifying the matter otherwise than by words, exhibited in public or caused to be seen or shown or circulated or delivered with a view to its being seen by any person."

I am writing to the Attorney-General of Prince Edward Island again and will inform you of any reply received.

Yours truly,

F. P. Varcoe
Deputy Minister of Justice.

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Department of Justice

Ottawa, October 12, 1943.

J. R. 8327-43

Dear Mr. Henry:

Referring to my letter of October 6th,
I am now informed by the Attorney-General of Prince
Edward Island that there is no legislation in the
Province of Prince Edward Island to prevent racial dis-
crimination.

Yours truly,

(Signed) F. P. Varcoe

Deputy Minister of Justice.

H. R. L. Henry, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Office of the Prime Minister,
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