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TO HIS EXCELLENCY



*Captain the Right Honourable The Earl of Bessborough, a
Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight
Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George,*

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

*Report, of a Committee of the Privy Council ON MATTERS
OF STATE.*

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May it please Your Excellency

Report
GOVERNOR
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Amended by P.C. 1760, 13/8/34

P.C. 1378

Revised by P.C. 567-13-2-47



AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1931.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Secretary of State of Canada reports that there has been no settled policy in the Department of the Secretary of State respecting the issue of Naturalization Certificates to orientals; that the existing policy, namely to issue Certificates to orientals who reside in Provinces which have no Provincial legislation derogatory to orientals, does not provide a uniform method of treating such applications; that Certificates under Section 2 of the Act of 1914, and Section 4 of the existing Act, which are identical, and which apply in most cases of applications for initial naturalization, and under Section 6 of the Act of 1914, which became Section 8 under the existing Act, which apply in cases where the applicant was naturalized under former legislation, have been issued to Japanese and Chinese in the years 1915 to 1930 as follows:

Chinese.	Sec.2.	Sec.6.	Japanese.	Sec.2.	Sec.6.
1915	1	0	1915	3	6
1916	3	2	1916	5	12
1917	4	0	1917	14	17
1918	2	0	1918	11	4
1919	20	1	1919	33	49
1920	19	1	1920	82	43
1921	23	2	1921	112	23
1922	12	2	1922	28	67
1923	8	3	1923	5	24
1924	49	11	1924	21	71
1925	44	6	1925	10	43
1926	30	2	1926	4	84
1927	25	4	1927	0	17
	Sec.4.	Sec.8.		Sec.4.	Sec.8.
1928	27	1		3	32
1929	23	1		15	3
1930	11	2		31	2
Totals:	311	38		377	497

Totals of both sections: 349 874.

To Secretary of State 18 June 31

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That on one hand the principle is affirmed that where an oriental is permitted to land in Canada he should have the right to become naturalized, and on the other that orientals are not assimilable; that under the Chinese Law of Nationality, promulgated December 3rd, 1914, it is provided by Article 12 (2) that a Chinese citizen shall lose his or her Chinese nationality "in any one of the following events: # # # # # (d) On voluntary acquisition of foreign nationality," and loss of nationality under (d) "is limited to persons who, being of not less than twenty years of age, are sui juris according to Chinese law, and in whose cases the consent of the Ministry of the Interior has been given;" that the Japanese Law of Nationality, effective from 1st December, 1924, provides by Article 20 that a person who has acquired foreign nationality by his own wish loses Japanese nationality, and Section 2 of Article 27 provides that the procedure relative to the renunciation and recovery of nationality shall be determined by Order, and that such procedure has been laid down by Ordinance 26 of the 17th November, 1924, issued by the Japanese Ministry of the Interior;

NOW THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, is pleased to order that the issue of Naturalization Certificates to applicants of Chinese and Japanese origin be and it is hereby limited, in the case of Chinese, to those who produce a consent of the Chinese Ministry of the Interior, and with respect to Japanese, to those who show that they have followed the procedure provided by the aforesaid Ordinance of the 17th November, 1924.

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Approved

Bessborough

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