

# **PUBLIC WARNED WATCH OUT FOR HOLY IMPOSTERS**

**Said to Pose as Assyrian, Syrian  
or Armenian Priests and Seek  
Funds for Fellows**

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The local authorities have been warned by the Commissioner of Immigration, to be on the watch for a number of get-rich-quick sharps who may come along dressed in holy garb, in the guise of Assyrian, Syrian or Armenian priests, and proceed to 'touch up' sympathetic citizens 'for the relief of their distressed fellow countrymen.'

On investigation, it has been found that some of the credentials of these priests are said to be forgeries. These men have secured recommendations in Canada from men who are prominent in church and state, and under the guise of clergymen, have carried on their operations of collecting funds in Canada, which funds are not applied to the object for which they are given by a charitable public.

According to Acting Commissioner Percy Reid, in a letter to Charles Stewart, local immigration agent, an investigation by one of the officers in Winnipeg shows that one of these men operated in Winnipeg some time ago, and it is thought that he or others of his ilk may be operating in Brandon or in other Western towns or cities.

Chief of Police Esslemont has been requested that if any of these collectors are found within his jurisdiction, he will place him or them in detention, and forward to the Immigration Commissioner for inspection, all the credentials the collectors may have with a description of the persons.