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Cards With Photos

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 21—Royal Canadian Mounted Police, working in conjunction with a representative committee of Japanese Canadian citizens will begin the special registration of all people of Japanese racial origin in Canada next week, it was announced today.

Registration, it is estimated will take some 3 months to complete, and will be accomplished by the issuing of various types of identification cards, complete with photographs, signatures and other necessary information.

A conference yesterday between the Government Standing Committee headed by Mayor Fred Hume and representatives of the community selected a working committee of five Japanese Canadians to co-operate with the Federal Police to ensure the most efficient registration at minimum cost.

Expressing appreciation of the co-operation offered by the community, Mayor see "Register" Page 5

# GOVERNMENT REPORT FINDS JAPANESE CANADIANS LOYAL

OTTAWA. — An implied promise that the Federal Government will do all in its power to prevent disturbances to civil security or national defence by guarding against "wholly unsubstantiated and irresponsible charges and accusations" against Japanese Canadians, was made in the House of Commons Monday by Prime Minister King, who vigorously denounced "an unfortunate recrudescence of anti-Oriental and particularly anti-Japanese feeling in British Columbia."

At the same time the government tabled the report of the special investigating committee, which declared that "there is no evidence that the Japanese population of Canada has been engaged in any disloyal or subversive activity." It recommended however that there should be a close watch for signs of disloyalty or sabotage.

On a split decision, the committee also decided that "at least for the present Canadians of Japanese race should not be

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## Dear Old Golden Rule Days . . .

It's a far cry from the year 1905, when the first Japanese student, the now successful physician, Dr. Kozo Shimotakahara, graduated from Strathcona School to 1941, when well over 650 pupils are attending classes daily at the same institution, but the good old school spirit burned as deeply as ever in the hearts of over 100 "old boys and girls" of Strathcona as they gathered at the Fuji, Thursday evening for a grand re-union.

This feeling was touchingly expressed in the form of a donation of \$62 towards the Bessie Johnson Library fund at the school. And as the food grew cold, Dr. Shmiodakahara warned to the subject of bygone days, and shadowy memories of the past brought to life in a way by the presence of several noted figures, came back to grads and former pupils.

There was Mr. Alfred Rines, principal from 1913 to 1918, who declared that he had never seen one Nisei pupil fail in his or her entrance exams. There was Mr. T. A. Brough who commended the young Japanese for their desire to share in the building of Canada. Mr. H. E. Patterson, the present principal re-iterated the thoughts of the previous speak-

## STORY OF THE WEEK

### \$1000 Donated To War Effort

VANCOUVER.—"A practical expression of loyalty and patriotism!"

These were the words of Assistant Minister of National Defence Charles G. Power this week in acknowledging on behalf of the Government and the people of Canada a gift of \$1000 in cash from a Vancouver Japanese Canadian "toward the prosecution of Canada's war effort."

The donor of this latest contribution, which swells the total of donations from the community to National Defence Funds well over the \$5000 mark, is Bunjiro Ueyeda, of Yamato Silks Limited, Granville Street dry goods firm.

The donations will be made in monthly instalments throughout 1941, and follows a large contribution made last year by the same firm to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

#### Duty to Canada

Writing to acknowledge the contribution, the Hon. Charles G. Power said:

"This practical expression of your loyalty and patriotism is very much appreciated by my colleagues and myself; and, on behalf of the Government and the people of Canada I wish to offer you sincere thanks for this gift.

In forwarding the first cheque to the Department of National Defence, Mr. Ueyeda wrote that he wished to give thanks to the people of Canada,

and to fulfill responsibilities to aid Canada in her hour of need.

The text of his letter follows:

"This first cheque is our January contribution to Canada's defence fund. We are intending to contribute a total of \$1000 during the year 1941. You will receive a cheque for an equal amount every month during this coming year to help England win the war.

"Briefly, this is my thanks to the people of Canada who have been very kind and good to us during the 23 years in which we have traded under the name of Yamato Silks Ltd. Therefore we feel that it is our duty and responsibility to aid Canada in her hour of need.

"Hoping that our contribution will help in some way to wipe out the menace to our Democracy, we are,

Yours very sincerely,  
Yamato Silks Ltd.

## New Consul



ICHIRO KAWASAKI

Ichiro Kawasaki, acting consul-general at San Francisco, has been named consul at Vancouver, to succeed Kenji Nakauchi, who was appointed to a similar post in Los Angeles this week.

Mr. Nakauchi, who received official word of his appointment Tuesday, goes to his new position after a relatively short stay in Vancouver, having come to this city in September, 1939.

His successor in Vancouver has served in London, Czechoslovakia, Shanghai, and in the home office in Tokyo. He is a son-in-law of Tatsuo Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, and is thirty-two years old.

## Junior Board of Trade Studies Japanese Question

VANCOUVER, Feb. 21 — Strong sympathy and a desire to assist Canadian citizens of Japanese origin was expressed last night by members of the Government Affairs Committee of the Junior Board of Trade, following two lengthy

discussions on the problem with Thomas Shoyama, representing the Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

The Committee agreed that since the Japanese community has already been established in B. C., the only possible means of solution was to assist Japanese to become better Canadians. They felt that no good was to be achieved by a continued policy of restriction that prevents Japanese Canadians living up to accepted Canadian standards. Ways and means of removing restrictions were discussed.

In a 45-minute address to the younger city business men Thursday last week, the JCCL secretary outlined the beginnings and development of the Japanese community, and sketched out the most important issues of the moment. The proper solution to the problem, he declared, is very large-

ly in the hands of the Canadian public, and could be found only if the question were approached tolerantly, reasonably and without prejudice.

An interested listener in the audience was Alderman H. D. Wilson, who spoke briefly on his stand, and left questions relating to dual citizenship, language schools, the gentlemen's agreement and increase of the Japanese population for Shoyama to answer.

Discussion was continued last night, with members of the committee firing questions for two hours on many angles of the situation, including the gentlemen's agreement, connections with Japan, loyalty to Canada, fishing and economic competition and religion.

Members voted to invite public men, who have been active in anti-Japanese movements, to speak, in order to question them regarding their stand.

## ★ Newsbriefs

### Takahashi to Attend 3rd N.W. Student Advance

VANCOUVER.—Saburo Takahashi, fourth year engineering student, will be the lone U.B.C. delegate to the 3rd annual Northwest Student Advance to be held in Seattle this forthcoming week-end.

### Nisei Parade with Officers' Training Corps

VANCOUVER.—Niseiettes lined up along Vancouver's streets last Sunday afternoon, couldn't help but thrill to the sight of a few khaki-clad Nisei swinging along with the U.B.C. contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps in a church parade to St. Andrew's-Wesley.

Nisei were numbered among the Cadet officers, and some thirty students marched in the rear with the basic military trainees.

### Opposition to Oriental Hospital Again Voiced

VANCOUVER.—Strenuous opposition to construction of a new hospital at Kingsway and 13th Avenue to take over the work of St. Joseph's Oriental Hospital on Campbell Avenue was expressed in civic planning committee Monday by Ald. H. D. Wilson.

Protesting also through attorneys was the International Foursquare Gospel Church, whose institution adjoins the proposed hospital site. "If the hospital is built, the district will be inundated with Orientals going to visit patients in the institution," exclaimed Ald. Wilson. "Why can't the hospital be confined to the Oriental section?"



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