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"URGENT"

Re: RICHMOND A.R.P. and  
SERGEANT HERDMAN.

Div'l H'Qrs.,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
November 12th, 1942.

The Commissioner,  
Provincial Police,  
Victoria, B.C.

1. You 'phoned to me this morning with regard to Civilian Protection in Richmond and the resignation of Sergeant Herdman as Chief Warden of the Richmond area. I was aware that Sergeant Herdman intended to resign as Chief Warden. He informed me a short time ago that he could not possibly carry on his police duties and those of Chief Warden owing to the amount of time required for A.R.P. work and his increased police duties in Richmond. X
2. As you are probably aware, Sergeant Herdman devoted a great deal of his time to A.R.P. work and he is responsible for bringing the Richmond area to a high degree of efficiency with respect to Air Raid Precautions. This is, I am sure, fully appreciated by the Provincial Civilian Protection Committee here. To accomplish this work Sergeant Herdman worked practically every day and every night for months and he simply could not continue. We cannot, nor can any Municipal Council whose area we police, that is if the area is of any size at all, expect the Sergeant in charge to act as Chief Warden. We had similar difficulty in Burnaby which resulted in the resignation of Sergeant Anderson as Chief Warden, and may I point out that the N.C.O. in charge North Vancouver has not been required at any time to act as Chief Warden. Furthermore, Richmond is a much busier area than North Vancouver. X
3. You are aware of the work required of our men in Richmond concerning the evacuation of the Japanese. Although all Japanese have been evacuated it does not lessen our work in Richmond for the reason that the Japanese have been replaced in the area by Indians who are now engaged in the fishing industry and these Indians cause much more trouble than the Japanese. Also there is a liquor situation in Richmond which is requiring the expenditure of a great



deal of time to say nothing of the vast increase in traffic with regard to the Boeing Aircraft plant.

4. If you will refer to monthly returns for Richmond for September you will note there were 38 prosecutions, 37 convictions, and one committal, surely an extremely heavy month's work for four men assisted in part by a fifth man loaned by Vancouver District Headquarters. I have a spare copy of Sergeant Herdman's report for September and it is enclosed. You will note that under the Indian Act alone he had 13 prosecutions.

5. I cannot but agree with Sergeant Herdman that his first duty is to police the area and this he is doing with considerable success. The A.R.P. organization has been put on a sound footing by the Sergeant and candidly I think it is the duty of the Municipality to now carry on the A.R.P. work. Sergeant Herdman and his men are entirely willing to assist as and when they can, but it is obvious Sergeant Herdman cannot possibly continue as Chief Air Raid Warden. Sergeant Herdman informed me that although he has filed his resignation as Chief Warden his resignation has not been accepted and he is still carrying on his A.R.P. duties. In the circumstances mentioned above it is only fair and reasonable that the Municipality make other arrangements with regard to A.R.P. duties. The Sergeant, I am sure, will lend every assistance, doubtless at the sacrifice of some of what little leisure time he has, but in fairness he cannot be asked to continue full responsibility as Chief Warden.

J. Shirras,  
Assistant Commissioner,  
Commanding "E" Division.

JS/WF

Encl.



DIVISION: " E "

DISTRICT: Richmond.

DETACHMENT: Richmond Municipality.



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"ORGANIZED TERRITORY"Richmond Municipality.R E P O R T.

nil.

RE: MUNICIPALITY OF RICHMOND.- Policing of - Month of September 1942

The REEVE  
Municipality of Richmond.  
BRIGHOUSE B.C.

SIR;

With reference to the above I have the honour to submit for your consideration a report of duties performed by the Provincial Police Detachment, Policing the Municipality of Richmond during the month of September 1942.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS.H'ORS. REF.

Breaking & Entering. .... 8.  
Thefts. .... 19.

V alue of property stolen..... \$290-00.  
Value of property recovered. .... 160-00.

DIV'L REF.

Other matters attended to as follows;

Auto accidents. .... 7.  
Fires..... 2.  
Damage to property. .... 2.  
Domestic Animals..... 10.  
Missing children..... 3.  
Man Missing..... 1.  
Deceased persons..... 1.  
Prowlers..... 4;  
Miscellaneous..... 16.

DET. REF.

During the past month the following mileage was travelled in patrols and attending to the necessary Police duties.

A-621. 750 Miles. A-668. 464 Miles. A-670 3153 Miles. Foot  
Patrols 337 Miles. Total 4704 miles.

Thirty eight cases came before the Court during the month of Sept. and the Fines collected amounted to \$428-00 and Costs. \$20-00. as follows;

Section	386 C.C.C.	1 Prosecution.	1 committment.
" "	285 (6) CCC.	2 " "	2 convictions.
" "	128 Indian Act.	2 " "	2 " "
" "	135 Indian Act.	11 " "	11 " "
Municipal By-Laws.			
No. 800.	8	" "	8 " "
895	4	" "	4 " "
659	9	" "	9 " "
228	1	" "	1 " "

Total 38 Cases.

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H'QRS. REF.

Taking into consideration the Fishing Season and the tremendous influx of transients in the vicinity of Steveston during the past month of six weeks and the large number of Indians in the vicinity together with the tremendous amount of money that they have made in such a short time, conditions have been very good, however it caused us a great deal of extra work and patrols to keep things in even fairly quiet order. There was much evidence of drinking among the Indians and most of this supply was obtained in Vancouver City and some at Ladner, however I am glad to say that we have had nothing of any serious nature happen and the complaints are at a minimum. There have been quite a number of Indians before the Court and the Fines were increased to deter them from drinking but not to much avail.

DIV'L REF.

The general situation with regard to work is much the same as last month and we are finding it very difficult to keep up with the amount of work on hand, all the staff are kept moving at all times and there is little or no wasted effort in fact I have sufficient work for more men if they were available, however I fully realize the situation from a financial viewpoint as to Policing but nevertheless I find it hard sometimes to make all ends meet and satisfy all concerned with the present staff.

DIST. REF.

Concluded.

DET. REF.

Copies to;  
The Officer Commanding.  
"E" Div. B.C. Police.  
Vancouver. B.C.

*Thos. Herdman*  
Thos Herdman. Sergt. I/C.  
Richmond District.  
B. C. Police.





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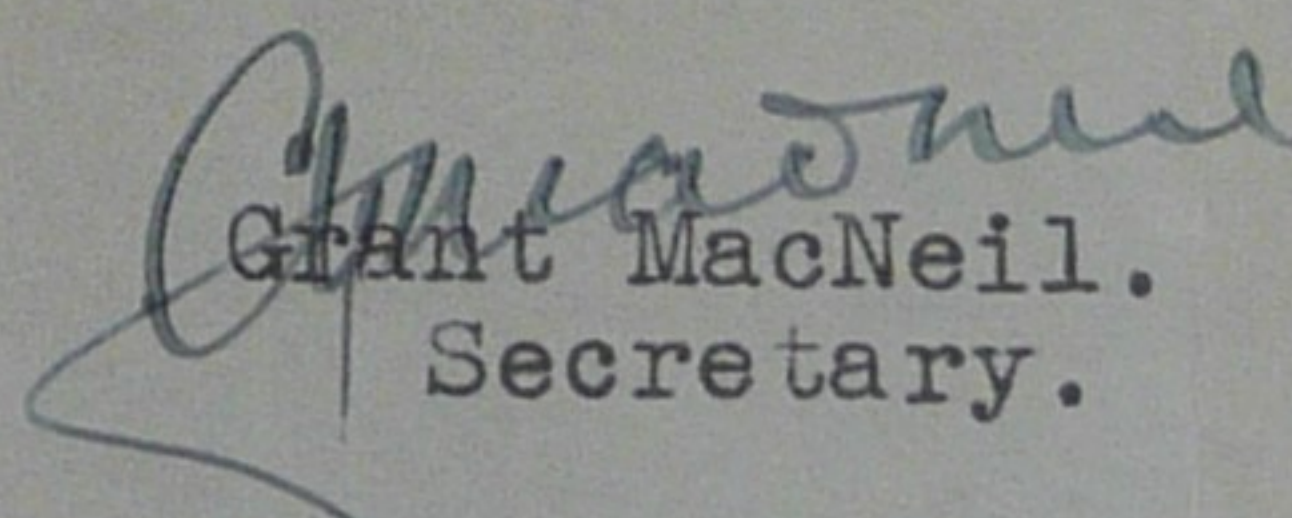
The Honourable R. L. Maitland,  
Attorney-General,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Maitland:

Mr. Austin C. Taylor, the  
Chairman of this Commission, has instructed  
me to reply to your letter of March 26th  
on behalf of Mr. Gillett, and to advise you  
that your recommendation has been noted by  
him.

It is his intention that Mr.  
Gillett's qualifications will be given every  
consideration in connection with any suitable  
appointment on the Staff of this Commission.

Yours very truly,

  
Grant MacNeil.  
Secretary.

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