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THE POST-WAR REHABILITATION COUNCIL
Government of British Columbia

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FUNCTIONS OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Functions of the Inter-Departmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development

In recent sessions of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, the matter of securing competent, technical advice on certain questions has frequently arisen in discussion. While recognizing that, at some point, it might become necessary and desirable to seek outside technicians, it has been the policy of the Council to draw, as far as possible, from the other established departments of the Government. Many of the questions, which now require preliminary investigation, affect matters under the jurisdiction of more than one department; and it is thought that, in a number of instances, the questions now before the Council have probably already received careful attention from the administrative departments most directly concerned. As a means of availing for the Council the most expert advice from within the Service, and of consulting all the departments concerned simultaneously, the Executive Council has consented to the establishment of this and several other inter-departmental advisory committees.

Purpose:

It is hardly necessary to enumerate the long term considerations which make the increased industrialization of this Province a desirable and necessary achievement. However, in addition to these long-term considerations, it is expected that the close of hostilities will precipitate a series of circumstances which will make the question of industrial development a subject of immediate interest. The war itself has done much to stimulate interest in this direction already. Under the terms of the Post-war Rehabilitation Act, the Council is instructed to occupy itself with the following topics:-

Employment possibilities in Industry:—

To what extent can war industries be converted into peace-time industries? (Section 6,ss.h)

To what extent can new industries be anticipated? (Section 6,ss.m)

To what extent can established industries be expected to maintain themselves in the face of post-war conditions? (Section 6,ss.k and l)

The utilization of latent resources:-

What resources are now latent, and to what extent can their development be anticipated?
(Section 6,ss.j)

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To what extent can scientific research assist in their early development?
(Section 6,ss.n)

The Council is aware that the Inter-Departmental Industrial Survey Committee has already commenced certain exploratory studies in some of these fields. It has seemed eminently logical, therefore, that the Council should turn to this Committee for advice and assistance.

Topics:

In general, the Council is anxious to obtain any and all information which will assist in the formulation of an accurate answer to this question: What are the prospects for further industrialization in British Columbia? The Council will not expect members of the Advisory Committee to concern themselves with the controversial aspects of this problem. It is taken for granted that, under normal circumstances, private enterprise can be induced to establish itself in any undertaking in this Province which shows reasonable promise of success. That being the case, the Council desires to learn in what branches of industry and in what locations can the Province offer reasonable prospects for the expansion of existing enterprise or the successful establishment of new industries.

From a perusal of the studies already made by the Inter-Departmental Industrial Survey Committee, the Council has concluded that a working approach to this involved subject has been satisfactorily evolved. The Council would like to suggest, however, that in addition to the special reports under preparation, some attention should be given to a systematic arrangement of all the material that has undoubtedly accumulated in the files of the respective departments.

In addition to these general topics, the Council would like to feel at liberty to refer specific proposals to this Advisory Committee for analysis and comment.

Procedure:

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Recognizing that the members of the Committee are already fully occupied with their individual responsibilities, the Council has considered that the Committee should be left unhampered to prepare its own schedule of meetings, to devise its own mode of conduct, and to determine the sequence in which the various matters referred to it shall be handled.

Since it is possible that some of the suggestions and proposals submitted to the Council have already been reviewed by the departments most concerned, the Council would particularly appreciate the advice of the Committee in respect to the attached list of suggestions. Should any of the departments represented on this Committee have information in their files which would throw light on these matters, the Council would be most anxious to have the data brought to its attention as soon as possible.

Sub-heading	Nature of Proposal	From
(20) <u>Fishing</u> <u>Industry-</u>	Opportunity of white fishermen at Tofino where a Japanese Co-operative Trolling association formerly operated.	W. Armitage, Sec'ty, Tofino Board of Trade. May 16th, 1942. File 3-8-2
(40) -ditto-	Contends that Hell's Gate should be cleared to permit salmon to proceed to spawning grounds; advocates restocking measures also.	C.J. Bell, Sec'ty., Mgr. Special Rehabilitation Comm., Branch No. 2, Canadian Legion, New Westminster, B. C. July 2, 1942. File 3-4-1
(75) -ditto-	Urges furtherance of suggestions of J. Gray Turgeon, M. P., for establishing returned soldiers in fishing industry on coast.	Brief submitted by McBride District Board of Trade, after joint discussion of McBride Village Commissioners, McBride & Dist. Board of Trade, Canadian Legion #75, & Farmer's Institute, McBride. June 15, 1942. File 3-8-2
(81) -ditto-	Recommends removal by either Dominion or Province or both of sufficient of Hell's Gate rock barrier on Fraser to give salmon a clear run; and the clearing of all streams used for spawning.	Brief submitted by Mr. E.E. Winch, M.L.A. Burnaby, B. C. June 2nd, 1942. File 3-9-1
(93) -ditto-	Urges loans be granted to ex-soldiers for the purchase of boats and equipment to establish them in the fishing industry on a similar basis to the Government's Land Settlement policy.	Brief presented by Ben Hughes, Chairman of Committee of Courtenay Branch of Canadian Legion, Courtenay, B.C. July 31, 1942. File 3-4-1
(109) -ditto-	Recommends building of Reduction plants and smoke curing plants.	Brief presented by Nanaimo Central Liberal Association, Nanaimo, B. C. July 30, 1942. File 3-8-1
(131) -ditto-	Recommends encouragement and assistance to returned men to establish themselves in fishing industry in place of Japanese, including docking facilities along Fraser River.	Brief presented by New Westminster Board of Trade, New Westminster, B. C. August 4, 1942. File 3-8-2