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The Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
BUILDINGS.

My dear Colleague:

Attached hereto is copy of a letter from Cpl. R. P. MacCaig, in which he complains of having had his property sold at tax sale, although a member of His Majesty's Forces.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and replying to him direct inasmuch as I have assured him that you will give this question your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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Cpl. R. P. MacCaig,
R138356, R.C.A.F.,
#5 Squadron,
#1 Manning Depot,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 5 and note what you have to say regarding the disposal of your property at tax sale.

Please be advised that I have taken this matter up with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with a view to seeing what can be done to remedy the situation. You no doubt will hear from him during the course of the next few days.

Yours faithfully,

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Toronto, Ont.,
Feb. 5, 1942.

Premier John Hart,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I enlisted with the 2nd Batt. Canadian Scottish in Victoria Sept. 22, 1939, and am now with the R.C.A.F. During this time I always felt I had a place to shelter me no matter how tough things were after the war, Now I am informed that my place has been sold for taxes by the Municipality of Maple Ridge, headed by that estimable gentleman Sheik Mussalem.

During my service in the Army and Air Force I have had notifications and before the war, that my taxes had been increased so that they could build bigger high schools and give more education to the Japs and Germans who, in the immediate vicinity of my place, own almost all the land, the Germans working on relief on the road and the Japs seeing to it that there wasn't a dearth of little Japs to fill up all the new space in the new school.

I have no intention of submitting to this land grab meekly. I enlisted to help prevent Gestapo methods in Maple Ridge as well as the rest of Canada, but the thought of what has taken place will contribute little to that "Esprit de Corps" we are so fond of talking about.

In writing to you, Sir, the Chief of the Province, I do so not wishing to write to others who might use this case to embarrass and slow down enlistment. I am a veteran of the last war and thought at first of writing to the Canadian Legion, but on second thought decided not to until I saw what you could do.

The properties involved are:
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 11 N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 Township 12
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 6 N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 Township 12
The amounts owing are \$40.76 and \$28.41. I have only \$19.00 a month after making the dependents' allowance and I can't pay it but I want my property returned.

Another point of interest is the place was sold Sept. 30, 1941 but I wasn't informed until Jan. 22, 1942.

Yours truly,

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