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Creston, B.C.  
September 23/42

Hon. John Hart,  
Premier of British Columbia,  
Victoria,  
B.C.

Dear Mr. Hart:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September the 18th, and to thank you for the information contained therein in connection with the Shatty Bench and Lardo highway. This information has been forwarded on to the Nelson Board of Trade who have been pressing for the betterment and construction of highways by making use of Japanese labor in the respective districts.

Yours very truly,

*Frank Putnam*

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Sept. 18

Frank Putnam, Esq., M.L.A.,  
ERICKSON, B. C.

Dear Mr. Putnam:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 14 and note what you have to say regarding the Shitty Bench-Lardo road north of Kaslo.

Please be advised that I have gone into this matter and find that to undertake this project would cost \$225,000.00. In view of the fact that there are no funds available at present for so large an undertaking I regret to advise you it is not possible to give further consideration to your proposal at the present time.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Premier.

FRANK PUTNAM, M.L.A.  
ERICKSON, B.C.



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Creston, B.C.  
September 14/42

Hon. John Hart,  
Minister of Public Works,  
Victoria, B.C.



Dear Mr. Hart:

The Nelson Board of Trade have written to me asking to take up with you the possibility of having the Japanese, who are now living at Kaslo, open up the highway between Shuttly Bench and Lardo, North of Kaslo and that all of the Japanese living in the Slocan country be put to work on road improvement.

Personally I would think their idea a good one if feasible as the general feeling through the districts is quite emphatic that these people should be put to some useful work.

Yours very truly,

FHP:d

*Frank Putnam,*

1 9 4 2  
Sept. 18

W. G. C. Lanskaill, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Nelson Board of Trade,  
NELSON, B. C.

Dear Mr. Lanskaill:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 5 and note what you have to say regarding opening up of the highway between Shetty Bench and Larde. The cost of this work would be approximately \$225,000. I regret to state that at present there are no funds available for so large an undertaking.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.



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VICTORIA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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File #554-3

September 15, 1942

MEMORANDUM:

Hon. John Hart,  
Premier,  
Buildings.



With reference to letter from the Nelson Board of Trade, herewith returned, I have to advise that a road has been mooted between Shuttys Bench and Lardeau for some time, and now that the railway grade has been converted into a highway it is quite likely that a through road to Kaslo will be advocated.


We have no surveys of this route, but the approximate distance would be fifteen miles, which would cost in the neighborhood of \$225,000 to construct.

As far as this Department is concerned, it is felt that there are several sections of public highway in the vicinity of Kaslo which require a great deal of improvement, and if Japanese labour should be made available by the Dominion authorities, possibly these roads should receive prior consideration, particularly the main highway between Nelson and Kaslo, which is in many places very narrow, with poor alignment.

With respect to Japanese labour which may be available in the vicinity of Slocan City, there are many improvement projects on the main Slocan Highway adjacent to these settlements where suitable winter work could be carried on, and it might be quite desirable to approach the Dominion authorities with a view to doing as much of this work as may be possible; on the understanding, of course, that there will be no cost to this Government, excepting the costs for right-of-way and location surveys, as has been usual on all previous Japanese National undertakings.

Chief Engineer.

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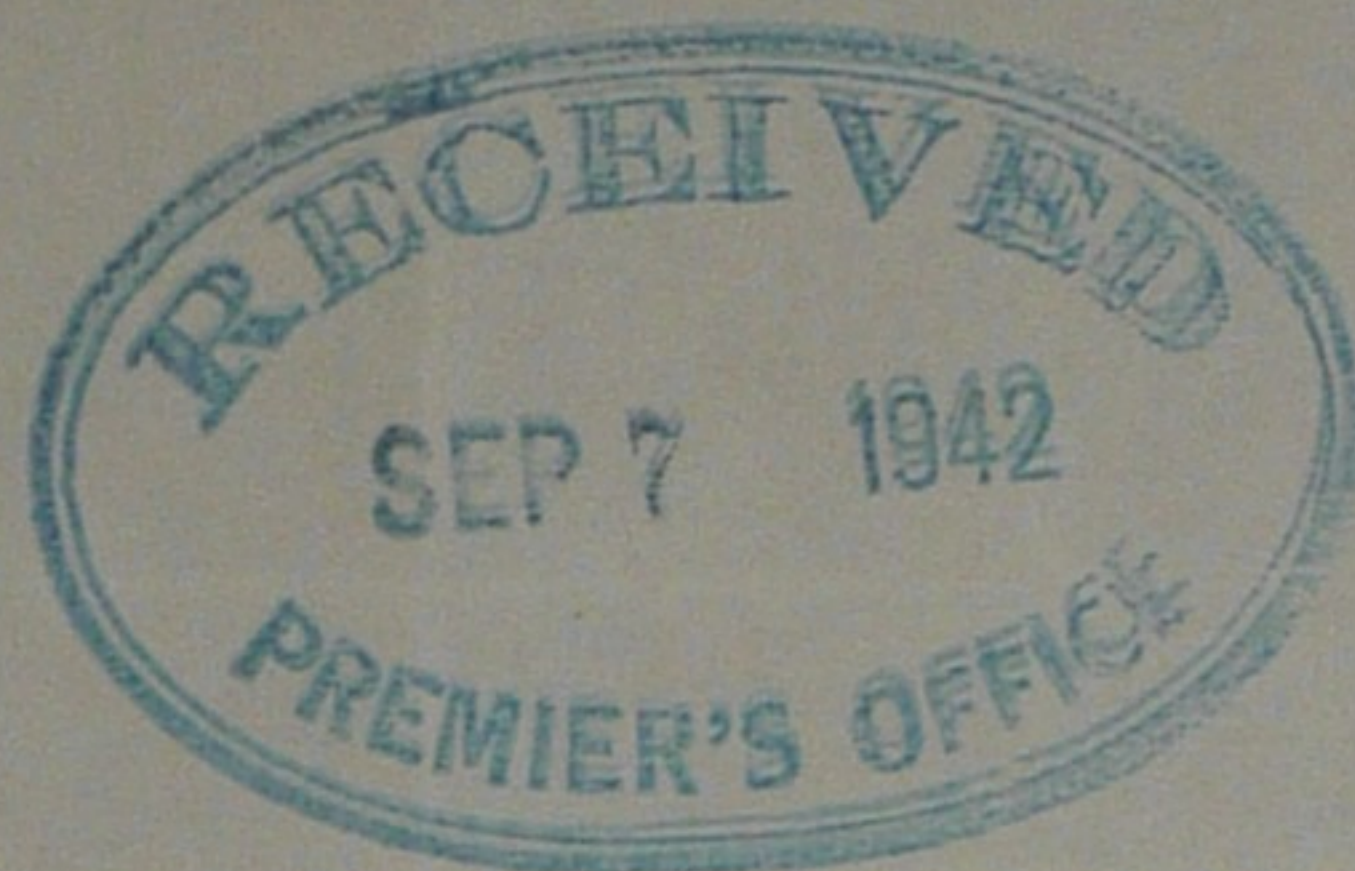
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Nelson, B. C.,

September 5th 1942

The Honourable,  
The Premier of the Government  
of British Columbia,  
Minister of Public Works,  
Victoria, B.C.



Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by resolution of Council of this Board to submit to you a recommendation that the Government give serious consideration to a project for opening up the highway between Shutty Bench and Lardo, North of Kaslo, utilising Japanese labor, and a further recommendation for Government improvement of the roads in the Slocan area North of the restricted zone, using Japanese labor wherever the Government may see fit to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. E. Lanstail*

Secretary.

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September 8

Arthur Dixon, Esq.,  
Chief Engineer,  
Department of Public Works,  
B U I L D I N G S.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I am enclosing herewith  
letter from the Nelson Board of Trade, which  
is self-explanatory.

I would appreciate re-  
ceiving from you a report on the cost of this  
work, and whether or not you consider the pro-  
ject essential.

Yours faithfully,

Premier

enclosure.



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September 8

W. G. C. Lanskaill, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Nelson Board of Trade,  
NELSON, B. C.

Dear Mr. Lanskaill:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 5, and note what you have to say regarding the opening of a highway between Shuttly Bench and Lardo, utilizing Japanese labour.

Please be advised that I am taking up this matter with the Department of Public Works with a view to seeing what work is entailed in connection therewith.

Yours faithfully,

Premier

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NELSON BOARD OF TRADE

Nelson, B. C.

September 5, 1942

The Honourable  
The Premier of the Government  
of British Columbia,  
Minister of Public Works,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by resolution of Council of this Board to submit to you a recommendation that the Government give serious consideration to a project for opening up the highway between Shuddy Bench and Lardo, North of Kaslo, utilizing Japanese labour, and a further recommendation for Government improvement of the roads in the Slocan area north of the restricted zone, using Japanese labour wherever the Government may see fit to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

"W.G.E. Lanskail"

Secretary