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ARMY Headquarters,  
Pacific Command,  
Victoria, B.C.

P.C. Richards, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
To the Premier of British Columbia,  
Legislative Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Richards:

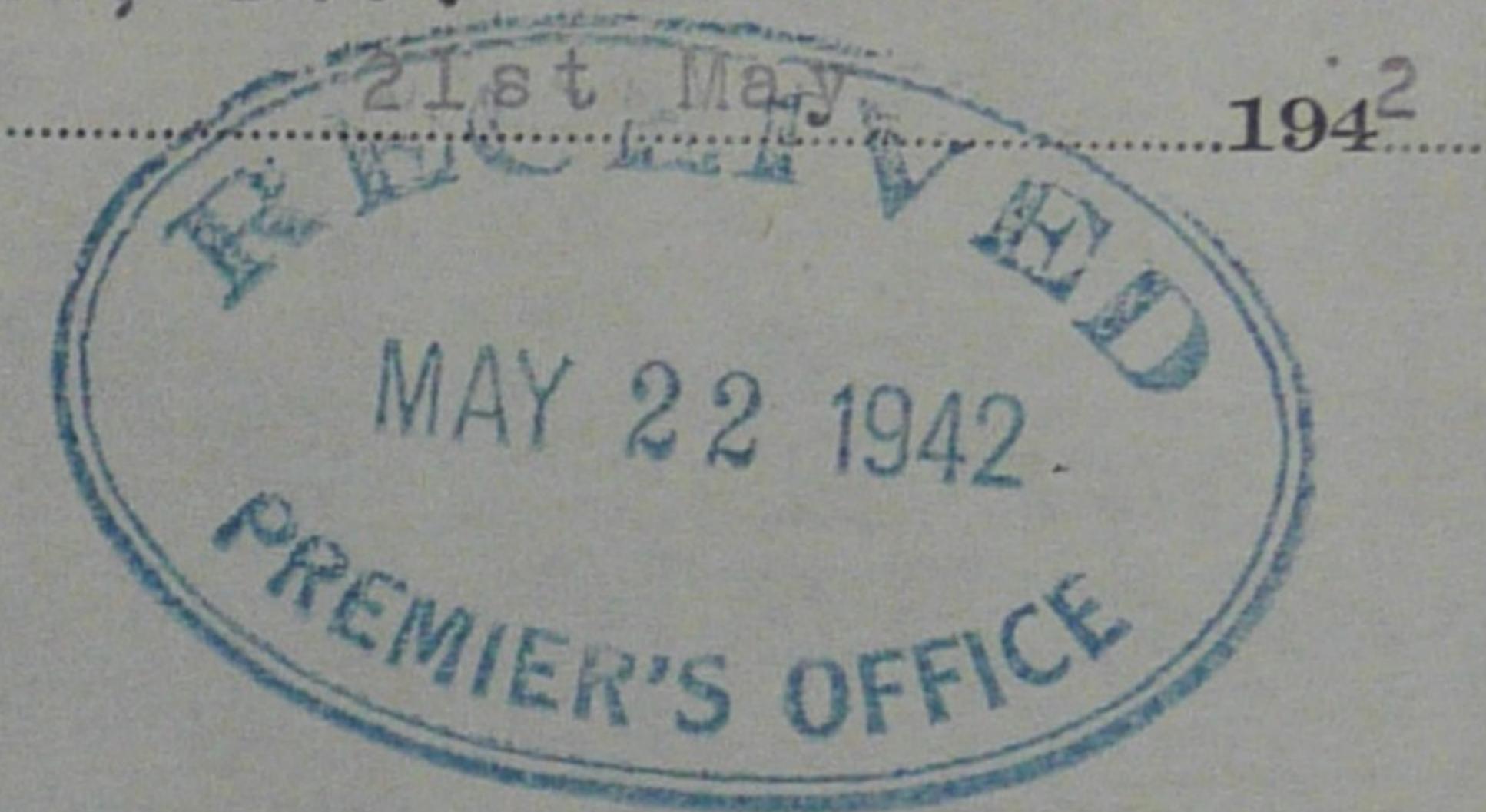
Very many thanks for your letter  
of the 18th May, enclosing a copy of the "New  
Canadian" of 14th May. I am taking up the matter  
with the Press Censor.

Yours sincerely,

( R.O. Alexander )  
Major-General  
G.O.C.-in-C. Pacific Command

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Major-General R. O. Alexander, D.S.O.,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
West Coast Defences,  
Work Point Barracks,  
VICTORIA, B. C.

Sir:

I would like to take the liberty of bringing to your attention the May 14 issue of "The New Canadian", a Japanese publication which is now issued under the supervision of the B. C. Security Commission. This paper formerly was published without any control prior to the declaration of war with Japan.

The article to which I allude is in the editorial columns on page 2 and is marked with blue pencil. This article purports to be a report of conditions in the Japanese Nationals Highway Camps but you will notice that the location of these camps and their size is carefully given, thus providing excellent information of value to parashoot troops who might be looking for reinforcements.

I may perhaps be unduly alarmed about this matter, yet I feel it is one that should be brought to your attention inasmuch as it is not the first article of this character that has been published.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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