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Feb. 19th

Mr. G. P. MacMillan,
Secretary,
Duncan Chamber of Commerce,
DUNCAN, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Honourable the Premier I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of February 17th, enclosing copy of letter and resolution forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada in regard to shipment of logs, metals, and concentrates to Japan.

Mr. Pattullo will return to the office early next week, when I shall be pleased to place your letter before him.

Yours very truly,

C.M.G.

Assistant Secretary.

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DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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OPERATING IN AND FOR THE ENTIRE COWICHAN DISTRICT

DUNCAN, B. C.
(VANCOUVER ISLAND)

February 17th, 1941.

The Hon. T.D.Pattullo,
Premier of B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find Resolution, Preamble and copy of letter to the Right Honorable W.L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, particulars of which you no doubt have already read in the press.

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce ask you to do everything in your power to have steps taken at once to have a complete investigation made of the matter in hand.

Your immediate co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

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Yours very truly,

DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

G.P.MacMillan
Secretary.

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Duncan, B.C.,
February 15th, 1941.

The Hon. W.L.McKenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

As President of the Duncan Chamber of Commerce I wish to bring to your personal attention a situation which has very serious implications in respect to Canada and the Whole British Empire, particularly in view of the recent trend of affairs in the Orient.

Attached Resolution was passed unanimously by Duncan Chamber of Commerce and already there has been a tremendous reaction on this Coast to the information we have disclosed. The facts were carefully obtained and checked, and we present them to you as being entirely authentic and reliable.

I would urge that immediate action be taken.

Yours very truly,

DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Signed) G.E.Wellburn

GEW*M

President.

DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION

PREAMBLE:

In consequence of rumors and statements that the Japanese ships entered the port of Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, for the purpose of loading logs, and at the time of entry into the said port, the ships had in their holds large quantities of metals and concentrates which had been loaded in American ports, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce recently caused careful enquiries to be made.

These enquiries disclosed the following startling situation:

(a) That six Japanese ships during the months of November and December 1940, and January and February 1941, loaded unmanufactured Hemlock and Balsam logs for export to Japan.

(b) That the said ships in every case had in their holds large consignments of metals of concentrates, consisting of the following:

1. Copper sheets or plates
2. Copper cathoids
3. Copper Ingots
4. Copper cable & wire
5. Copper scrap
6. Brass scrap packed in drums
7. Steel cast in 6 or 7-ton ingots
8. Lead or Zinc ingots
9. Nickle Sulphate
10. Copper concentrates

That the logs are largely produced by a Japanese controlled Company, subsidized by the Japanese Government or its agents.

It is claimed that the logs are being manufactured into Celulose in Japan, presumably for the manufacture of nitro-explosives, and that the metals and concentrates are for the manufacture of armaments.

The DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLVES:

THAT the Government of the Dominion of Canada immediately investigate the foregoing allegations with a view to stopping the traffice in War materials from our own shores, which constitutes a serious menace to Canada and the Empire.

The Chamber also urges the Government of the Dominion of Canada to make representation to the Government of the United States of America to enlist their co-operation in stopping the export of the aforesaid metals and concentrates from the United States of America, thereby fulfilling its undertaking to the British Government to place an embargo on War Material; and also that the Federal Government prohibit the export of all unmanufactured logs from Canada to Japan.