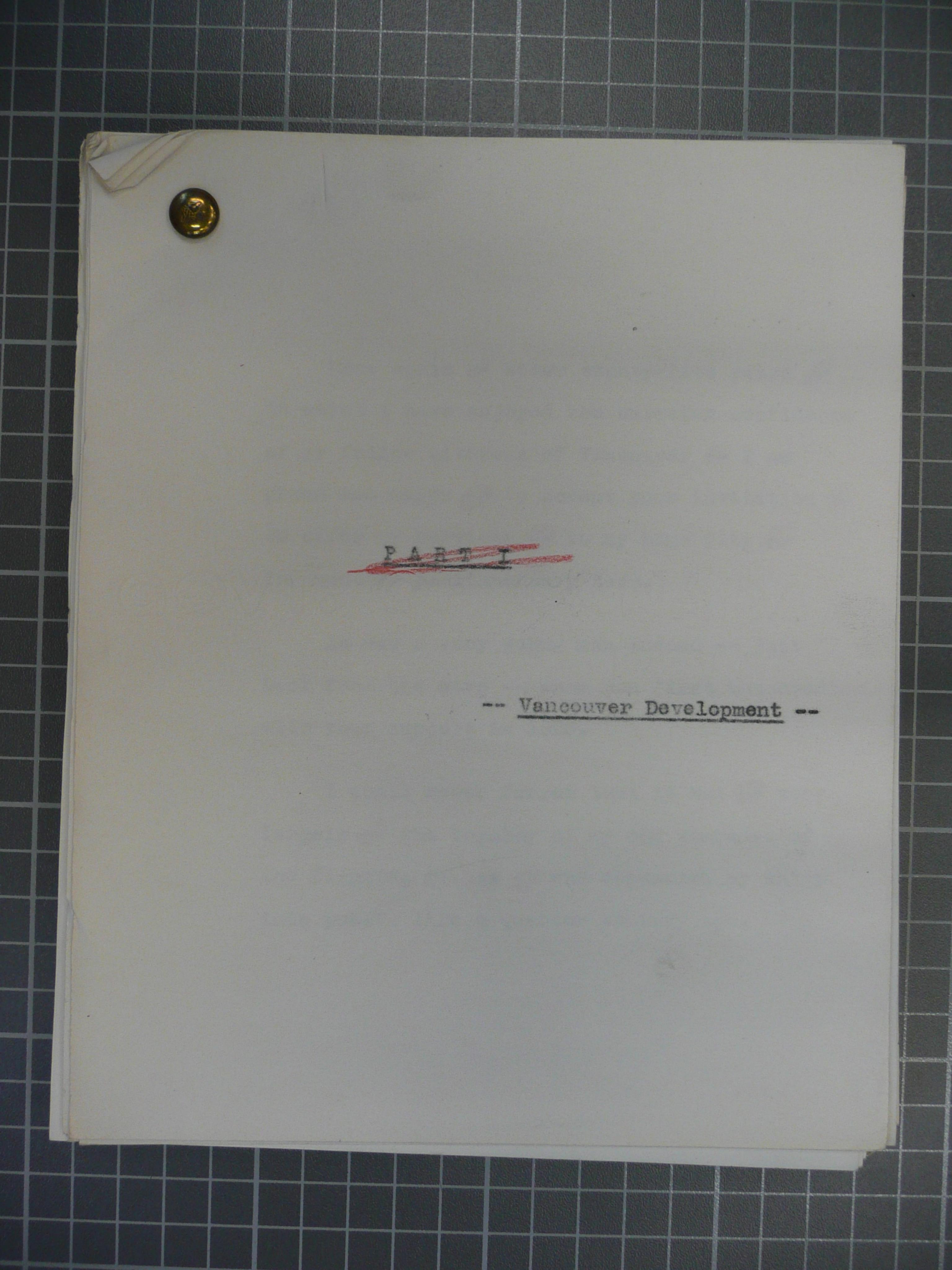


Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Vancouver, B.C. VANCOUVER CENTRE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER \$5, 1944.



Once again after twenty-five years in which I have enjoyed the unbroken confidence of my fellow citizens of Vancouver I am proud and happy to accept your invitation to offer my services to my home City for another parliamentary term.

It was a very young man indeed -- just back from the wars -- whom you first honoured with your support in 1920.

I shall never forget that it was very largely the loyalty of my old comrades of the fighting forces who sponsored my entry into public life a quarter century ago.

As a result of what I learned in those early months of my new responsibilities of very great changes took place in Canada.

When on December 7th, 1941 the treacherous and wily nation occupying the Islands across the Pacific struck its foul blow at Pearl Harbor there was a system of defence in existence on this coast which successfully deterred the Japanese from venturing to attack Canadian territory.

expenditure there was ridicule of pop guns in Stanley Park but we all realize today that the measures which were taken in 1937 1938 and 1939 in building up the defences of the Pacific coast constitute the reason why the Japanese did not dare to hazard an attack upon our territory.

We had coastal defences on land and in the air.

We had a flotilla of destroyers and other light naval craft.

We had squadrons of aircraft patrolling the seas for hundreds of miles offshore in equipment and from bases most of which had been developed in the peaceful days before Hitler marched into Poland.

In these past five years of war we have not been so much concerned about local matters. The fate of our nation -- of civilization itself -- has been in the balance.

But in the early years of the war, when it was not always easy to convince Eastern Officials of the great industrial contribution this City was capable of making to the common cause, I was able from time to time to lend a helping hand.

Even before the war our infant

Vancouver shipbuilding and aircraft

industries had been given their first

contracts out of which have grown the

great enterprises which today employ

more than 50,000 workers in shipbuilding

and aircraft manufacture.

The experience that our industry and our workers have gained in this past five years will not be lost.

How much experience we have gained few people are able to realize.

I have however obtained accurate figures as to the extent of the war contracts carried out in British Columbia.

Up to July of this year the shipbuilding programme in British Columbia aggregated 410 Million Dollars.

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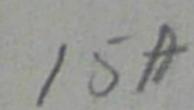
Steel cargo vessels

Barges

Wooden ships - and

smaller craft.

engineering works and foundries, & including equipment for the United Kingdom & Russia, & and Australia & totalled 300 Million Dellars.



other miscellaneous of including electrical equipment, of leather goods, of uniforms, of radio equipment, of making in round number One Billion Dollars of war contracts let in British Columbia.

our population is about 7 per cent of the population of Canada.

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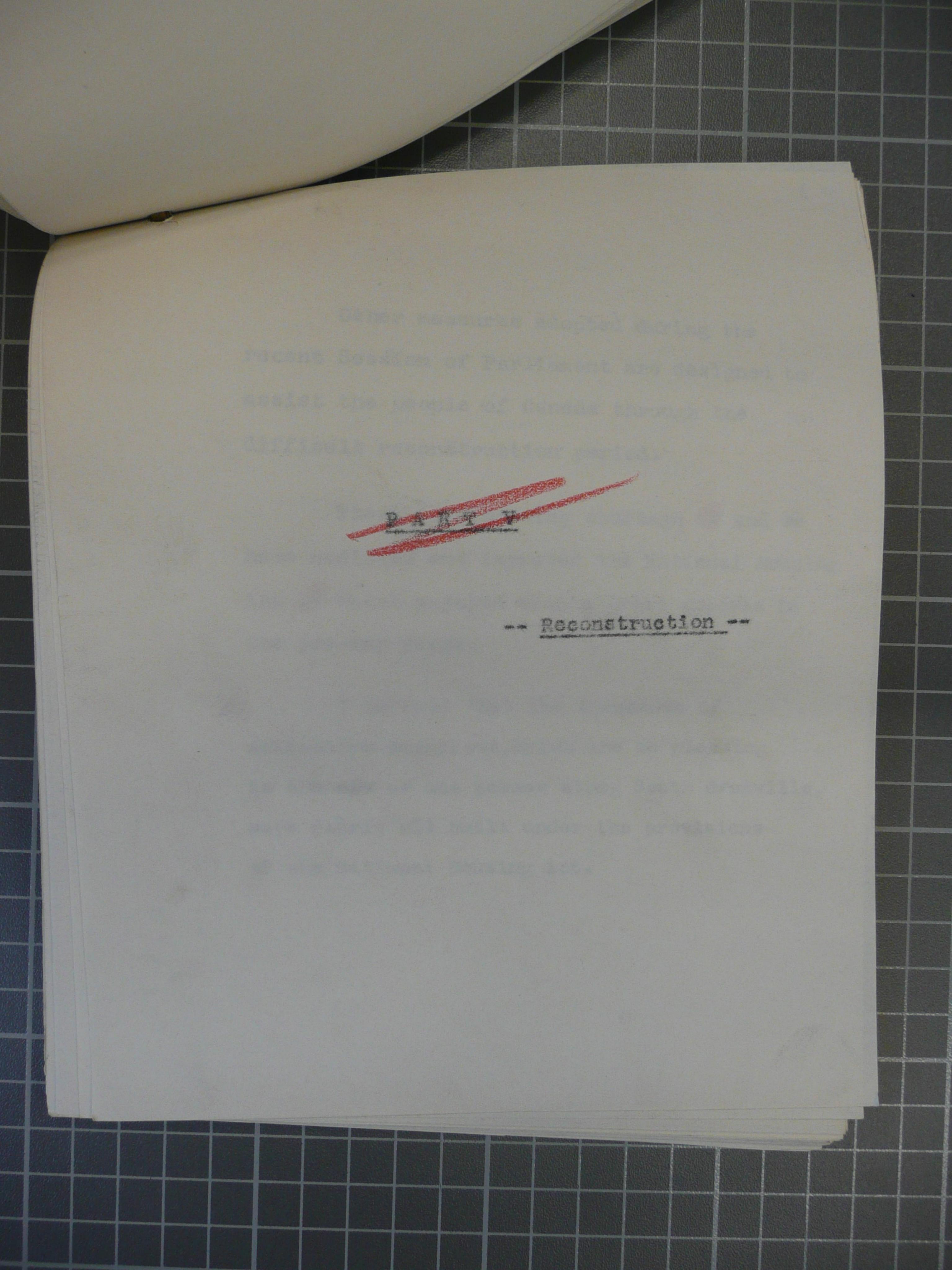
New ship contracts were placed with our shipyards only a few weeks ago and I have trustworthy information that others are to come not merely from our own Government but from friendly powers whom we have helped in the war.

Vancouver has won her spurs as a shipbuilding centre and other nations today recognize our capacity.

Great developments lie ahead for this mighty seaport city, the colossus of the Canadian West standing astride the seaways leading to world markets.

Much is owing also to the indefatigable zeal of Tom Reid the member for New Westminster. His efforts for the development of Fraser River port facilities, for the improvements of the fishing industry, and for the benefit of farmers, and of ex-service men are worthy of all the commendation and support that we can give him.

I can pay one little compliment to Tom Reid which those who are familiar with parliamentary life will appreciate. When the word goes through the lobbies that Reid of Westminster is speaking—the members flock into their seats. He commands the respect of Parliament in a degree that is given only to few.



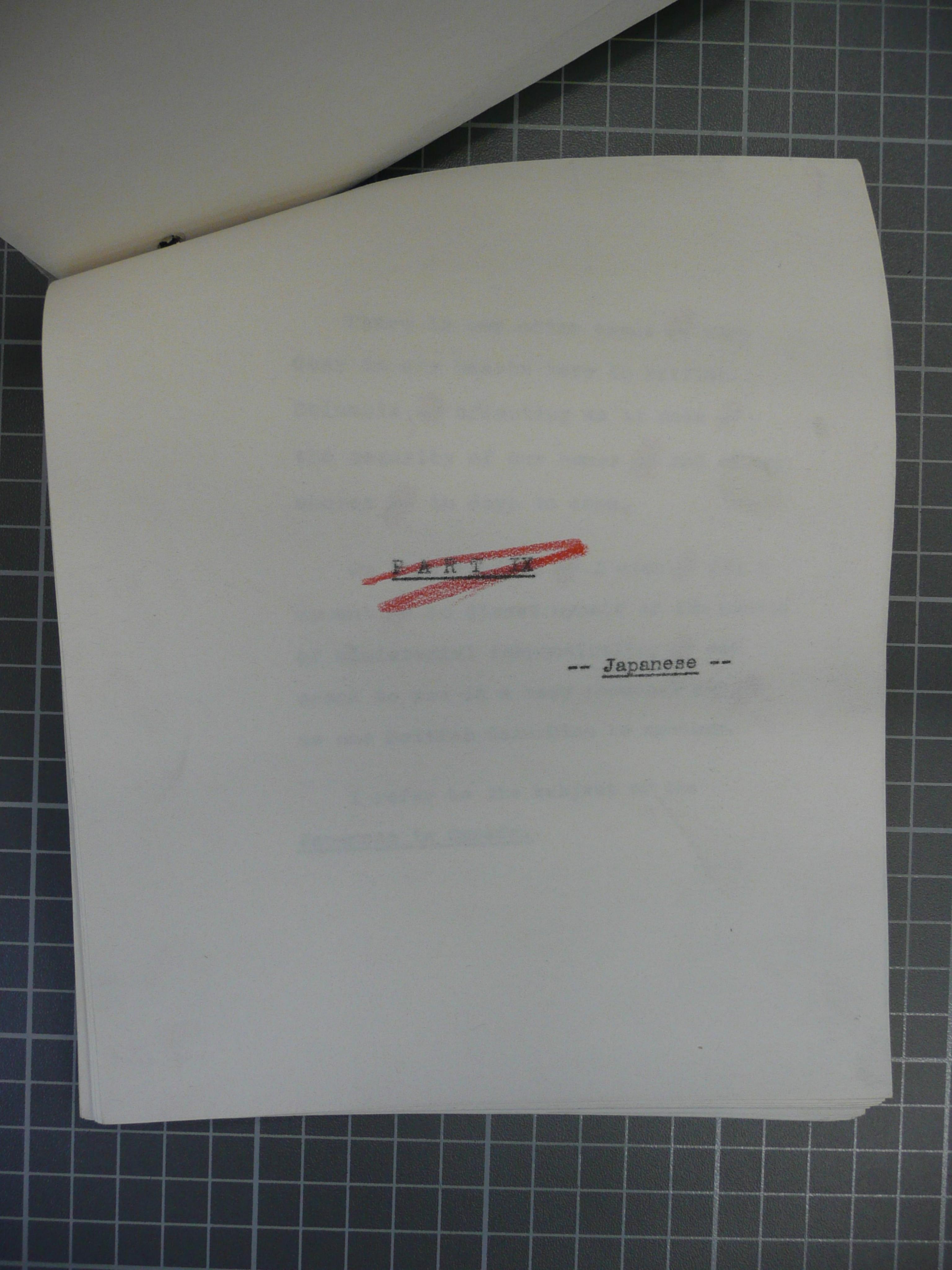
Other measures adopted during the recent Session of Parliament are designed to assist the people of Candda through the difficult reconstruction period.

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I am told that the thousands of attractive bungalows, which are so pleasing to the eye as one passes along South Granville, were nearly all built under the provisions of the National Housing Act.

This Act makes it possible for the ordinary working man a or average soldier to build a modest home of his own with the opportunity to pay for it over a period of twenty or more years at 41% interest. There are also substantial measures of Dominion Government assistance towards slum clearance and the provision of low rental houses for those who cannot afford to build.



There is one other issue very dear to our hearts here in British

Columbia affecting as it does the security of our homes and of our shores in days to come.

On that subject I wish for a moment to divest myself of the mantle of ministerial responsibility and speak to you in a very personal way as one British Columbian to another.

I refer to the subject of the

Japanese in Canada.

The Prime Minister made a magnificent statement in Parliament the other day and I support him in that policy as far as it goes.

He has laid it down as the policy

of the Dominion of Canada that all disloyal Japanese shall be expelled from Canada that there shall be no further Japanese immigration and that Japanese shall not be permitted to concentrate in any one province as they did in the past.

But I should like to go farther.

I maintain that British Columbia

must be declared and continued to be a
a security zone that no Japanese shall
be permitted to have his residence or
domicile at any place between the
Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast.

Let that be our slogan for British Columbia: --

No Japanese from the Rockies to the sea.

I ask my fellow citizens of Vancouver

Centre and of British Columbia as a whole to range themselves beside me on this issue and to serve notice on the rest of Canada that we will not have Japanese in this fair Province.

We as British Columbians insist upon our right to have our country protect us from this menace.

The magnificent campaign which this Province has conducted in recent years to show our fellow citizens our determination on this Japanese question has borne fruit in the declaration already made by the Prime Minister.

I thank you for the loyal support and co-operation that you have given to your representatives in Parliament in this matter.

But as British Columbians we must not let up for one moment in insisting that our fellow citizens in other provinces recognize our unique and special danger in this regard.

We may well as British Columbians adopt the American war slogan:

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

Another time it might very well
be VANCOUVER -- or PRINCE RUPERT --