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HONOURABLE HERBERT ANSCOMB

Minister of Mines,  
Minister of Trade & Industry.



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House prorogued,

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FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 13, 1942.  
General.

Mr. Reginald Hayward sent Mr. Charles Whitehouse to see him as a possible applicant for a position in the Land Registry Office. Sent him to Mr. Crane.

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Telephoned Flt. Lieut. Finland to say that I was returning his file and asked him if I might have it back if I needed it.

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Mr. Graham Graham called with reference to the Japanese problem. He was extremely excited over the fact that nothing was being done to move the Japanese away from the Coast. He said he would send me a letter about it. I suggested he see the Prime Minister which he promised to do on Sunday.



problems and thought he should see Mr. Perry. He did not seem inclined to do this, feeling that he had seen Victoria Saanich and Oak Bay members and had gone as far as he could. I promised to discuss the problem with Mr. Perry.

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Mr. Pillsbury called and made special reference to his knowledge of the Japanese and Chinese problem having sold Victory Bonds to them during the last campaign and the present one and wanted me to use my influence to get him a position on any Board dealing with the Japanese question. I told him I had nothing whatever to do with it but thought he should see Mr. Bruhn. Also told him I would keep him in mind if at any time it did come under my Department.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1942 - VANCOUVER

I saw Mr. O'Brien of the Gourlay Agency. He came to the Hotel at 4 o'clock and spent a considerable time in going over the question of advertising and left with me some draft copy which I brought home. He did not seem at all interested in taking a third quota of our advertising along the lines that I had asked Major Smith to say might be done, the idea being that Crawford Manley and Cockfield Brown and the Gourlay Agency get together and agree on one artist to do the necessary copy and that if that was



Mr. McIntosh called asking if I would sign his old age pension application which I said I would do in a day or so if he would leave it with me.

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Mr. Stewart Clarke telephoned to see if I could get an appointment with Mr. Pearson for him with reference to a Red Cross position in Vancouver.

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The Premier sent for me at 2.30 p.m. and was very exercised about the oil situation and the Japanese problem. After I had been with him for some time he decided the rest of the Cabinet should be called in and have a round table conference, the results of which were left indefinite but we arrived at an idea of some solutions to the problems.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1942.

General.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. A.H. Cox called with reference to the Normal School being moved from Victoria to Vancouver and complained bitterly about it, maintaining that there was no saving in money as the teachers were to be moved also. This I disagreed with because I believe some of them will be eliminated. I told them that the matter was entirely one for Mr. Perry to deal with and at their request I would speak to him about it on his return.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1942.

Trade.

At 11.30 a.m. went to the Capital Theatre to see an apple picture put on by Mr. Leon Shelly. Very good and quite interesting.

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Mr. R.S. O'Meara called wanting authority to discuss the strawberry problem with Mr. Austin Taylor who is in charge of the Japanese. He said we were at the stage where the British Food Ministry were asking what amount of strawberries would be available for the United Kingdom. The fruit people in the Fraser Valley could not get fertilizers, bank loans or the necessary work done to ensure crops. Mr. O'Meara's idea was to discuss the problem to see if he (Taylor) intended to leave a certain number of Japanese in the Valley to go ahead with that work. As a result of his meeting with Mr. Taylor, Mr. O'Meara felt he would have some decision to convey to the United Kingdom. I gave my consent but asked him to telephone for an appointment before making a trip over. I also asked him to be very definite in his understanding that the Government was not asking for the Japanese to be allowed to stay but directly to the contrary the Government for weeks has been trying to get them away from this area. The whole reason for the meeting was to get an answer as to whether there would or would not be a crop. I told him I would like to hear a reply from him on his return.

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Mr. E.R. Tarling of Courtenay called and had quite a complaint to make to the Attorney-General about the fact that he had been put into Okalla for this



present she is doing temporary work in the schools. I promised to see Mr. Perry and find out if anything can be done for her.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1942.

General

Mr. R. Berry called again with general reference to employment and insisting that Conservatives get some consideration which I had again to advise was being done on a proper basis. I told him to have any names he wanted submitted through the President of the Victoria Association with whom I dealt direct as it was impossible to deal with individuals.

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J.W. Roland called and asked if I would intercede with Major Taylor to see that his Japanese tenants be granted further time in order to allow them to dispose of their live-stock. I told him I did not think I could do that as it would look very bad for me to ask for a concession of that kind, particularly as I had consistently said they should move long before the present time. However, I told him I would see what action is being taken in cases of that kind as it is perfectly natural nobody wants to sell at a great loss. I talked to Mr. Maitland who suggested I write to Major Austin Taylor.

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Mr. N.D. Nellies of the International Business Machines Co.Ltd., made a purely contact and courtesy call.

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Mr. Mara called and tendered a rate for insurance on the Normal School which was addressed to Mr. Bruhn and which I took along to him and left there.

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1942.

Mr. N.D. Leeper called to complain that he had gone to Vancouver to assume a so-called position in connection with the removal of the Japanese through Major Austin Taylor and which had blown up. It did not amount to anything and he was very insistent that I find him another position. I told him I knew of nothing at present and if I heard of an opening I would let him know.

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