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Ottawa, May 11, 1943.

C. J. Spratt, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Alberni, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P., has brought to the attention of the Prime Minister the resolution respecting the Japanese situation in Canada which was passed by the Council of the City of Alberni, at a recent meeting.

Mr. King has directed me to let you know that its representations have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

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referred to the Minister of Justice, the Minister
of Labour and to Dr. Keenleyside.

Ottawa,
February 28, 1942.

W. J. C. Brown, Esq.,
Secretary, Lodge No. 131,
Sons of England Benefit Society,
802 Bank of Toronto Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th of February, embodying a resolution adopted by Lodge No. 131, Sons of England Benefit Society, requesting the immediate removal of all persons of enemy origin from the British Columbia coastal areas.

You will, of course, have seen by now the statement given to the Press by the Prime Minister, to the effect that an Order-in-Council had been passed amending the Defence of Canada Regulations and giving to the Minister of Justice full power to exclude any or all persons, regardless of their citizenship, from protected areas as defined by the said Regulations.

It is the policy of the Government to use the powers of this order to take all necessary security measures to safeguard the defences of the Pacific Coast of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

CEB.

Ottawa,
February 26, 1942.

E. S. Fox, Esq.,
P.O. Box 156,
Duncan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th of February, confirming your recent telegram in which you urged the removal of all persons of enemy races from the British Columbia Coast.

You will, of course, have seen by now the statement given to the Press yesterday by the Prime Minister, to the effect that an Order-in-Council had been passed amending the Defence of Canada Regulations and giving to the Minister of Justice full power to exclude any or all persons, regardless of their citizenship, from protected areas as defined by the said Regulations.

It is the policy of the Government to use the powers of this order to take all necessary security measures to safeguard the defences of the Pacific Coast of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

AEH*CEB.

Ottawa,
February 26, 1942.

Wilfred A. Greene, Esq.,
Clerk of the Municipal Council,
Corporation of the District of Saanich,
Royal Oak P.O.,
Vancouver Island, B.C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd of February, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Victoria and endorsed by the Council of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, urging the removal of all persons of enemy races from the British Columbia coastal area.

You will, of course, have seen by now the statement given to the Press yesterday by the Prime Minister, to the effect that an Order-in-Council had been passed amending the Defence of Canada Regulations and giving to the Minister of Justice full power to exclude any or all persons, regardless of their citizenship, from protected areas as defined by the said Regulations.

It is the policy of the government to use the powers of this order to take all necessary security measures to safeguard the defences of the Pacific Coast of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

AEH:CEB.

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

Ottawa,
February 26, 1942.

James A. Macdonald, Esq.,
3450 Osler Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th of February, urging the removal of all Japanese from the British Columbia coastal area.

You will, of course, have seen by now the statement given to the Press yesterday by the Prime Minister, to the effect that an Order-in-Council had been passed amending the Defence of Canada Regulations and giving to the Minister of Justice full power to exclude any or all persons, regardless of their citizenship, from protected areas as defined by the said Regulations.

It is the policy of the Government to use the powers of this order to take all necessary security measures to safeguard the defences of the Pacific Coast of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

AEH*CEB.

Vancouver, B.C.
February 17, 1941

At Hon H L M King
Laurier House
Ottawa, Ont

Dear Prime Minister:

I write as a Liberal and as an ardent supporter of you and your government but through many times I have felt like writing to praise I am now writing to condemn.

Mr King, in Norway, in Hawaii and the Malay States well organized and determined fight column work was an important factor in the military disaster suffered by each. In the face of these it is a shame too monstrous to be tolerated, vigour, efficiency and wisdom in other endeavours for a government to neglect ordinary precautions against the happening of such things here. Your speeches show a clear understanding of the danger in which the democratic world stands and in the light of this, the usual attitude and weak measures with which your government is handling the Japanese menace on this coast are not to credit.

twenty-four thousand odd Japanese
living in this Province? Alien and
British subject alike they have been
of deep unbridgable racial difference
lived entirely apart from the white
population. There has been no assimilation
of the Japanese here. I write they have
been made to accept the status of
inferior people! Do you think ^{they} that
even the most peace-loving and well
disposed Japanese can resist the
feeling of pride in belonging to a
magnificent race, a race which has
~~been~~ has master? This feeling is
dangerous and will drive the young
Japanese to action. Even if eight per
cent of the Japanese should rema
in, there is still danger. A few
hundred determined men informed, of
course they could be informed of the
fact of a coming attack could completely
mobilize the defences of Vancouver
to the Vancouver situation I speak
with knowledge. The public has
access without any check to the
port here where a certain number
of bombers are based. People can walk

along the dykes could at the critical
point flood the field and so damage
the facilities and prevent planes taking
off. As for the fort in Stanley Park a
public road passes within about
thirty yards of the guns. It has had
some homemade grenades could
cause!

In Parliament you said I believe that
we must approach the problem of our
Japanese with understanding, justice
and tolerance. I submit still that
safety first must be the order of
the day and understanding, justice
and tolerance should be applied
subject to it only. The situation demands
that all Japanese be removed. It is
beyond our ability to sort out the good
from the bad. We must too be moving
quickly, the time of danger is now and
tomorrow may be too late.
I write about this Japanese situation
with anxiety and irritation but for your
successes elsewhere I offer my congratula-
tions and wishes for their continuance.
Sincerely
James A. Macdonald

of Canada
Ottawa,

Dear Sir,

I am not easily aroused, and strongly behind the King Government with the most sincere convictions. To add one more plea, to the fact that you are no doubt, everlastingly.

our Japanese are becoming very, I am sure of Japan, and that now every solitary Japanese should be a "fifth columnist." An alien should be watched with and the women and children checked closely. I have had the education from an alien who goes of them as one of them. I know speaking the truth.

I am an elderly person, deeply interested in the welfare of the one known to me, and so divulge things to me, and it is impossible to get other. I have told you, as absolute.

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to you to help you in
decisions.

Yours sincerely
K. Redman,

Not Mr. Bennett

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k, Bluster and Bluff."

MARY E. GALPEN.

Something else
got into your lo-
paper.

Ottawa,
February 26, 1942.

K. Redman, Esq.,
5534 Trafalgar St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th of February respecting the Japanese situation in British Columbia.

You will, of course, have seen by now the statement given to the Press yesterday by the Prime Minister, to the effect that an Order-in-Council had been passed amending the Defence of Canada Regulations and giving to the Minister of Justice full power to exclude any or all persons, regardless of their citizenship, from protected areas as defined by the said Regulations.

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Your representations with respect to the conscription of wealth, as well as of man-power, have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

AEH*CEB.

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

508 Vancouver Block,
Vancouver, B.C;
February 25, 1942.

Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

After having put in a week on Canada's Second Victory Loan, I have been able to gather a cross section of the opinion of the people of Vancouver in relation to the Japanese situation here on the coast.

Although there might not be apathy in Ottawa, and probably is not, everyone, without exception is under the impression it exists.

Secondly, there is no question that Japanese surround the Air Port and certain gun emplacements. Dykes could be blown and the Air Port flooded in no time.

Third; Since attacks on California, public apprehension is rising on the coast, and something has to be done immediately. Certain Japs are becoming more and more insulant.

Fourth; Resolution after resolution has been forwarded to Ottawa from various organizations demanding removal of all Japs. These resolutions do not take into consideration where or how the Japs are to be moved, and the lack of accomodation for them.

No doubt in the event of attack, there are sufficient Japs here to make the situation dangerous. Therefore to make their colony here incapable of helping the enemy, and to allay public fears; to regain public good will, and to prove possibly everything is being done, may I humbly suggest:

An order-in-council be passed immediately providing the following:

1. Immediate seizure (on the same basis as fishing boats) of all Jap trucks, autos, bicycles, motorcycles; radios and cameras, whether they belong to Jap nationals; naturalized Japs, or Canadian born Japs.
2. Immediately disconnect every telephone at all Jap residences and places of business.
3. Imposition of a curfew on Japs.
4. A special permit to be required if five or more adult Japs