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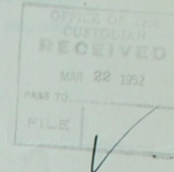
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Canada

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver 2, B.C.,
March 20, 1952.



K. W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the
18th instant and thank you for enclosing Miss Norrington's
service record duly approved by the Deputy Custodian.

I am sorry that I omitted to sign the original
memorandum for Mr. Mathieu. This has now been completed and is
returned herein.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

February 6th, 1952.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver 2, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Leave Credits.

I have for acknowledgment your communication
of the 5th instant, enclosing in triplicate, certified
record of Leave Credits for Miss Norrington, Mr. Good
and yourself.

Please accept our thanks for your co-operation
herein.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/G

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Ottawa, February 6th, 1952.

5th Royal Bank Bldg.,
Ottawa 2, P.C.,
February 5, 1952.

MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. ARPIN, GAUTHIER & AUBREY

Re: Leave Credits -
Mr. F. G. Shears
Mr. B. Good
Miss G. G. Horington

E. W. Wright, Esq.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.

I attach hereto certified record of Leave
Credits for Mr. Shears, Mr. Good and Miss Horington.

Dear Mr. Wright: One set is prepared starting with the credits
which had accumulated at 30th April, 1951, and another
set with credits which had accumulated at the 31st of May,
1951. The final credits as at 31st March, 1952, remain
the same.

One set is prepared starting with the credits which
had accumulated at 30th April, 1951, and another set with credits
which had accumulated at the 31st of May, 1951. The final credits
as at 31st March, 1952 remain the same.

Yours very truly,
K. W. Wright.

F. G. Shears,
Director.

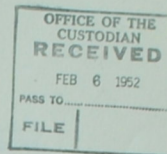
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February 5, 1952.



K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

As requested, I am sending in triplicate, certified
record of Leave Credits for Miss Norrington, Mr. Good and myself.

One set is prepared starting with the credits which
had accumulated at 30th April, 1951, and another set with credits
which had accumulated at the 31st of May, 1951. The final credits
as at 31st, March, 1952 remain the same.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN
Encl.

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Canada
Department of the Secretary of State
Ottawa, February 5, 1952.

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE DEPUTY CUSTODIAN:

Re: Proposed extension under the C. E.
Superannuation Act for Mr. Shears

Dear Mr. Wright:

In accord with instructions contained in your memo of yesterday, I attach Memorandum addressed to the Minister, for your signature, and letter to the Treasury Board, for the signature of the Secretary of State.

In the absence of Mr. Shuttleworth, I spoke to Mr. Dixon, and he stated that it would be advisable to make provision for retiring leave. Therefore, extension is asked for to July 3, 1952.

Chief Counsel

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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505 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, 2, B.C.,
October 5, 1951.

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Superannuation

Thank you very much for your letter of October 3rd. The picture is now quite clear. I came to the office as you state, on the 1st of April, 1942, and I will continue until all the work at this end is about finished, which as indicated, will be around the end of the year. I will then report to you again and the method of dealing with unfinished business and the closing of the office can then be decided upon.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Vancouver, 2, B.C.,
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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

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Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: W. G. Nutter

I have for acknowledgment your letter of Oct. 15th in regard to the inclusion of sick and special leave for Mr. Nutter. Thank you for drawing this to the attention of Mr. Gauthier, and I take it the necessary changes in the statement will be made at your end.

I note your suggestion that there may be other members of the staff who might be entitled to further credit. Mr. Good is taking his holidays at this time, having reserved them for the shooting season, and won't be back until the 5th of November. I will then have him look into this matter, and if necessary, advise you further.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Legal Section
KWW:ED

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, 2, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Nutter.

I received your letter with statement of amount due the above-named when he retires at the end of the month.

I noticed that you omitted to include credits for sick and special leave; therefore, asked Mr. Gauthier to make the necessary amendments and send the statement back for certification.

As I understand it, under the new rules Mr. Nutter will be entitled to 45 days additional, but Mr. Gauthier will check on this.

It occurs to me that other members of your staff may have left since the new scheme came into force May 1st last and that they may not have been given full credit for sick and special leave. Please have Mr. Good check and write me as to the situation.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

Attach.

Canada
Department of the Secretary of State
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

October 11th, 1951.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Chambers,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Reduction of Staff

With further reference to your letter of 1st instant and Mr. Mathieu's memorandum to Mr. Stein dated 4th instant (copy of which was sent to you) I wish to advise that Mr. Stein has approved your recommendations.

You will kindly submit the usual attendance records including sick leave credits relative to Mr. Nutter, in order that cheque will be available at the end of the month. You should also advise Mr. Reed and Miss Allen in regard to termination of their services at the end of November and December respectively.

My view is that the books should be audited as soon as possible after the end of the year and that you should plan to present a report on the 1951 operations early in January. This will be incorporated in our annual report to the House. The matter of your compiling a further general report on the Vancouver Office since inception will be considered. Believe you will have time to do this during February and March, and I am all for having a written review.

Mr. Stein doubts if he will have time to discuss matters with you in Vancouver but the main problem of keeping the office open till the end of March is settled and that was all important.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/G

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Ottawa, October 4, 1951.

MEMORANDUM for THE DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

re Vancouver Office

Attached is a progress report furnished by F. G. Shears, Director of Vancouver Office, indicating the progress made towards the final closing of that office.

Realizing the difficulty, at this time, in setting out a definite date for the closing and settlement of all items before final transfer of all records to the Ottawa Office, I recommend approval of Mr. Shear's suggestion and that he, Mr. Good and Miss Norrington remain in duty after December 31st, 1951 for such time as will be required for the absolutely final closing and transfer of records and settlement of all accounts and other matters required to be settled in Vancouver; this extra time to be limited to a period not exceeding March 31st, 1952.

I would also suggest, if you can spare a few moments while in Vancouver on the Royal Tour, that you might meet Mr. Shears at your convenience to discuss any points he may have to submit to you.

Submitted for your approval, please.

A. H. Mathieu
A. H. MATHIEU
Assistant Deputy Custodian

Attach.

*Mr. D -
C. O. C.
Dep. Cust.*

*I doubt
should
need
time -
C. S.
6/10/51 -*

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
July 17, 1951.

July 17, 1951.

E. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
701 Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I received yours of the 13th instant in which you enclosed a copy of Mr. Stein's memorandum to the staff dated July 9th, for which I thank you.

I feel that I should make some comment in regard to the reference to the Vancouver office. In so far as the male employees are concerned, if it is considered that the classification which can rightly be assigned to each would not entitle any of them to receive a salary adjustment, no comment would be necessary, but I would suggest that this decision should be reached on that basis and not because the staff is small in number or the fact that the remaining period of employment may not be long or permanent. In this connection, a clause in the Civil Service Treasury Accounting Manual reads:

"In view of the fact that statutory increases are predicated upon past meritorious service and not necessarily future service, it has been ruled that an employee is not ineligible to be granted an increase in compensation merely by reason of the fact that he is to be retired from public service, if such increase can be made effective before the date on which his retirement takes effect."

In so far as the two girls are concerned however, especially in view of the fact that they will not be coming under any pension plan, I do suggest that some salary adjustment should be considered. As at April 30th their salaries were as follows:

Gladys Norrington - \$175.00
Helen Allan - \$165.00

As already arranged, Mr. Brown is leaving at the end of August and I am working towards winding up most of the outstanding work by the end of the year, and being able to reduce the staff to the two girls, Mr. Good and myself. While we are not having the hectic times of early days, the office still remains consistently busy.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.

July 17, 1951.

to which a credit of 1/12 on retirement has accrued to them as at that date. With no further additions being made to their retiring allowance (except 4% interest amounting to \$2.00 or \$3.00 per month), their salaries have in effect been reduced 1/12 since the 1st of May in spite of a very considerable increase in the cost of living.

In the past history of this office, I have not encouraged any staff employees to stay if they had any wish to leave, but at this stage and with only two girls with experience in our office, I do feel that for the remaining period of their service, they should not be working for a remuneration which will be less than they were receiving at April 30th last.

I understand from the Employment Agency here that any qualified girl can secure employment at an initial salary of \$165.00 if I were asked for a specific recommendation I would suggest that as at May 1st, the salaries might be -

Gladys Morrington - \$190.00
Helen Allan - \$180.00

I notice that the memorandum states that any requests for additional information should be addressed to Mr. Arpin, but I assume that applies to any clarification which might be required in the meaning of the memorandum. However, I am sending two copies of this letter so that this matter can be taken up through the proper channels.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

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Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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July 12, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW

RE: Vancouver Office

Before leaving for holidays you requested me to obtain a report from Mr. Shears covering securities held in the Vancouver Office, Bird Commission payments and progress of work.

I attach copy of letter received from Mr. Shears under date of 26th ultimo. Copies have been sent to Messrs. Stein and Arpin.

K.W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Attach.

should be finished in September. At the present time in mind the micro-filming of Evacuee files and records. Enemy files and accounts will require consideration when Evacuee matters have been finalized.

As already arranged, Mr. Brown is leaving at the end of August and I am working towards winding up most of the outstanding work by the end of the year, and being able to reduce the staff to the two girls, Mr. Good and myself. While we are not having the hectic times of early days, the office still remains consistently busy.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
June 26, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your day letter telegram was received at 1:35. I am enclosing an itemized list of securities held in our Investment Account, totalling \$1,754,000.00 which is the same figure as appears in my last Annual Report. On instructions from Ottawa, credit for the par value of these bonds as at April 12, 1946, was given to the former owners of these securities whose names are also shown on the enclosed list. The interest which has since accrued from these bonds has been placed in No. 1 Account, Income Account.

In addition to the above we also hold a number of share certificates for the Enemy Accounts as designated on the attached list. Some of these securities we believe, have no market value.

Payment of claims under Justice Bird's Commission is for the time being almost at a standstill. Since our last report of May 1st only 24 releases have been received. The present position is shown on the statement enclosed. You will note that of the 43 outstanding claims, 7 of these claims total \$68,217.85. The remaining 36 claims are all under \$1,000.00, averaging approximately \$325.00.

We understand that the Co-Operative Committee have sent out letters to their clients suggesting the advisability of completing and returning the Custodian release form without further delay. If thought advisable, it may be necessary for this office to write direct to these claimants if releases remain outstanding.

We have obtained the Microfilming machine last week and Mr. Bruns of the Eastman Company installed it and gave us instructions regarding its operation last Thursday. We are now getting into stride and I estimate that this particular work should be finished in September. At the present time I only have in mind the micro-filming of Evacuee files and records. Enemy files and accounts will require consideration when Evacuee matters have been finalized.

As already arranged, Mr. Brown is leaving at the end of August and I am working towards winding up most of the outstanding work by the end of the year, and being able to reduce the staff to the two girls, Mr. Good and myself. While we are not having the hectic times of early days, the office still remains consistently busy.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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BONDS HELD IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

\$110,000.	Dominion of Canada 3%	1st March, 1954.
149,000.	" " "	1st November, 1956.
102,000.	" " "	1st May, 1957.
68,000.	" " "	1st Jan. 1959.
166,000.	" " "	1st June, 1960.
334,000.	" " "	1st February, 1962.
115,000.	" " "	1st October, 1963.
636,000.	" " "	1st September, 1966.

\$1,680,000.00

\$ 10,000.	C.N.R.	4 1/2% 1st September, 1951.
7,000.	"	4 1/2% 1st February, 1956.
2,000.	"	4 1/2% 1st July, 1957.

\$ 19,000.00

\$ 20,000.	Prov. of B.C.	4 3/8% 2nd April, 1955.
35,000.	" " "	% 24th September, 1959.

\$ 55,000.00

\$1,754,000.00

FORMER OWNERS OF THE ABOVE SECURITIES WHOSE ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN CREDITED

	Dom. of Canada	C.N. Rlwy	Prov. of B.C.
Nippon Soda Co.	\$ 102,500.	\$	\$
Chuhei Fukuhara	285,000.		
Komura Brothers Co.	23,000.		
O. Kondo Co.	14,200.		
T. Maikawa Stores Ltd.	68,000.		
Deshaw Co.	22,000.		
Toru Tamura	50,000.	2000.	
Canamoku Co.	15,000.		
Jisaburo KASHO	25,000.		
Mrs. Haruo KITAMURA	3,000.		
Genji KODAMA	11,000.		
Tomekichi MAIKAWA	20,000.		
Kapichi SHIRAIISHI	5,500.		
Masahide TOKUNAGA	5,500.		
Shinya YOSHIDA	2,500.		
Trans Pacific Lumber Co. - Enemy Shareholders	5,000.		
Yamashita Shipping Co.	5,000.		
Cameron Lake Logging Co.	10,000.		
Japan & Canada Trust Savings	55,000.	17,000.	55,000.
Teiji Noritake	2,500.		
Yokichi KASHO	100.		
Frank Koji SUYAMA	200.		
H.M. McNeil Trading Co.	825,000.		
T. Matsuyama Co. - Nanaimo Shipyards Ltd.	110,000.		
Union Fish Company	15,000.		
	\$1,680,000.	\$19,000.	\$55,000.
Total -	\$1,754,000.00		

26th June, 1951.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claims paid previous Statement	1257	\$1,213,695.63
" " to June 26, 1951	<u>24</u>	<u>24,957.50</u>
	1281	\$1,238,653.13
Claims unpaid	<u>43</u>	<u>79,969.69</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	1324	\$1,318,622.82
Received from Ottawa	\$1,218,622.82	
" " "	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,243,622.82</u>
Claims paid as above		<u>1,238,653.13</u>
Balance on hand - -		<u>\$ 4,959.69</u>

Included in the above 43 unpaid claims
are the following:

Case No. 1388	(Deep Bay Logging Co.)	\$51,750.00
" " 165		7,647.40
" " 872		4,044.45
" " 1016		2,056.66
" " 809 & 810		1,481.00
" " 508		<u>1,238.34</u>
36 Claims (averaging \$325.00)		\$68,217.85
<u>43</u>		<u>11,751.84</u>
		<u>\$79,969.69</u>

titles in safety deposit, and cutting coupons (jointly with Good or Reed).

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
May 18, 1951

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Staff Reduction

Dear Mr. Shears:

Reference is made to your communication of the 10th instant.

In view of your comments I think you should inform Mrs. Kale that her services will not be required after the end of June.

You mention that one of the men, Mr. Nutter or Mr. Brown, may be retired in a month or so and I note in your letter of the 15th instant that Mr. Brown's services are terminating August 31st, therefore assume you have made the necessary arrangements to this end. I cannot offer you any encouragement in regard to having Mr. Nutter or Mr. Brown transferred to this office for the reason that the Deputy Custodian feels that the staff in the Ottawa organization should be further reduced. Twenty-one members of our staff were retired at the end of last year and a few days ago Mr. Mathieu stated that as soon as the holidays were finished, consideration must be given to further reductions.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

KWW/JF

ities in safety deposit, and cutting coupons (jointly with Good or Reed).

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	800.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
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May 15, 1951.

May 15, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,

possible to Director for functioning of Accounting
Ottawa, Ontario, in cheques, approved requisitions for payment before passing
to Director for signature, Pay roll and staff records, Statements
to Director of Monthly Financial Statements to Ottawa re Trust and
Administration Accounts.

Dear Mr. Wright: In response to your request for a summary of the duties
of each member of the Vancouver staff, I am supplying the following
information:

As you are aware, the purposes for which this office was
established in so far as liquidation and administration of Japanese
assets are concerned, have been practically completed. The division
of duties which was required in respect to the larger organization
formerly engaged is therefore not so necessary or apparent
among the small staff now remaining.

Much of the present work is being done by all members
of the staff alike and this applies especially in regard to the
analysis of all our files in preparation for microfilming. All
members of the staff are participating in this work and this is now
occupying the major proportion of each employee's time. However,
the particular duties in addition to this work may be set out briefly
as follows:

Frank Gould Shears, Director, Station Assistant

My own responsibilities will be known to you in so far
as head office correspondence is concerned and the preparation of
detailed reports and information that is frequently required by Ottawa
in connection with all phases of the work of this office, both past
and present. As Director, I have the close supervision and responsibility
for the conduct of the whole Vancouver organization. The
majority of the correspondence is handled by myself and enquiries
are still received from Japanese in connection with matters which
have been handled by the Custodian. Authorization of all requis-
itions for payment of trust funds and administration expenses.
Signing of all cheques (jointly). Deposits and withdrawal of secur-
ities in safety deposit, and cutting coupons (jointly with Good or Reed).

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 3000.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
400.00

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.

May 15, 1951.

Benjamin Good, Comptroller.

Responsible to Director for functioning of Accounting Department. Signs cheques, approves requisitions for payment before passing to Director for signature. Pay roll and staff records. Statements of Accounts. Monthly Financial Statements to Ottawa re Trust and Administration Accounts.

Charles Henry Reed, Chief Accountant & Cashier.

Receives all incoming cash, cheques, securities and issues receipts for same. Writes up Cash Book Cheque Register. Deals with correspondence and queries re balances and Insurance Policies. Issues cheques as requisitioned. Deposits and withdraws securities from safety deposit box. Keeper of Petty Cash.

William George Nutter, Bookkeeper.

Enters Trust Account Ledgers from Cash Books and cheque registers. Administration Accounts Cash Books & Cheque Registers. Balance Ledgers 15th and end of month. Checks bank accounts, paid cheques, etc. Keeps Securities Registers. Journals.

Martin Luther Brown, Administration Assistant

In charge of storage warehouse records, general correspondence. (Services terminating August 31st).

Miss Gladys Gertrude Norrington, Secretary to Director.

Safety Deposit Box Records (re deposits and withdrawals, coupons etc.).

Miss Helen Margaret Allan, Stenographer. Incoming and outgoing mail. Filing.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	5000.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.

May 15, 1951.

Mrs. Elizabeth Garnier Kale, Stenographer, Accounting Dept.

Assistant Cashier, Assists ledger balancing, Office equipment records. (Services terminating June 30th).

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

As you know, I am leaving the Department of the Secretary of State on June 30th. I am writing you to say that I am sorry to see you go. I hope you will find a good position in the future. I am sure you will be successful in whatever you do.

As regards the sum, I am sorry to hear that the arrangement be made for one of them to be paid for the next 12 months. It would either be Mr. Wright or Mr. Gale. I am sure you will be successful in whatever you do. I am sure you will be successful in whatever you do.

I am just raising the question of whether there might be any opening in Ottawa for a stenographer. I am sure you will be successful in whatever you do. I am sure you will be successful in whatever you do.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 6000.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
400.00

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CANADA
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 10, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq. K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have your letter of the 9th instant in which you raise the question of some further reduction in staff. This has been a matter which I have had before me all the time, and except that the breakdown of our files is taking much longer than I anticipated, it is likely that some further reduction would now be taking place.

As you know, Joan Spratt has just left and we now have three girls in the office. I think that one of them could shortly be allowed to go. Betty Kale is the only married girl we have and I think that she is the one who should first be removed. By giving her a month's notice, her time would terminate at the end of June.

As regards the men, I am loth to make any change for a month or so more, but feel that I could recommend that a definite arrangement be made for one of them to finish by the end of August. It would either be Mr. Nutter or Mr. Brown, and Nutter has been with us for a longer period and I think that Brown's employment should terminate first. He came to us from the Dept. of Labour when for all practical purposes their work was finished.

I am just raising the question as to whether there might be any opening in Ottawa for such a one as he. I do not know whether he would be prepared to go even if the opportunity served, but you might advise me if there would be any possibility.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 5000.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
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I trust that the arrangements as suggested will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

I have just before sending attached statement regarding expenses
and will be sending the statement to the Director on Tuesday next.

Mr. Arthur Kelly has been to meet the representative of the
American W. C. T. U. and will be in the office on Tuesday next.
He will also be in the office on Wednesday next. He will also be in
the office on Thursday next. He will also be in the office on Friday next.
He will also be in the office on Saturday next.

Enclosed is Mrs. Kelly's statement regarding the expenses of the
American W. C. T. U. and will be in the office on Tuesday next.
He will also be in the office on Wednesday next. He will also be in
the office on Thursday next. He will also be in the office on Friday next.
He will also be in the office on Saturday next.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Shears
Director

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	375.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	400.00

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 23, 1949

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have your letter enclosing statements concerning employees who will be leaving the Vancouver Office on December 31st next.

Mr. Mathieu feels that in order to meet the requirements of the auditors, Mr. Good should fill in and certify the figures on the statements, which are returned herewith. You will also note that the forms have been altered so that you may make the recommendation for payment and approval for adjustment.

Insofar as Mrs. Hyde's statement is concerned, Mr. Gauthier is preparing the necessary forms and this material will be submitted for the approval of the Deputy Custodian.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

KWW/JF
Encl.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	4000.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 5th, 1949

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of
the 2nd instant.

After further consideration, I agree that it is
probably best not to alter the decision arrived at some weeks ago.
I will ask Mr. Arpin to write you concerning information required in
order to obtain the Minister's approval for payment of whatever bonuses
may be granted.

Mr. Field was here this week for a couple of days
and joined a few of the hired help for lunch at "Andy's". Fred suggested
we should all "match" and appeared astounded to hear that residents of
the capital never gamble.

Mrs. Field was here and Mrs. Wright and I had a very
enjoyable dinner with them at the Chateau, Wednesday evening. I again
promised to visit Vancouver as soon as a visa is issued by the Senior
Officers, though fear it may be some time yet before they feel like
increasing the C.P.R.'s revenue.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

KWW/JF

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	4000.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
November 2, 1949.

FILE NO. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your 'phone call on Sunday.

In thinking over your suggestion re the staff who are slated to leave at the end of the year, I have come to the conclusion that unless something unforeseen transpires before then, it will be best not to disturb the arrangements which have already been made.

I understand that all of those leaving are seeking new employment in the new year, and will therefore most likely be subject to income tax in that period. What I am suggesting however, is that each employee should be paid his salary up to the end of December 1949 and will make income tax returns on that basis, and that in January of 1950 we will actually pay them the bonus which has accrued for the years of their service. We will of course, deduct 15% from the amount of the bonus as required by the income tax Regulations, and this will mean each employee will then be responsible for income tax on the bonus in conjunction with any other salary which may be received in 1950.

I mentioned this to Mr. Good and he advises me that such a procedure is strictly in order as far as the income tax people are concerned, the bonus being accounted for in the year it was actually paid.

If you have any comments in regard to this, I will be pleased to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears
F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 400.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
400.00

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Ottawa, October 19, 1949.

MEMORANDUM

FOR MR. MATHIEU :

re: Vancouver Office Staff

With reference to your memorandum of the 14th instant and Mr. Shears' two letters to you of the 12th instant, copies of which were attached thereto, and confirming my telephone conversation with you on the 18th instant :

1. The suggestions of the Director of the Vancouver Office for gradual reduction of staff appear to me to be in order;
2. As to Mrs. A. G. McArthur, I am sorry but I find that she is not considered quite the suitable type for the position of Regional Citizenship Officer or Liaison Officer (classified by the Civil Service Commission as Administrative Officer, Grade 3). Furthermore, even if we wanted her, I am afraid the Civil Service Commission would not pass her on account of her being a married woman and of her age. I understand, on the other hand, that there is no opening for her in your office here (and, if I remember well, she would not be very much interested in a position in Ottawa).

I return herewith your memorandum of the 14th instant with its enclosures.

C. Stein
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	3000.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

October 12, 1949.

A.M. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

I received your private and confidential letter of September 27th and have since been giving careful thought to the matter of staff reduction. The unknown factor is of course, the quantity of work which may still be required in regard to matters connected with the Claims Commission.

A very great amount of special and detailed work has been required during the past months, but with the indication that the Commission work is nearing completion and that a final report may be expected in a few months, the reduction in staff which you suggest may rightly be considered.

It is my understanding that if and when the recommendations of the Commissioner are approved and the money for payment of claims made available, this office will be the vehicle for distribution. This would certainly appear to be the logical procedure. I feel therefore, that our Accounting Department should remain undisturbed and while the remaining members of our staff have given loyal service, their special qualifications may not now be so necessary. I am therefore advising the following that they must figure on the termination of their employment as at the end of the year:

Mrs. A.G. McArthur
Mrs. M.A.A. Cleaver
Mrs. C.V. Hyde
Miss F. E. Matheson
Mrs. M.M. Seoby
Mr. W. J. Johnston

This will leave a staff of six men and five women, and it may be that at the turn of the year when we know exactly what remains to be done,

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 3000.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

A.H. Mathieu, Esq. - 2 - 10, May 1949. October 12, 1949.

it will be possible to reduce the staff somewhat further.

The co-operation which I have received from all members of this office makes the above requirement far from pleasant, but I am sure that those concerned will accept the situation, knowing that the temporary nature of this office makes it inevitable.

(9) employees, whose services will no longer be required.

Yours very truly,

I now attach statement in which case covering retiring allowance usually granted which I would ask you to please have signed by the Acting Secretary of State at your convenience.

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GW

Assistant Deputy Custodian

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	\$800.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	375.00
	400.00

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Ottawa, May 2nd, 1949.

MEMORANDUM for MR. STEIN

Mr. Shears, Director of the Vancouver Office, has now reported that he can reduce the staff of that Office as of May 31st next by nine (9) employees, whose services will no longer be required.

I now attach statement in each case covering retiring allowance usually granted which I would ask you to please have signed by the Acting Secretary of State at your convenience.

Assistant Deputy Custodian

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	375.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	400.00

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May 2nd, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATHIEU

In accord with your request, I wish to submit the following information in regard to salaries of Messrs. Shears and Good of the Vancouver Office.

	Date of Employ	Initial	Increases	Present
F. G. Shears Director	April 1/42	\$250.00	July 1/42 - 300.00 Sep. 1/42 - 350.00 Dec. 1/42 - 400.00 Sep. 1/46 - 450.00 Oct. 1/47 - 500.00	\$500.00
B. Good Comptroller	Aug. 1/42	\$300.00	June 1/45 - 325.00 Sep. 1/46 - 365.00 Oct. 1/47 - 400.00	\$400.00

K. W. WRIGHT

KFW/JF

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 400.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 375.00
400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 16, 1949.

YOUR FILE PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
70 Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

In my letter of even date I have indicated that a basis of settlement has been arrived at. I gather however, that for certain reasons which I referred to when speaking to you on the telephone, the actual recommendation by the Commissioner, and implementing such recommendation may be delayed.

Mr. Hunter has left for Toronto and as far as I know he is not planning to be back again, or at least not for the time being. Mr. Braidwood has been left in charge as Government Counsel to carry out negotiations with claimants' counsel referred to in my other letter.

In view of the position to which the Commission hearings have advanced, I agree that the time has come for further curtailment of staff referred to in your letter of the 13th and I am writing an official letter covering this matter.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 23, 1949.

Your File J-65

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

As requested in your letter of the
21st instant addressed to Mr. Shears, I am enclosing
herewith Forms in duplicate prepared for the nine
employees retiring on the 31st of May.

Yours very truly,

B. Good,
Comptroller.

BG/GN
Encls.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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Canada
Department of the Secretary of State
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 21st, 1949

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of the 16th instant, enclosing recommendation for reduction of staff of the Vancouver Office.

Your letter has been submitted to Mr. Mathieu and the suggestions which you have made respecting retirement of those appearing on your list has been approved.

I enclose herewith copy of forms which are prepared in this office upon retirement of employees. It would be appreciated if you would kindly arrange to have similar forms completed in regard to those being retired and forward same by return airmail.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 16, 1949.

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have your letter of the 13th instant in which you refer to the need for reduction in staff as a result of the present position of the Enquiry which has been conducted by Mr. Justice Bird. As you are aware, some consideration has already been given to this matter and I agree that a further curtailment should be made at this time.

You can appreciate that it is a little difficult to decide upon the particular personnel whose services are to be dispensed with, particularly in view of the very faithful way in which all have co-operated during periods of very considerable stress.

My present recommendations are shown on the attached memorandum, and for your information, I have supplied the period of employment and the present salary. Notification will be as at May 1st on the basis of termination of employment at the end of May.

At the moment I am recommending the dropping of nine persons, but as things clarify themselves a little more in a month or so, I think it is quite possible I will advise in regard to a further three or four. By that time it may be possible to know more definitely what further work will be involved, the period of time it may occupy and the staff required to carry it out.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

21/4/49

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING
EMPLOYEES AS AT MAY 31st, 1949.

Name	Duration of Employment	Present Salary
Macpherson, Ian	13th April, 1942	310.00
Bell, R.G.	29th July, 1942	300.00
Dusenbury, B.R.	22nd Oct. 1942	300.00
Pollard, Miss M.B.	21st March, 1942	170.00
Davidson, Miss M.D.H.	29th January, 1945	165.00
May, Miss F.L.	23rd June, 1947	145.00
LaCasse, Miss E.G.	26th Nov. 1947	145.00
Wanstall, Mrs. M.H.L.	22nd March, 1948	155.00
McClughan, Mrs. C.F.	13th May, 1948	130.00

It is my understanding that the Government is likely to recover some payments to the Japanese claimants according to approximately the same criteria and that more than half of this amount will relate to the first year. The remainder for the most part, as I understand it, will represent interest and property compensation and expenses charged for research and development. It may be that there is some Government policy and that such allowances is in my district the general administration.

It would be appreciated if you would submit an early report to the Director, of the present position of the enquiry and let me have your views on the nature of immediate staff reduction.

Yours very truly,

C. S. MURPHY,

Director of the Office.

McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor, 375.00
Good, B., Chief Account, 400.00

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 13th, 1949

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I intended writing you immediately following a recent conference with Mr. Hunter but have been unduly pressed due to absence of both Mr. Mathieu and Mr. Sinclair on account of illness. Mr. Mathieu has returned to the office but Mr. Sinclair is likely to be away many weeks on account of a heart condition.

Gather from my conversation with Mr. Hunter that it is possible the enquiry being conducted by Mr. Justice Bird will end soon and under these circumstances, I am wondering if you are now prepared to consider staff reductions.

When we discussed the matter by long distance phone some time ago, it was agreed that as soon as the enquiry neared completion, the staff might be reduced to half the present number. The Custodian desires to curtail Vancouver Office expenses and such a reduction in staff would permit surrender of considerable office space as well. I suggest that you retain Mrs. McArthur for the time being as legal advice will be required on matters arising out of claim settlements.

It is my understanding that the Commissioner is likely to recommend payments to the Japanese claimants amounting to approximately one million dollars and that more than half of this amount will relate to the V.L.A. deal. The remainder for the most part, as I understand it, will comprise return of real property commissions and expenses charged for removal and sale of chattels. My view is that these items stem from Government policy and that such allowances in no way discredit the general administration.

It would be appreciated if you would submit an early report, in duplicate, on the present position of the enquiry and let me have your views on the matter of immediate staff reduction.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT,
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN.

KWW/JF

130.00 20.00 150.00

Not included in present recommendations:

Shears, Frank G., Director,	\$500.00
McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,	375.00
Good, B., Chief Account,	400.00

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FORM for Mr. MATHIEU:

Vancouver Office

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS
as of the 1st October, 1948.

	Actual Salary	Increase	Proposed New Salary	Approved New Salary
<u>General Administration:</u>				
Macpherson, Ian,	\$295.00	\$15.00	\$310.00	\$
Bell, R. C.,	290.00	20.00	300.00	
Brown, M. L.,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Cuming, John,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Dusenbury, B. R.,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Johnston, W. J.,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Matheson, Miss F. E.,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Robertson, Mrs. M. E.,	180.00	15.00	195.00	
Spratt, Miss E. J.,	180.00	25.00	205.00	
<u>Accounting:</u>				
Reed, C. R.,	320.00	15.00	335.00	
Nutter, W. C.,	280.00	20.00	300.00	
Kale, Mrs. E. C.,	150.00	25.00	175.00	
<u>Secretaries:</u>				
Cleaver, Mrs. M. A.,	155.00	15.00	170.00	
Allan, Miss H. M.,	150.00	15.00	165.00	
Davidson, Miss M. D.,	150.00	15.00	165.00	
Norrington, Miss G.,	150.00	25.00	175.00	
Pollard, Miss M. B.,	150.00	25.00	175.00	
<u>STENOGRAPHERS:</u>				
LaCasse, Miss G. E.,	130.00	15.00	145.00	
May, Miss F.,	130.00	15.00	145.00	
<u>Typist:</u>				
McClughan, Mrs. C. F.,	115.00	15.00	130.00	
<u>Claims:</u>				
Noble, R. W.,	200.00	15.00	215.00	
Parker, B. M.,	200.00	15.00	215.00	
Scoby, Mrs. M. M.,	130.00	15.00	145.00	
Wanstall, Mrs. M. H.,	130.00	15.00	145.00	
<u>Filing:</u>				
Yearwood, Miss G.,	130.00	20.00	150.00	
<u>Switchboard:</u>				
Hyde, Mrs. C. V.,	130.00	20.00	150.00	

<u>Not included in present recommendations:</u>				
Ghears, Frank G., Director,			\$500.00	
McArthur, Mrs. A.G., Supervisor,			375.00	
Good, B., Chief Account,			400.00	

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		SALARIES			
	Employee	Initial	Increases	Present	Occupation
	Miss Helen Margaret	Oct. 2/43	100.00	Jan. 1/47 - 115.00 July 1/47 - 130.00 Oct. 1/47 - 150.00	150.00 Secy. to Mr. Brown
	Cleaver, Mrs. M. Aileen A.	Feb. 15/46	100.00	Jan. 1/47 - 115.00 July 1/47 - 135.00 Oct. 1/47 - 155.00	155.00 Secy. to Mrs. McArthur
	Davidson, Miss M. Doreen H.	Jan. 29/45	89.00	July 1/45 - 106.00 Nov. 1/45 - 115.00 Oct. 1/46 - 130.00 Oct. 1/47 - 150.00	150.00 Secy. - Mr. Dusenbury Switchboard and copy work.
	Hyde, Mrs. Clare Valerie	Feb. 14/48	130.00	Nil	130.00
	Kale, Mrs. Elizabeth G.	June 9/42	75.00	July 1/42 - 85.00 Sept. 16/42 - 90.00 May 16/43 - 93.60 Mar. 16/44 - 94.00 May 16/45 - 106.00 Nov. 1/45 - 115.00 Oct. 1/46 - 130.00 Oct. 1/47 - 150.00	150.00 Accounting Dept. 130.00 Stenographer-Typist
	LaCasse, Miss Gladys Erlene	Nov. 26/47	112.00	May 1/43 - 117.00 Nov. 1/45 - 150.00 Oct. 1/46 - 200.00	220.00 General administration
	Matheson, Miss Flora E.	Dec. 1/42	112.00	Oct. 1/47 - 220.00 Jan. 1/48 - 130.00	130.00 Stenographer-Typist
	May, Miss Frances Letitia	June 23/47	100.00	July 1/42 - 150.00 Aug. 1/42 - 200.00 Dec. 1/42 - 250.00 Oct. 1/43 - 300.00 Sep. 1/46 - 350.00 Oct. 1/47 - 375.00	375.00 Supervisor, General administration Left 15th Jan. 1949.
	McArthur, Mrs. Alma G.	Mar. 12/42	130.00	Oct. 1/47 - 150.00 Nil	115.00 Typist - Mr. Johnston 150.00 Secy - Mr. Shears
	MacAnkill, Miss Barbara J.	July 14/47	130.00	May 26/42 - 75.00 Sep. 15/42 - 85.00 May 1/43 - 87.75 Mar. 16/44 - 89.00 Aug. 1/44 - 106.00 Nov. 1/45 - 115.00 Oct. 1/46 - 130.00 Oct. 1/47 - 150.00	150.00 Secy. - Mr. Bell
	McClughan, Mrs. Christine F.	May 13/48	115.00	Mar. 16/44 - 89.00 Aug. 1/44 - 94.00 July 1/45 - 106.00 Nov. 1/45 - 115.00 Oct. 1/46 - 140.00 Oct. 1/47 - 160.00	160.00 General Administration 130.00 Special work re claims
	Norrington, Miss Gladys	Nov. 10/47	150.00	May 1/43 - 87.75 Mar. 16/44 - 89.00 Aug. 1/44 - 94.00 July 1/45 - 100.00 Nov. 1/45 - 106.00 Oct. 1/46 - 125.00 Jan. 8/48 - 150.00	150.00 General administration
	Pollard, Miss Margaret B.	Mar. 19/42	65.00	May 1/48 - 130.00 July 1/48 - 89.00 Nov. 1/48 - 95.00 Oct. 1/48 - 105.00 Oct. 1/47 - 125.00 Jan. 1/48 - 130.00	130.00 Spec. work re claims
	Scoby, Mrs. Mary Margaret	Mar. 5/48	130.00		
	Spratt, Miss Eva Joan	Sep. 14/42	80.00		
	Wanstall, Mrs. Margaret H.	Mar. 22/48	120.00		
	Yearswood, Miss Gladys L.	June 1/44	83.00		

Name	Date of Employ.	SALARIES			Occupation
		Initial	Increases	Present	
Cell, Mr. Robert Gowland	July 29/42	200.00	Apr. 1/43 - 206.51 June 1/45 - 232.00 Oct. 1/46 - 260.00 Oct. 1/47 - 280.00	280.00	General administration
Brown, Mr. Martin Lawther	July 28/47	225.00	Oct. 1/47 - 245.00 Sep. 1/48 - 280.00	280.00	General administration
Cuning, Mr. John	July 28/47	225.00	Oct. 1/47 - 245.00 Sep. 1/48 - 280.00	280.00	General administration
Dusenbury, Mr. Bernard R.	Oct. 22/42	175.00	Apr. 1/43 - 181.51 June 1/45 - 207.00 Oct. 1/45 - 232.00 Oct. 1/46 - 260.00 Oct. 1/47 - 280.00	280.00	General administration
Good, Mr. Benjamin	Aug. 1/42	300.00	June 1/45 - 325.00 Sep. 1/46 - 365.00 Oct. 1/47 - 400.00	400.00	Chief Accountant
Johnston, Mr. William Jas.	May 1/43	158.42	July 1/43 - 181.41 June 1/45 - 232.00 Oct. 1/46 - 260.00 Oct. 1/47 - 280.00	280.00	General administration
Macpherson, Mr. Ian	Mar. 14/42	175.00	May 1/42 - 200.00 July 1/42 - 250.00 Oct. 1/46 - 275.00 Oct. 1/47 - 295.00	295.00	General administration
Noble, Mr. Robert William	Mar. 20/48	200.00	Nil	200.00	Spec. work re claims
Nutter, Mr. Wm. George	Nov. 6/44	182.00	Jan. 1/45 - 207.00 Oct. 1/46 - 230.00 Oct. 1/47 - 250.00 Sept. 1/48 - 280.00	280.00	Accountant - Ledgers
Parker, Mr. Basil Mason	Mar. 20/48	175.00	Sept. 1/48 - 200.00	200.00	Spec. work re claims
Reed, Mr. Charles Henry	June 5/42	200.00	Sept. 1/42 - 225.00 Apr. 1/43 - 231.51 May 1/45 - 275.00 Oct. 1/46 - 300.00 Oct. 1/47 - 320.00	320.00	Ass't. Accountant.
Shears, Mr. Frank G.	April 1/42	250.00	July 1/42 - 300.00 Sep. 1/42 - 350.00 Dec. 1/42 - 400.00 Sep. 1/46 - 450.00 Oct. 1/47 - 500.00	500.00	Director.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 2nd, 1948

B. Good, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Good:

I enclose herewith copy of my memorandum addressed
to Mr. Mathieu under date of 31st ultimo, from which you will note
that Dr. Coleman has approved the recent staff appointments in the
Vancouver Office.

The Auditors may require this.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk

March 31, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW

RE: Vancouver Office

Advice has been received from the Vancouver Office in regard to the following staff changes:

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Miss Eleanore Mary Young - Typist - - March 11, 1948.

New Members

Name	Last Employer	Date of Appointment	Duties	Salary
NOBLE, Robert William (57 years)	Dept. of Labour	March 22/48	Reviewing files for Jap. Claims	\$200.00 month
PARKER, Basil Mason (67 years)	Barclay's Bank, London	March 22/48	Reviewing files for Jap. Claims	\$175.00 "
SCOTT, Mary Margaret, (Mrs.) (45 years)	Dept. of Labour	March 5/48	Stenographer	\$130.00 "
WAINSTALL, Margaret, H. L. (Mrs.) (31 years old)	Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	March 22/48	Stenographer	\$120.00 "
LARSEN, Beth, Ingeborg (Miss) (26 years of age)	Canadian Industries Limited	Mar. 17/48	Typist	\$115.00 "

It would be appreciated if you would have these appointments approved by Dr. Coleman.

The present number of employees in the Vancouver Office totals 34.

"Recommended for approval"
"A. H. M."
31/3/48

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"Approved"
"E. H. C."
31/3/48

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
March 30, 1948

PERSONAL

B. Good, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Pat:

I submitted your letter of the 27th instant to Mr. Mathieu today and he in turn presented it to Dr. Coleman. I have been instructed to advise that the matter of salary increases for Mr. Shears, Mrs. McArthur and yourself is being considered and we hope to inform you as to the Minister's decision at an early date.

Glenn called at the office last Thursday morning, but we only had a few minutes' chat as he had to be at the Chateau before 9:55 a.m. in order to catch the bus for the airport.

I am glad to hear that the Japanese Inquiry demands leave no time for you to get into mischief. In times of stress my Mother used to say "You will get your reward in Heaven". I suggest that you bear this in mind when the pressure appears too great.

The stack piles of snow have disappeared and the trout season opens Thursday. A member of our Accounting Branch has promised to take me to a nearby spot in Quebec and guarantees a minimum catch of ten. Here's hoping!

Kindest regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
March 27, 1948.

PERSONAL

Mr. K.W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear K.W.:

Frank went off to Lethbridge a week ago, and of course we do not expect to see him again until the end of June or early July.

I wanted to ask him before he left, but there were so many other office matters which we had to discuss, and the poor man I let it go by, so thought I would now refer it to you direct. He had told me some time ago that about the end of February or early March he expected to hear from you with regard to the increase in salary for the "higher brackets(1)" of the office to go into effect 1st October, 1947. As a matter of fact, it affects only three - Frank, Mrs. McArthur and myself - but naturally, from my point of view, I'd like to see it come through.

Judging from a letter I received from you this morning, you do not find time lying around in any surplus quantities yourself, and I reckon you can easily visualise some of the position here. Watson, the Judge's secretary, sent out a letter to all claimants, telling them they could have copies of valuations, chattel summaries, auction sheets, statements, and in fact, everything including the kitchen stove and the top brick off the chimney. Now they all want everything. I am tired of reading - "I have lost or mislaid all my documents, so please send me a copy of all correspondence between your office and myself, also a complete copy of statement of account in detail showing---etc. etc. etc. Also a copy of the SSB Valuation Report and a Chattel Summary showing what each article was sold for etc. etc. etc."

Expect you saw Glenn McPherson this week. He told me

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March 27, 1948.

he'd be calling in at the office whilst down there.

Hope all things are going well with yourself and family these days and that you are beginning to get thawed out after the long winter freeze. Can you see out of the ground floor windows yet? Or am I too optimistic?

If you can let me know some good news of the matter above, I will appreciate it. Meantime all of the best to you and all of those I know down there.

Yours

Pat.

F. G. Shears

B. Good

Mrs. A. G. McArthur

Appointment

April 1st, 1942

August 1st, 1942

March, 1942

Present Salary

\$450.00 per month. -

365.00 " " -

350.00 " " -

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
January 23, 1948
January 26th, 1948

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Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Following your request in your letter of
22nd instant Mr. Shears is having the revised list of salaries
prepared in the usual form and will be forwarding same to you.

I am glad you drew my attention to Mr. Arpin's
correct title. His early letters were signed "Comptroller, For
the Assistant Deputy Custodian" but of late his letters were
signed "Comptroller" so that no change was made. In future
all communications for him will be addressed as "Comptroller
to the Custodian" as noted in your letter.

Yours very truly,

B. Good
Comptroller

BG:RK

Ball, R.H.
Frank, M.H.
Carter, W.
Cassidy, G.H.
Cass, B.
Johnson, W.J.
MacFarlane, J.M.
Patterson, W.G.
Reed, W.H.
Shears, W. G.

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Apr/42 75 \$90 Sept/42 \$100 Aug/44 \$106 Nov/45
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
 Vancouver, B.C.,
 January 27, 1948
 January 27, 1948

Salaries of the Vancouver Staff as at January 31, 1948

Allen, Miss E.	\$150.00
Cleaver, Mrs. M.	155.00
Davidson, Miss M.	150.00
Johnson, Mrs. V.	130.00
Kale, Mrs. E.	150.00
LaCasse, Miss G.	130.00
Matheson, Miss F.	220.00
May, Miss F.	130.00
McArthur, Mrs. A.	350.00
Macaskill, Miss B.	150.00
Norrington, Miss G.	150.00
Pollard, Miss M.	150.00
Roberts, Mrs. G.	150.00
Robertson, Mrs. M.	160.00
Schofield, Miss M.	150.00
Spratt, Miss E.	150.00
Wald, Mrs. K.	150.00
Yearwood, Miss G.	130.00
Bell, R.G.	280.00
Brown, M.L.	245.00
Cuming, J.	245.00
Dusenbury, B.R.	280.00
Good, B.	365.00
Johnston, W.J.	280.00
MacPherson, Ian	295.00
Nutter, W.G.	250.00
Reed, C.H.	320.00
Shears, F. G.	450.00

Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 2nd, 1948

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of
the 31st ultimo in regard to the salary adjustments in the
Vancouver Office and wish to advise that I presented your
letter to Dr. Coleman this afternoon.

Yours very truly,

R. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
December 31, 1947

Private & Confidential

H. Good, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Office of the Custodian,
K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:
With the possibility of heavy work in regard to Japanese claims and
indeed in preparation of your telephone message yesterday afternoon, salary
adjustments have been made to all employees, with the exception
of Mrs. McArthur, Mr. Good and myself.

I have advised Mr. Sec A uniform increase on the basis of \$240.00 per
annum has been given to each member of the staff. This
increase is being made retroactive from October 1st, and
adjusting cheques have been issued to cover the past three
months.

Even although intimation of some change was
given to the staff when they met together prior to the Christmas
holidays, the reception given to the definite announcement
today was most appreciative. I would be glad if you will
advise Dr. Coleman that the staff are very gratified that the
Vancouver office have received this consideration and that they
wish me to convey their sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
July 2nd, 1947

Private & Confidential

B. Good, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Good:

Under date of 27th ultimo, Mr. Shears advised in part, as follows:

"With the possibility of heavy work in regard to Japanese claims and indeed in preparation for it, I feel sure we should secure at least one additional competent man on our staff and I would like to locate some one right away. Will you please let me know if I may have the authority to employ one or two suitable men if we can obtain them.

I have advised Mr. Good and Mrs. McArthur that I am writing this letter, and as I will be away for two weeks, will you please reply to Mr. Good so that they may be on the lookout for the type of help we will require".

I discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman this morning and he has approved engaging one or two suitable men and I trust that in Mr. Shears' absence it will be possible for you to line up a few prospects in order that upon his return from holidays he will be in a position to send us the necessary recommendation.

You might bear in mind the Government policy with respect to engagement of returned men.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk

CONFIDENTIAL

27th June, 1947.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The amount of work yet to be done is very considerable and we do not seem to be progressing as I would wish. You are aware of our staff personnel and in review I think you will agree that our position as regards male help is not very strong. Even from the point of view of age, our Administration staff is as follows:

B.R. Dusenbury
Ian McLean

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With the possibility of heavy work in regard to Japanese claims and indeed in preparation for it, I feel sure we should secure at least one additional competent man on our staff and I would like to locate someone right away. Will you please let me know if I may have the authority to employ one or two suitable men if we can obtain them.

I have advised Mr. C. G. ...

This letter

I have advised Mr. Good and Mrs. McArthur that I am writing this letter, and as I will be away for two weeks, will you please reply

106 Secretary
95 Filing Clerk

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K. W. Wright, Esq.

to Mr. Good so that they may be on the lookout for the type of help we will require.

In view of the temporary nature of the work I realize that it will be more difficult to secure the help required, but at least we can make an attempt and I feel sure that in the long run any additional expense along this line will be more than offset by the final advantage that will be obtained.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

Mr. Shears is 30 years of age and has been in the Royal Air Force. He seems to be the type of man we want with enthusiasm and

Mr. Martin L. Brown who, as you know, has been Office Manager of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, has informed me that he has been doing his work at the end of this week. The particular work which he has been doing has been completed. He indicated that he would be willing to serve on our staff if opportunity was available. I have said it is possible that this office is still awaiting the necessary funds and that the necessary arrangements to report to the length of time any services will be required.

It has been agreed to us, however, that the knowledge which Mr. Brown has in connection with Japanese affairs, and especially his knowledge of the problems concerning the handling of personal property, would be of value to us in the work which will be entailed in preparing the list of Japanese claims. I have, therefore, arranged to take Mr. Brown to the 25th of this month.

The salaries of most of the men on our present staff is \$200.00 per month. The arrangements which I have made with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Jones is \$225.00 per month until we see how things are working out.

FCS/PMH

Spratt, A.	Apl/42	75	\$70 July/44	\$106 Nov/45	106	Secretary
Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45		

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
19th July, 1947.

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K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have your Private and Confidential letter of the 2nd instant addressed to Mr. Good, in reply to my letter of June 27th, regarding the employment of some additional male help.

Since my return from Victoria I have interviewed several men that have been recommended to us by the Selective Service and have decided to engage Mr. Arthur S. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson is 30 years of age and has been in the Royal Air Force. He seems to be the type of man we want with enthusiasm and energy.

Mr. Martin L. Brown who, as you know, has been Office Manager for the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, has informed me that he will be leaving that department at the end of this week, the particular work which he has been doing having been completed. He indicated that he would be willing to serve on our staff if opportunity was available. I have made it perfectly plain that this office is also existing on a temporary basis and that I can give no assurance in regard to the length of time any services will be required.

It does appear to me, however, that the knowledge which Mr. Brown has in connection with Japanese affairs, and especially his knowledge of the problems concerning the handling of personal property, would be of value to us in the work which will be entailed in preparing to deal with Japanese claims. I have, therefore, arranged to take over Mr. Brown on the 28th of this month.

The salaries of most of the men on our present staff is \$260.- per month. The arrangements which I have made with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brown is for \$225.- per month until we see how things are working out.

Spratt, A.	Apl/42	75	\$70	Aug/44	\$106	Nov/45	106	Secretary
Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94	Aug/44	\$106	Nov/45	95	Filing Clerk
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K. W. Wright, Esq.

We have recently employed Miss Barbara MacAskill at \$130.00 per month and Miss Frances L. May at \$100.- per month replacing the following:

- Miss A.F. Spratt
- Miss E.J. Spratt
- Mrs. E. Levensky
- Miss L. McKinnon

Will you kindly let me have your approval of these appointments.
 Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
 Director.

FGS/PMH

Spratt, A.	Apl/42	75	\$70	Aug/44	\$106	Nov/45	106	Secretary
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Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89	July/45	\$95	Nov/45		

			INITIAL SALARY	INCREASES	PRESENT SALARY	OCCUPATION
	Oct/45		\$100			
Carter, Mrs.	Oct/45	100			\$100	Stenographer
Cleaver, Mrs.	Feb/46	100			100	"
Cousineau, I.	Feb/46	100			100	"
Davidson, D.	Jan/45	89	\$106 July/45	\$115 Nov/45	100	"
Dougherty, G.	Nov/44	89	\$106 July/45	\$117 June/46	115	Secretary
Foy, J.	June/43	87.75	\$100 May/44	\$106 July/45	117	Asst. Cashier
Girard, C.	Nov/42	80	\$87.75 May/43	\$100 Aug/45	135.	Asst. Secretary
Graham, D.	May/42	75	\$105 May/43	\$129 Aug/44	115	Clerk, Chattels
Hamilton, Mrs.	Mar/45	89	\$95 July/45	\$106 June/46	135	Ex. Secretary
Harrop, Mrs.	April/42	75	\$115 Dec/42	\$129 Mar/44	106	Bookkeeper
Hosie, Mrs.	June/46	95		\$150 July/45	150	Secty. to Director
Huntley, Mrs.	Aug/43	52.65	\$64.35 Nov/43	\$83 Mar/44	95	Switchboard Op.
Levesky, Mrs.	Mar/42	75	\$87.75 June/43	\$94 Aug/44	95	Filing Clerk
Lewis, M.	Nov/43	52.65	\$65 May/44	\$89 Apr/45	115	Secretary
Mason, G.	July/42	80	\$89 Mar/44	\$100 July/45	95	Stenographer
Matheson, F.	Dec/42	112	\$117 May/43	\$150 Oct/45	117	Supervisor Filing
Mathieson, M.	Feb/46	100			150	Asst. Protection
McArthur, Mrs.	Mar/42	130	\$200 Aug/42	\$300 Oct/43	100	Stenographer
McKinnon, L.	Jan/45	89	\$100 July/45	\$106 Nov/45	325	Sup. Administration
Pollard, P.	Mar/42	75	\$87.75 May/43	\$94 Aug/44	106	Stenographer
Reiser, B.	June/42	75	\$90 Sept/42	\$94 Mar/44	115	Secretary
Roberts, J.	Mar/46	65		\$115 Nov/45	115	Stenographer
Robertson, Mrs.	Nov/43	87.75	\$94 Aug/44	\$115 Nov/45	65	Office girl, Mail
Shaw, E.	Nov/42	52	\$83 Mar/44	\$89 June/45	115	Secretary
Schoffield, H.	July/43	87.75	\$106 July/45	\$115 Nov/45	95	Bookkeeper
Spratt, A.	Apr/42	75	\$90 Sept/42	\$100 Aug/44	115	Secretary
Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45	115	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45	106	Secretary
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	Oct/45		\$100				
Carter, Mrs.	Oct/45		100			\$100	Stenographer
Cleaver, Mrs.	Feb/46		100			100	"
Cousineau, I.	Feb/46		100			100	"
Davidson, D.	Jan/45	89	\$106 July/45	\$115 Nov/45	115	100	"
Dougherty, G.	Nov/44	89	\$106 July/45	\$117 June/46	117	115	Secretary
Foy, J.	June/43	87.75	\$100 May/44	\$106 July/45	\$135 Sept/45	135	Asst. Cashier
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Mason, G.	July/42	80	\$89 Mar/44	\$100 July/45	\$117 Sept/45	117	Stenographer
Matheson, F.	Dec/42	112	\$117 May/43	\$150 Oct/45		150	Supervisor Filing
Mathieson, M.	Feb/46	100				100	Asst. Protection
McArthur, Mrs.	Mar/42	130	\$200 Aug/42	\$300 Oct/43	\$325 June/45	325	Stenographer
McKinnon, L.	Jan/45	89	\$100 July/45	\$106 Nov/45		106	Sup. Administration
Pollard, P.	Mar/42	75	\$87.75 May/43	\$94 Aug/44	\$115 Nov/45	115	Stenographer
Reiser, B.	June/42	75	\$90 Sept/42	\$94 Mar/44	\$115 Nov/45	115	Secretary
Roberts, J.	Mar/46	65				65	Stenographer
Robertson, Mrs.	Nov/43	87.75	\$94 Aug/44	\$115 Nov/45		115	Office girl, Mail
Shaw, E.	Nov/42	52	\$83 Mar/44	\$89 June/45	\$95 Nov/45	95	Secretary
Schoffield, H.	July/43	87.75	\$106 July/45	\$115 Nov/45		115	Bookkeeper
Spratt, A.	Apl/42	75	\$90 Sept/42	\$100 Aug/44	\$115 Nov/45	115	Secretary
Spratt J.	Sept/42	80	\$94 Aug/44	\$106 Nov/45		106	Secretary
Yearwood, G.	June/44	83	\$89 July/45	\$95 Nov/45		95	Filing Clerk

Name	Date came	Initial Salary	Salary changes				Present Salary	Position	
			Date	Salary	Date	Salary			
Anderson W.E.	Apl.'42	\$150	Oct.'42	\$200	May '43	\$250	Sep.'45	\$275	Administration
Bell R.G.	July '42	\$200	Apl.'43	\$207	Mar '44		June '45	\$232	-do-
Cramer D.A.	Sep.'42	\$160	Aug.'43	\$207			June '45	\$232	Titles
Dusenbury B.R.	Oct.'42	\$175	Aug.'43	\$182	June '45	\$207	Oct '45	\$232	Administration
Good B.	Aug.'42	\$300							
Iverson W.J.	Nov.'42	\$150	May '43	\$158			June '45	\$325	Comptroller
Johnston W.J.	May '43	\$158	Jul.'43	\$182			Mar '44	\$182	Chattels
Mackedie R.B.	Oct.'42	\$175	April '43	\$182			June '45	\$232	Administration
McPherson Ian	Apl.'42	\$200					Apl.'42	\$182	Chattels
Nutter W.G.	Nov.'44	\$182					July '42	\$250	Titles
Peters G.A.	May '43	\$207	Aug.'44	\$232			June '45	\$207	Accounting
Reed C.H.	June '42	\$175	Sep '42	\$225	March '43	\$232	Dec.'45	\$250	Administration
Spain G.B.	Mar '42	\$150					May '45	\$275	Cashier
Wills W.	Dec.'42	\$135	May '43	\$148			May '42	\$250	Chattels
Shears F.G.	Apl.'42	\$300	Sep '42	\$350			Jan '44	\$182	-do
							Dec.'42	\$400	Director.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 3, 1945

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I informed you some time ago by telephone that as legislation pertaining to Japanese Evacuees was advanced in the House, it would be necessary for you to visit Ottawa.

Dr. Coleman has now instructed me to advise you that you should plan to leave Vancouver on the Saturday night train, the 12th instant, in order to arrive here the morning of April 16th.

I will arrange a reservation at one of the hotels and advise you in regard to this later.

You may have to remain here a couple of weeks or longer depending, of course, on progress in Commons.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506, Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
23rd. February 1947

K.W.Wright Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr Wright,

For your information the staff position is
as follows,-

Miss H. Allan	\$115
Mrs M. Cleaver	\$115
Miss J. Cousineau	\$115
Miss M. Davidson	\$130
Miss C. Girard	\$130
Mrs A. Hansen	\$135
Mrs P. Harrop	\$165
Mrs E. Levesky	\$130
Miss G. Mason	\$130
Miss F. Matheson	\$200
Mrs A. G. McArthur	\$350
Miss L. McKinnon	\$130
Miss M. Pollard	\$130
Miss B. Resier	\$130
Mrs M. Robertsob	\$140
Miss M. Schofield	\$130
Miss E. Shaw	\$105
Miss A. Spratt	\$125
Miss G. Yearwood	\$105

Mr R.G.Bell	\$260
Mr D.A.Cramer	\$260
Mr B.R.Dusenbury	\$260
Mr B. Good	\$265
Mr W.J.Johnston	\$260
Mr Ian MacPherson	\$275
Mr W.H.Nutter	\$230
Mr G.A.Peters	\$275
Mr C.H.Reed	\$300
Mr F.G.Shears	\$450
Mr W. Wills	\$200

Present arrangements are that Mrs A.Hansen and her sister Miss
Joan Spratt will be leaving in May.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears
F.G. Shears

Director.

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PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

21st December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Retiring Bonuses.

Your Private and Confidential letter of the 12th instant was received with very great interest.

After some consideration I decided to call the staff together and acquaint them with the ruling which has been made. I was careful to explain that while I would not say it was absolutely necessary to refrain from making it known to their immediate family, I did consider it very desirable that it should not become a matter of public knowledge. I stressed the fact that it was quite a personal matter and if only to avoid the possibility of any criticism from outside sources, the information should be treated as strictly confidential. I suggested that being aware of this accruing benefit would provide an additional reason for continued loyal co-operation towards the completion of the office work and I am sure that this will be forthcoming.

I can assure you that the information was received with marked attention and quite a flutter of excitement was only controlled by apparent lack of words to express adequate gratification. A request was made and concurred in unanimously that I should write on their behalf and express appreciation for the consideration which has been given to this matter. Will you please convey this to Dr. Coleman and Mr. Mathieu on behalf of the whole staff together with my own personal thanks.

I attach a list of the bonuses which have now been paid to those who were recently required to leave on account of our policy of staff reduction. The matter of deduction for income tax purposes was taken care of in the adjustments.

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Retiring Allowance of 2. have been paid in accordance with Mr. K.W. Wright's letter of December 12th, 1946

K. W. Wright, Esq. at Months Monthly Gross 21st December, 1946.

I also enclose a list showing the staff position as at January 1st next. You will notice that this shows a total of thirty employees whereas the plan was to reduce the staff to twenty-eight by the end of the year. The reason, however, is that the two Spratt sisters will be leaving in a couple of months or so and I thought it desirable to retain two others in their places for the time being.

With thanks to yourself for your own interest on behalf of the staff and with the best of Christmas greetings,

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
Director.

Graham, Miss D.	Nov. 30	794	658.55	130.95	484.60
Hutley, Mrs. E.	" 30	794	316.75	66.60	245.15
Lewis, Miss R.	" 30	794	279.10	52.65	226.45
Iverson, W.J.	" 30	794	739.35	194.00	545.35
Dougherty, Miss G.	Dec. 14	35	127	243.75	70.60
Anderson, E.R.	" 31	562	275.-	1,187.00	279.30
					907.70

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VANCOUVER OFFICE

Retiring Bonuses which have been paid in accordance
with Mr. K.W. Wright's letter of December 12th, 1946

<u>Name</u>	<u>date of leaving</u>	<u>Months employed</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u>	<u>Gross Bonus</u>	<u>Tax Dedn.</u>	<u>Net Bonus</u>
Carter, Mrs. H.B.	Sept. 15	11½	\$100.-	\$95.85	\$17.00	\$78.85
Mackenzie, R.B.	" 30	47½	182.-	720.40	246.65	473.75
Spain, G.B.	Oct. 31	55½	250.-	1,156.25	372.30	783.95
Graham, Miss D.	Nov. 30	54½	145.-	658.55	191.95	466.60
Huntley, Mrs. E.	" 30	39½	95.-	310.75	65.60	245.15
Lewis, Miss M.	" 30	35½	95.-	279.10	52.65	226.45
Iverson, W.J.	" 30	48½	182.-	739.35	194.00	545.35
Dougherty, Miss G.	Dec. 14	25	117	243.75	70.60	173.15
Anderson, W.E.	" 31	56½	275.-	1,187.00	279.30	907.70

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Mason	Miss G.	\$130
Matheson	Miss F.	\$200
McArthur	Mrs. A.	\$350
McKinnon	Miss L.	\$130
Pollard	Miss P.	\$130
Reiser	Miss B.	\$130
Robertson	Mrs. M.	\$140
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Shaw	Miss E.	\$105
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Cramer	D.A.	\$260
Dusenbury	B.R.	\$260
Good	B.	\$365
Johnston	W.J.	\$260
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Ottawa, September 11, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLMAN

Re: Vancouver Office

In accordance with your instructions I reviewed the Vancouver office from the standpoint of personnel and space and as a result obtained the attached memorandum from Mr. Shears.

I also had a conference with Mr. Pickersgill who represented the Department of Labour on the British Columbia Security Commission and who has now been transferred to Ottawa.

I would like to draw your attention to the last paragraph of Mr. Shears' memorandum and would appreciate it if you would approve of the suggested increase in salaries.

I arrived in Vancouver on August 17th and left on the 27th. During this time I spent a week in the office and discussed many problems with Mr. Shears and members of the staff.

The only outstanding question that disturbs both Mr. Shears and myself is the suggestion that the Vancouver office should reverse on its books all entries where income has been credited to enemy accounts. This suggestion is in line with Mr. Mathieu's point of view that the income does not have to be credited on repatriation account. This particular point has not, I can assure you, been settled at the deliberations of Iara that I have attended and is on the agenda for discussion among the experts. I do not think that the Canadian Custodian's position will be prejudiced by leaving the entries the way they are until the decision of Iara is known. I would like an opportunity of discussing this matter with yourself and Mr. Mathieu as I advised Mr. Shears I would try to write him about it before leaving Ottawa.

CWMcP/FC.

G. W. McPherson

A review of every file is also proceeding for the purpose of summarizing the administration and liquidation of each property and the handling and disposition of chattels. The amount of detail involved can only be appreciated

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COLONEL G. W. McPHERSON.

August 26, 1946.

As a result of our conference regarding the Staff position, I am submitting this memorandum.

A record of the number of employees and the total monthly salaries at the end of each year and at the present time is as follows:

	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946 (Aug.)					
Male Employees	47	\$8691	36	\$7400	29	\$5990	20	\$4250	15	\$3530
Female "	73	\$6209	57	\$5736	41	\$4107	29	\$3383	29	\$2407
	120	\$15000	93	\$13136	70	\$10097	49	\$7633	44	\$6937

It will be seen therefore that there has been a continual reduction since the office was organized. This might have been more marked during the present year except for the fact that the movement of over 3000 Japanese to Japan has created considerable additional work during the past several months. Some of the staff have been required to visit various Department of Labour Interior Housing projects for the purpose of receiving cash and securities which the Japanese were required to deliver in order that arrangements might be made for yen equivalent to be secured by them in Japan. Other members of the staff have been required to review the Files concerned so that the correct amount of "Free balance" could be made available for the same purpose. In this connection the amounts dealt with were as follows:

Cash surrendered	\$811,189.00
Free balances available	\$154,972.00
	\$966,161.00

Arrangements for the return of a further number of voluntary repatriates is now being arranged by the Department of Labour requiring the co-operation of this office.

While liquidation is mainly complete there are approximately 35 properties still available for sale and about 30 properties owned by Organizations which up to the present have not been included in the policy of liquidation.

At the end of July the number of Ledger accounts was reduced to 3842 the amount of Evacuee money involved being \$1,418,671.00. In the interview which we had with Mr. Pickersgill he expressed the opinion that it was still desirable to continue monthly payments to those residing in housing projects rather than send the full amount at their credit. However the number living in these camps is now considerably reduced and further movement to the East and to Japan will improve this situation. Every effort will now be made to remit the total available funds to all Japanese residing outside the Department of Labour projects.

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Colonel G. W. McPherson.

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August 26, 1946.

by actual experience. I draw your attention to a memorandum which I prepared for Mr. Wright in regard to a modification in the detailed review concerning Chattels. If this is adopted it is expected that progress in closing Files will proceed more rapidly.

I discussed with you a further reduction of Staff and am prepared to recommend that by the end of the year the services of four men and ten or eleven women may be dispensed with. This would make a reduction of about \$1900 per month. Changes in salaries have so far only been made when responsibilities have been increased. I do feel however that with the reduction suggested above that it will be very desirable to make some adjustment with those whose services will be required for some while longer. No allowance has been made for the definite increase in the cost of living in Vancouver and present salaries are not as high as many of our former staff are now receiving in other employments. Even for those remaining the employment is still on a temporary basis and we concluded that an approximate increase of 10% should be made and that in one or two cases some special consideration was required. While this would mean an adjustment of five or six hundred dollars a month, taken in conjunction with the reduction in staff, an overall saving of twelve or thirteen hundred dollars per month would be made. In addition to this some curtailment in office space will be made as soon as this is possible thereby effecting a further reduction in overhead expenses.

F. G. Shears.

FGS:AS

Note. Vancouver is raising entries of income.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
August 27, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Messrs. W. E. Anderson and J. Morrison

Your letter of August 3rd enclosing extract from
minutes of Rural Advisory Committee under date of July 17th
has been received and I wish to thank you for same.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
August 27, 1946.

George Cruickshank, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

Re: Anderson & Morison

With further reference to my letter to you under date of May 15th, I wish to advise that I attended a meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of His Honour Judge Whiteside at New Westminster on August 6th when the minutes of July 17th were confirmed.

Enclosed you will find an extract from the minutes of July 17th which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
3rd August, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Messrs. W.E. Anderson and
J. Moryson.

Attached is an extract in duplicate of the Minutes
of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship
of Judge Whiteside, dated July 17th, 1946. It would appear that
this matter has now been brought to a conclusion.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dated 17th July, 1946

Anderson and Moryson.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Wright, Counsel to the Custodian at Ottawa, dated May 10th which stated that the report of the Committee had been presented to Mr. Cruikshank, M.P. and that he was satisfied with the findings of the Committee. The only criticism that Mr. Cruikshank had to offer was that his name was linked with the complaint in the Minutes and in the correspondence but that he wished it to be understood that the complaint was not a personal one but that as a local member he was obliged to relay the written complaint of one of his constituents. Mr. Shears' letter in reply dated 13th May was read which indicated that it was fully understood by the Committee and also by Messrs. Anderson and Moryson that the matter had not been raised by Mr. Cruikshank personally.

The Committee concurred in this viewpoint and stated that the Minutes of the present meeting would confirm same.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 15, 1946.

George Cruickshank, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

Re: Anderson & Morryson

For your information I wish to attach herewith copy
of a letter received from Mr. Shears under date of May 13th.

Yours very truly,

KW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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506 Royal Bank Building,
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13th May, 1946.

May 10, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright: Anderson & Moryson

Thank you for Re: Anderson & Moryson.

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th instant.

It was fully understood by the Committee and also by Anderson and Moryson that Mr. Cruikshank had brought this matter to the attention of the Custodian as a Member of Parliament for that District as he had received a written complaint from one of his constituents and that the matter was not raised by Mr. Cruikshank personally.

However, I am bringing it to the attention of Anderson and Moryson and will have it made perfectly clear in the Minutes of the next meeting.

I may perhaps say at this time that Mr. Anderson stated at the meeting that he was not well acquainted with Mr. Cruikshank but that he had voted for him at election times.

Yours very truly,

Will you be kind enough to attach a copy of this letter in duplicate in order that it may be forwarded to Mr. Cruikshank.

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 10, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Anderson & Moryson

Thank you very much for your communication of the 7th instant.

All the material forwarded was submitted to Dr. Coleman and he approved my showing this to Mr. Cruickshank, M.P. He called at the office yesterday afternoon and following perusal of the reports and some discussion indicated that he was content with the findings of the Advisory Committee. I do not think he will do anything more about it.

The only criticism that Mr. Cruickshank had to offer was that his name was linked with the complaint in the minutes and the correspondence and I promised to write you stating that the complaint did not come from Mr. Cruickshank personally but as local member he was obliged to relay the written complaint of one of his constituents. I also informed him that I would request you to bring this to the attention of both Anderson and Moryson and record it in the minutes of the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Will you be kind enough to attend to this and let me have a letter in duplicate in order that a copy of the letter may be forwarded to Mr. Cruickshank.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

7th April, 1946.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

In response to your letter of May 4th just received enclosing
copy of a letter from Mr. George Cruikshank.

This will advise you that the one half of the property sold by
Moryson, Richardson and Anderson to Mr. Frederick T. Hutchenson was the
portion on which was erected the store building. The part retained by
Moryson et al. was vacant land approximately 45' x 60'. Mr. Menzies was
aware of this and it was referred to the meeting although no mention was
made in the Minutes.

Copy of Mr. Ansell's valuation report is enclosed herein. It
is very sketchy as were most of his reports, but the Advisory Committee
agreed that he was a good Appraiser and that his valuations at the time
they were made were sound.

I notice that in Mr. Cruikshank's letter he states that it is
suggested that another deal has been made on the 29th Road in Maple Ridge
Municipality. Mr. Anderson tells me that there is not a shred of truth
in this and that as stated before the Committee, they are not interested
in any way in any other piece of property formerly owned by Japanese.

As a matter of fact the only property on 29th Road appears to
be a parcel of land that was included in the V.L.A. deal.

I trust that this will be the information required.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Victoria Building,
700-702 Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

R.R.1, Whonnock, B.C.
April 12th/44

George Davidson, Esq., M.P.,
Dept. of State.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to our letter of May 4th, it would
please find appraisal of following land as listed and
valued as follows: you would telephone the writer

No. 591.	1 store with living quarters. Frame construction.	
	Store & living quarters at back with plumbing toilet etc.	\$600.00
	Lot	400.00
	Total truly,	\$1000.00

EW/PC.

E. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian
"William H. Ansell"
Appraiser.

Dewdney Trunk Rd.
near 8th Ave.

Lot 2 D.L. 398, Cp. 1,
Appraisal Account \$5.00

Mr. Shears ref...

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 6, 1946.

George Cruickshank, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

With reference to our letter of May 4th, it would
be very much appreciated if you would telephone the writer
in order that an appointment may be made for you to come
into the office and peruse the report of the Rural Advisory
Committee.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

Mr. Menzies stated that he considered this particular trans-
action quite bone fide and the complaint may have been activated by
business jealousy.

Mr. Shears referred
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 6, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Messrs. Anderson & Moryson

Thank you for the extract from the minutes of the
Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Office of Mayor W. Mott
at New Westminster on Friday, May 3rd, in connection with the
above parties.

Our letter of May 4th apparently crossed yours
and for record purposes it would be appreciated if you would
kindly let us have a copy of the valuation on the property
under consideration.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

Mr. Menzies stated that he considered the
action quite bone fide and the complaint may have been activated by
business jealousy.

Mr. Shears referred
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
May 6, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from
Mr. Cruickshank under date of May 3rd.

Would you kindly let me have a copy of the Valuation
of the property involved, which according to our records was
formerly owned by UJIMOTO, Koji and Isami and was listed under
Catalogue No. 591. Would you kindly also advise as to whether
or not there were any improvements on the N^W of the lot which
was retained by Messrs. Moryson, Richardson and Anderson as it
does not follow that the sale of this half would likely bring
an amount equal to that received from the sale of the N^W.

Yours very truly,

KW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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Mr. Shears referred
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
May 8, 1946.

George Cruickshank, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of May 3rd and wish to advise that a copy is going forward to Mr. Shears, Director of our Vancouver Office.

The writer is not familiar with this parcel but more information will be available as soon as we have the valuator's report. According to our records the property was appraised at \$1000.00 and sold for \$1350.00. You mention that the N $\frac{1}{2}$ was sold by Moryson, Richardson and Anderson for \$2450.00. It does not follow that the S $\frac{1}{2}$ will realize as much as there may have been improvements on the N $\frac{1}{2}$, leaving the S $\frac{1}{2}$ vacant. These points will be cleared up by our Vancouver office. All properties, as you know, are independently appraised and offers, together with the valuations, submitted to the Rural Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of His Honour Judge Whiteside. The Committee approved of the sale to Mr. Guest on the 26th of May, 1944.

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Mr. Shears referred

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR W. WOTT
AT NEW WESTMINSTER ON FRIDAY, MAY 2nd at 11 a.m.

Complaint re Moryson and Anderson

Mr. Shears stated that he had been advised by Mr. K.W. Wright, Counsel to the Custodian, that Mr. Cruikshank, M.P. had been in touch with Ottawa in connection with some complaints regarding the conduct of Anderson and Morrison, employees of the Custodian. Finally Mr. Shears read from a Private and confidential letter dated April 18th from Mr. K.W. Wright in which it was stated that Mr. Cruikshank's information indicated that these parties had been acquiring chattels of Japanese, probably through third parties and reselling at a profit to themselves.

A letter was also read further to this communication stating that Dr. Coleman is of the opinion that in view of Mr. Cruikshank's request, arrangements should be made to have Messrs. Anderson and Moryson appear before the Rural Advisory Committee in order that they might be questioned in regard to any personal dealing with Japanese assets which have been sold and that they should also be questioned in regard to dealing with these assets through third parties.

Mr. Menzies stated that he had knowledge that a certain party might have lodged a complaint. He believed the complaint might be in regard to property situated at the Corner of 8th Avenue and the Dewdney Trunk Road. This was formerly a Japanese property and was now owned by the Maple Ridge Motors, a concern in which Anderson and Moryson were interested financially.

Mr. Menzies stated that he considered this particular transaction quite bone fide and the complaint may have been activated by business jealousy.

Mr. Shears referred to the transaction as it concerned the Custodian. He stated that the property was assessed for \$1,070.--, that it had been appraised by Mr. W.H. Ansell on the 12th April 1944 for \$1,000.-- and that as a result of advertising and calling for tenders

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Complaint re Moryson and Anderson, Continued.

the following were received: From Mr. G. Davison \$1,300.11 the Corner of 8th Avenue and the Broadway Road, Astoria. The circumstances of this purchase Mr. Anderson said that when they became aware that Mr. Guest desired to sell they negotiated with him and agreed to purchase for the sum of \$2,000.

Mr. Menzies stated that Mr. H.A. Guest was a Druggist. He believed that he became disgusted in the efforts required to get possession of the property he had bought from the Custodian and finally changed his plans. Mr. Menzies understood that the Maple Ridge Motors had bought the property from Mr. Guest for \$2,000. Mr. Menzies also referred to a Warehouse property which the Committee had previously considered.

Mr. Shears referred to the Minutes. In this case tenders had been received from Mr. White, a client of Mr. Menzies, for \$600.- and from a Mr. Sheppard for \$625.-. As these tenders did not come up to an independent appraisal both parties had been given an opportunity to revise their offers to not less than \$800.-. A revised offer was submitted on behalf of Mr. White for \$806.- and this sale was subsequently approved by the Committee.

The Minutes indicated that Mr. Shears had stated at that time that Mr. Anderson was an employee of the Custodian and was interested in a garage business at Haney. Mr. Sheppard was a representative of the Home Oil and the Maple Ridge Motors had entered into a lease arrangement with the Home Oil and required a shed for additional storage space. However, Mr. White's offer was accepted by the Custodian.

At this point it was decided to call in Messrs. W.E. Anderson and J. Moryson. Mr. Shears stated briefly that he had asked them to attend, not to face any specific charge, as such did not exist, but that as some question had been raised which Mr. Craikshank thought he might be required to put on the Order Paper, Dr. Coleman had asked the Committee, on behalf of the Custodian, to have an interview with them. Judge Whiteside asked if they would state whether they were in possession of any property formerly owned by Japanese. Mr. Anderson

Complaint re Moryson and Anderson, continued.

Mr. Menzies agreed that there was nothing unusual in such a increase. Mayor Mott also instanced cases within his knowledge.

Anderson and Moryson were positive that this was the only real estate which they had purchased which at anytime had had any Japanese interest and that their transaction was an ordinary fair purchase of a property belonging to a white person with whom they had no previous knowledge and for a fair market consideration.

Messrs. Anderson and Moryson indicated that apart from their financial interest in the Maple Ridge Motors that at the present time they were not personally carrying on its operations.

Mayor Mott asked where Reeve Mussallem's garage was situated in relation to their property and Mr. Anderson replied that Reeve Mussallem's was an old established business situated on the opposite corner.

The question was asked if they had bought any Japanese chattels. Mr. Anderson replied that at an auction held at Haney he had arranged for a party to bid on a hot plate and a sewing machine. The hot plate was secured for \$19.- and the sewing machine, which was incomplete, for \$45.-. In his opinion this represented all that these items were worth and were purchased in open competition. Mr. Anderson stated that he still had these article in his own home.

Apart from this transaction Anderson and Moryson declared that they had not purchased or resold any Japanese property whatsoever.

Judge Whiteside thanked Messrs. Anderson and Moryson for attending and stated that no specific complaint had been made and in his opinion on the basis of what had been disclosed there should be no adverse criticism and there was no apparent justification for pursuing the matter further.

The Committee fully concurred and Judge Whiteside asked Mr. Shears to report to Dr. Coleman that in the opinion of the Committee there was no evidence to indicate that the conduct of Anderson and Moryson in handling Japanese affairs required any further investigation.



House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, May 3rd, 1946.

Mr. K.W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodia,
Department of the Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

Dear Mr. Wright,

In reply to your letter of May 1st, I regret that my previous letter was inadvertently sent to Haney, B.C., also that I was unable to give you any definite information regarding the complaint until today. I have now been advised that the following transfers of property took place.

Secretary of State to
Harry Alfred Guest
July 1944

\$1350.

Harry Alfred Guest to
Jack W. Maryson
Reginald D. Richardson
William E. Anderson

\$2000.

Jack W. Maryson

Reginald D. Richardson
William E. Anderson

(North half Only to
Frederick T. Hutchenson

\$2450.

It would appear from this that the transaction while it no doubt is perfectly legal, yet it certainly does not look well on the surface when these three gentlemen purchased the property from Mr. Guest that apparently had a value of \$4900., as well, they paid Mr. Guest, whoever he is, \$2000. for the total piece of land that they were able to sell the North half for \$2450.

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It is suggested that another deal has been made on the 29th Road in Maple Ridge Municipality with the same principals involved of a 15 acre farm with a seven room house, the price is said to be one third its value.

I have no desire to air any unjust complaints, but at the same time have a duty to report them when the facts are given as outlined above by a respective citizen of the Municipality.

Yours very truly,

George Crickshank

George Crickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 1, 1946.

E. G. Sheers, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Sheers:

Referring to our communication of the 18th ultimo
please find enclosed copy of a letter received from Mr. George
Cruikshank, M.P. under date of April 16th.

I spoke to Dr. Coleman about this matter today and
he is of the opinion that in view of Mr. Cruikshank's request
you should arrange to have Messrs. W. E. Anderson, Roland M.
Anderson and J. Moryson appear before the Rural Advisory Com-
mittee in order that they may be questioned by members of the
Committee in regard to any personal dealings with Japanese assets
which have been sold. I would suggest the members of the Committee
should question these men also in regard to dealings with these
assets through third parties.

It would be appreciated if you would bring this to the
attention of the Committee with the least possible delay in order
that a report may be forwarded to Mr. Cruikshank.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

STAFF - Vancouver Office

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 1, 1946.

George Cruickshank, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

Your communication of the 16th ultimo was addressed to me to Port Haney, B.C., received by Mr. Shears, Director of our Vancouver Office, and has just reached me.

In accord with your suggestion I am sending a letter to Mr. Shears asking him to arrange that W. E. Anderson, Roland M. Anderson and J. Moryson attend an early meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Judge Whiteside in order that they may be examined in regard to any personal dealings had with Japanese assets.

As soon as the report of the Advisory Committee is received I will get in touch with you.

I have already explained that every member of the staff in Vancouver is conversant with the office rule that there are to be no personal dealings and that the penalty for breach is dismissal. Mr. Shears has assured me that up to the present time no suggestion of any kind has come to his attention that these fieldmen may have acted in the manner suggested.

Yours very truly,

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K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
29th April, 1946.

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed was handed to me today by William Anderson. He received it from the Post Office at Haney.

As the envelope indicated that it was from Mr. Cruikshank, in view of your confidential letter of the 18th instant, I took the liberty of opening the envelope and have kept a copy of Mr. Cruikshank's letter. You will likely acknowledge this letter and I will await your instructions.

There is still not anything specific mentioned which one might investigate. You are aware that we have had in our employ two Andersons Roland M. Anderson and William E. Anderson, who are brothers. The letter does not indicate which one was referred to. Roland left our employ on the 31st July last.

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Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

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STAFF - VANCOUVER OFFICE



House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, April 16th, 1946.

Mr. K.W. Wright,
Custodian Japanese Property,
PORT HANNEY, B.C.

Dear Mr. Wright,

Further to my conversation of this morning regarding the activities of your custodian Messrs. Morrison and Anderson of the Haney District, I would appreciate being informed if these gentlemen have been directly, or indirectly been permitted to purchase any of the assets, real or personal of the Japanese evacuees.

It has been suggested that I ask before the House if the activities of these gentlemen has not been activated to their interest, and from my conversation you welcome the idea of an investigation before the proper authorities and I would appreciate if a check up was made in this connection.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

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Victoria Building,
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April 18th, 1946.

F. C. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

*R. Anderson
+ Moryson*

Dear Mr. Shears:

I spent upwards of half an hour on the telephone with Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P. yesterday and in that time persuaded him not to put one or two questions on the Order Paper.

He called me to find out about certain deals with the Director, Veterans Land Act, and complained that excessive prices were being charged returned men. I told him that we had nothing to do with this and that the parcels in the valley and elsewhere had been disposed of in order that returned men might have the benefit. I also explained that as I understood the situation, the Department were subdividing some of the larger parcels, moving certain buildings to the unimproved sections and naturally would be put to some expense which the soldier purchaser would have to meet. He agreed that our policy of sale to the Director, Veterans Land Act, was excellent inasmuch as these lands were not available to the returned men would have to compete with the general public.

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Yours very truly,

KWW/MEM

K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian.

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Ottawa, April 17, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

The original of this communication has not yet been mailed. I would appreciate your views as to the wisdom of bringing the matter before the Director of the Vancouver Office at this stage.

This is the matter I wanted to speak to you about yesterday but unfortunately when you were here, I was conferring with officials in External Affairs.

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright

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