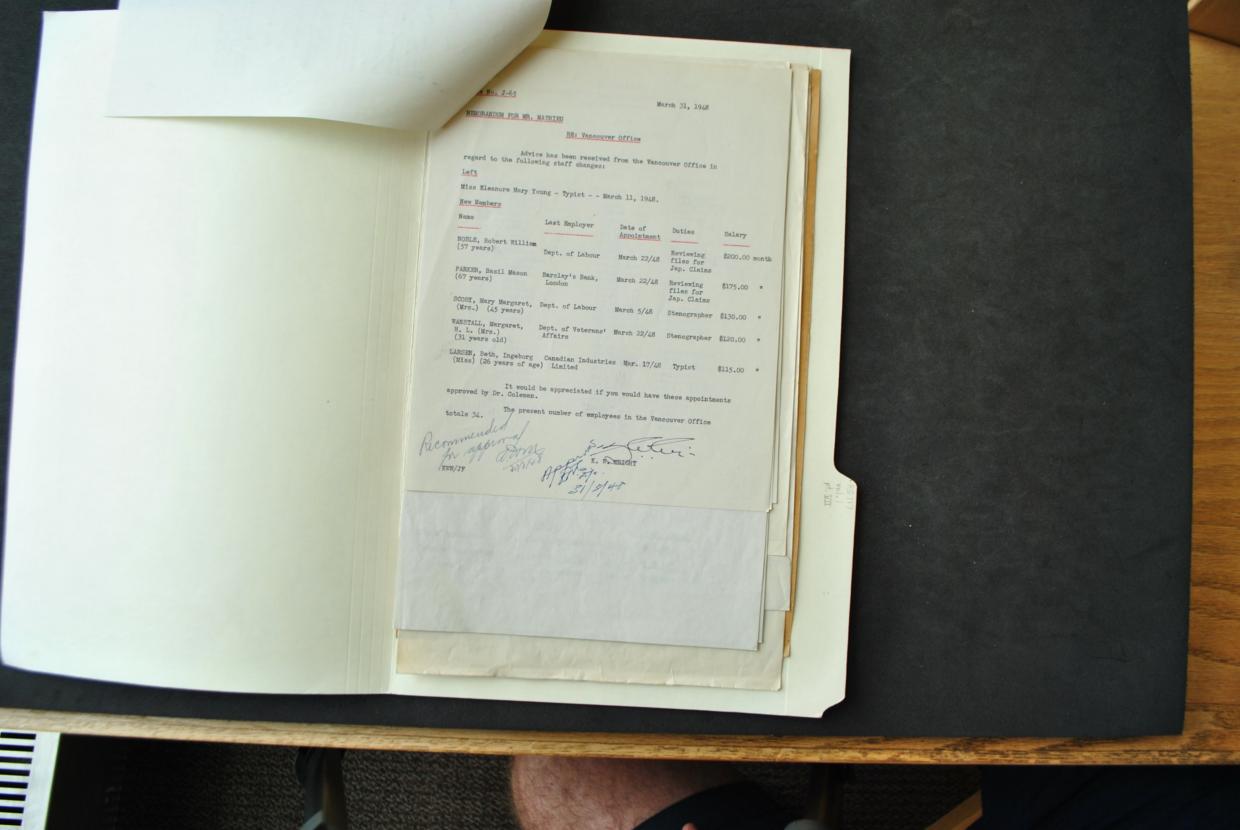
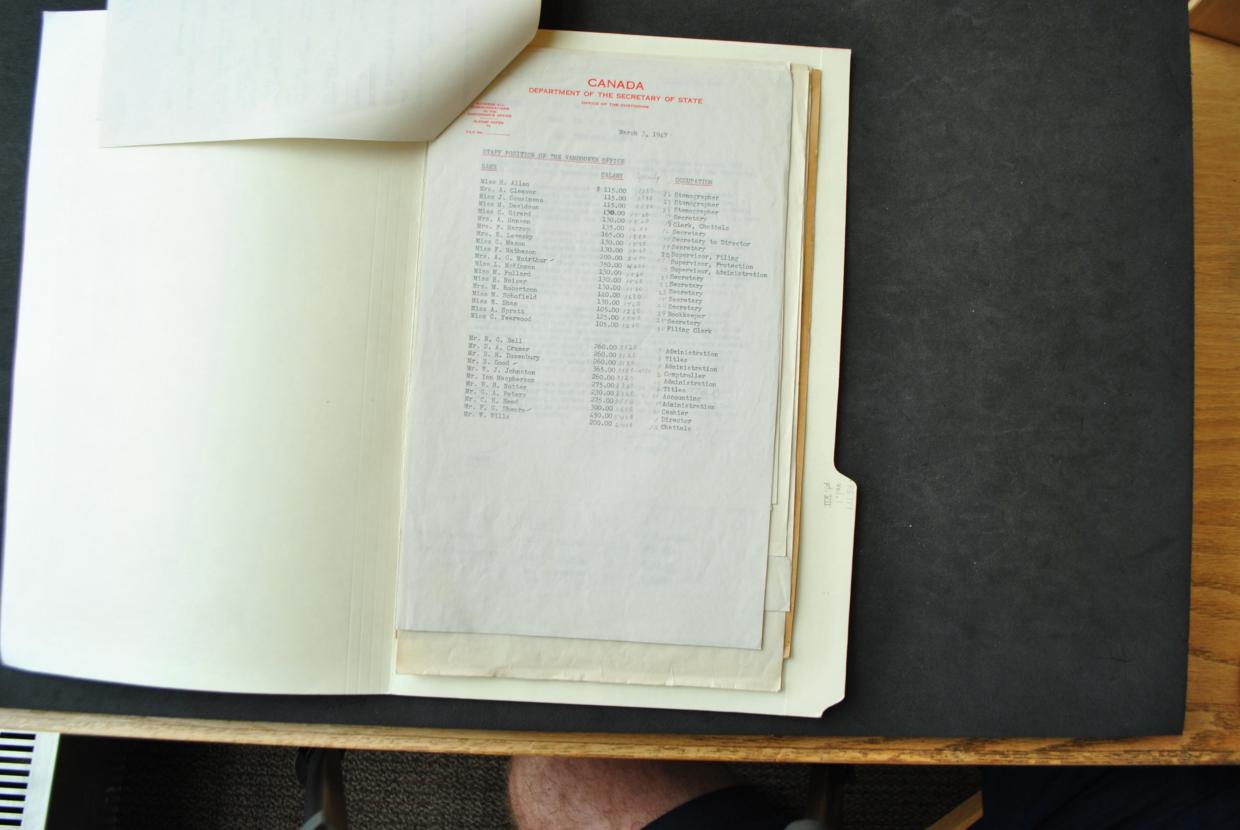
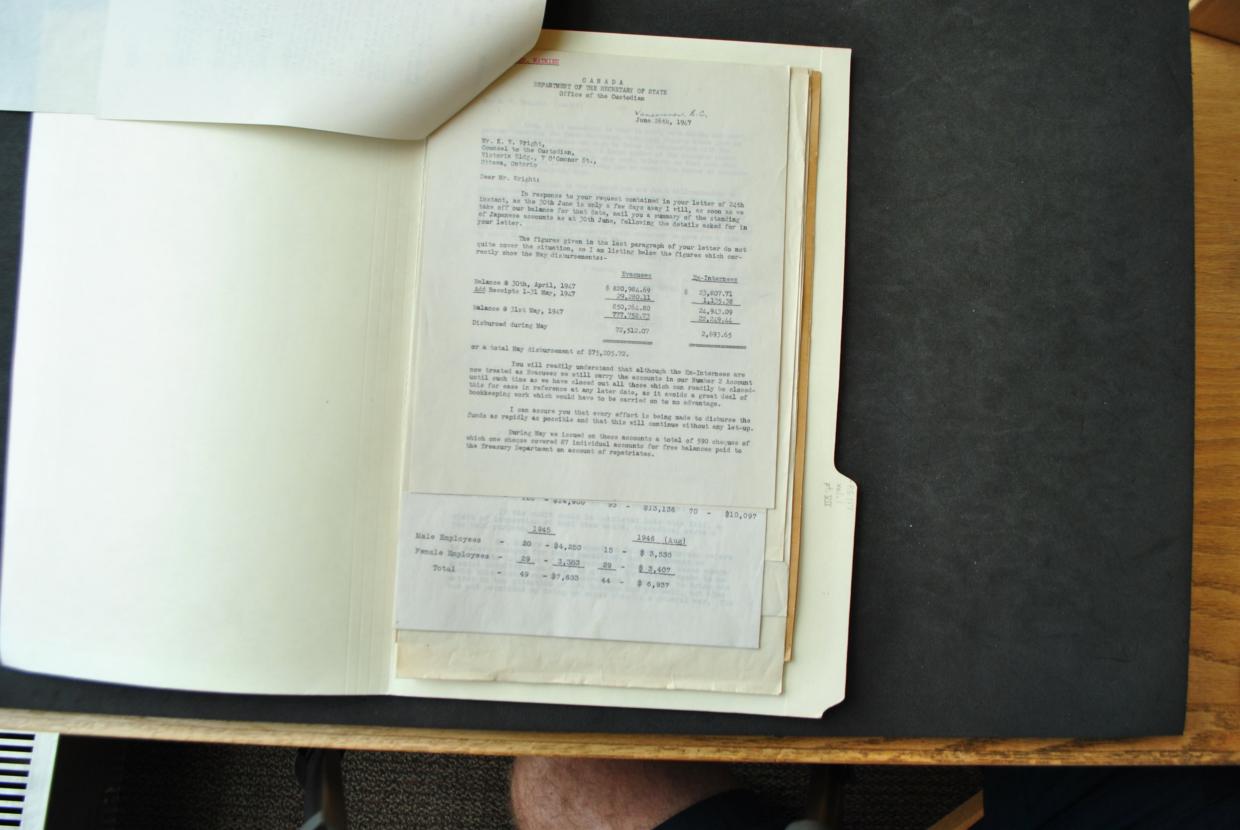


AHM/L Ottawa, May 19th, 1948. PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL F. G. Shears, Esq., Director, Office of the Custodian, Royal Bank Bullding, Vancouver, B. C. Dear Mr. Shears:-I am pleased to inform you that the Minister has finally approved an adjustment of salary for be retroactive to October 1st, 1947. you to instruct Mr. Good to issue adjustment cheques immediately as follows:-F. G. Shears Present \$5,400.00 B. Good 4,380.00 4,800.00 Mrs. A. G. McArthur I would also suggest that the income that each of you will not be faced with a bulk amount to be paid at the end of the year, due to he fact that you are going to receive revenue in this year that really belongs to last year. This is a suggestion made by Dr. Coleman. 4,200.00 Yours sincerely, A. H. MATHIEU Assistant Deputy Custodian

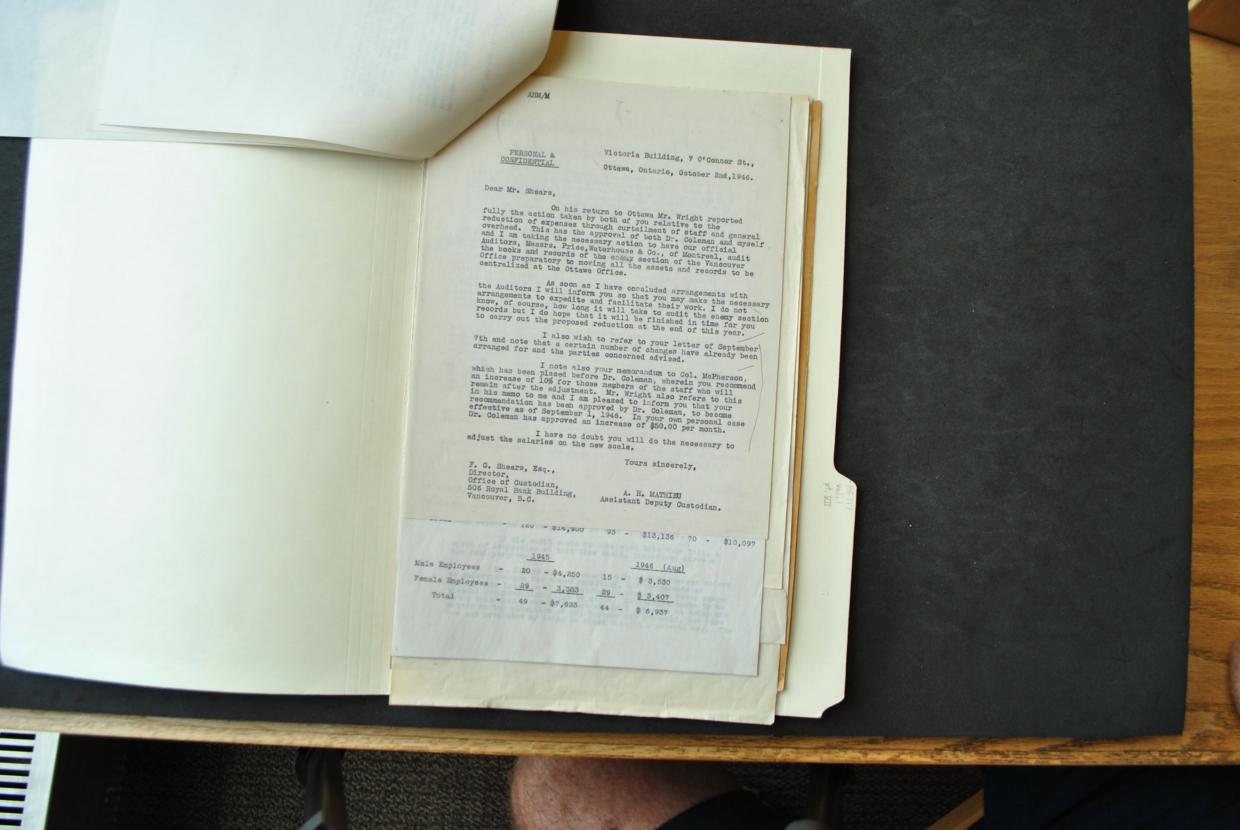


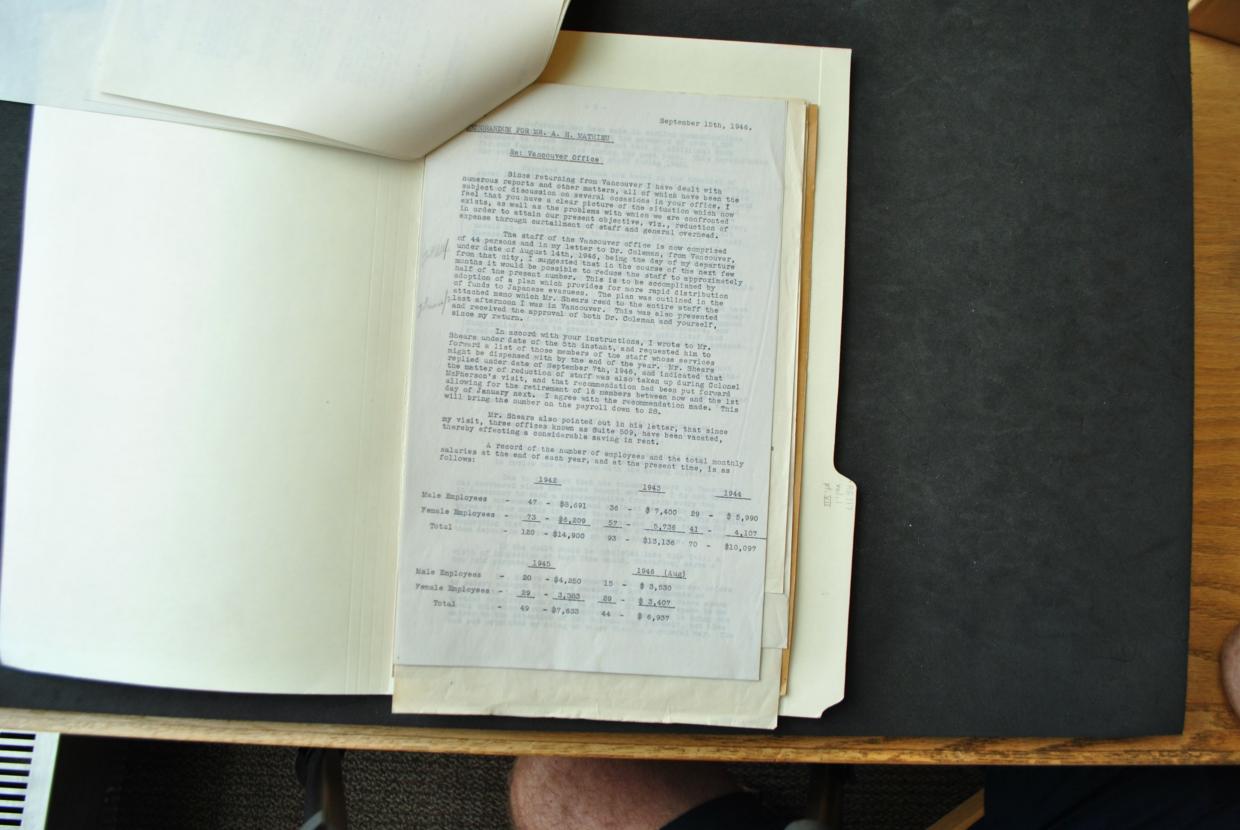


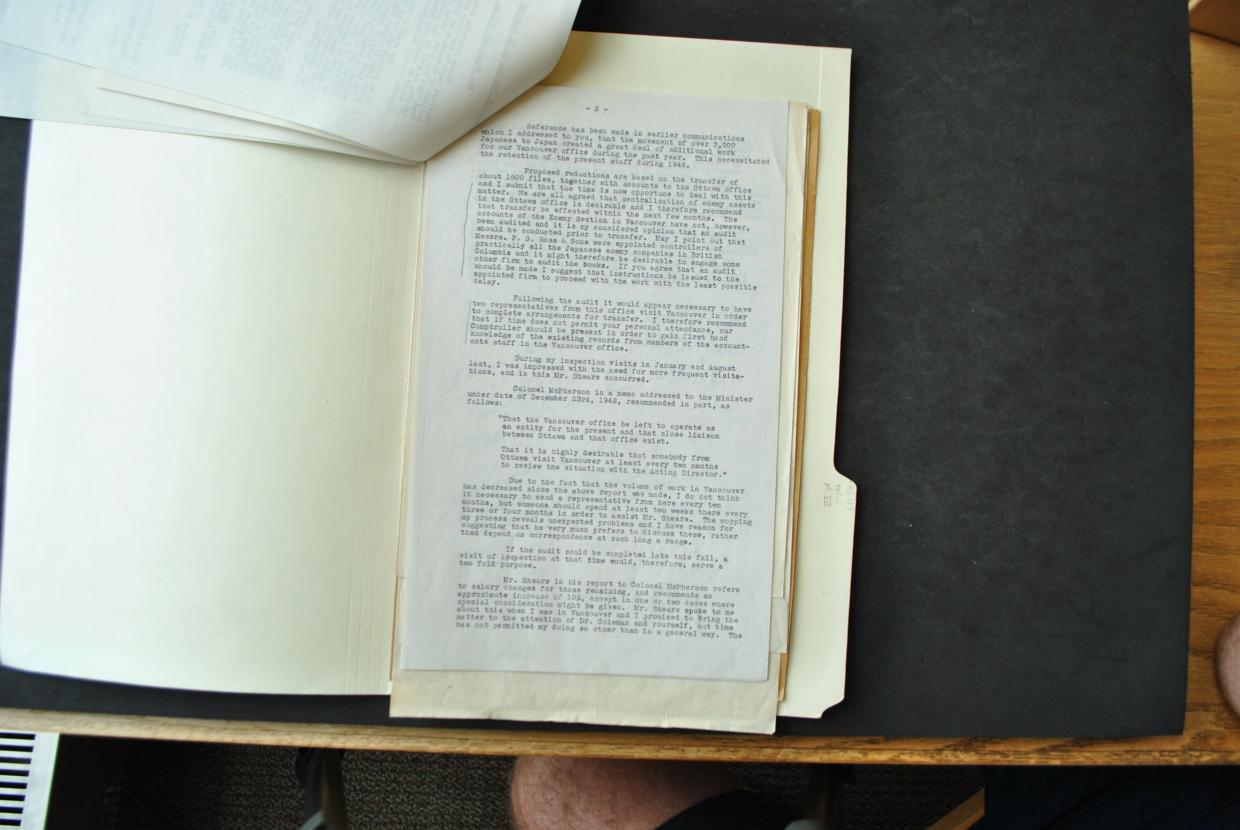
. J-65 October 12, 1946 MEMORANDUM TO: MR. A. H. MATHIEU FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT RE: Vancouver Office I return Mr. Shears' letter of the 7th instant in order that you may advise him as to the arrangements made for audit by the Vancouver Branch of the Price, Materhouse Firm. Mr. Shears suggests that only files pertaining to property handled by Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons should be transferred to Ottawa. I of Japan should come here, as many were not dealt with by Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, but were handled by the Enemy Section itself. As to Internees, it would also appear advisable to transfer all files and ledger accounts which were not transferred to the Evacuee Section. Many were completed by the Enery Section, and for this reason it tion of such cases. These are matters which may be dealt with, however, completion of the advintation of the audit. I do not feel that it is possible to iron out means to you under date of September 15th, 1946. When I was in Vancouver, arrangements were made to have Mr. Sheppard proceed with the formal winding-up of 30 or more Companies, and you will recall that I sent down the necessary formal orders, which on progress have as yet been received, but if these matters were attended to promptly, this work should be well under way now and, for the most to promptly, this work should be well under way now and, for the most speeded up in order that transfer of all enemy assets to Ottawa may be seffected by the end of this year. If there are any Ottawa cases in the Vancouver Office which may not come under the head of current matters, all such should be the series of the series and losed out by the Vancouver Office. These files and ledger accounts should also be sent to Ottawa, when the K. W. WRIGHT 1945 Mele Employees - 20 - \$4,250 15 - \$ 3,530 1946 (Aug) Female Employees - 29 - 3,383 29 - \$ 3,407 - 49 - \$7,633 44 - \$ 6,937 



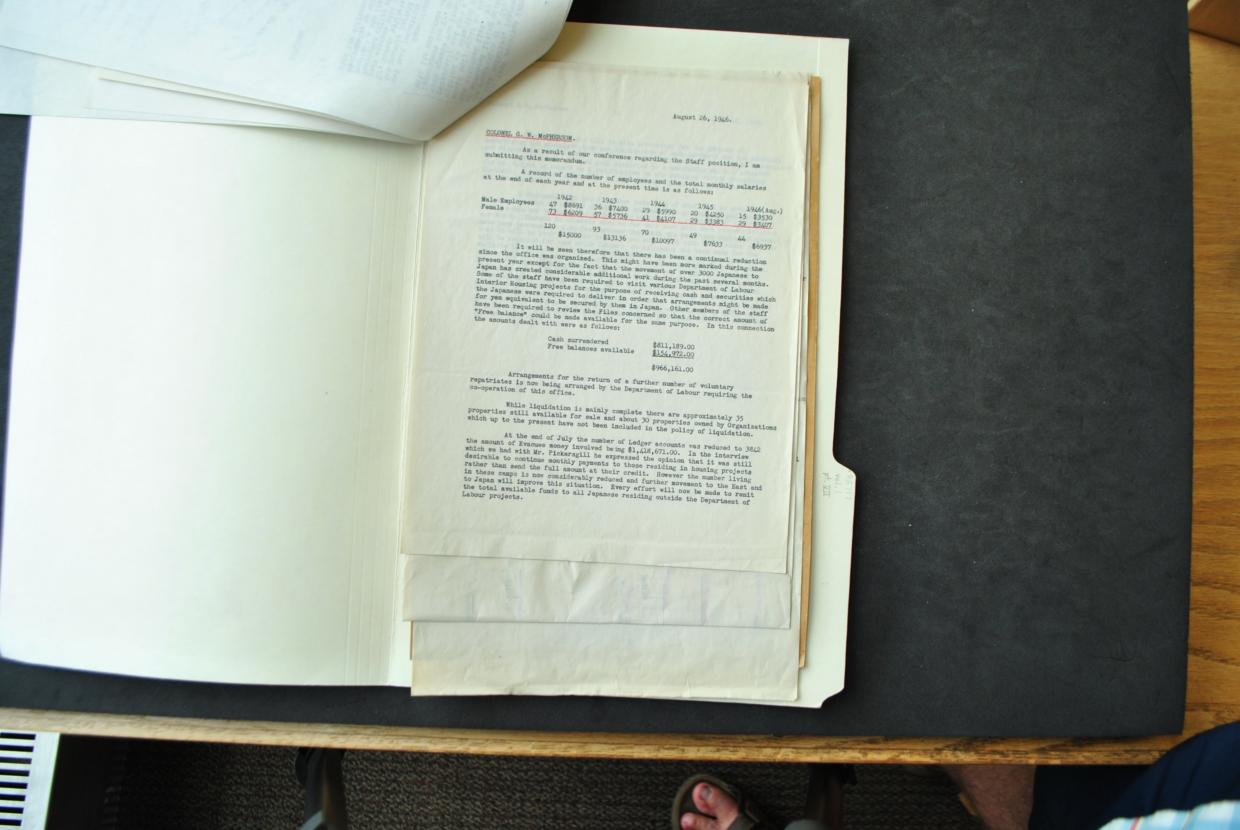
Mr. K. W. Wright: (cont'd) Also, it is necessary to bear in mind, when making any com-parison regarding the funds disbursed, that Cach figures alone give no indication of performance but must be taken in conjunction with the number of accounts closed out. A large number of the accounts closed out in May comprised those with very small balances so that even when closed may be relatively high. In addition to the figures you ask for I will endeavour to give you some additional information: Approximately 90 chaques have so individual accounts; these show up in the 'obal balance at approximately \$24,000.00. Certain accounts are being paid out in monthly payments only, at the request of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division. I have not to cover these two items after 90th June. Trusting the above is satisfactory to you, I remain, Yours very truly, "B. GOOD" B. Good Comptroller BG: BR - 120 - \$14,900 93 - \$13,136 70 - \$10,097 1945 Male Employees - 20 - \$4,250 15 - \$ 3,530 1946 (Aug) Pemale Employees - 29 - 3,383 29 - \$ 3,407 Total - 49 - \$7,633 44 - \$ 6,937 The second secon







malary list received from Mr. Shears a few days ago discloses initial salaries, increases and present salaries. I consider of auggestion of a 10% increase very reasonable in the light of average and present salaries paid, as some on each of along costs and the salaries paid, as some on would only apply to those who are to be retained. In my personally and that a shear to be retained. In my personally and that a higher award should be granted. Mr. Shears work speaks for itself and I consider it most fortunate that the with its multitude of contentious and at times vexatious problems. Summarizing curtailment of expense plans may I point out that reductions to conform to the attached chart will bring Mr. Shears estimates a saving of roughly \$1,900.00. In addition and value of the reductions and next month's returns from the Provided a low increase is granted to the exact amount, who remain, we will still effect a monthly saving of \$1,400.00 plus the difference in rental outlay. KWW/MEM I dis eveny rection in value water out metaratory to wring to and



olonel G.W. McPherson August 26, 1946. A review of every file is also proceeding for the purpose of summarising the administration and liquidation of each property and the handling by actual experience. I drew your attention to a measurandum which I prepared for Mr. Bright in regard to a modification in the detailed review concerning Chattels. If this is adopted it is expected that progress in closing files 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 so far only been made when responsibilities 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 employment. Even for those resanding 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 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. 



