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Ottawa, August 8, 1947.

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Honourable Colin Gibson, M.P.,
Secretary of State,
Cabinet Committee on Japanese Questions,
East Block,
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My dear Colleague:

I attach for your information, copy
of statement showing the present location of Japanese
in Canada with a break-down indicating the precise
location of those who are in British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

REMARKS:

It can be noted that there were no births and only 1 death
reported in British Columbia during July 1947.

Number of repatriates returned to Japan still remains at
5,961.

NAME *Jakovic, Dept. of*
Assembly in September file 1-88 x 1-96.

Vancouver, B.C.
July 31st, 1947.

JAPANESE POPULATION IN THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Interior Housing Project

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New Denver	Adults	115	131	66		310		
New Denver Sanatorium	Children			151		151	461	
Rosebery	Adults	15	11	38		62	64	
	Children	10	26	6		42	53	578
Other Points	Adults	1134	722	1205	2	4 3067	4787	4787
	Children	10		1710		1720		
Non-Evacuees	Adults	272	89	212	8	581	863	863
	Children			282		282		
Miscellaneous	Juvenile Detention Home			1		1	1	
	Essondale Mental Hospital	20	6	16		42	44	
	Adults			2		2	1	
	Children	1		1		1	1	
Prince Rupert	Mission Prison Farm			1		1	1	
	Oakalla Prison		2	8		10	12	
	Vancouver			2		2		
	Provincial Deaf & Dumb School			1		1	1	
	Intermarriages Inside Area				29	29	29	90

TOTAL JAPANESE IN B.C. 1575 987 3715 2 41 6318 6318 6318

SUMMARY OF JAPANESE RECORDED IN CANADA

Japanese Resident in British Columbia	1575	987	3715	2	41	6318	6318
Japanese in Prairie & Eastern Provinces as of April 30/47	2904	1538	9721	11	66	14240	
Transfers from British Columbia since April 30/47	42	30	58			130	20688

APPROXIMATE TOTAL JAPANESE IN CANADA 4519 2555 13494 15 107 20688 20688

REMARKS:

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J. Peter's Seminary
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
April 27, 1945.

St. Peter's Seminary,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of April 25th and regret that this department is unable to answer most of the questions asked since they relate to the work of the British Columbia Security Commission which is under the Department of Labour.

Insofar as questions 3 and 4 are concerned, these relate to the Custodian's work and the answer to the first one is that the property left in the Protected Area is being liquidated and the answer to the other is that the proceeds of the liquidation are available to the Japanese evacuees.

I suggest that for the answers to the other questions you write to the Department of Labour.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMCP/PC.

NAME
Jabbar, Rept. of.
Jabbar's file 1-88 x 1-96.
Sincerely, Dr. Jabbar

St. Peter's Seminary
London, Canada



April 25, 1945.

Office of
Custodian of Alien Property,
Dominion Government,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to secure some information regarding the evacuation and re-location of the Japanese who are Canadian citizens. I shall set down the questions which I would like answered:

1. What sort of housing and maintenance was provided in the camps to which they were sent?
2. What was the nature of the educational facilities provided?
3. What is being done with the property they left behind in Vancouver or elsewhere?
4. Are the owners of such property able to obtain the money realised from its sale?
5. Is it true that single men and single women over 16 are not provided with maintenance in the camps?
6. What work are they eligible for if they re-locate in the East? Are those who re-locate allowed to buy any kind of property?

If your office can answer these questions, or provide me with any bulletins or publications or refer me to any government publication which will answer them, I shall be very grateful.

Very truly yours,

E. Durand
(Rev.) A. Durand.

NAME *Jakob, Rev. J.*
Presently in Professor's file 1-88 x 1-96.

Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 31, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Payments to Japanese

I have your letter of March 29th but feel that you should continue your policy of remitting total amounts to Japanese who move from interior housing settlements.

Even though such Japanese may subsequently be repatriated to Japanese under the proposal for their repatriation, the funds are, apparently, going to be made available to them in any event, and if they are repatriated during the war, the necessary control would be exercised to see that they do not take their assets out of Canada.

Yours very truly,

G. W. MacPherson
Executive Assistant

GMMGP/FC.

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Assembly Mr. MacPherson's files 1-88 x 1-96.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th March, 1945.

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

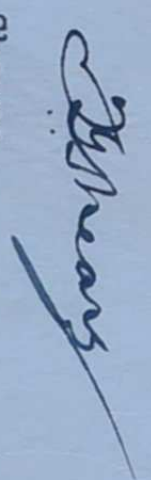
Re: Payments to Japanese

As you are aware, under our present policy upon the request of any Japanese residing outside of Interior Housing Settlements, this office is prepared to remit the total amount available at his credit.

In view of the recent move to secure an expression of opinion from all Japanese in regard to the matter of repatriation, I am wondering whether if they indicated their wish to be repatriated this would have any bearing on our present policy with regard to the release of their total funds at the present time.

You might kindly give this matter some consideration and let me have your advice.

Yours very truly,


F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

NAME Shears, F.G., Dir.
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Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
June 19th, 1944

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Eijiichi YAMADA - Deceased

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th instant.

The B. C. Security Commission reported on this case last April and asked us to protect their interests. We requested the Public Trustee of Ontario to investigate and on the 10th of May, 1944, they reported as follows:

"We have made an investigation of this matter and find that the insurance policy amounting to \$2,000.00, the death benefit amounting to \$100.00 and the balance due on sick benefits amounting to \$47.00 are all payable either to the deceased's mother or to his sister and that none of them can be collected by an Administrator for the purpose of paying debts, etc.

The deceased's employers, Canada Packers, Limited have been instructed to communicate with you as to the handing over of the funds.

It does not appear that there is anything further that we can do but if we can be of assistance in any way please call upon us".

Following this the B. C. Security Commission obtained the direction referred to in our letter to you under date of the 15th instant. We will now have the Commission obtain a similar direction addressed to the Public Trustee of Ontario, and in this way stay clear of the matter as you suggest.

Yours truly,


K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

NAME Yabara, Dept. of
Personally Mr. Yabara's files 1-88 x 1-96.

Victoria Building,
701 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 17, 1944.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: MICHIO YAMADA, Deceased

I have your letter of June 15th.

In view of the fact that this party was released from the internment camp and was subsequently employed by Canada Packers, I do not think the Custodian should interfere in any way with the administration of his estate but assume that the Public Trustee in Toronto will administer the estate and will recognize the request of the beneficiaries to pay \$200.00 to the British Columbia Security Commission. I think we should stay clear, if possible, of matters of this kind.

I can appreciate that you may consider that while this party was originally interned, possibly in British Columbia, he was also an evacuee but it does not appear that property rights he had in a group insurance could be considered in any sense of the work to be property in the Protected Area because it did not even exist at the time of his internment or evacuation.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMCP/FC.

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June 15th, 1944

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Elichi YAMADA, Deceased

Dear Mr. McPherson:

The above named was released from the Internment Camp on the 9th of November, 1942. He was employed with Canada Packers Limited, Toronto, from April, 1943, until October 28th, 1943, at which time he became ill and was confined to the hospital until his death on February 29th, 1944. The deceased was covered by Group Insurance, namely Canada Packers Pension Fund Society, in the sum of \$2,000.00, payable to his mother or sister.

The British Columbia Security Commission advised that the parents of the deceased are on maintenance and requested us to protect their claim amounting to \$200.00 upwards, and have submitted letter of authority, signed by the parents, instructing the Custodian to proceed with the settlement of the estate.

Before Canada Packers Limited will release any money, releases must be obtained from Dominion and Provincial Succession Duty and we wish to engage a firm of solicitors in Toronto to obtain the releases, which will include one from the province of Ontario. Will you be good enough to advise the name of a firm you would like us to retain in this connection.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
15th February, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Payments to Japanese.

Referring to yours of the 5th instant, I am attaching
a copy of my letter to Mr. Collins and a Memorandum to our
Administration Department.

You will see from this the policy we will be adopting
in regard to the release of funds. It places responsibility on
the British Columbia Security Commission, especially in regard
to whether a rehabilitation fund is maintained. I presume that
this will meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,

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

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Jabbar, Dept. of
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12th February, 1944.

George Collins Esq.,
The British Columbia Security Commission,
Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. G W. McPherson in which herefers to some recommendations made by the Royal Commission, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jackson, in regard to payments to Japanese. The quotation is as follows:

- "(a) That when any Japanese person with his dependents becomes established outside of the Interior Settlements, that all his liquid assets be released to him on request.
- (b) That the present policy of retaining liquid assets as a rehabilitation fund in the amounts already established for those persons who are resident in the Interior Settlements be continued.
- (c) That where a Japanese resident in the Interior Settlements has liquid assets that these be distributed to the owner as and when the Commissioner of Japanese Placement may decide."

I think that we are in agreement as to this matter and I have written a Memorandum to our Administration Department outlining our policy and the routine to be adopted. I think it desirable that this arrangement should be fully understood and agreed upon. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the memorandum referred to and would be glad if you will acknowledge and confirm the arrangements as far as your organization is concerned.

Yours truly,

(signed) F.G. Shears.

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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

February 14, 1945.

British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

I attach herewith original letter received from
Showa Shoya Brewing Company of Denver, Colorado, and have
advised this firm that their letter is being forwarded to
your Commission for attention.

Yours very truly,

G.W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMCP/EC.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
February 14, 1945.

Showa Shoyu Brewing Company,
1917 Lawrence Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of February 9th has been received.

The British Columbia Security Commission has
charge of the purchasing for the various interior camps
where Japanese are located and your letter has been for-
warded to them.

Yours very truly,

GMMCF/EC.

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

SHOWA SHOYU BREWING COMPANY

Enemy Custodian
Interned Japanese
Ottawa, Canada.

Through the Consulate General of New York City, your office has been referred to us, whereby, we may obtain the purchasing department for the internment camp for the Japanese.

Any consideration given to the above matter will be greatly appreciated.

SHOWA SHOYU BREWING CO.

Pro/ss

NAME _____
 Formerly in Johnson's file 1-88 & 1-96.

12th February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: The Administration Department
From: Mr. F. G. Shears.

PAYMENTS TO JAPANESE OF CASH BALANCES.

The position of the Custodian in this matter is that from an Administrative point of view the Custodian is desirous of liquidating all Japanese assets under his control and releasing the net cash balances which remain.

Correspondence in this regard has ensued between the Honourable Norman MacLarty, Secretary of State, and the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Department of Labour. Conferences have also taken place between Mr. George Collins, Commissioner, British Columbia Security Commission, and myself and the matter was also brought under review by a Royal Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jackson.

The final decision in regard to this matter may be stated as follows:

1. Remittances to all Japanese will be made by us contingent upon any recommendation received from the Security Commission.
2. All cheques payable to any Japanese in any locality, together with our covering letter addressed to the Japanese are to be sent to the Security Commission to be forwarded by them without undue delay.
3. Upon the request of any Japanese residing outside of the Interior Housing Settlements, this office is prepared to remit the total amount available at his credit:
 - (a) The possibility of funds being dissipated or secreted by the recipient has not been overlooked but before he could secure relief the Authorities would be aware of his previous financial position and the usual investigation proceedings and affidavits would be made such as would apply to a person of any nationality.
 - (b) The question of whether such Japanese may have left dependents residing in the Interior Housing Settlements will not need to be considered by this office. The full information in this regard is known to the Security Commission and they will consider the matter before forwarding our cheque.
 - (c) If an account of such Japanese having dependents in the Interior Housing Settlements the Security Commission request that funds be retained and used for the maintenance of the dependents, the Administration Department will note such request on the relevant file and the Accounting Department will indicate same in the Ledger Account. It will be in order for the Japanese to be advised the reason that his request for release of all his funds cannot be complied with.

4. Remittances to Japanese residing in Interior Housing Settlements are only to be made in such amounts and at such times as the Security Commission may recommend and if necessary the Japanese may be so advised. Our cheques and covering letters will be sent to the Security Commission to be immediately forwarded by them to the Japanese concerned.

(a) The list of what are termed "Interior Housing Settlements" are as follows:

Tashme
Greenwood
Kasio
Banton
Lemon Creek
New Denver
Slocan (which includes Bay Farm and Popoff Farm)

(b) If the Security Commission should at any time advise us to include any other location in British Columbia we would be guided by their recommendation.

5. There is a provision under which an amount of \$260.00 for each adult and \$50.00 for each dependent may be retained to the credit of any Japanese for the purpose of providing funds for rehabilitation.

(a) This office will not be responsible for carrying out this policy. We are not aware of all the liquid assets owned by Japanese nor of the number of dependents he may have. The Security Commission will advise us at any time they are not prepared to recommend the release of any funds we have on hand or they will definitely advise us to retain a stated amount to the credit of any particular Japanese for the purpose of rehabilitation.

(b) Any specific request from a Japanese desiring us to retain the sum allowed as a rehabilitation fund or such part of it as may be retaining to his credit would be observed by this office after referring the request to the Security Commission for their recommendation.

6. In order that the Security Commission may be aware of the cash position of any Japanese to whom funds are being sent, our covering letter should indicate the cash balance remaining to the credit of the Japanese. If for any reason it is not desirable to make this statement in the covering letter the Security Commission should be notified by Memorandum of the cash balance being held.

7. The present Memorandum only concerns cash balances as they may exist from time to time. The Security Commission with all the known facts may be granting relief, or recommending certain monthly payments or advising us to hold certain funds; with the sale of real estate resulting in additional funds being placed to the credit of the Japanese, the Security Commission might then change their policy of relief or amend their recommendation to us in regard to the release of funds.

8. The policy of remitting any money to any Japanese is of course dependent upon his position in relation to his creditors.

(a) In this connection hospital accounts should be considered. Our Claims Department are sometimes able to make compromise settlements. The fact that the use of funds for payment of a hospital account might then make it necessary for relief to be granted should not be considered. The burden of unpaid hospital accounts falls upon the Province and the matter of relief maintenance



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Secretary of State

Ottawa, December 30, 1943.

My dear Colleague, -

I have your letter of December 29th in reference to the distribution of liquid assets of persons of the Japanese race resident in the Interior Settlements of British Columbia, and wish to thank you for your suggestions in reference thereto.

I am asking the Commission to give consideration to this matter and to let us have the benefit of their recommendations thereon.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas J. McLeod
Minister of Labour.

The Honourable Norman A. McLarty,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

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Labaree, Dept. of

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Ottawa, December 29, 1943.

My dear Colleague,-

I have discussed with senior officers in the Custodian's Office your letter of the 22nd instant concerning the liquid assets held by the Custodian in trust for persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the defence areas of British Columbia.

As I am sure you will appreciate, I do not wish, as Custodian, to have under my charge longer than may be found necessary the property of these people.

I am, therefore, pleased that your Department agrees that, in respect of Japanese who are living on a self-supporting basis outside the Interior Housing Units administered by your Department in British Columbia, there is no reason why the assets should not be delivered to the owners.

While we should also like to get rid of the property of the Japanese who are in the Interior Housing Settlements, I am prepared to defer decision on this point until the Commission presently at work submits its report. In case they should make any recommendations or suggestions on the point. I shall, of course, consider with you and, if it appears necessary, with my other colleagues what effect, if any, should be given to recommendations or suggestions made by the Commission on the subject.

I have considered your suggestion that I might wish to suggest the name of another person to be added to the Commission. It appears, however, that the Commission

has ---

The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
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has already been constituted and is at work and I do not think the public interest requires that I should nominate another Commissioner. On the other hand, the officials of the Custodian's Office at Vancouver, which is under the direction of F. G. Shears, will be very glad to furnish the Commission with any information it may desire to have in respect to the disposition which has been made of the property of the evacuated Japanese. Mr. Shears arrived here from Vancouver last night and I had the advantage of hearing his views this morning. He will return to Vancouver during the early part of next week and you may think it well to suggest that the Chairman or Secretary of the Commission get in touch with him at his offices in the Royal Bank Building.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary of State and Custodian.

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John, Dept. of

Respectfully in reference to file 1-88 x 1-96.

I would appreciate your advice in connection with this matter at your earliest opportunity.

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Yours sincerely,

The Honourable
Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa.

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Strenuously for Japanese file 1-88 x 1-96.

Ottawa, December 24th, 1943.

Honourable James A. Macleary,
 Secretary of State,
 Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Colleagues:

I have your letter of December 22nd relative to the liquid assets held by the Custodian in trust for the Japanese.

I will discuss this matter with the officials of the Custodian's branch at once and will advise you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable
 Humphrey Mitchell,
 Minister of Labour,
 Ottawa.

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Ottawa, December 22, 1943.

 OFFICE OF THE
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 Honourable Norman A. McLaury,
 Secretary of State,
 West Block,
 Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Colleague:

The Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property has raised, in correspondence with this Department, the question of future policy with respect to the release of liquid assets held by the Custodian in trust for the Japanese.

Insofar as this concerns Japanese who are living on a self-supporting basis outside the Interior Housing Settlements administered by this Department, in British Columbia, no question arises and there appears to be no reason why the assets in such instance should not be turned over to this group of Japanese as the Custodian finds himself in a position to do so.

The Commissioner of Japanese Placement, however, who is in charge of the Interior Housing Settlements advises that he would like to have the present policy continued whereby the release of funds to Japanese resident in the settlements or whose families are resident in the settlements, should be subject to control so that large amounts of money will not be placed in the hands of these persons without the concurrence of the Commissioner and that the funds so released should pass through the office of the Commissioner for record purposes. The arguments in favour of following this policy are:

Firstly, that it is in the interests of the Japanese in the settlements to conserve their cash assets pending permanent relocation elsewhere;

Secondly, that it is not conducive to the administration of the settlements that the Japanese

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therein should have large sums of money on hand;

Thirdly, that a policy of control over the release of funds to Japanese in the settlements would be conducive to their movement elsewhere;

Fourthly, that this control over funds is helpful in the determination of the amount of maintenance which will be provided by the Department for such Japanese.

On the other hand, it is realized that the withholding of funds in such circumstances may furnish a further basis of complaint from the Japanese who have made a strong protest against the disposition of their assets by the Custodian.

As you are no doubt aware, a Commission has recently been appointed, on my recommendation, to inquire into the present provision for maintenance and welfare of Japanese in the Interior Settlements and the policy followed by the Department regarding Japanese to resort to their own assets for maintenance within certain limits and to make recommendations in respect thereto and any further recommendations which the Commission may consider it advisable to make in regard to the welfare of the Japanese in these settlements.

This Commission consists of Dr. F. W. Jackson, Deputy Minister of Health and Public Welfare, Province of Manitoba, as Chairman; Dr. G. F. Davidson, Executive Secretary, Canadian Welfare Council, Ottawa; W. R. Bone, Administrator of Social Services, City of Vancouver, B.C.; and Mrs. Mary Sutherland, Revelstoke, B.C.

The Commission was to meet in Vancouver on the 20th instant and will probably be engaged in the inquiry until about the middle of January.

I believe it would be most helpful if the Commission were asked to include in its inquiry and recommendations this matter that has now been raised as to what restrictions should be placed on the release of liquid assets now in the hands of the Custodian to Japanese in the settlements.

If you are in favour of this procedure being

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followed, you may wish to suggest the name of another person to be added to the Commission on your nomination. I would appreciate your further consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Minister of Labour.

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Victoria Building,
701 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
December 2, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Evacuees

I wrote you on October 20th concerning the question of the Custodian releasing to the evacuees the cash balances held by him for their account where there are no claims outstanding. You replied on October 23rd that the matter had been referred to Mr. Collins for comment.

The Custodian would appreciate being advised as to whether or not you have any objection to these balances being released and he is particularly anxious, if you do not object, to release them before the end of the year.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
27th November, 1943.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: J. TANAKA.

In view of the copies of the two letters I wrote to
Mr. Macdennan which I forwarded to you yesterday, you may be
interested in his reply which I have just received from him.

I think it is all to the good that he should thoroughly
understand our position and he appears to have taken it in good
grace.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

November 26, 1943

506 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

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

Attention Mr. Shears

Dear Sir:

Re: J. Tanaka - Your file #10154

We are obliged to you for your letters to us of the 25th instant and for your efforts to assist the Japanese to the best of your ability in keeping with your interpretation of the regulations.

We have nothing but the highest regard for the way your office has been handling numerous matters with which the writer has had to do and we do not wonder that from time to time a difference of opinion between your office and ours does occur. It is only the one member of your staff whom we have previously mentioned, with whom we have ever had any strained relations and we fully believe it is only a passing phase which will resolve itself, and, with a staff the size of yours, it is inevitable the exasperation point must be reached with one or another individual at some time.

We appreciate your advising us of your recent recommendation to Ottawa of reconsideration of the cases where the Japanese have re-moved from interior housing projects and are re-establishing themselves in other parts of Canada, and we appreciate also your advice that you will acquaint us with any change in policy which may be authorized from Ottawa in this connection.

We appreciate also that your office is willing to co-operate to any extent possible, within the limits of the policy under which it is required to function, and almost without exception have met with nothing but courtesy and co-operation from your office.

Yours truly,

Norris & MacLennan

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CANADA
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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
25th November, 1943.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Our problem in regard to the release of funds is a recurring one.

Recently Mrs. McArthur and Mr. MacLennan clashed over the telephone and one or the other hung up before they were through.

For your information the enclosed are a couple of letters I have today written to MacLennan. He is a difficult person of course and doubtless feels some resentment against this office.

I am not worrying about MacLennan's particular request but have you been able to give any further consideration to the question of the total release of funds? It would be of considerable help if we could widen our policy and be prepared to release funds where the need for control has past.

Yours very truly,

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

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25th November, 1943.

Messrs. Morris & MacLennan,
Bank of Nova Scotia Building,
602 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: B. C. Purchasers' Co-Operative Assn.

In view of the fact that I am answering your letter of the 23rd November in reference to the Tanaka matter I think it may be well for me to reply to your letter of the 19th which was addressed for the attention of Mrs. McArthur.

In looking over the file I notice the letter from the British Columbia Security Commission of the 6th October addressed to yourself in which they state:

"As all applications for Japanese to return to the Protected Area on matters of this kind must come from the Office of the Custodian, we would appreciate your getting in touch with that office and they will advise us of their wishes."

You refer to this in your letter of October 13th and I note that you feel that you are being pushed from one office to another in regard to this matter.

If it is not already clear I must definitely state that the granting of permission for Japanese to return to the Protected Area is outside of our jurisdiction and is entirely the prerogative of the British Columbia Security Commission. Moreover, it is not in accord with the policy of this office to request the return of any Japanese. Arrangements have been made in some cases for Japanese to return and on the case being submitted to us we have offered no objection and we can go no further in the present case.

A copy of this letter is going forward to Mr. Eastwood of the British Columbia Security Commission so that there can be no doubt as to our attitude in regard to the question of our policy in connection with this matter.

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Sincerely, Mr. Jabbar, 1000 101

- 2 - 28th November, 1943

In regard to the purpose for which this specific request is made it would appear from our file that the owners of these goods appointed certain members of the Association to arrange for their care and we understand from your letters that you have been acting as their agent.

We can only suggest that it may be in order for you to apply direct to the British Columbia Security Commission for the return of the persons whose presence you feel is necessary and as stated above, if they are prepared to make this arrangement we would offer no objection.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

On account of the letters you are having on behalf of the Japanese in regard to the jurisdiction of this office, it is perhaps inevitable that differing views on our starting premises a divergence of opinion in regard to the question will also occur.

Under the Regulations real estate becomes vested in the Custodian and in the acquisition of real estate the Japanese owner was not able to take it with him, nor could he (apart from the revenue) use its value for any purpose there he now is.

Under our policy we are converting real estate into cash and we are not making all the proceeds immediately available to the owner as he has no other position in regard to this then if the property has remained intact. The same principle applies in the conversion of other assets into cash.

The Custodian viewing a part of the assets in the light of a Japanese war asset that as a broad general policy money should be forwarded to the Japanese owner only in amounts necessary for maintenance requirements and the transfer of large sums merely to place the owner in possession of some return than holding such sums to his credit here is not at the present time the policy of this office.

I do not mind saying that I have just recently recommended to certain representatives of this question and have suggested, especially in those cases where the Japanese has returned from any interior housing project and is now re-establishing himself in other parts of Canada, that providing his assets have been taken care of the funds we are now holding in trust should be released to him.

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Formerly Mr Johnson's files 5-88 x 5-96.

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25th November, 1943

Messrs. Norris & MacLennan,
Bank of Nova Scotia Building,
602 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Jitaro TANAKA

The writer was away from the office yesterday and your letter of the 23rd comes to my attention this morning.

It is unfortunate that any strained relation should have developed between yourself and any member of our staff and I hope it will only be a passing phase which will resolve itself.

On account of the position you are taking on behalf of the Japanese in regard to the jurisdiction of this office, it is perhaps inevitable that differing with our starting premise a divergence of opinion in regard to its operation will also occur.

Under the Regulations real estate becomes vested in the Custodian and in the condition of real estate the Japanese owner was not able to take it with him, nor could he (apart from its revenue) use its value for any purpose where he now is.

Under our policy we are converting real estate into cash and because we are not making all the proceeds immediately available to the owner he is in no worse position in regard to this than if the property had remained unsold. The same principle applies in the conversion of other assets into cash.

The Custodian viewing a part of it duties in the light of a Trustee has ruled that as a broad general policy moneys should be forwarded to the Japanese owner only in amounts necessary for maintenance requirements and the transfer of large sums merely to place the owner in possession of same rather than holding such sums to his credit here is not at the present time the policy of this office.

'do not mind saying that I have just recently recommended to Ottawa a reconsideration of this question and have suggested, especially in those cases where the Japanese has removed from any interior housing project and is now re-establishing himself in other parts of Canada, that providing his debts have been taken care of the funds we are now holding in trust should be released to him.

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I find that no monthly remittance has been made to Tanaka since September and as we are now close to December I am at the present time authorizing the issuance of a cheque for \$300.00 to Tanaka.

You may not agree with this but I hope you will differentiate between any antagonism you may have to the operation of the Custodian's policy and its personnel.

We will continue to make a monthly remittance to Tanaka and if you of it. In the meantime I hope that you will appreciate that this office is willing to co-operate to any extent possible within the limits of the policy under which it is required to function.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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DEPT. MINISTER
OF LABOUR



Ottawa, Ontario,
October 23, 1943.

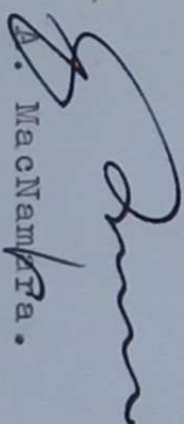
Mr. G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant,
Department of the Secretary of
State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson: Re: Japanese Evacuees

Thanks for your letter of October 20th asking for our comments on your proposals for the handling of monies realized on the liquidation of assets.

Before expressing our views, we have asked for the comments of Mr. Collins, and will get in touch with you when we have heard from him.

Yours very truly,


A. MacNampita.

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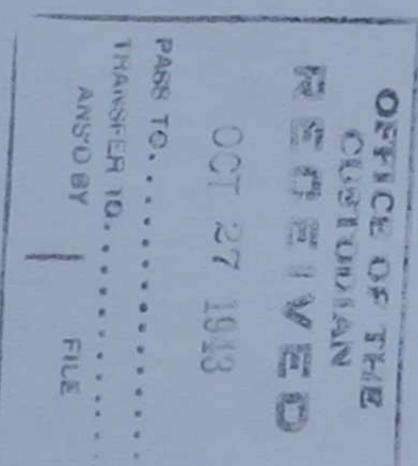
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Ottawa, October 21, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O t t a w a .

On my return to Ottawa I received your letter of the 24th September enclosing for my information Statements of Expenditures on behalf of Japanese, by the Department of Labour and the Department of Mines and Resources for the period April 1 to August 31, 1943.

E. H. Coleman
Under Secretary of State.



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Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
October 20, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Evacuees

The Custodian's policy of liquidation has resulted in credit balances being established for many of the evacuees on the Custodian's books.

Under the Orders in Council the Custodian is in the position of a trustee for the evacuees and he feels that the time has arrived when he cannot consistently refuse to turn over to the Japanese the net proceeds held to their credit.

From an administrative point of view the Custodian is anxious to liquidate all assets under his control, release the net balance after the payment of all admitted claims and close out the Vancouver organization. As you know the liquidation of real estate and chattels is now proceeding and it is felt that considerable good-will could be established with the evacuees if their credit balances were placed to their accounts in such chartered banks in Canada as they might designate. The Custodian would retain, for the time being at least, a hold-back that would cover any contingencies that might arise and complete statements as to funds released in this manner would be supplied to the Treasury Branch of the British Columbia Security Commission.

The Custodian would appreciate being advised as to whether or not you see any objection to his proceeding along the above lines.

Yours very truly,

GMNCP/FC.

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

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Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
October 20, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Evacuees

I have your letter of October 13th and
am attaching hereto a copy of my letter to Mr.
MacNamara, of the Department of Labour.

Yours very truly,

GWM/FC.

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

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Labour, Dept. of

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DEPUTY MINISTER
OF LABOUR



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Ottawa, Sept. 24, 1943.

UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE

Mr. E. H. Coleman, K. C.,
Under Secretary of State,
Department of Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

I enclose for your information and
record Statements of Expenditures on behalf of
Japanese, by the Department of Labour and the
Department of Mines and Resources, for the
period April 1 to August 31, 1943.

A. MacNamara

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4. Schreiber-Jackfish - Road and camp maintenance,
woods operation, vegetable gardening.

September 21st, 1943.

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For your information

SURVEY AND ENGINEERING BRANCH - DEPT. OF MINES & REVENUE

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Summary of camp establishment and operations
Japanese construction camps in Ontario and British
Columbia, April 1st to August 31st, 1943-44.

(a) Number of Japanese in camp on each project
as at August 31st -

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	184
2. Hope-Princeton	278
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	133
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	30

(b) Expenditures from April 1st to August 31st, 1943-44

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	\$ 68,477.28
2. Hope-Princeton	164,080.44
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	148,046.38
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	80,010.24
5. Unallocated	4,529.06

Total expenditure from April 1st to
August 31st, 1943-44.....\$ 419,949.37

In addition at August 31st
there were unliquidated
encumbrances.....\$ 48,176.58

(c) Classes of work undertaken on each project -

1. Yellowhead-Blue River - Clearing, clearing, grading and construction of tote road, constructing approach to Forth Thompson Bridge.
2. Hope-Princeton - (Hope End) - Excavating, drilling, rock blasting and widening tote road.
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous - Clearing, grubbing, stumping, blasting rock right of way, installing structures, excavating by hand labour.
4. Schreiber-Jackfish - Road and camp maintenance, woods operation, vegetable gardening.

September 31st, 1943.

British Columbia Security Commission

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

To Aug. 31/43

	Accumulative Totals to July 31st	Totals for the Month of August	Accumulative Totals to Date
ADMINISTRATION - Vote 200			
Communication Services	\$ 4,628.60	\$ 1,282.09	\$ 5,910.69
Cost of Laying Bonus	5,759.71	1,182.08	4,947.79
Employer's Contribution - Unemployment Insurance	302.52	129.52	432.04
Equipment	2,325.63	2,062.06	4,387.69
Miscellaneous	57,004.04	399.94	57,402.98
Printing & Stationery	1,208.51	800.91	2,009.42
Rents	1,690.40	248.20	2,138.60
Salaries & Wages	62,676.74	19,269.98	82,145.63
Supplies & Materials	5,873.29	1,754.01	7,127.30
Transportation & Travelling - Staff	6,129.25	2,637.87	8,967.12
	\$145,492.69	\$ 29,986.93	\$175,487.62

MOVEMENT, PLACEMENT, HOUSING
& CARE OF JAPANESE - Vote 201

Education	\$ 12,240.35	\$ 5,927.96	\$ 16,168.31
Maintenance of Japanese	163,408.92	44,476.01	207,884.93
Transportation of Japanese	17,790.86	7,213.06	25,103.92
Camp Expenditures -	226,235.82	62,012.96	348,248.80
Wages - Japanese	118,422.13	29,417.35	147,839.48
Other Costs	\$398,096.08	\$147,147.26	\$745,243.44

SUNDRY REVENUE - Vote 99

Privileges, Licenses & Permits (Rental of Public Buildings & Properties)	\$ 5,486.17	\$ 540.00	\$ 6,026.17
Proceeds from Sales & Other Revenues	5,934.56	3,183.50	9,120.06
Refunds of Previous Year's Expenditures	2,975.71	563.47	4,539.18
	\$ 13,396.44	\$ 4,286.97	\$ 19,083.41

SUSPENSE - Vote 100

Suspense	\$ 15,490.00	\$ -	\$ 15,490.00
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To Aug. 31/43

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Chief Accountant.

Comptroller

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UNDER SECRETARY
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Ottawa, August 31, 1943.

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Mr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
Department of Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

I enclose for your information and record

Statements of Expenditures on behalf of Japanese, by
the Department of Labour and the Department of Mines
and Resources, for the period April 1 to July 31, 1943.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

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SURVEY AND ENGINEERING BRANCH - DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS & REVENUE

Summary of camp establishment and operations
Japanese Construction Camps in Ontario and British
Columbia, April 1st to July 31st, 1943-44(a) Number of Japanese in camp on each project
as at July 31st -

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	170
2. Hope-Princeton	293
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	176
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	50

(b) Expenditures from April 1st to July 31st, 1943-44

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	\$ 78,604.58
2. Hope-Princeton	129,470.17
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	117,637.17
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	16,970.28
5. Unallocated	3,591.01

Total expenditure from April 1st to July
31st, 1943-44..... \$340,363.31In addition at July 31st
there were unliquidated
liabilities

\$ 61,594.35

(c) Classes of work undertaken on each project -

1. Yellowhead-Blue River - Clearing right of way, opening
toe road and graveling permanent grade. Pile driving
on North Thompson Bridge started.
2. Hope-Princeton - (Hope End) - Excavation, toe road
maintenance and widening at Skagit Bridge and culvert
repairs.
(Princeton End) Excavating and clearing
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous - Clearing, grubbing, stumping,
blasting rock right of way, installing structures, fencing
right of way through private property, excavating drain
by hand labour, fabricating fence posts.
4. Schreiber-Jackfish - Road and camp maintenance, woods
operation, vegetable gardening.

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NAME Jabbar, Dept. of
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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

To July 31/43

EXPENSE - Vote 100
 Expense

Accumulative Totals to June 30th	Totals for the Month of July	Accumulative Totals to Date
\$ <u>15,800.00</u>	\$ <u>10.00</u>	\$ <u>15,800.00</u>
\$524,624.50	\$52,081.55	\$776,705.55

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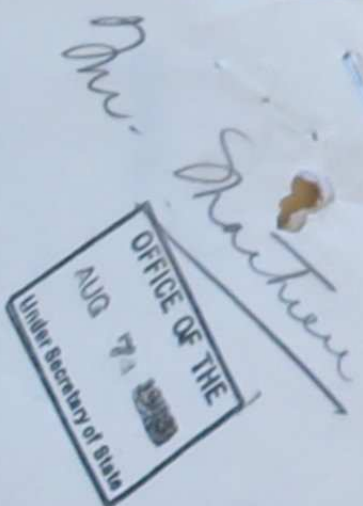
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AM. Ammons
 Chief Accountant.
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 Commissioner.

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Chablain
 Treasurer Officer.



Ottawa, August 6, 1943.

Mr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario.

I enclose for your information and record
Statements of Expenditures on behalf of Japanese, by
the British Columbia Security Commission and the Depart-
ment of Mines and Resources, for the period April 1 to
June 30, 1943.

A. MacNamara
A. MacNamara.

Encl.

SUSPENSE - Vote 100 :

Suspense

<u>\$ 3,914.23</u>	<u>\$ 5,899.08</u>	<u>\$ 9,813.31</u>
<u>\$15,490.00</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	<u>\$15,500.00</u>
<u>\$285,698.27</u>	<u>\$238,926.23</u>	<u>\$524,624.50</u>

Certified Correct :

A. MacNamara
Chief Accountant

Approved :

E. H. Coleman
Commissioner

Correct :
E. H. Coleman
Treasurer Officer

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Jabbar, Deputy

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

1945/44

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

To June 30/43

	Accumulative Totals to May 31st	Totals for the Month of June	Accumulative Totals to Date
<u>ADMINISTRATION - Vote 200 :</u>			
Communication Services	2,063.98	1,368.42	3,432.30
Cost of Living Bonus	1,266.43	1,143.59	2,410.02
Employer's Contribution -			
Unemployment Insurance	88.28	131.46	219.74
Equipment	740.59	1,120.24	1,860.83
Miscellaneous	48,273.67	5,697.48	53,971.15
Printing & Stationery	69.75	1,131.81	1,201.56
Rents	2,545.50	776.00	1,769.50
Salaries & Wages	26,255.48	18,827.16	45,082.64
Supplies & Materials	1,878.87	2,314.86	4,193.73
Transportation & Travelling -			
Staff	1,671.39	1,779.36	3,450.75
	\$84,851.84	\$32,728.38	\$117,580.22

MOVEMENT, PLACEMENT, HOUSING & CARE OF JAPANESE - Vote 201 :

Education	10,266.84	1,270.44	11,537.28
Maintenance of Japanese	57,109.67	61,684.99	118,794.66
Transportation of Japanese	7,573.59	6,330.57	13,904.16
Camp Expenditures :			
Wages - Japanese	99,369.94	94,935.53	194,305.47
Other Costs	45,930.62	47,885.40	93,816.02
	\$220,250.66	\$212,106.93	\$432,357.59

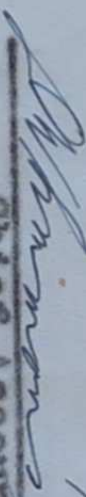
SUNDRY REVENUE - Vote 99 :

Privileges, Licenses & Permits	970.17	2,754.00	3,724.17
(Rental of Public Buildings & Properties)	1,316.45	1,667.33	2,983.78
Proceeds from Sales & Other Revenues	1,627.61	1,477.75	3,105.36
Refunds of Previous Year's Expenditures	\$ 3,914.23	\$ 5,699.08	\$ 9,613.31

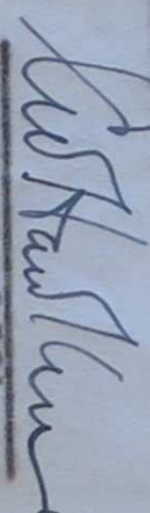
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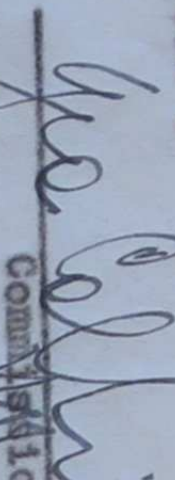
Suspense	\$15,490.00	\$ 10.00	\$15,500.00
	\$285,698.27	\$238,926.23	\$524,624.50

Certified Correct :


 Chief Accountant

Approved :

 Correct :

 Treasury Officer


 Commissioner

SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH - DEPT. OF MINES & RESOURCES

Summary of camp establishment and operations Japanese
Construction Camps in Ontario and British Columbia,
April 1st to June 30th, 1945-44.

(a) Number of Japanese in camp on each project
as at June 30th.

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	-187
2. Hope-Princeton	-285
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	-248
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	-28
	<u>748</u>

(b) Expenditures from April 1st to June 30th, 1945-44

1. Yellowhead-Blue River	- \$ 54,580.20
2. Hope-Princeton	- 93,979.31
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous	- 92,895.71
4. Schreiber-Jackfish	- 14,277.43
5. Unallotted	- 3,050.56

Total expenditure from April 1st to June
30th, 1945-44..... \$258,781.21

In addition at June 30th
there were Unliquidated
Encumbrance..... \$ 32,598.40

(c) Classes of work undertaken on each project -

1. Yellowhead-Blue River - Burning slash, continuing opening tote road and gravelling permanent grade.
2. Hope-Princeton - (Hope End) - Road maintenance, cutting, clearing, excavating, grubbing and repairing bridges tote road, building camp 35 mile. (Princeton-End) - Excavating and clearing.
3. Revelstoke-Sicamous - Clearing, grubbing, stumping, blasting rock right of way, installing structures, fabricating fence posts and fencing right of way through private property, excavating drain by hand labour.
4. Schreiber-Jackfish - Woods operation, regular camp maintenance and road maintenance.

Submitted by Mr. J. J. Macdonald, 1-88 x 1-96.

NAME *John, Dept. of*

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VIA AIR MAIL

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
7th July, 1943.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Mr. Alexander has informed me that Mr. D.W. Simmons of the British Columbia Security Commission advised him by telephone that Mr. A.G. Duncan Crux had been appointed by Ottawa for the purpose of aiding the British Columbia Security Commission in administering estates, probating wills and obtaining letters of Administration in cases where individuals of the Japanese race die after having been evacuated.

I presume that we are not particularly interested in who it is that takes the necessary steps for proper administration and that our interest only lies in the distribution of any funds under our control to the parties entitled to receive same.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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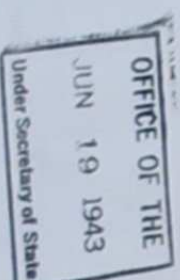
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DEPUTY MINISTER
OF LABOUR
CANADA



Ottawa, June 18, 1943.

Mr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I enclose for your information Statements of Expenditures on behalf of Japanese by the Departments of Labour and of Mines and Resources for the current fiscal year as of May 31, 1943.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

A. MacNamara

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Refunds of Previous Year's
Expenditures

SUSPENSE - Vote 100

Suspense

--	1,627.61	1,627.61
\$ 245.70	\$ 3,670.53	\$ 3,914.23
\$15,745.17	\$ 255.17	\$ 15,490.00
\$69,801.50	\$215,896.77	\$285,698.27

Certified Correct:

Approved:

A. MacNamara
Chief Accountant.

Correct:

A. MacNamara
Commissioner

A. MacNamara
Treasury Officer.

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British Columbia Security Commission

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accumulative Totals to Apr. 30th	Totals for the Month of May	To May 31st/45
Accumulative Totals to Date		

ADMINISTRATION - Vote 200

Communication Services	\$ 409.20	\$ 1,654.68	\$ 2,063.88
Cost of Living Bonus	17.71	1,248.72	1,266.43
Employer's Contribution - Unemployment Insurance	6.21	82.07	88.28
Equipment	16.25	724.34	740.59
Miscellaneous	40,853.67	7,440.00	48,273.67
Printing & Stationery	3.28	66.47	69.75
Rents	655.00	1,692.50	2,545.50
Salaries & Wages	7,516.03	18,737.45	26,253.48
Supplies & Materials	.25	1,878.62	1,878.87
Transportation & Travelling - Staff	224.44	1,446.95	1,671.39
	\$49,880.04	\$ 34,971.80	\$ 84,851.84

MOVEMENT, PLACEMENT, HOUSING & CARE OF JAPANESE - Vote 201

Education	8,998.55	1,268.29	10,266.84
Maintenance of Japanese	20,174.96	36,934.71	57,109.67
Transportation of Japanese	82.22	7,491.37	7,573.59
Camp Expenditures	24.90	99,394.84	99,369.94
Wages - Japanese	6,679.50	39,251.12	45,930.62
Other Costs	\$35,910.33	\$184,340.33	\$220,250.66

SUNDRY REVENUE - Vote 99

Privileges, Licenses & Permits (Rental of Public Buildings & Properties)	175.00	795.17	970.17
Proceeds from Sales & Other Revenues	68.70	1,247.75	1,316.45
Refunds of Previous Year's Expenditures	--	1,627.61	1,627.61
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Chief Accountant.

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Commissioner

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NAME Jabbar, Asst. Secy.

SUMMARY OF CAMP ESTABLISHMENTS, OPERATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF
JAPANESE CONSTRUCTION CAMPS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
MINES AND RESOURCES IN ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA,
1943-44

April 1, 1943 to May 31, 1945.

Camp & Operations	No. of Japanese	May Expenditures	Cumulative Total of Expenditures to May 31.
1. YELLOWHEAD-BLUE RIVER: burning slash, cutting foot trails, cutting puncheon bridge & culvert timbers, bulldozing road to Thompson bridge site.	211	\$17,044.46	\$36,701.24
2. HOPE-PRINCETON: (Hope end)-cutting, clearing, graveling, excavation and road maintenance, woodcutting, (Princeton end)-excavating & clearing.	281	\$51,167.48	\$61,971.48
3. REVELSTOCK-SICAMOUS: clearing, grubbing, stumping, blasting rock right-of-way, installing structures, fencing right-of-way, excavating drain.	285	\$50,519.79	\$61,011.32
4. SCHREIBER-JACKFISH: woods operation, camp & road maintenance.	<u>37</u> 814	\$ 5,601.52	\$10,753.85
5. UNALLOTTED.....		\$ 652.47	\$ 2,418.53
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		\$84,965.72	\$172,856.42
In addition at May 31 there were unliquidated encumbrances			\$ 28,353.31

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
June 9, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Evacuees

Your letter of June 7th, addressed to Dr. Coleman,
has been referred to me for reply.

In view of the fact that the Custodian's letter-
heads, both in the enemy and evacuee sections of the Van-
couver Office, were carefully drawn up so as to exclude the
use of the word "enemy", I am at a loss to understand what
letters or forms are being sent out by the Vancouver office
which would designate evacuees as enemy aliens. It would be
greatly appreciated if you could obtain copies of any such
forms particularly in view of the fact that the Custodian,
insofar as is known in this office, does not use the words
"enemy aliens" since the nationality of individuals is not
the deciding factor under the Regulations.

There is the possibility that the Custodian's
Enemy Section in Vancouver, in writing letters about internees
to relatives of such internees, may refer to the internees as
enemies, which they are under the law as it exists today.

The Custodian agrees that all unnecessary irritations
should be removed from the handling of Japanese problems in
Vancouver and definite instructions to this effect were given
to the Vancouver office when it was originally set up.

If you could obtain copies of the forms referred to
in your letter the Custodian would be pleased to take such
action as may be necessary to remove any resulting irritations
from the use of the word "enemy" unless, of course, the use
of this word is justified because enemies are being referred
to.

Yours very truly,

GMMOP/PC.

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

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Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 8, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Cash Balances of Evacuees

I have your letter of June 5th.

I think the basis for the suggestion that all surplus cash in the Custodian's hands should be made available to the evacuees with no strings attached resulted from the information given by Sergeant Barnes that our cheques were being used to influence the evacuees. I understood that you were going to take this matter up with Mr. Collins after Sergeant Barnes gave you some additional facts. Will you please look into this as soon as possible.

Even if Sergeant Barnes has no further information you might take the specific case Mr. Alexander referred to and discuss the situation with Mr. Collins.

You should be very firm in your attitude that the Custodian will not stand for the Security Commission interfering with the delivery of cheques issued by the Custodian's Office and if necessary money now held for the individual Japanese will be placed in the bank to their account and they will be free to draw on same.

I agree with you that this might be a good strategic move but we are possibly morally bound to carry out arrangements made with the Security Commission unless they have abused the privileges granted to them. I do not think any announcement that the Japanese can have their funds would stop injunction proceedings on the larger issue.

Yours very truly,

GWMCP/FC.

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

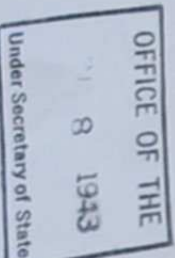
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Ottawa, June 7, 1943.



Dr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Advice has been received from Officials of the B.C. Security Commission that letters and forms are being sent by the Custodian of Alien Property to some Japanese Canadians in various parts of Canada, in connection with handling and disposition of their property, which designate these people as "enemy aliens", and that this has caused considerable resentment among those Japanese who consider themselves loyal Canadian citizens.

I would be obliged if you would ask the Custodian of Alien Property to instruct his officials to desist from using this designation in letters to Japanese Canadians, if this is, in fact, the practice. We are trying to get these people to volunteer for employment in all parts of Canada from British Columbia to Quebec, which movement will relieve the Dominion Government of the cost of their upkeep. Needless to say, this is a difficult task in which, however, we are gradually succeeding, partly by removing needless restrictions and irritations from those Japanese Canadians who volunteer for employment.

Yours very truly,

A. McNameara
A. McNameara

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VIA AIR MAIL

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CURTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

5th June, 1943.

ADDRESS ALL
COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE
CURTODIAN'S OFFICE
PLEASE REFER
TO
FILE NO. 8-196

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

While you were here you mentioned that perhaps the time had come when funds on hand might be remitted in full to the Evacuee provided his debts etc. had been taken care of.

If you have thought further in regard to this and can see no objection to the adoption of this policy I am wondering whether a notice to this effect at the present time might be a strategic move. If a notice could be put into the New Canadian stating that all funds released from the sale of Japanese properties, after payment of liabilities, would be remitted in full to the owner, it might mitigate against the objection to the policy of liquidation and perhaps tend to deter injunction proceedings.

Would you be prepared to adopt this change in our policy at the present time and so advise the Japanese?

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

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Robson, Deputy

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NAME *Labaree, Deputy.*
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O t t a w a, April 17, 1943

OFFICE OF THE
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Secretary of State

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Under Secretary of State

Hon. N. A. McLarty
Secretary of State
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. McLarty:

It is just possible that the report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attached will have already been sent you, nevertheless I thought it would be wise to make sure that you were aware of the developments in this connection.

No doubt you would like to pass this on to Dr. Coleman.

Yours respectfully,

A. MacNamara
A. MacNamara.

Att.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE NO. H.J. 15 (Pt. 2)

DIVISION
#1
VANCOUVER C.I.B. DETACHMENT
PROVINCE
B.C. Intelligence Section.
DATE
April 8, 1945.

FILE REFERENCES
SECRET

RE
JAPANESE SITUATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. In a previous report under this heading, I mentioned that there was a feeling of discontent amongst the Japanese due to the fact that their property was to be sold by the Custodian and that the monies realized from such sales would not be given to the Japanese concerned.

2. This particular topic has apparently been the subject of much discussion amongst the Japanese and I note in the issue of the "NEW CANADIAN" dated April 3rd, 1945, considerable space is devoted to this question. At Kaslo, under the auspices of the "NEW CANADIAN", there has been set up what has been called a temporary committee to represent "Amalgamated Evacuee Property Owners' Association". This organization is urging all property owners to communicate with them with a view to petitioning the Federal Government in respect to the proposed sale of property. It appears that this newly formed organization has already secured some legal opinion on the matter and the "NEW CANADIAN" states that the legal opinion has been expressed that the intention of the Federal Government to proceed with arbitrary liquidation of Japanese property is beyond the legal powers of the Government, even as a war measure. The logical conclusion one may draw from the formation of this organization, in view of this legal opinion, is that they will endeavour to take some steps to secure an injunction to prevent the sale of such properties. Recognizing that the expense of such litigation might be heavy, the association newly formed and mentioned herein will undoubtedly soon be appealing to all Japanese for funds.

3. Recently KIMURA and YAMAGA, two well-known Japanese, were appointed to the committees set up by the Federal Government to advise the Custodian in relation to the disposal of properties. The former is attached to the committee for Greater Vancouver properties and the latter is attached to the committee dealing with the rural Japanese properties. These two Japanese, I am confidentially informed, do not wish to serve in such capacities, possibly realizing the difficulties which such positions will place them in, in the eyes of their own people. I do not believe they have officially mentioned their reluctance to serve in these capacities but it is anticipated that in due course some excuse will be found whereby they might resign.

4. The personnel of the two committees as set up at the present time is as follows: Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, Alderman Charles Jones, Vancouver and A.E. McMaster, with Kishizo KIMURA, comprise the advisory committee for the properties in Greater Vancouver. His Honour Judge Whiteside, New Westminster, D. Mackenzie, New Westminster, J.J. McLeilan, Fort Langley, Mr. H. Menzies of Haney, and Yasutaro YAMAGA will comprise the advisory committee on rural and Fraser Valley properties.

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5. Although the Custodian's representative here has endeavoured to point out to the Japanese that their property will not be sacrificed and that the Japanese owner will be credited with the monies realized from such sale and that those monies will be made available to the Japanese owners in such amounts as he may require, in co-operation with the B.C. Security Commission, the Japanese remain quite suspicious of the entire transaction and it has provoked a very strong reaction.

6. The writer will endeavour to keep advised of developments and will submit reports in this connection as promptly as is possible.

(SGD)

(J.K. Barnes) Regt. No. 8788.
1/c Intelligence Section.

THE COMMISSIONER, R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Ont.

FORWARDED for your information. As was indicated in previous reports, the Japanese are not viewing with complacency the proposed sale of their properties by the Custodian and there is every indication that the strong reaction which has been provoked will result in litigation.

2. Further reports in this connection will be forwarded to you as promptly as is possible.

(SGD)

Vancouver
8-4-43
JKB/G

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

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18th March, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. F. G. Shears
From: Mr. G.W. McPherson

Re: British Columbia Security Commission
Meeting, 16th March, 1943.

I am attaching to this memorandum a copy of Mr. Collins' letter addressed to me setting out his understanding of the results of the above meeting, with a copy of my reply.

I would appreciate it if you would see that the arrangements outlined are put into immediate effect.

You may consider it advisable, in order to forestall considerable correspondence, to inform the Japanese concerned that this office intends to limit monthly payments to \$100.00, except in exceptional circumstances where funds are required for a specific purpose, but I would point out that your correspondence with the Japanese to this effect should not indicate that the Custodian is arbitrarily holding their money, but rather explain that we feel as Trustees for them it is to their own benefit that large sums of money should be held in this office for them.

Insofar as the sale of goods to the Security Commission is concerned, you will of course keep in mind that the Custodian is a Trustee for the Japanese owner and that reasonable prices must be obtained although it may be desirable to sell at a small discount in order to dispose of the stocks quickly.

Since Mr. Collins' letter deals with the question of publicity, I would appreciate it if you would again impress on the officials and staff that no statements of any kind are to be given to any publishing body by anyone other than yourself, nor should Custodian Agents make any announcements.

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWM:CP/PNH
attach.

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Shaw, Deputy

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
17th March, 1945.

The British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. C. Collins

Dear Mr. Collins:

I have your letter of March 16th which correctly sets out my understanding of the meeting held in your office between the members of our respective departments.

I am giving the necessary instructions immediately to the appropriate officials of this office to carry out our agreement relating to cheques issued to Japanese evacuees. I understand this will go into effect immediately.

I note that you have suggested that payments to evacuees by this office should not exceed \$100.00 per month, except of course under exceptional circumstances, in which case such payments will be discussed with your department.

Insofar as proposed publicity is concerned, I have not yet had an opportunity of discussing the matter with Mr. Justice Smith but expect to do so on Friday.

If the Chairmen of the two Committees agree, and I assume they will, I propose imposing on your good nature to consider the proposed press release before it is handed to the papers in order that you may express an opinion, if you care to do so, as to whether or not there is anything objectionable from your Commissions' stand point.

I wish to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FMH

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

March 16th, 1943.

335 BURGARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

G. McPherson, Esq.,
Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am submitting the following
resume of the meeting held
between members of your Depart-
ment and officials of this Commission in my office this
afternoon.

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The present policy as suggested

The Custodian may liquidate Real
Estate and Chatteals, the proceeds are to be deposited with
the Custodian to the credit of the individual Japanese.
The Commission officials and myself are of the opinion that
with the above-mentioned policy publicly announced the
Japanese as a group will not express strenuous opposition to
their chattels being disposed of, it being recognised that
personal effects of a sentimental nature or religious nature
which will not deteriorate with storage will be centralised
and stored in safekeeping and withheld from sale or other
disposition for the time being.

The Custodian may release funds
held in trust for the Japanese in monthly installments if he
considers it advisable and that he is prepared to consider
recommendations which the B.C. Security Commission may care
to offer from time to time as to the maximum monthly payments.
It is suggested that payment to persons residing in the Interior
Housing Projects should not exceed a maximum of One Hundred

wherever they may be located according to our latest information.

Submitted by Mr. McPherson's letter 1-88 x 1-96.

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G. McPherson, Esq.,March 16th, 1943.

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It was mutually agreed that for the time being, any payments made by the Custodian to the Japanese will be turned over to the Treasury representative attached to the B.C. Security Commission for record purposes and distribution to the Japanese wherever they may be located according to our latest information.

The Commission officials will, in company with a representative of the Custodian's Department, inspect certain stocks of goods in the nature of food supplies, clothing, hardware, etc., in an endeavour to have these goods taken over by the Commission for use or resale in their Interior Housing Projects.

It was further mutually agreed that no information relative to the policy of the Custodian nor the activities of the Commission set up to dispose of Real Estate or Chatbels, will be released or indicated to the Japanese until Mr. Justice Smith and Mr. Justice Whiteside have publicly announced their plans.

When the Custodian is in a position to do so, he will make available to the Treasury officials of the B.C. Security Commission a list showing the net credit balances on deposit with him for the individual Japanese.

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G. McPherson, Esq.,

March 16th, 1943.

All facilities of the B.C. Security Commission are to be offered to the Custodian in the matter of disposal of chattels belonging to any of the Japanese now under their jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,


GEORGE COLLINS,
Commissioner.

GC/DS

c.c. Mr. Shears,
Custodian's Department.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

March 16, 1943.

G. McPherson, Esq.,
Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
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The present policy as suggested at present is:

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"Geo. Collins"
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GC/DS

c.c. Mr. Shears,
Custodian's Department.

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Robson, Deputy.

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c.c. Mr. Shears,
Custodian's Department.

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Ottawa, March 5, 1943.

Dear Mr. MacNamara, -

I received your letter of March 1st enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Collins, Commissioner, British Columbia Security Commission, concerning remittances to evacuated Japanese.

Mr. McPherson of the Custodian's Office has arranged to go to Vancouver by air next Wednesday evening. He has undertaken to discuss the matter with Mr. Collins and I am quite sure a satisfactory arrangement will be worked out between them.

Not having heard from your Department concerning a nomination for the Advisory Committees in respect to the disposition of Mr. Japanese property, the Custodian, who had secured the consent of Mr. Justice Sydney Smith to act in relation to the urban (Vancouver) property, and of Judge Whiteside of New Westminster in relation to agricultural property, to serve as Chairman of the respective committees, consulted Mr. Justice Smith and Judge Whiteside concerning Japanese representation on the Committees. Both of them agreed to serve if Kishizo Kimura should be nominated as the representative of the evacuated Japanese people. It appears that Mr. Justice Smith had experience with Kimura in relation to the disposal of fishing vessels.

In these circumstances I shall be grateful if you will have Mr. Collins communicate with Kimura at Cascade, B.C.; and ask if he will be willing to serve. In any event, can Mr. Collins arrange that Kimura might come to Vancouver for a preliminary meeting on Monday, March 15th, at 10.30 a.m., at 513 Royal Bank Building.

I am writing the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to ask that the necessary travel permit may be granted Kimura.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. Coleman

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

Ottawa, March 1, 1943

Mr. E. H. Coleman
Under-Secretary of State
Department of Secretary of State
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I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from
Mr. George Collins, Commissioner, British Columbia Security
Commission, which is self-explanatory.

I would appreciate it if arrangements can be made
to meet Mr. Collins' request that cheques released by the Custodian
to evacuated Japanese be sent through the office of the British
Columbia Security Commission, Vancouver, for distribution.

A short time ago you asked us to suggest the
name of a Japanese for appointment to the local committee which
you are setting up at the Coast to act in an advisory capacity, in
respect to the disposition of Japanese farm property. We are now
sending forward to you the name of Arthur Nishiguchi as a suitable
person for appointment to this committee.

We are advised that he is a naturalized Canadian,
44 years of age, was president of a large Japanese departmental
store in Vancouver, and is a veteran of the last war. This
nomination, which has come through to us from our Vancouver
office, has also been checked with Assistant Commissioner Mead,
who gives Nishiguchi a very good report.

(Signed) A. MacNamara.

A. MacNamara.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B. C.

February 27th, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Sometime ago, during an interview with representatives of the Custodian's Department, our Treasury officials requested that all cheques being released by the Custodian to Japanese persons be sent to this office in order that the particulars of the cheque could be recorded on the Treasury Master cards for each Japanese and then to be released to their local Treasury officers in each of the centres for delivery to the Japanese concerned at which time the local Treasury officials would obtain signatures for the cheques.

The purpose for doing this was that we could build a system of knowing in advance what returns the Japanese were receiving from time to time. This, you will appreciate, would have a direct bearing on whether or not maintenance is necessary. This arrangement has been negotiated and is now in effect in respect to distributing cheques for Soldiers' pensions, Old Age Pensions, Workmen's Compensation and recently the Registrar of War Saving Certificates advised us that he will follow this procedure when making refunds of War Savings Certificates which the Japanese wish to cash in.

The Custodian's office has advised us that they will, from time to time, send us nominal lists of the cheques showing the amount and the person to whom they are paid. However, the Treasury feel that without any great inconvenience to them, the Custodian could have the cheques forwarded to this office. In view of the fact that several of the Government Departments are co-operating to this extent and that the Order-in-Council dated February 5th, 1943, paragraph 12 states that the Minister may request the assistance of various departments, I would suggest for your consideration that the Honourable Minister of Labour contact the Honourable Minister of State in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) George Collins,
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, February 26, 1943.

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Dr. Coleman:

I am not sure whether you have seen these reports or not. This one will interest you. Probably some general statement made by the Honourable Mr. McLarty or yourself would clear the atmosphere. Please return and oblige.

Very truly yours,

A. MacNamara
A. MacNamara.

Dr. E. H. Coleman,
Under Secretary of State,
Secretary of State Department,
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To: A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Japanese Situation in
British Columbia.

The attached report of Sergeant Barnes,
dated the 19th instant, will be of interest to you.

[Signature]
Assistant Commissioner,
Director, Criminal Investigation.

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RE **JAPANESE SITUATION IN B.C.**

1. Further to my report of January 30th, 1943 under the above heading which deals with the introduction of legislation barring Japanese school children from educational facilities of British Columbia, endeavours have been made to get Japanese reaction and an Editorial in the "New Canadian" of February 13th, 1943, copies of which are attached hereto; appeared to cover the situation from the Japanese point of view very well.

2. This, together with the news recently published that the property of Japanese in this area, now controlled by the Custodian, will be sold, has resulted in a certain amount of resentment being evidenced. The Japanese had always been given to understand that their property was placed under the control of the Custodian as a protective measure only.

3. They have been given no news so far as to the disposition of the money that will be realized from the sale of the property, nor have they yet been satisfied that their interests will be protected, although they know there is to be a Japanese named to the three man Board, who will actually handle these sales.

4. They feel that they have a distinct sense of loss, although there is a feeling that it is in keeping with the Government's policy of reallocation and scattering throughout the country the Japanese communities.

5. It is too early to judge the extent of their reaction at this time other than to say that there is a distinct feeling of disappointment and resentment.

6. The situation will be covered as well as is possible and will be further reported upon.

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(J.K. Barnes) Sgt.,
 Reg. No. 8788.
 i/c Intelligence Section.

 The Commissioner, R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA.
 FORWARDED for your information. Copies of the Editorial referred to herein are attached. Further reports will be forwarded.

Vancouver
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(C.H. Hill) A/Comm'r.,
 Commanding "New" Division.

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Replying to the comment, Mr. Perry is quoted as saying, "We are merely going to legalize what already has been done," and that he can see "no reason why local ratepayers should have to pay educational costs for scores of Japanese children moved into their districts by the B.C. Security Commission."

It was realized from the very first that as far as the large interior housing projects were concerned, local schools could not hope to accommodate the hundreds of school-age children settled in the districts.

It cannot be emphasized too much that insofar as well over ninety per cent of the school-age children were concerned, the only thing asked was that the Provincial Government should continue to provide a sum roughly equal to the amount it stood to save by the removal of the children from their former school districts. The local ratepayers in the interior housing districts were the last people of all, if at all, to be called upon to provide extra school accommodation.

At the moment, the proposed legislation will have direct bearing upon only those people who evacuated on self-supporting employment permits to Interior British Columbia. These, an official report indicates, include about 300 school-age children, who are now scattered among over fifty different communities, from the American border north to Vanderhoof, and from Bridge River to the Rockies.

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though their families may be established as tax-paying citizens. It will have no effect in the interior housing projects or self-supporting communities, where the people themselves, with some financial aid from the Federal Government which enables them to buy correspondence courses and text books from Victoria, and some voluntary help from sympathetic educationists, are sparing no effort and no sacrifice to give the children a Canadian education.

Not the least unhappy feature of the situation in Victoria today is that it is Mr. Perry himself who apparently proposes the legislation. It will be recalled that just two years ago the present Minister of Education, noted as a Liberal of broad sympathies and many attainments, was Speaker of the Provincial House. In that capacity he took a firm stand against what he termed the "un-British" nature of certain discriminatory proposals on the trade licence issue. Today one is moved by the sagacity of comment by A.B. Jukes, Conservative Association head, to the effect that "we often do things in the heat of war emotion that we might regret afterwards."

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Presented by Mr. Jalaur, Asst. Secy.
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Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

February 17, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: B. C. Security Commission and
Cheques

I have your letter of February 8th and note
the developments in this matter.

Insofar as paragraph 4 of your letter is concerned, I would suggest that we should not take on the additional burden of handling pension cheques and that these associations or boards should send the cheques direct to the Japanese if the boards or associations are outside the protected area and if they wish to send them through the B. C. Security Commission that is a matter for them to decide. The only case where we might be interested in cheques of this kind would be where there were debts that should be paid and in this case I do not think we should be arbitrary and take the cheque but should explain the situation to the Japanese payee and ask him to put us in funds to pay his debts.

With regards to the forwarding of Custodian cheques payable to Japanese through the Security Commission, I do not think this practice should be adopted at the moment since the Custodian is also interested in building up good will as between the Japanese and his organization, and where he is controlling assets for them I think that he should send any payments direct to them although you can, of course, advise the Security Commission of all payments made. This, as you suggest, would give them sufficient evidence to keep their records in order and if they desire that we should delay making payments to any particular Japanese, I have no doubt that you would be prepared to act upon their request.

*Respectfully,
J. G. Shears, Esq.*

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If Mr. Collins presses this matter I would suggest that you ask him to allow it to stand until either Dr. Coleman or myself arrive in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

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G. W. McPherson Esq.

Japanese, but we believe that a certain moral effect would be created if the Commission handed out these cheques. - The Japanese would then be aware of the fact that we knew of the circumstances surrounding the delivery of the cheque. We plot on the family cards any monies paid to the Japanese families and it is a great help in determining what maintenance these people are entitled to, if we also know of any monies that they are receiving from outside sources.

If the above request can be granted, it will help in building up the system we are trying to create to have on file all the known assets of the Japanese under the Commission's control."

I am not very much in favour of this although there may not be any particular objection to it. Without the cheques going through their hands they are already in a position to plot on their family cards ~~what~~ monies we pay to Japanese, as this information is supplied in our weekly reports to them. However, you might please give me your reaction to this and as mentioned, I do not intend to change our present system for the time being.

I have advised Mr. Stickney that as his suggestion would involve a distinct change in our policy I have referred the matter to Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

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Shears, F. G.

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July 31, 1942.

MEMO TO: MR. G. W. McPHERSON
FROM: MR. ALEXANDER

Re: Japanese returning to Vancouver from Labor Camps and also their automobiles vested in the Custodian.

Mr. W. A. Eastwood of the B. C. Security Commission telephoned this morning and said that he had had a wire from Mr. MacNamara to the effect that many Japanese were returning to Vancouver from labor camps in the interior, and stating that the Custodian office was releasing their cars to such Japanese.

I gave Mr. Eastwood particulars of several individuals who have returned from labor camps and who are now in Vancouver, and offered to give him further particulars. Mr. Eastwood said he knew all about it and assured me that they were now picking up some forty Japanese who had come back to Vancouver, were stopping the balance at Hope, and that no further Japanese would be returning to Vancouver from labor camps outside the protected area.

With reference to their cars, I assured Mr. Eastwood that we have received a number of requests from Japanese, either direct or through the Security Commission, asking for the release of such cars but that the Custodian Office had returned no such cars and would not do so until and unless we receive instructions to release such cars from Ottawa. Mr. Eastwood said he was very glad to have this information.

For your information Mr. Eastwood asked for the loan of Mr. Coffey for a period of two weeks to aid them in Hope as an interpreter and typist. As Mr. Richardson does not wish to have Mr. Coffey detached even temporarily from the Farm Department, I suggested other individuals and it has been arranged that Mr. Williams of this office will be loaned to the Security Commission for two weeks as from tonight and that they will pay his salary and his expenses. I am making it quite clear to Mr. Williams that while he is in the employ of the B. C. Security Commission he is not to mention the Custodian Office in any way.

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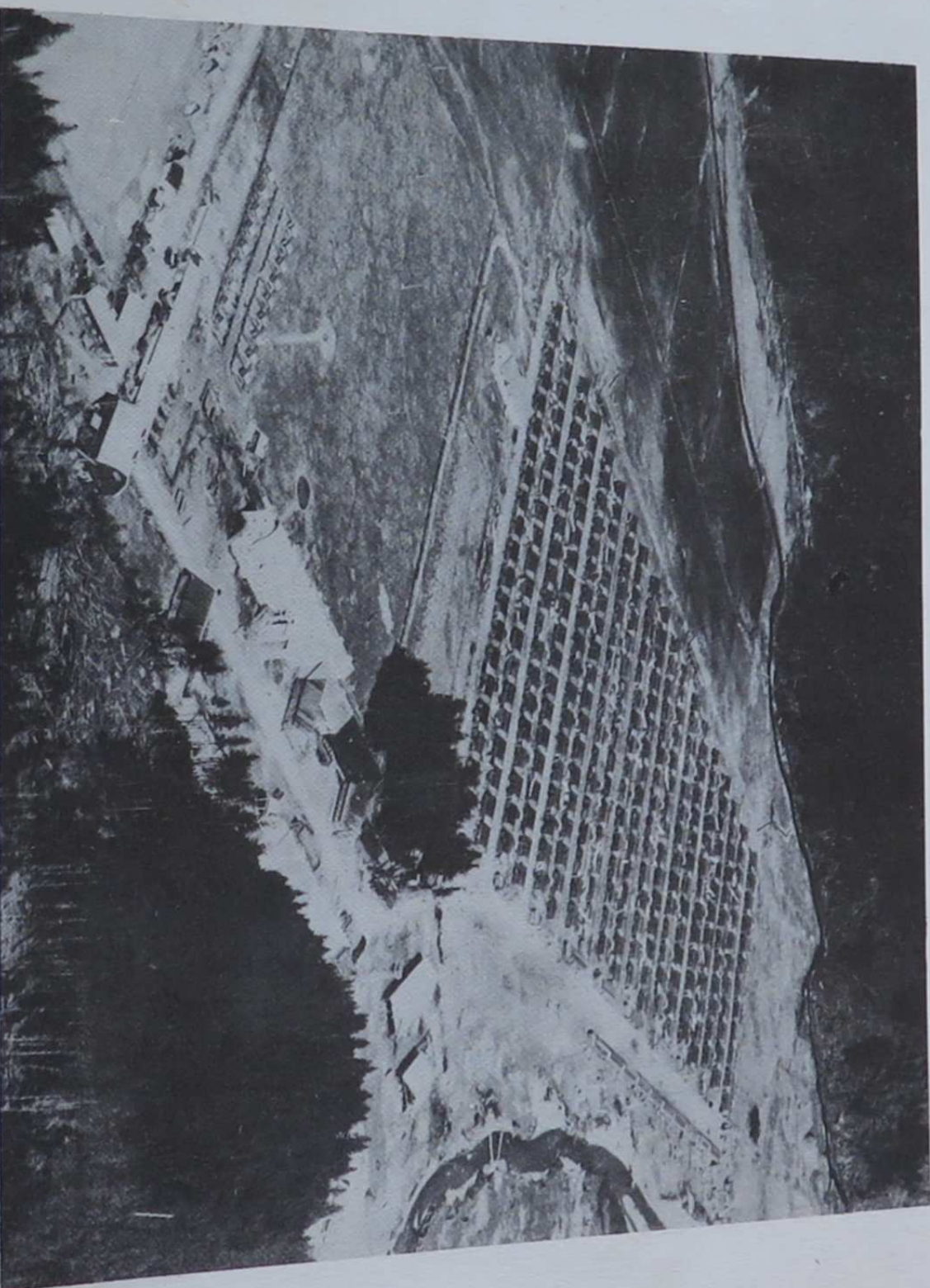
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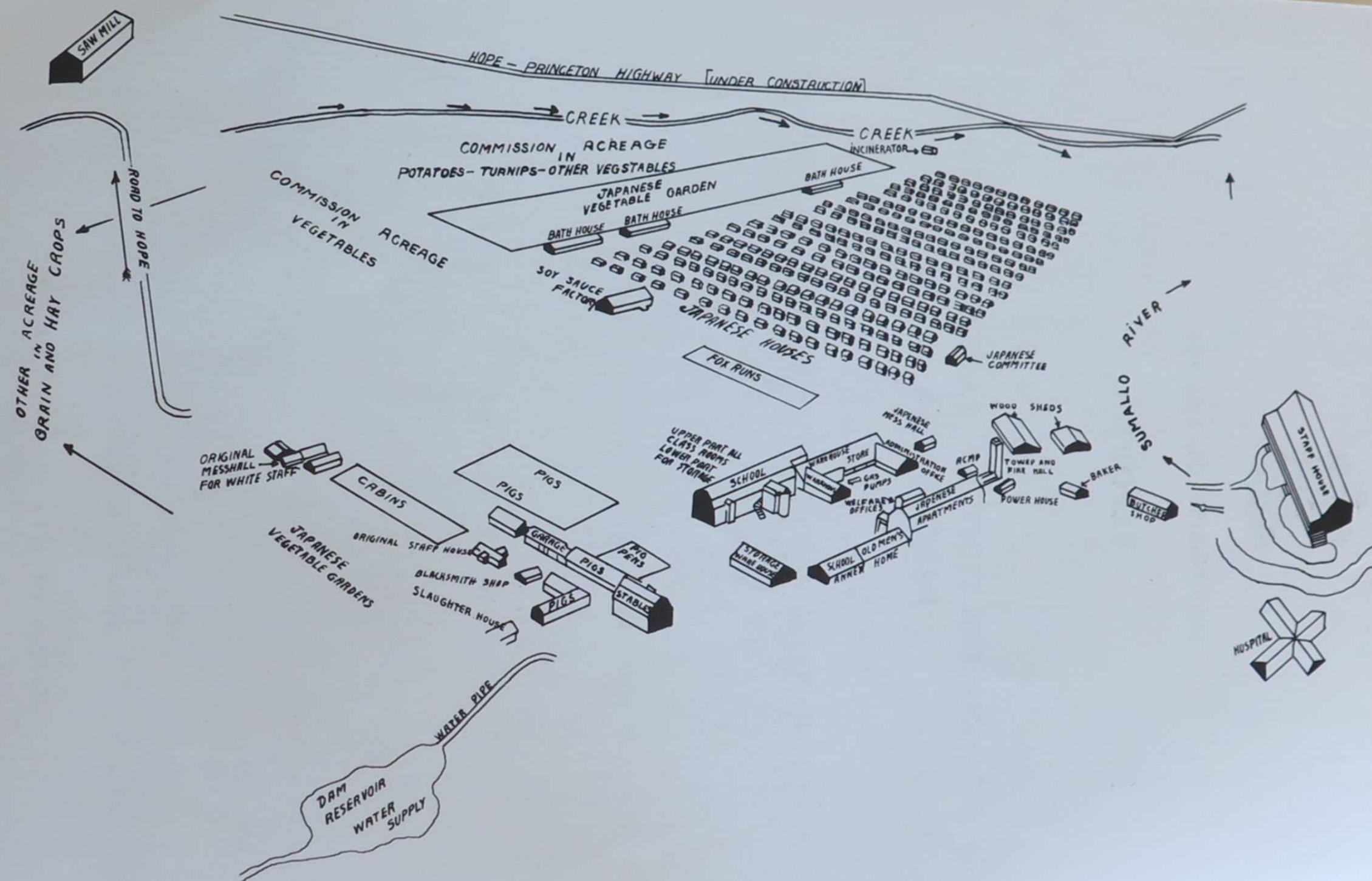


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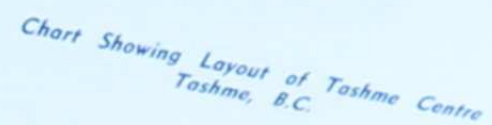
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(Note: The phrase "the Commission" in this report refers to the British Columbia Security Commission up to February 1943, and after that date refers to the Commissioner of Japanese Placement and his staff.)

Submitted by Mr. J. H. Brown, Sec'y.
NAME *J. H. Brown, Sec'y.*

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Japanese property is not under the supervision of the Department of Labour, but the Commission or the Department it have had repercussions of the Commission or the Department affecting it have had administration, and naturally all matters affecting employment and administration, and on Japanese evacuation, are of interest.

Property in Restricted Areas

Property in Restricted Areas

Between February and July, 1942, the Smith Committee, established by Order-in-Council P.C. 987, sold or leased most of the Japanese-owned fishing boats and equipment on the Pacific Coast, and the remainder in July were turned over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

By Orders-in-Council in 1942, all the Japanese property in the restricted areas (except liquid assets) was placed under the control and management of the Custodian as a protective measure, mostly by voluntary agreement. Excluded from this was a considerable amount of household and personal effects which the Japanese took with them in evacuation, at the expense of the Commission. Japanese farm properties, mostly in the Fraser Valley and comprising approximately 1,000 farms, were in June, 1942, placed under the control of the Director of Soldier Settlement of Canada for purposes of administration, and subsequently, the greater number of them were appropriated at an impartial valuation for the purpose of postwar veteran settlement.

In January, 1943, by Order-in-Council P.C. 469, the Custodian was given power to sell or otherwise dispose of all Japanese real property and chattels in his possession. The Custodian proceeded to set up Advisory Committees on Japanese urban and rural property, on which Committees the Japanese were represented. Since the summer of 1943 a number of city properties have been sold by tender. During 1942-43 the evacuated Japanese had the right to apply to the Custodian to locate and forward any of their chattels (which included household furniture, cooking utensils, crockery, store stocks, canned goods, personal possessions, etc.) at their own expense, either to the Housing Centres or to their new homes east of the Rockies, and very many had their goods forwarded to them. This included their radios and cameras which had been collected by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and which were returned when they moved east of the Rockies. Early in 1944 the Custodian began to sell the balance of the Japanese chattels on a seller's market to prevent further deterioration

Personal property of a person being sold is, however, the proceeds of sales of all sales explained above, but upon those amounts the owner's 'My Japanese property' can draw only Japanese property of their Japanese born the block sale before the National in May, 1944.

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