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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

EM/NG.

OTTAWA 2nd April, 1945.

Dear Miss Dixon,-

B.28.S. of S.-B.C.

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9th April, 1945.

VIA AIRMAIL

Confidential.

Dear Duncan,-

I understood from your telegram of the 23rd ultimo that your difficulties with the Department of Justice had been adjusted. I am, however, today in receipt of a letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice, from which it would appear that the Vancouver office of the Director of the Custodian of enemy alien property is still awaiting submission of your final account. He refers to a letter written to you by Mr. Varcoe on December 5th, and also states that the Vancouver Office of the Director of the Custodian has been asked to discuss the matter with you.

If you do not hear from the Vancouver office, it might be advisable to get in touch with them and have your account forwarded for ~~administration~~.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Private Secretary.

A.C. Duncan Cruz, Esq.,
208 Randall Building,
525 West Georgia Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Dear Miss Dixon,-

B.C.S. of S.-B.C.

Around March 20th Mr. Varcoe informed me that Mr. Mackenzie had inquired of Mr. St. Laurent as to whether or not there would be any objection to making an advance of \$5000.00 to Mr. A.G. Duncan Crux of Vancouver on account of his bill in connection with the Japanese properties, title to which he had been called upon to search.

An application for such an advance was immediately made to the Deputy Custodian, who has replied that Mr. Crux's bill has been pending since July last year and expressing the view that Mr. Crux should take the necessary action to have his final account taxed before the making of a payment which might result in continued delay in settling the account.

Under date December 5th Mr. Varcoe wrote to Mr. Crux saying in part:-

"...If you will therefore submit an account through the Custodian identifiable to his satisfaction with the properties involved the same will be taxed without delay upon receipt from the Custodian for that purpose. ..."

The Custodian's office says in part:-

"...The failure of Mr. Crux to make use of the suggestion made in your letter of December 5th has embarrassed the Custodian's Vancouver office in that final accounts cannot be given to the Japanese evacuees whose properties were involved in the legal work performed. ..."

He informs this department that he is writing to the Director of the Custodian's Vancouver office suggesting that he discuss the matter with Mr. Crux and it may be that the latter may be expected shortly to get his account forward for taxation.

Yours truly,

Miss A. Dixon,
Private Secretary to
The Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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August 11, 1944.

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Mayfair Apartments,
260 Metcalf Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Ian:-

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My suggestion was that in order to save about a month's work drawing itemized accounts that we might agree on a fee of \$20.00 for each title actually delivered irrespective of how much work was involved and a fee of \$10.00 for each property that we handled and which was subsequently withdrawn from the transaction.

Mr. McPherson advised me that he had recommended this settlement and that he would take it up with the Minister in due course. When I last saw him, the day I left Ottawa, he stated that he would have a reply on the matter which would be waiting me by the time I was able to return to Vancouver.

Confidentially McPherson was the only chap I dealt with in Ottawa who did not seem to be particularly co-operative and therefore I am not particularly surprised to find that up to date no word has been received from him.

I would certainly like to get this matter settled along the lines mentioned as we have done a tremendous amount of work and have now completed the entire deal with the exception of one or two titles that are coming through as fast as the Land Registry Office can issue the titles.

Naturally doing this volume of work without having any monies whatsoever on account is a little bit awkward at times and particularly in view of the fact that the Income Tax Department has been requesting me to pay them the balance of \$5000.00 taxes.

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C O P Y.

August 11, 1944.

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

Attention G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

Dear Sir:-

I have been expecting for some considerable time to hear from you regarding the question of our account in respect of the Fraser Valley Japanese lands.

I was under the impression that you had stated that you would have this matter decided without delay, and that there was to be a reply in my office by the time I reached Vancouver.

Possibly this matter has escaped your attention. I would therefore ask you to let me hear from you by return mail.

Yours truly,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY
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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Victoria Bldg.,
70'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

August 17, 1944.

Messrs. Crux & McMaster,
Barristers & Solicitors,
308 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: A. G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,

Dear Sir-

Re: Fees.

Your letter of August 11th, addressed to Mr. McPherson, is hereby acknowledged.

Mr. McPherson and the Deputy Custodian are both absent from Canada on business but the Deputy Custodian wrote to the Department of Justice concerning the question of your fees before he left Ottawa. I regret that no reply has been received up to the present.

Mr. McPherson will be absent from the office for some weeks but the Deputy Custodian is expected back about the end of this month, at which time I know he will follow this matter up. In the meantime, however, if any correspondence is received from the Department of Justice, I will be pleased to advise you.

Yours very truly,

"F. CARROLL"

Secretary.

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Ottawa, September 16, 1943.

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, and shall be very pleased to bring your qualifications to the attention of the Department of Justice.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Ottawa, September 16, 1943.

My dear Colleague,

I understand that you have decided to grant a fiat to sue in connection with the sale of Japanese properties in British Columbia. Should a lawyer be required by the Crown, I would recommend Duncan Crux, 306 Randall Building, 535 West Georgia St., Vancouver.

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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B.F. Sept. 13, 1943.

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CONFIDENTIAL

September 7, 1943.

Mr. J.M. Bernier,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

We have received enquiries from two or three sources concerning a rumour that your Minister is considering the granting of a fiat to sue in connection with the sale of the Japanese lands in British Columbia.

Any information you can give me concerning this matter will be appreciated.

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

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Sept. 7, 1943.

Dear Mr. Crux:

In the absence of Mr. Mackenzie, I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, for which I thank you.

Your comments have been carefully noted and will be brought to Mr. Mackenzie's attention upon his return.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia Street,
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Veuillez expédier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Ottawa, March 23, 1945.

A. G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Bldg.,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Am just advised advance of five thousand
authorized and payment will be expedited. Regards.

Ian Mackenzie.

Charge: Minister's Office,
Dept. Veterans Affairs,
Daly Building, Ottawa.

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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Ottawa, 20th March, 1945.

DAY LETTER

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

JUSTICE DEFINITELY DECLINES TO INCREASE RATE ABOVE FIFTEEN DOLLARS
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

Ottawa

March 19, 1945.

PERSONAL

C.N. Senior, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Senior:

Pursuant to our recent conversation over the phone, please find herewith copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Deputy Minister with reference to the taxation of Mr. Duncan Crux's fees.

I deeply regret being unable to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Senior
Private Secretary.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 7, 1945

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM

March 17, 1945.

MR. BERNIER:

I regret to say that I am unable to make any alteration in the basis previously decided on for dealing with Mr. Crux's account for professional services in connection with the acquisition of the 759 Japanese properties at Vancouver. On this basis Mr. Crux will receive approximately \$11,000 in fees.

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March 7, 1945

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, M.P.
Minister of Veterans Affairs
OTTAWA, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Ian:

I have not heard from you regarding whether or not you were able to do anything to get my account adjusted on the basis that I desired.

As I am about to face another income tax deadline it is necessary for me to get this matter settled one way or the other.

If you find it is impossible to do anything would you let me know immediately in which event I presume I will have to accept the amount set by the Minister of Justice regardless of my opinion as to its unfairness.

With best wishes to you and your staff.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Duncan Crux
A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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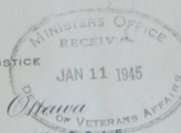
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January 10th, 1945.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, K.C.,
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
Ottawa.

My dear Colleague,

I will have the matter of the account of
Mr. A.G. Duncan Crux inquired into at once.

I may point out, however, immediately that
the statement in his letter, "He (Mr. Varcoe) seems to
overlook entirely the fact that the payment of the
monies in this case will be chargeable to the Japanese"
is quite beyond the point. When this Department has to
express an opinion by way of taxation on a lawyer's bill,
that opinion has to be arrived at quite independently
of the source from which payment is to be made; there
can be no difference in respect of payments made out of
Dominion Government's funds and those made out of funds
for which the Canadian Government is a trustee.

His next statement, "that the work we have
done in connection with each individual property is worth
far more than the \$20.00 we have asked" is the only factor
we have to consider, and I will have that done at once.

Yours sincerely,

Min. St. Laurent

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Ottawa, January 8, 1945.

Confidential

My dear Colleague:

I beg to enclose copy of a letter which I have received today from a strong supporter of mine in Vancouver Centre, Mr. A.G. Duncan Crux. He has been doing legal work for the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property and your Department.

I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to peruse this letter personally and let me know if anything can be done to meet his request.

Any consideration that can be extended will, of course, be appreciated by myself.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

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D/F

Ottawa, January 8, 1945.

Dear Duncan:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo.

I only returned this morning from five or six days in Washington, which explains the delay in answering your letter. I shall take the matter up immediately with the Minister of Justice.

I greatly regret the delay which has been occasioned. I cannot, of course, say what the decision of the Minister will be. I shall, however, take whatever steps are possible.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
Crux & McMaster,
305 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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December 27, 1944

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.
Apartment 603
Mayfair Apartments
280 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Ian:

I sincerely hope that by the time this letter reaches you, you will have enjoyed to the utmost the Christmas season and be ready to carry on throughout the New Year in your usual vigorous style.

Enclosed you will find a copy of letter that I have received from F.P. Varcoe, Deputy Minister of Justice. In view of the previous correspondence in this matter I was considerably put out by the attitude displayed by Varcoe. He seems to overlook entirely the fact that the payment of the monies in this case will be chargeable to the Japanese and also to overlook the fact that the work that we have done in connection with each individual property is worth far more than the \$20.00 we have asked, if our accounts are taxable on the Supreme Court tariff of this Province.

In view of the fact that Varcoe does not see fit to follow the recommendation of the Secretary of State which was made after Mr. McPherson had been in Vancouver and had an opportunity of seeing the work that was going on, I feel that in fairness to myself I should have my accounts taxed. I feel that I have been more than fair in trying to meet the Department half way but I do not feel that I should allow the Department a straight advantage of its position to impose a completely unfair arrangement upon me. I take it from Varcoe's letter that his attitude is "take it or leave it".

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If arrangements can be made to have my accounts taxed in Vancouver I would have no hesitation in proceeding and would not feel it necessary to bother you further with the matter. It was indicated to me at one time that if the accounts had to be taxed they would have to be submitted to some taxing officer of the Minister of Justice's Department. In view of the treatment I have had in this matter by the Justice Department, I would feel that such a taxation would not give me an opportunity of getting any better treatment and that the taxation would probably be just a farce.

Would you let me know what arrangements could be made in this case to have a taxation take place in British Columbia.

My retainer in this matter was merely as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and I see no reason why I should not be entitled to all my rights, one of which is to have my accounts taxed here. It would also be more convenient as the various persons who have been concerned in the work could attend and give whatever evidence might be necessary.

I know that you have had a great deal of experience in these matters and I am therefore relying on your advice.

In the meantime I would certainly like to have some advance on account as this money is to be turned over to the Income Tax Department. I understood that this had been arranged but every time I write to the Justice Department about it they ignore the matter completely. There will be another year's income tax payable right away so that if the Government sees fit to give me an advance on account of my costs, in the sum of \$5000.00 as was previously suggested, the entire amount will have to be turned over to the treasury on account of these taxes.

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With best wishes for the forthcoming year.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) A.G. DUNCAN CRUX.

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With best wishes for the forthcoming
year.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Duncan Crux

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OTTAWA December 5th, 1944.

A. 3. General - B. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25th, I find myself unable to recommend a greater allowance than that set out in this Department's telegram of November 20th naming a flat fee of \$15.00 for each property delivered and \$10.00 for each property withdrawn from sale. I am charged with the responsibility in matters of this nature to see that the expenditure of public funds is justifiable, and while I am of the view that the allowances above mentioned are fair and reasonable, I consider that more could not be justified.

If you will, therefore, submit an account through the Custodian, identifiable to his satisfaction with the properties involved, the same will be taxed without delay upon receipt from the Custodian for that purpose.

Yours truly,

"F. P. VARCOE"

Deputy Minister.

A. G. Duncan Cruik, Esq.,
Barrister,
308 Randall Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

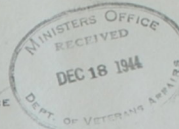
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA



Ottawa

December 16, 1944.

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PERSONAL

Pa
Miss A. Dixon,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Miss Dixon:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant concerning the payment of fees to the firm of Crux and McMaster in connection with the transfer of Japanese lands, Fraser Valley, to the Director of Veterans' Act, you will please find herewith copy of a self-explanatory telegram, dated November 20th, 1944, from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice, and copy of a self-explanatory letter addressed to Mr. Duncan Crux on the 5th instant by the Deputy Minister of Justice.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Beattie
Private Secretary.

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TELEGRAM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA NOVEMBER 20 1944.

Dear Mr. Barclay:

A G DUNCAN CRUX
BARNETT
304 RANDALL BUILDING
VANCOUVER B.C.

REFERENCE TRANSFER JAPANESE LANDS FRASER VALLEY TO
DIRECTOR VETERANS LAND ACT WILL YOU ACCEPT FLAT FEE
FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR EACH PROPERTY DELIVERED AND TEN
DOLLARS FOR EACH PROPERTY WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

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ASST. DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE

J. H. Barclay, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

Vancouver - Japanese in B.C.
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December 15, 1944.

URGENT

Dear Mr. Bernier:

Mr. Mackenzie wrote your Minister on the 30th ultimo, concerning an outstanding account owing to the firm of Crux and McMaster in connection with the transfer of Japanese Lands, Fraser Valley, to the Director, Veterans' Land Act.

As you know, this has been the subject of considerable correspondence and, as the matter has been outstanding for a considerable time, it would be appreciated if you would take the matter up with the appropriate officials of your Department and expedite a decision.

Mr. Mackenzie would like to be in a position to reply to his correspondent this week, if at all possible. Any action which you may take will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) A. Dixon,
Private Secretary.

J.M. Bernier, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

W. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/MH
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B.J. 16.12
Ottawa, 30th November, 1944.

My dear Colleague,-

Re: Transfer Japanese lands,
Fraser Valley, to
Director, Veterans' Land Act.

I am in receipt of copy of a letter forwarded by A.C. Duncan Crux, of the firm of Crux and McMaster, to the Deputy Minister of your Department, dated November 25th, 1944, and marked for the attention of Mr. E. Miall, Assistant Deputy Minister. This was in reply to a telegram, dated November 20th, forwarded by your officials to Mr. Crux, asking if he would accept a flat fee of \$15. for each property delivered, and \$10. for each property withdrawn from sale.

There has been considerable correspondence concerning this matter, and I would appreciate early action by your officials.

This firm is out of pocket for disbursements amounting approximately to \$100., which are over and above the various registration fees which were provided for by the custodian of enemy alien property. In addition to the actual out of pocket expenses, the amount of work involved was tremendous and complicated, and the firm was obliged to put on extra staff in the office to handle the volume of work entailed. They have also expended a great deal of money in overhead, salaries, etc., and have not received any payment on account whatsoever.

The Honourable L.S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
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Revisitors and Solicitors

TELEPHONE MAINE 9377

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I would, therefore, appreciate your
personal attention to this matter, in order that an
early decision may be reached.

Yours very truly,

Worcester
Centre - Japanese in B.B.
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Revisitors and Solicitors

TELEPHONE MANNE 9577

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Ottawa, 30th November, 1944.

Dear Duncan,-

I have your letter of the 25th instant, together with copy of one which you have forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Justice regarding your account re the Japanese land deal.

I am taking this up immediately with the Minister of Justice.

Yours sincerely,

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
Crux and McMaster,
30 S Randall Building,
535 West Georgia Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

I would, therefore, appreciate your personal attention to this matter, in order that an early decision may be reached.
Yours very truly,
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A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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535 WEST GEORGIA ST.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

November 25, 1944

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C.
Apartment 603
Mayfair Apartments
260 Metcalf Street
OTTAWA, Ontario

Dear Ian:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of
letter that I have this day sent to the Deputy
Minister of Justice regarding my account re the
Japanese land deal.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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1. Acknowledged
2. Followed up
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Brokers and Solicitors

G. F. MCMASTER
A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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555 WEST GEORGIA ST.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

November 25, 1944

Deputy Minister of Justice
OTTAWA, Canada

Attention Mr. E. Miall
Assistant Deputy

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your telegram of
November 20th and confirming letter which reads as
follows:

"Reference transfer Japanese lands Fraser Valley to
Director Veterans' Land Act will you accept flat fee
Fifteen Dollars for each property delivered and Ten
Dollars for each property withdrawn from sale".

We suggested that in view of the large
volume of business in this matter that we would be
pleased to reduce our taxable accounts and also in-
clude all attendances and charges on the original
transaction whereby the property was first trans-
ferred by Master Deed for the sum of \$850,000.00,
having in mind two purposes; firstly, to try and
get a standard charge for the convenience of the
Custodian (and thereby obviate endless explanation
by the Custodian as to why one Japanese was charged
more than another) and secondly, to avoid the necessity
of drawing hundreds of pages of bills that would take
up a great deal of time in the office.

We understand that Mr. McPherson who
attended in Vancouver and was familiar with the
situation, after investigating the matter, recommended
that our proposal of \$20.00 for each certificate of
title actually delivered and \$10.00 for each pro-
perty withdrawn, be accepted.

We are under the impression that this offer
is very reasonable under the circumstances.

M. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/MH
encl.

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The amount of work involved was tremendous and complicated, of course, by the fact that the Japanese had made numerous leases before being removed and that the Department had subsequently made other leases and further complications arose from time to time out of the difficulty of obtaining co-operation and information from various Japanese.

We were obliged to put on extra staff in the office to handle the volume of work entailed.

We are also in the position of having expended a great deal of money in overhead, salaries, etc., and not yet having received any payment on account whatsoever.

You will realize, of course, that we are very anxious to have this matter settled and at the same time we wish to be fair to ourselves.

We have disbursements at the present time amounting approximately to \$100.00 which are over and above the various registrations fees which were provided for by the Custodian.

In order to effect a speedy settlement we would be willing to split the difference between us and accept \$17.50 for each certificate of title actually delivered and \$10.00 for services in respect of each property that was withdrawn from the sale. In addition to this we would wish payment of our disbursements; detailed accounts of which we would submit for approval. They would, as above pointed out, be somewhat under \$100.00.

If you are agreeable to our proposal, we would suggest that we obtain a certificate from the Custodian setting out the titles delivered and properties withdrawn and that settlement be made accordingly.

We would request your early attention to this matter, and, in the meantime, would appreciate an interim payment on account of say \$5000.00.

Yours truly,

CRUX & MCMASTER

PER

A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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However, since the Japanese in B.C.
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November 17, 1944.

My dear Colleagues,

The legal firm of Crux and Webster, of Vancouver, has been in consultation with the Attorney General's Department regarding the settlement of the account of the original letter on 41-123.

"I believe that I am getting someplace with the Justice Department in regard to the settlement of my account as I received a wire yesterday wanting to know whether or not we would reduce our fees to \$15.00 for each title delivered and \$10.00 for properties withdrawn. I am checking into the matter now to see how this would work out in view of the tremendous amount of time and expense that we have incurred in handling this work. However, it looks as if they are giving the matter some consideration and this is certainly a forward step."

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The solicitors have incurred heavy expenses for statements in connection with these proceedings and it is a matter of great concern to them that their account should be settled as soon as possible. I would therefore greatly appreciate your assistance in seeing that action is expedited.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DUNCAN CRUX

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encl.

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Ottawa, November 17, 1944.

PERSONAL

My dear Colleague,

The legal firm of Crux and McMaster, of Vancouver, was retained in connection with the transfer of Japanese property in the Fraser Valley to the Veterans' Land Act administration. This entailed a great volume of work. The solicitors have approached your Department with the request that their account for services in the matter be settled on a flat rate basis and that a payment be made on account.

You will have in your file the full details and I need not set them out here. I am writing now to bring the matter to your attention because I feel that there has been undue delay in regard to it. The views of the Custodian of Enemy Property, in the Department of the Secretary of State, have, I understand, already been obtained by your officials. It would appear now, however, that the matter is being referred back to the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

The solicitors have incurred heavy expenses for disbursements in connection with these conveyances and it is a matter of great concern to them that their account should be settled as soon as possible. I would therefore greatly appreciate your assistance in seeing that action is expedited.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA



PERSONAL

J.A. Macdonald, Esq.,
Associate Private Secretary to the
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Macdonald:

I referred to the Department your
letters of October 17th and 18th and of the 9th
instant in connection with the legal account of
Messrs Cruz and McMaster, of Vancouver.

You will please find herewith copy
of a self-explanatory memorandum received to-day
from the Assistant Deputy-Minister.

I will be pleased, you may rest
assured, to communicate with you further and may
add that it is hoped that a satisfactory solution
will be arrived at in the near future.

Yours very truly,

Jul Beruice
Private Secretary.

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OTTAWA- 13th November 1944.

November 9, 1944.

MR BERNIER:

A.S. General-B.C.

On return to the office from sick leave I found the attached correspondence and passed it to the Director of Soldier Settlement with a view to getting the picture, particularly as to volume of work. He informed me that it was the Custodian of Enemy Property that was primarily interested and I had to-day dictated a letter to the Deputy Custodian with a view to forwarding the correspondence from Mr. Macdonald requesting its return with the Deputy Custodian's comments as to the volume of work, the suggested basis of remuneration and, incidentally, as to the proposal of an advance on account. If you wish that course to be followed I shall be glad to receive back the correspondence when it has served your immediate purpose.

E. Miall

J.A. Macdonald,
Associate Fieldwork Secretary.

Mr. Miall, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

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November 9, 1944.

Dear Mr. Bernier:

This is further to my letters of October 17th and 18th, in connection with the legal account of Messrs. Crux and McMaster, of Vancouver.

I am just writing to enquire if it has been possible to reach any decision in regard to the account.

Yours very truly,

J.A. Macdonald,
Associate Private Secretary.

J.M. Bernier, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

Vancouver Centre - Separate in B.4, 70-250101

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October 18, 1944.

70-2501(A)

Dear Mr. Crux,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 14th in Mr. Senior's absence from the city.

I have forwarded your application for a payment on account to the Minister of Justice. We are pressing the matter as vigorously as we can.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Macdonald,
Associate Private Secretary.

Mr. A. G. Duncan Crux,
c/o Crux & McMaster,
Barristers and Solicitors,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

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PER:

Handwritten signature
A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/MH
encl.

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October 18, 1944.

Dear Mr. Bernier,

Further to my letter of yesterday's date in connection with the legal fees of Crux and McMaster, of Vancouver, B.C., I am forwarding a letter from this firm to your Minister asking for a payment on account.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Macdonald,
Associate Private Secretary.

Mr. J. M. Bernier,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
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PER:

G. Duncan Crux
G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/MH
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A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

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October 14, 1944

Department of Pensions and
National Health,
Ottawa, Canada

Attention C. N. Senior,
Executive Assistant

Dear Norman:

This will acknowledge your letters of
October 3rd and October 7th, for which I thank you.

I certainly appreciate the assistance
you have been giving me.

I am enclosing herewith an application
for a payment on account for the sum of \$5,000.00 and
would be greatly obliged if you would see that it
reaches the Department of Justice, and is acted upon
as promptly as possible.

We have not yet received any letter
from the Department, asking us to indicate the amount
of time spent on this work, but in view of what you
say in the letter, we expect we will receive such a
communication. In any event, we will in due course
prepare some information in this regard and forward
it to the Department for their information.

I notice in today's paper that Ian
has been assigned to a different post, and trust that
you will find your new work pleasant and interesting.
Please give my kind regards to Jim McDonald and Miss
Dixon.

Yours truly,

CRUX & MCMASTER

PER: *[Signature]*
R. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/WH
encl.

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JM/F

October 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Bernier:

Following our telephone conversation, I am writing with regard to the fees of the legal firm of Crux and McMaster, of 535 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C., which was retained to act in the matter of the transfer of Japanese property in the Fraser Valley to the Director under the Veterans' Land Act.

A tremendous volume of work was involved, as approximately 750 conveyances had to be completed. The legal firm feels that drawing its bill for services rendered in accordance with the usual practice of your Department would require some weeks' time, with at least two stenographers devoting full hours to it. In view of the heavy pressure under which they are working these days, they are anxious to avoid this. Their proposition is that they be paid a fee of \$20.00 for each property in respect of which a certificate of title was actually delivered, and \$10.00 for each property withdrawn before completion of the transfer. Mr. Crux informs us that several bills have been drawn up in connection with individual conveyances and in each instance, on the regular conveyancing scale, they have amounted to over \$35.00. He believes that fees were paid on a flat rate basis in connection with conveyancing of land along the Alaska Highway and in other cases. Completion of the transfers in the case of the Fraser Valley lands was considerably complicated because the co-operation of the Japanese could not be obtained.

J.M. Bernier, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA.

General Secretary (Part-time)

Japanese property

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October 7, 1944

I believe the work is now completed and the firm feels that, in view of the considerable cost of financing the work, something should be paid on account. Mr. Crux attended in Ottawa in August and consulted Mr. McPherson of the Department of the Secretary of State, who advised that he was recommending to your Department settlement on a flat rate basis. The matter appears to have made no progress since that time and I would therefore greatly appreciate anything you can do to expedite a settlement on a flat rate basis.

Yours very truly,

J.A. Macdonald,
Associate Private Secretary.

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Carter - Spence in B.C.
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GENERAL SECRETARY (1944-1945)

Japanese property

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October 7, 1944.

AIR MAIL

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Dear Duncan:-

I finally managed to speak to the Taxation Officer in the Department of Justice. He wrote to you some days ago suggesting that you indicate the amount of time engaged on the work. That is the basis on which the Department of Justice endeavours to pay for its legal services.

In view of your immediate necessities he indicated that they would be prepared to consider an application for an interim payment on account for some sum of say \$5000 if this would be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

C.N. Senior,
Executive Assistant.

A.G. Duncan Cruik, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 W. Georgia Street,
Vancouver,
B.C.

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A. D. DUNCAN CRUX

308 RANDALL BUILDING
535 WEST GEORGIA ST.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 28, 1944

Hon. Bn A. Mackenzie, K. C.
Apartment 603
Mayfair Apartments
260 Metcalf Street
OTTAWA, Ontario

Revised
To note carefully
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PERSONAL

Dear Ian:

Confirming our telephone conversation today
I will certainly appreciate whatever you can do to get
our affairs straightened out with the Secretary of State
Department.

As you know we were retained to do the legal
work in connection with the transfer of the Japanese
property in the Fraser Valley to The Director, The Veteran's
Land Act. Subsequently there were also some other pieces
of property on Vancouver Island and various adjacent points.

This matter has been in hand for over a year and
has been all cleaned up with the exception of some recent
items that have been forwarded to us.

So far we have not received any monies whatsoever.

In view of the fact that the billing of each pro-
perty would be a rather lengthy and expensive item and also
in view of the fact that there are a great many complications
in respect of some properties and that we would have an over-
riding account for various consultations and conferences in
respect of the whole proposition that we would be entitled
to charge in addition to our actual conveyancing work, we
suggested that we be paid on a flat fee basis for each pro-
perty which would include all our charges for consultations
and advising. The total deal involves somewhat over \$800,000.00
so you will see it was a rather sizable affair in the first in-
stance and when it was broken down into its component parts it
amounted to a multitude of details.

A great deal of it was complicated by virtue of

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Transfer of lands to crown,
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Japanese property

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the fact that we did not have the co-operation of the Japanese.

We know that in other conveyance positions in connection with the Alaska Highway and other affairs that fees have been paid on a flat rate, but in these cases there have been no complications. In other words, they have generally been straight conveyances with all parties co-operating.

In the Japanese cases there were leases to be taken care of, cases where the parties had died and were estates in question, cases where there had been agreements for sale and mortgages and numerous claims by the Japanese in respect of allowances for such things as crops left in the ground, etc.

Certain properties were finally withdrawn from the deal after all arrangements had been made for their conveyance due to the fact that the parties could not agree on certain details. In these cases we actually did as much work as the other properties with the exception of the fact that we did not complete the final registration.

We have drafted up several bills in connection with individual transactions and in each instance the bills drawn on the regular conveyancing scale have amounted to well over \$35.00 for each property.

Our suggestion, in view of the volume of business (there being some 750 odd conveyances) was that we be paid a flat fee of \$20.00 for each property for which we delivered certificate of title and \$10.00 for each property that was withdrawn and that all our other charges be waived.

The writer took a trip to Ottawa in connection with this for the purpose of making a settlement with Mr. McPherson and McPherson said that he had recommended this settlement but that he had to take it up with the Minister and that it would also have to be taken up with the Minister of Justice. McPherson stated that he would have a wire sent to me advising me on the matter immediately and on that assurance I left Ottawa. So far I have not heard from McPherson at all.

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The reason I am so anxious to have this settled on a flat fee basis is to avoid the necessity of taking about a month's solid time to draw all these bills. We are under heavy pressure and to draw the necessary bills in the style that is usually required by the Department would mean that we would have to devote practically full time to the job and also put at least two stenographers to work. When this is accomplished it would also necessitate a trip to Ottawa so that the writer could be present at the taxation to see that all the matters were properly attended to.

I would therefore deem it a special favour if you could have this matter adjusted and if the Department will agree to pay us on the above mentioned basis we will obtain statements from the Custodian here verifying the number of certificates of title delivered and the number that were withdrawn from the deal.

As I mentioned in one of my previous letters it is a little difficult to finance this volume of business without getting some money on account and at the present time I have Mr. Ilsey demanding some three thousand dollars arrears of income tax for the past year and no doubt he will be asking for a very sizable portion for this year. In other words, by the time I get paid by the Secretary of State I will have to give the major portion of my receipts to the Minister of Finance.

Will write to you shortly with further news of local developments.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours truly,

A. G. Duncan
A. G. DUNCAN CHUX

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A. B. DUNCAN CRUX

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535 WEST GEORGIA ST.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

August 11, 1944

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, K. C.
Apartment 603
Mayfair Apartments
260 Metcalf Street
OTTAWA, Ontario

Dear Ian:

You will recollect that when I was in Ottawa I was endeavouring to make arrangements with Mr. McPherson in the Secretary of State's office to settle our account for services rendered.

My suggestion was that in order to save about a month's work drawing itemized accounts that we might agree on a fee of \$20.00 for each title actually delivered irrespective of how much work was involved and a fee of \$10.00 for each property that we handled and which was subsequently withdrawn from the transaction.

Mr. McPherson advised me that he had recommended this settlement and that he would take it up with the Minister in due course. When I last saw him, the day I left Ottawa, he stated that he would have a reply on the matter which would be waiting me by the time I was able to return to Vancouver.

Confidentially McPherson was the only chap I dealt with in Ottawa who did not seem to be particularly co-operative and therefore I am not particularly surprised to find that up to date no word has been received from him.

I would certainly like to get this matter settled along the lines mentioned as we have done a tremendous amount of work and have now completed the entire deal with the exception of one or two titles that are coming through as fast as the Land Registry Office can issue the titles.

Naturally, doing this volume of work without having any monies whatsoever on account is a little bit

*Answer
Toronto
1944*

General Secretary (Part-time)

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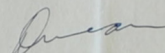
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awkward at times and particularly in view of the fact that the Income Tax Department has been requesting me to pay them the balance of \$3000.00 taxes.

I would be very pleased if you would look into this matter in your usual efficient manner.

I have written today to McWherson suggesting to him that he may have overlooked this matter and asking him for a reply.

Yours truly,



A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/OS

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
Veuillez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes
Ottawa, September 29, 1944.

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 W. Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Working on your account but key official
not yet accessible.

C.N. Senior.

Charge: Minister's Office,
Dept. Pensions & Nat. Health,
Daly Building, Ottawa.

A.G. Crux, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
535 West Georgia Street,
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(Miss) A. Dixon,
Private Secretary.

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General Secretary (Part-time)

Japanese property

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TELEPHONE MANAGER 5377

12th September, 1944.

Dear Mr. Cruz,-

I am sorry to have been so long in acknowledging your letter of the 25th ultimo concerning your negotiations with the Department of the Secretary of State. I have, however, been trying to obtain some definite information before writing you, but have not been successful.

The only information I can get is that the matter was referred to the Department of Justice, and that the Department of the Secretary of State is awaiting their ruling as to whether or not the proposed arrangement could be made.

The Deputy Minister of the Department of the Secretary of State is at present out of town, and Mr. McPherson is also away. I have, however, asked Mr. McLarty's secretary to keep the matter in mind and to advise me as soon as there is anything definite.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Duncan Cruz, Esq.,
308 Randall Building,
536 West Georgia Street,
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Transfer of funds to the Crown,
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August 25, 1944

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PERSONAL.

Miss Audrey Dixon,
Secretary,
Hon. Ian MacKenzie, K.C., M.P.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Audrey:-

I understand that Ian is on his way to Vancouver and that is why I am addressing this letter to you.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I wrote to Ian and a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. McPherson of the Department of the Secretary of State. The third document is a reply from the Department of the Secretary of State.

You will notice that in this reply it is stated that Mr. McPherson had written to the Department of Justice regarding my fees before he left Ottawa. Mr. McPherson assured me that he was recommending the arrangement that had been suggested and I am very anxious to know whether or not this is correct.

Would it be possible for you to obtain for me a copy of Mr. McPherson's letter to the Department of Justice so that in the event the recommendation has not gone forward as suggested, that I can take some steps to forward my interest in this matter without delay.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend in Vancouver during the campaign as it looks as if it will be quite interesting.

Received a very interesting letter from Aubrey Peck, according to which he is in fine spirits in spite of his confinement in the hospital. I am sure that we were all delighted to see his gallantry honoured by the presentation of a well-deserved medal. With kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
A.G. DUNCAN CRUX

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Japanese property

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TELEPHONE MAINE 9577

PERSONAL

August 31, 1943

Hon. Ian A. MacKenzie, K. C. . . .
Minister of Pensions & National Health
OTTAWA, Canada

Dear Ian:

I understand that there is some disposition on the part of the Minister of Justice to grant my friend McLennan a fiat to sue in connection with the sale of the Japanese lands in this part of the country.

It will, no doubt, involve the properties that we are presently transferring to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act. Thanks to your kindness I am acting as solicitor in connection with this transaction.

If it is at all possible I would certainly like to follow through as counsel on the case as I feel that I will be thoroughly familiar with the matter and would certainly enjoy taking a shot at our Japanese friends if the learned Minister of Justice decides to allow them into the Courts.

It was unfortunate that the Quebec Conference cut your visit short and I am sure that you have been under a very heavy burden with all the problems that such a conference would entail. We are all looking forward to a grand and glorious result from the united efforts of all those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Duncan
A. G. DUNCAN CRUX

AGDC/OH

Vancouver Centre - Japanese in B.C.
70-250(A)

Japanese property

DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

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August 30th, 1943

Mr. Mackenzie:

Mr. Murchison of the Veterans Land Settlement Act, telephoned me this afternoon. He is very much worried about a fiat he hears may be issued to a firm of lawyers in Vancouver acting on behalf of the Japanese in connection with the property taken over for sale by the Custodian of Enemy Alien property. As you know he proposes to purchase 769 parcels of this land for returned soldier settlement and the negotiations have been proceeding and he has already I understand paid out some money in this connection. He fears that if such a fiat is granted by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice that such lawyers would then be in a position to obtain an injunction which would tie up the sale of this land to him as Director of the Veterans Land Act indefinitely. He is taking the matter up with Mr. Crerar in order that he may be forewarned if it comes up at Council but thought you should also be advised in case you wished to make any representations. He naturally does not wish to make any comment on Government policy but feels that if such a fiat is issued it should be limited so that it would not interfere with the arrangements which have been made.

A.D.

Vancouver Centre - Japanese in B.C.
Transfer of lands to Crown
Nov 1945
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japanese property

CANADA



DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
OTTAWA

July 30, 1943.

VIA AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Senior,

I am enclosing for Mr. Mackenzie's information personal letter from Rowe Holland, concerning the political situation in Vancouver.

I am also enclosing copy of a confidential letter and enclosure from General LaFleche, as the Minister may wish to have this before him at the time he sees Mr. Mitchell in Winnipeg.

I am also enclosing a copy of a report from G. W. McPherson, Executive Assistant, Department of the Secretary of State, concerning the sale of Japanese properties.

Yours very truly,

A. Dixon
(Miss) A. Dixon,
Associate Private Secretary.

C. N. Senior, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the Minister
of Pensions and National Health,
Hotel Saskatchewan,
Regina, Sask.

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Transfer of funds to Crown,
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CANADA

Education Council of Canada

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA



Ottawa, July 29, 1943

My dear Colleague:

I thought you might be interested in
the enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Norman McKeen

The Honourable
Ian A. Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
Ottawa.

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Wentover Centre - Separate in B.E.
Transfer of funds to Crown
70-25C(A)

CANADA

Executive Council of Canada

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File J-71

July 27, 1943.

Re: Greater Vancouver Properties

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I thought the Custodian might be interested in the progress being made in this matter.

It is intended that Judge Smith's committee will consider the tenders that are reasonable and will make a definite recommendation to the Custodian regarding same.

It is noted from the above statement that the figures do not balance by one tender. I have asked Mr. Shears for an explanation of this discrepancy.

"G. W. McPherson"
Executive Assistant.

Vancouver Centre - Separate in B-2,
Transfer of lands to Crown,
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Vancouver Centre - Separate in B-2, transfer of lands to Crown, 70-250 (A)

CANADA

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CANADA
MINISTER
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

70-25C(a)



Ottawa, 28th July, 1943.

C.N. Senior, Esq., Private Secretary to the Minister of
Pensions and National Health, Ottawa.

In Mr. Crerar's absence from Ottawa I
acknowledge receipt of your Minister's letter of the 21st
instant with further reference to the leasing of lands in
the Fraser Valley formerly owned by Japanese.

These lands are in the process of being
transferred from the Custodian to the Director of the
Veterans' Land Act, and, as previously indicated, the local
officers of the Director have the question of the disposition
of the leaseholds under close study. Considerable care has
to be taken not only to place and keep the properties in
reasonably good condition pending their disposal to veterans
but also to avoid future entanglement in the matters of
possession and compensation.

W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

Wentworth Centre - Separate in B.E.
70-25C(a)

CANADA

Religious Education Council of Canada



THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA

Ottawa, July 22nd, 1943

My dear Colleague:

I have your letter of the 21st instant enclosing copy of letter received by yourself from Mr. H. Ballantyne, General Secretary of The Religious Education Council of Canada, relative to the disposition of Japanese properties in this country.

I appreciate your forwarding this to me, as well as a copy of your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Ian A. MacKenzie

Hon. Ian A. MacKenzie,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
Ottawa.

"Humphrey Mitchell"

Wentover Centre - Japanese in B.C.
70-250 (A)

CANADA

Executive Council of Canada

25C (A)

Ottawa, July 22, 1943.

Dear Mr. Beach,-

I have your further letter of the 19th instant concerning the preservation of fruit farms in the Fraser Valley for returned soldiers.

I shall be very pleased to bring your comments to the attention of the Director of the Veterans' Land Settlement Act.

Yours sincerely,

H. Beach, Esquire,
Mission City,
B.C.

DCM

over

"Humphrey Mitchell"

Wentworth Centre - Separate in B.C.
P.O. of the Fraser Valley
70-25C (A)

CANADA

Convention Council of Canada

Ottawa, July 21, 1943.

My dear Colleague,-

You will remember that I wrote you on the 28th ultimo with reference to 769 parcels of land in the Fraser Valley formerly owned by Japanese and now transferred to the Supervisor under the Veterans' Land Act.

Subsequently, you were good enough to reply advising me of the present situation. The information contained therein was passed to my correspondent and I am now in receipt of further comments. As the comments will be of interest to you, I am enclosing extract from the letter herewith.

Any further comments you care to make will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable T.A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DCM

"Humphrey Mitchell"

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Manitoba Centre - Japanese in B.C.
Dept. of Lands & Crown

70-25C(A)

CANADA

Education Council of Canada

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Ottawa, July 21, 1943.

My dear Colleague,

I have your letter of the 17th of July enclosing copy of letter forwarded to you by the Minister of Labour as a result of an interview with the Committee representing the United Church of Canada.

I received a similar letter from the Religious Education Council of Canada and am enclosing for your information copy of their letter, copy of my reply and copy of a further letter which I have now received from them under date of July 19, 1943.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Norman McLarty,
Secretary of State of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

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"Humphrey Mitchell"

Wentworth Centre - Separate in B.E.
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CANADA

The Religious Education Council of Canada

Mission City, B.C.
July 19th, 1943.



The Honourable Ian MacKenzie,
Minister of Health & Pensions,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and of the 12th instant which I have read with a great deal of interest.

I still believe that the returned soldier expecting to locate on a good fruit farm in the Fraser Valley will be sadly disappointed after looking around for a suitable location.

Here is the deal as I see it after hearing about the new leases that the fruit grower tenant is supposed to sign. I haven't seen one myself.

- 1st Description of the farm.
- 2nd Fruit Grower tenant has to make an offer for the farm for the year 1944 and subsequent years for the duration.
- 3rd Describes what is at present on the land.
- 4th Ask him if he is prepared to accept 30 days notice to vacate.

Truthfully speaking Mr. MacKenzie a man would be out of his mind to sign such a lease and these leases are already the laughing stock of the Fraser Valley. I am not saying the leases won't be signed because plenty of people are willing to locate on a farm and raise a few chickens, potatoes and other yearly crops as well as keep a cow and perhaps raise a pig or two. If he has to move after a months notice he hasn't much to lose unless he has just put in his crops and may take a chance that he would be allowed to harvest them.

Please do not think I am criticizing the action of ^{KEPT} any department. I know you would want to see the best farms for the returned men and I know they are entitled to the best we can give them, however these leases (and I suggest you secure a copy and read it over) to my way of thinking are all "haywire" if the idea is to maintain a fruit farm as a fruit farm with growing crops such as Strawberries, which have to be renewed every third year, Raspberries which do not produce under two years and stay for a number of years if properly looked after by spraying, fertilizing, as well as proper cultivating.

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"Humphrey Mitchell"

Minister of Agriculture - Separate in B.C.
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Ottawa, July 17th, 1943

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I am herewith enclosing a copy for yourself as I thought you would desire to have this information.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. L. Hart

DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH
MINISTER'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM:

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make a copy of
similar letter from
United Church +
Minister's reply
Friday, or Saturday
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replying directly

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

Honourable Ian Macdonald,
Minister of Labour
Ottawa, Canada.

Minister of Labour
Canada

Ottawa, July 9, 1943

Honourable Norman McLarty, P.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

My dear Colleague:

The Committee representing the United Church of Canada interviewed me recently concerning Government administration of the Japanese evacuees in Canada, and left with me a memorandum conveying their views on this matter.

Section 111 of the memorandum concerns Japanese property and reads as follows:

"111 - PROPERTY:

We have noted with dismay that an Order-in-Council was passed authorizing the setting up of a Commission to proceed with the sale of all Japanese-held property in the protected area, and that the definition of this is such as to include the property of all individual Japanese, whether born in Japan or born in Canada, and that the proposal envisages the sale of the homes, the furniture, and every vestige of property which the Japanese were not able to carry with them into the re-location centres.

We cannot believe that the Dominion Government fully appreciates the effect that this order-in-council is producing among the Japanese people themselves, and among those who value civil liberty and freedom in this country, and we urge that the utmost consideration be given before proceeding with this sale. We believe that this forced sale should not be proceeded with in the case of the property of individual home owners, unless they themselves request it."

I have advised the Secretary of the General Council of the United Church that this matter is under your jurisdiction and that you would probably be replying directly on this phase of Japanese administration.

Yours sincerely,
"Humphrey Mitchell"

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and The Student Christian Movement.

July 19, 1943.

Honourable Ian Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Please accept cordial thanks for your letter of the 14th inst. acknowledging receipt of our recommendations respecting the sale of Japanese property in British Columbia.

You have supplied us with information about the regulations under which the Government is acting, which were not in our possession before, and this data will be presented at the next meeting of our Executive Committee.

Your comment about the necessity of sale due to deterioration, is also noted with appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

H. Ballantyne
General Secretary (Part-time)



Minister of Pensions and National Health
Ottawa, Canada
70-250(A)

1/2 Disposition of Japanese property

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

70-250(A)

70-250(A)

d/s

Ottawa, July 13, 1943.

Dear Mr. Strachon,

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo,
together with copy of one which you had for-
warded to Mr. Marchison, Director of the
Veterans' Land Settlement Act.

The contents have been carefully
noted.

Yours very truly,

D. W. Strachon, Esq.,
President, B.C. Coast Growers' Assoc.,
P.O. Box 160, MISSION CITY, B.C.

Minister of the Interior - Separate in B.C.
Transfer of land to crown,
Jan 1943 - April 1945

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

70-250(A)

Ottawa, July 14, 1943.

Dear Sir,-

This acknowledges your letter of July 7th, advising me of the recommendations of your Executive Committee with respect to the sale of Japanese property.

Careful note is made of your representations. I am inclined to think, from a statement contained in the second of the proposed safeguards, that the members of your Committee were not informed as to the facts.

This paragraph assumes that the proceeds of the sales are held by the Custodian in trust for the owners. That, of course, is not the fact; proceeds are paid over to the owners in full, and immediately, except in the rare case of an owner who has been interned as an enemy alien.

Possibly if this fact had been understood, the views of the members of your Committee would have been different.

May I say, in general, that the rapid deterioration of this property was so great that, in a year or two, it would have had little value, and the sale before the lands have been completely overgrown with weeds and the useful plants smothered would seem to be in the interest of the owners. Many considerations entered into the situation, but this was not least among them.

Yours sincerely,

H. Ballantyne, Esq.,
General Secretary (Part-Time)
The Religious Education Council of Canada,
Room 417, 299 Queen St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.

3. That property sales of Canadian Japanese citizens should not be made at all unless the owner agrees to their disposal and we urge repeal thereof forthwith.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Yours faithfully,

H. Ballantyne
General Secretary (Part-time)

Manitoba Office - Japanese in B.C.
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re disposition of
Japanese property

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S/P

Ottawa, July 12, 1943.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your letter of July 7th, advising me of the recommendations of your Executive Committee with respect to the sale of Japanese property.

It is evident from the text of your Resolution that your Members were not familiar with the facts. Proceeds of the sales go to the Japanese owners in full and immediately, except in the very rare case where the man may be a registered enemy alien. The spirit of your Resolution is appreciated, but it would appear that, if your Members had been aware of this fact, their conclusions might have been different.

Yours sincerely,

H. Bellantyne, Esq.,
General Secretary (Part-Time)
The Religious Education Council of Canada,
Room 417, 299 Queen St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

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Honourable Ian MacKenzie,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Our organization comprises leaders of religious education in all the Protestant Churches of Canada, namely, The Church of England in Canada, The United Church of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Baptist Church, the Churches of Christ (Disciples), The Evangelical Church, with a membership strength of nearly 3,000,000, a large body of influential people who are vitally interested in Christian citizenship.

Recently the attention of our Executive Committee was called to the action of the Government by Order in Council No. P.C. 469, authorizing the sale of property and possessions owned by Japanese now evacuated from British Columbia. We are not unmindful of the serious problems confronted by the Government respecting Japanese resident in our country at a time when we are at war with Japan. We realize there are many grave aspects of this problem which the Government has had to face, and appreciate the difficulties confronted in attempting to reach an acceptable and wise solution.

It seems to us, however, that on this specific issue respecting property the measures taken are unwarranted and will have an unfavourable effect upon Japanese citizens in Canada both now and in the post war situation. We wish, therefore, to respectfully protest the action taken and also to suggest the following safeguards in carrying out the Order in Council:

1. That sales of property and possessions should not be made hastily and only when deterioration might affect values.
2. That in any contemplated sales the owner should at least be notified and probably conferred with before final action. We assume that the proceeds of sales are held by the Custodian in trust for the owners.
3. That property sales of Canadian Japanese citizens should not be made at all unless the owner agrees to their disposal and we urge repeal thereof forthwith.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Yours faithfully,

M. Ballantyne
General Secretary (Part-time)

re disposition of
Japanese property

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Ottawa, July 12, 1943.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your letter of July 7th, advising us of the recommendations of your Executive Committee with respect to the sale of Japanese property.

It is evident from the text of your resolution that your members were not familiar with the facts. Proceeds of the sales go to the Japanese owners in full and immediately, except in the very rare case where the man may be a registered enemy alien. The spirit of your resolution is appreciated, but it would appear that, if your members had been aware of this fact, their conclusions might have been different.

Yours sincerely,

M. Ballantyne, Secy.
General Secretary (Part-time)
The Religious Education Council of Canada,
Room 417, 299 Queen St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

Minister of Pensions & National Health
Ottawa
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION

A Service Organization Representing Berry, Tree Fruit and
Vegetable Growers of the Entire Lower Mainland and
Vancouver Island



P. O. BOX 180 - MISSION CITY, B. C.

June 28th, 1943.

The Honourable Ian McKenzie,
Minister of Pensions & Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith a copy of our letter
written to-day to Mr. George Murchison.

Yours very truly,

B. C. COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Per *D.W. Strachan*

D. Strachan,
President

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION

A Service Organization Representing Berry, Tree Fruit and
Vegetable Growers of the Entire Lower Mainland and
Vancouver Island

P. O. BOX 169 - MISSION CITY, B. C.

June 28th, 1943.

Mr. George Murchison,
Director of the Veterans' Land Act,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Murchison:

We are writing you in behalf of approximately 300 tenants of evacuated Japanese farms who are members of this Association. Up to the present time these people occupying these farms have not had a fair deal. The farms show it very plainly and the temperament of the tenants shows this also.

A one seasons lease on a berry farm is positively violent and destructive to these farms. No department in Ottawa or anywhere else could expect these tenants to do the best possible under such conditions. Now that you are in charge of these farms and that it has been definitely decided that they should go to the boys coming back from over-seas we, who are responsible with you must do our very best to have these farms in the best possible productive condition. This can only be accomplished by encouraging the present or future tenants to the utmost to put and maintain these farms in as highly productive condition as is humanely possible.

A meeting of tenants of Japanese farms was held last Wednesday and they decided that unless they get better encouragement than they have had so far they will leave these farms and it doesn't take much imagination on your part or ours to realize that the farms, so left, would naturally be in what we call a dirty condition. We, as an Association of long standing and much experience, should be able to put forward suggestions which should enable your department to form a sane and sensible policy for these much pushed about tenants. The only way to obtain the desired results would be to give these tenants a lease for the duration but not of a lesser time than three years.

In this lease there should be provision made for compensation for any acreage planted to berries or other fruits by the tenant which compensation should be the same amount per acre as the tenants paid when they occupied these farms. These payments ran from about \$75.00 per acre to \$125.00, in some cases they ran higher, up to \$150.00 but these were exceptional cases for the very finest crops and fertilized. In addition to that the compensation should provide for the rise in the cost of production between the time when they took over and the time when they will have to evacuate to make room for returned soldiers. This rise in cost of production at the present time is about \$75.00 per acre.

If your department can see its way clear to inaugurate a
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sane and sensible policy along the line that we have taken the liberty to suggest in this letter there is no doubt whatsoever that you will achieve the desired results in connection with these farms.

No doubt your investigations show that some parcels of these Japanese evacuated lands would not be a desirable proposition for any returned soldier and these parcels so affected should be listed and the present tenant, if any, should be given first chance to buy these lands providing he wishes to do so but no doubt any parcels of land that are considered undesirable by you for the purpose contemplated may be of so little value that the tenants would not be very enthusiastic about buying them.

These tenants have certain rights. They have not had a square deal. You have it within your power to give them a square deal and at the same time employ a sane and sensible policy which is the only way to achieve the object in view, namely to have these farms in a productive and clean condition fit to be lived on by any returned man and his family when they finally return back to their homes.

When deciding who the tenants should be that are going to occupy these farms a certain amount of selection must be practised to weed out those tenants that are not taking care of the farms in a proper manner within reason taking into consideration the situation prevailing during their time of occupancy.

We don't wish to butt in your business but we, who have the experience, should be permitted to voice our opinion according to the way we see it.

We will thank you for your anticipated thorough analysis of what we have written and taking it for granted that you are a man of high intelligence and good understanding we leave this case in your hands and remain

Yours very truly,

B.C. COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Per

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OTTAWA, July 2, 1943.

The Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, K.C., M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA.

My dear Colleague,-

The observations contained in your letter of June 28th with regard to leasing the lands formerly occupied by the Japanese evacuees has, as suggested, been brought to the attention of the Director, the Veterans' Land Act. Mr. Murchison, the Director, tells me that this situation is under close observation by Mr. Barnet, the local District Superintendent, who has already received representations on this subject by Mr. D.W. Strachan, in his capacity as President of the B.C. Coast Growers Association of Mission City.

Naturally, it is the intention of the administration to preserve the properties in good condition pending their disposal to veterans, but considerable care will be necessary in order to avoid entering into lease agreements containing compensation clauses which will provide fertile grounds for future litigation or disbursements which will very considerably add to the overall cost of these properties. The planting season for 1944 is now over, and I imagine the leasing arrangements for 1944 and subsequent years will be governed by the stage of the war and the performance of those tenants who may wish to renew their lease agreements.

The main difficulty in the administration of these Japanese lands has always seemed to centre on Mission City, and having regard to the attitude so far taken by some of the tenants on these lands it is hardly likely that they will ever be completely satisfied. As stated above, however, the situation is under close observation and I am sure that Mr. Barnet and his local officers may be relied upon to see that the lands are kept in reasonably good condition pending the time when they will be required for veteran settlement purposes.

Yours very truly,

Minister of Pensions and National Health
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Ottawa, July 12, 1943.

Dear Mr. Beach:

With further reference to my letter of the 28th ultimo, I am now advised by the Department of Mines and Resources that the situation outlined in your letter of the 24th ultimo is under close observation by Mr. Barnet, the local District Superintendent.

It is the intention of the administration to preserve the properties in good condition pending their disposal to veterans, and I am assured that Mr. Barnet and his local officers can be relied upon to see that the lands are kept in reasonably good condition pending the time when they will be required for veteran settlement purposes.

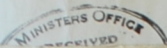
Yours very truly,

H. Beach, Esq.,
Mission City,
B.C.

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s/l

Ottawa, June 28, 1943.

Dear Mr. Beach,

This will acknowledge your letter of the 24th of June.

I thank you for your friendly suggestion. As I am not personally administering the Veterans' Land Act, I am not fully familiar with all the considerations which may affect the judgment of the Director and his Minister. I shall, however, be very glad to bring your representations to their attention.

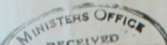
Yours very truly,

H. Beach, Esquire,
Mission City, B.C.

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CANADA



Ottawa, June 28, 1943.

My dear Colleague,

With reference to 769 parcels of land in the Fraser Valley, formerly owned by Japanese and now transferred to the Supervisor under the Veterans' Land Act, representations have been received from a responsible source that it will be difficult to preserve these lands in good condition for veterans unless the farms are occupied and worked.

A one year lease without assurances of renewal does not encourage a tenant to protect the continuity of the berry crop which is one of the principal products of these lands. Unless the tenants are encouraged to set out new berry plants, bushes and vines, the productivity of the farms will fall off and it will take several seasons to bring them back.

A suggestion has been made that tenants might be encouraged to keep these properties in good shape by guaranteeing compensation for growing crop at the termination of the lease.

I would appreciate your bringing these observations to the attention of the Director under the Veterans' Land Act.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable T. A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Mission City, B.C.
June 24th, 1943.

The Honourable Ian McKenzie,
Minister of Pensions & Health,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the transfer of 769 parcels of land in the Fraser Valley, properties formerly owned by Japanese, now transferred to Provincial supervisor under Veterans Land Act.

You will forgive me if I offer a little advice, my only desire being to see that these farms are maintained in a high state of cultivation and productivity so that the Soldier settler may obtain a living upon entry and that he doesn't have to start from scratch, or shall I say have to build up an abandoned farm, overgrown with weeds and brush the very sight of which would break the heart of any man, to say nothing of the wife who must be considered to a very great extent as she has to make a home out of a house which may have been unoccupied for months, without perhaps Electric light or modern conveniences.

The present leases on these farms are mostly for one season only, you cannot expect the present tenant to plant out any kind of fruit such as Strawberries which only produces a part crop a year after they are planted or Raspberries which do not produce a crop until the second year unless some encouragement is given to the tenant to plant for continuity and further that he, the tenant, will receive some form of compensation based on proper valuation of growing crops, date of planting, state of cultivation etc. should he have to leave the farm when asked to.

Apart from the fact that the whole small fruit growing industry in the Fraser Valley will suffer if these farms are not kept up, the most serious matter to my way of thinking in the occupation of these farms later by Soldier settler is to properly look after him and to see that he makes a living and is happy with his wife and family.

It goes without saying that the best is none too good for our returned men when they get back and it should be our duty to see that these farms are ready for them when they wish to occupy them also as I said before that we encourage the present tenants to keep them in good shape and the only way to do this is to guarantee compensation for growing crops.

Shall be glad to have your ideas in the matter confidential or otherwise.

Yours very truly,

H. Beach

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

70-25 (A)

Ottawa, 5th June, 1943

My dear Colleague,-

I am in receipt of your letter of June 4th, enclosing copy of a memorandum from the Under-Secretary of State dealing with the purchase of Japanese lands by the Soldier Settlement Board.

I am entirely in favour of this purchase, and we should not be deterred by any representations made by Japanese. Any action which we take under the War Measures Act cannot be challenged in the courts -- I think that has already been sufficiently determined -- as long as we can prove that it is in the public interest and in the interests of peace, order, and good government.

We should not hesitate a moment in completing this sale. I am in entire agreement with the idea of a public statement being issued -- both from your own Department and from the Soldier Settlement Board. That statement, however, should not be apologetic or half-hearted, but definite and decisive.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Norman McLarty,
Secretary of State of Canada,
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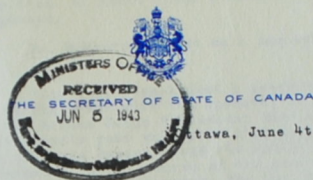
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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

After negotiations between the Custodian's representatives and the Soldier Settlement Board, an offer of \$850,000 for some 769 parcels of Japanese lands in British Columbia has been accepted. The acceptance has the concurrence of the Advisory Committee headed by



Ottawa, June 4th, 1943

My dear Colleague:

I am herewith enclosing a copy of a memorandum which has been forwarded to me by the Under Secretary of State.

This is a matter in which I know you will be very interested and I will not deal with it until I have the advantage of your comments in connection with it.

Yours sincerely,

Norman McCreery

The Honourable
Ian A. Mackenzie,
Minister of Pensions & National Health,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

After negotiations between the Custodian's representatives and the Soldier Settlement Board, an offer of \$850,000 for some 769 parcels of Japanese lands in British Columbia has been accepted. The acceptance has the concurrence of the Advisory Committee headed by Judge Whiteside. The Japanese representative on the Committee, Yamaga, felt it his duty to resign from the Advisory Committee, no doubt under pressure from the evacuated Japanese.

Mr. McPherson sends me a memorandum in which he says:

"You will recall that a prepared statement was given to the press with the approval of Mr. Justice Smith and His Honour Judge Whiteside; such statement setting out briefly your policy of liquidation and indicating that the Japanese and the public generally would be informed in due course of the procedure to be adopted. The Japanese newspaper, The New Canadian, which is published in the interior of British Columbia at Kaslo, has referred to this prepared statement, specifically mentioning the fact that the statement indicated additional information would be made available to the public in due course."

Knowing the delicate situation which exists in Vancouver and in the interior camps, I would recommend that you consider the advisability of a prepared statement being given by the Custodian to the Canadian press to the effect that the sale of the agricultural lands in the Fraser Valley has been negotiated with the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada. Such a statement would forestall considerable newspaper comment and carry out the implied undertaking in the press release above referred to. If my recommendation is considered favourably, Mr. Murchison, the Director of the Soldier Settlement of Canada, might be interested in considering the release of a statement by his Department at the same time."

It is a matter of common gossip in British Columbia that some of the Japanese have raised a fund and have retained the services of a Solicitor with the view of taking action in the Courts to prevent the liquidation of Japanese property. We can scarcely conjecture how such an action may be framed, but if it is taken I presume the Department of Justice will arrange to defend the action.

It occurs to me that you may wish to discuss the advisability of preparing an announcement with your colleague from British Columbia, the Honourable Mr. Mackenzie, and possibly with the Honourable Mr. Crerar.

"E.H. Coleman"
Under Secretary of State.

Ottawa, June 3, 1943.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA



Ottawa, January 28, 1943.

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Dear Miss Dixon,

In Mr. Hamilton's absence from the city, I am acknowledging your letter of January 22nd relative to the desire of Mrs. Pearl F. Clarkson, of Whitewood, Saskatchewan, to purchase a small fruit farm.

I have pleasure in bringing Mrs. Clarkson's request to the attention of the Custodian of Enemy Property and have requested that he communicate direct with Mrs. Clarkson in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Desiel

Paul Desiel
Associate Secretary.

Miss A. Dixon,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

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22nd January, 1943

A. W. Hamilton, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
The Secretary of State.

Mrs. Pearl F. Clarkson, of Whitewood,
Saskatchewan, has written the Minister in regard
to obtaining a small fruit farm. She mentions
particularly the district around Mission or Hatzio.

She is a former resident of British
Columbia and her husband is now with the Veterans'
Guard of Canada. Her eldest son is on active ser-
vice overseas and she is desirous of returning to
British Columbia with a younger son.

It would be appreciated if you would
bring her request to the attention of the Custodian
of Enemy Alien Property and ask him to communicate
with her direct in this connection.

Associate Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, 22nd January, 1943

Dear Madam,-

I have your letter of the 6th instant and note that you are desirous of obtaining a small fruit farm around Mission or Hatzic which has been taken over from the Japanese.

I shall be very pleased to bring your request to the attention of the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.

In so far as your young son is concerned, there would be no objection to his moving from Saskatchewan to British Columbia, provided he notifies the proper authorities of his change of address.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Pearl F. Clarkson,
Whitewood,
Saskatchewan.

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Don't Mr. J. M. Klegie,
Ottawa, Ont.

Whitewood, Sask.
Jan. 6/43

Dear Sir,

Wishing to obtain information on one or two subjects my husband advised me to write you & ask you if you would be so good as to help me. Perhaps you will recall my husband who is Charles E. Clarkson, at one time he was secretary of the "War Veterans" of Regina some time around '18 or '19 I believe it was. He is now in Veteran guards of Canada after trying to get in ever since the war began. My eldest son, ^{son} Chas. E. is in active service overseas. It is their fondest hope that the children & I go back to R.C. I should dearly love to go back also, having spent practically all my life there until '29. But then back to my requests.

Would it be possible for me to obtain one of the small fruit farms around Regina or Batavia formerly owned by the faps before the war? Also my son who is sixteen has not registered yet. I fear that if he

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registered here in Sask. they might not allow
me to take him into B.C. I want to keep him
with me until he is old enough to join the
army, & believe me it is hard to keep him.
He is so anxious to get into it too. Please help
me. Thanking you I remain

Sincerely
(Mrs) Pearl L. Clarkson

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