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MINUTES OF CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TIME - Dec. 29th, 1947 - 5.15 p.m.

PLACE - Mr. Finlay's study.

PRESENT - Brewin, Finlay, Fowler, Haslam, Obata, Tanaks & Boos.

REGRETS - From Ted Nichols who is out of town till Jan. 12th.

REPORT OF MR. BREWIN -

- Preliminary discussions and hearings proved very useful
- Procedure to be followed through was outlined
- Various properties were visited during a conducted tour by a party including the Commissioner, Mr. Brewin and Mr. Tanaki.
- The Committee's scheme for filing claims has worked out very well, on the whole, greatly facilitating the handling of some 1,300 claims which have already been filed (totalling approximately five million dollars)
- Practically all these claimants have retained our legal advisers (some 200 in Alta. and a very few in B.C. are the exceptions)
- Enormity of the task of hearing the claimants is now evident, the hearing of thirty claimants at Kamloops having taken one week.
- It is very necessary that satisfactory evidence of values be secured for presentation at the final hearings (B.C.'s J.C.C.A. has been asked to assimilate and analyse the claims; B.C. people are negotiating for the services of several available experts: Mr. Umaga who has had considerable experience with valuations and knows conditions in the Fraser Valley very well; Prof. Farr, whose combined knowledge of economics and law would enable him to do a statistical and advisory job, analysing and interpreting trends; and a member of Pemberton's, who could give actual evidence of evaluations).
- Our solicitors deliberately raised as few points as possible for argument during the preliminary hearings and discussions, believing that the Commissioner would be more sympathetic if they were presented after the oral hearings during the finals in Vancouver. However, the Commissioner is now insisting on the inclusion of arguments re "a fair market value", etc. when hearings resume in January. He has suggested that Mr. Brewin be present at that time, and Mr. McMaster also is anxious for his assistance when consideration is being given to rulings on these crucial points.

During the discussion which followed, concern was expressed as to the necessity of ensuring that adequate evidence re valuations is prepared. Mr. Brewin's suggestion that \$10,000. be set aside for this purpose was referred to the Finance Committee. In this connection, Geo. Tanaka presented a recommendation from the National J.C.C.A. Council that Mr. Umaga be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per week for his services. Since it was felt that this is a reasonable amount, and Mr. Umaga's services are highly recommended, the Committee agreed that he should be one of the appraisers, but that the length of time for which we could employ him at this rate would depend on the total appraisal needs (when they can be established) and the proportion of the amount received in retainer fees which will be available for the

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this purpose. (Geo. will so advise the National Council.)

In view of the Commissioner's insistence on the clarification of the terms of reference when the hearings resume (and the possibility of his making rulings that would eliminate some claims and greatly reduce others), it was agreed that Mr. Brewin should make another trip to B.C. and assist in the presenting of our interpretation.

#### FINANCES

Interim Report - The Secretary reported that a total of \$15,443.86 in retainer fees has been received to date. An additional \$2,909.88 is on its way from B.C., and \$201.86 is coming from Sask. Some \$4,000. in retainer fees is unpaid, and it was decided that an effort to collect as much as possible of this amount should be made through provincial J.C.C.A. chapters. A complete report will be possible after Jan. 15th, when all claims will have been filed.

Retainer Fees to Solicitors - Mr. Brewin's recommendation that a total of \$5,000.00 be paid now to our solicitors in proportion to the number of claims being handled by them, was referred to the Finance Committee. In the meantime, it was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Haslam, and carried, that an advance of \$1,000.00 each be made to our B.C. lawyers - i.e., \$1,000.00 to Mr. McMaster and \$1,000.00 to the firm of Morris & MacLennan.

Travelling Expenses - On motion Fowler/Haslam, expense accounts of \$344.60 for Mr. Brewin and \$185.77 for Mr. Tanaka (in connection with their attending the Dec. preliminary hearings) were approved for payment.

Request of B.C.- J.C.C.A. for payment of office expenses amounting to \$200.00 a month in connection with the preparation of claims was passed on to the Committee by Geo. Tanaka. Having already approved a \$300.00 allowance for this purpose in B.C., the Committee felt it could not make any further commitments at the present time.

Financial Statement - In order that our financial position may be clarified, the Finance Committee was requested (in cooperation with Mr. Brewin) to prepare a statement for distribution to J.C.C.A. Chapters and our provincial Committees, showing amounts received, amounts promised, and presenting an estimated spending budget.

#### AN INTERIM REPORT

It was agreed that this financial statement should be accompanied by an interim report on the situation as it stands after Jan. 15th, in order to bring key people across the country up-to-date.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

The Secretary was requested to circulate copies of the minutes of each Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - at 7.30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT: Messrs. Brewin, Nichols & Tanaka, and Miss Boos.

PURPOSE: The Finance Committee met in Mr. Brewin's office at 5.00 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 21st, at the request of the Cooperative Committee, to survey the Claims Fund situation and draw up a spending budget.

DIFFICULTIES:

(a) Incomplete Returns - In view of the fact that the following report of remittances to date is obviously incomplete (only 868 retainer forms having been received so far by the Committee and some 1,300 claims having been filed), it was decided that an air-mail request for final returns be sent to each province at once, stressing the urgent need for complete information, in order that we know the total amount of money available for budgeting purposes.

The following remittances were reported to date:

Alberta	\$ 3,896.88	(136 claims)
British Columbia	8,152.83	(381 " )
Manitoba	1,771.00	( 63 " )
Ontario	5,975.01	(244 " )
Saskatchewan	201.86	( 8 " )
Quebec	825.47	( 36 " )
	<u>\$20,823.05</u>	

(b) Unpaid Retaining Fees - Present indications are that these will probably amount to approximately \$7,000.00, a rather high percentage. As a complete list of the claimants in this category has been prepared, each J.C.C.A. Chapter will receive the list for its province, with the request that - if they have not already done so - the possibilities of partial payments now being made (provided the full payment is still out of the question) be exhausted. In addition, George will bring this matter up with the provincial officers during his Western trip in February.

DRAFT BUDGET:

In spite of uncertainty as to the total amount on which we must operate, and the mechanics of valuation still indefinite, an attempt was made to draft a budget. Estimating that our income from Retaining Fees will probably reach the \$30,000.00 mark when all returns are completed, the following prospective disbursements were listed:

Commitments already made:

B.C. Committee	\$300.00	
Ont. J.C.C.A.	100.00	
Man. "	100.00	
Interpreters' Expenses	<u>400.00</u>	900.00



Carried Forward		900.00
Valuators -		
Vancouver area	2,500.00	
Fraser Valley Experts(2)	1,500.00	
Statistical Expert	2,000.00	
Expert on Furniture	700.00	
" " Farm Chattels	500.00	
" " Fishing Vessels	500.00	
" " Cars	300.00	
		8,000.00
Incidental Printing, etc.		600.00
Contingency Reserve		5,000.00
Legal Expenses		15,000.00
Further J.C.C.A. Expenses		500.00
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>

NEXT STEPS:

Mr. Brewin will advise the negotiators in B.C. that \$8,000.00 has been earmarked for valuation expenses. It is understood that they will use their own judgement in making any adjustments in the above breakdown as this phase of the work shapes up. Arrangements with valuers should be on the same basis as those with solicitors - i.e., a definite amount guaranteed, and any additional expenses to be paid proportionately out of amounts recovered.

As the Finance Committee felt that no time should be lost in presenting the draft budget to the Cooperative Committee which requested that it be drawn up, a meeting of the whole Committee was tentatively arranged for Monday, Jan. 26th, at 5.00 p.m. Since there was some doubt as to its value and the use which should be made of it, further decisions were left to be made at this meeting.

B.C. 7,500. Legal - (coll. 17,000.)



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES OF MEETING

TIME: Monday, Jan. 26th, 1948 - 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mr. Finlay's study.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Nichols, Tanaka (George), Tucker.

REGRETS: Haslam, Fowler, & Watson.

**FINANCES :**

(a) Draft Budget - As minutes of the Finance Committee meeting (including a proposed Claims Fund Budget) had been circulated to all Cooperative Committee members, discussion of this matter proceeded immediately. Any reservations as to the wisdom of estimating that the total returns would likely reach the \$30,000. mark were removed when it was learned that, although remittances to date just total some \$21,000., B.C. alone has collections of approximately \$8,000. yet to remit. The Secretary reported that, on the request of the Finance Committee, airmail letters had been sent to each province, urging that final returns be made as soon as possible. A list of unpaid retaining fees has also been prepared and sent to each provincial J.C.C.A. Chapter, with a request that they cooperate by investigating the possibility of full or partial payments being made at this time.

Speaking to the proposition that \$15,000. be ear-marked for solicitors, Mr. Brewin suggested that possibly as much as one half of this amount will be divided between the B.C. lawyers - probably \$3,000. to Mr. McMaster, who is doing the up-country work (with the assistance of a Mr. Leckie) and \$3,000. to Norris & McLennan, who have been asked to oversee the valuations and conduct the cross-examination during the final hearings in B.C. This would leave \$500. for incidental expenses. It was agreed that the working out of allotments and possible advances to various provincial solicitors should be left with Mr. Brewin, who assured the Committee that all clearly understand the financial basis on which they undertook the claims work.

MOTION - Nichols/Tanaka: That Mr. Brewin consider this as a first draft of the Claims Fund Budget, and proceed to arrange expenditures in terms of the amounts suggested. Carried.

MOTION - Nichols/Tucker: That George be authorized to advise the B.C. Japanese Canadian Citizen Association that their representations for payment of office expenses in excess of the \$300.00 already allotted will be sympathetically considered when a detailed statement is received. Carried - in view of the great volume of work which the B.C. Chapter has done in the receiving and remitting of fees for claims.

(b) Salary of the Secretary - MOTION - Tanaka/Tucker: That the Secretary's salary be raised to \$100.00 a month as of Dec. 1st, 1947. Carried.

(c) Typewriter Rental - In view of the continued need for a machine, it was agreed that this should be renewed.

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# MR. BREWIN'S REPORT:

Mr. Brewin then briefly outlined the following points:

(1) The Commissioner proposes the appointment of Sub-Commissioners to take evidence of claimants in various centers across the country. However, he intends to open the hearings in each center, spend some time and then turn the proceedings over to the Sub-Commissioners. Present plans indicate he will be in Alberta in March, Manitoba and Saskatchewan in April, Toronto in May and possibly Montreal in June - evidence to be fully taken by the end of June. Finally, evidence of valuations will be heard by the Commissioner in Vancouver.

(2) He has suggested the completion of a more detailed form than that prepared for filing the claims. This written presentation is intended to speed up the oral hearings, but places an additional burden on our solicitors.

(3) The following points were discussed on the 9th and 10th:

- (a) "Fair market value" - on which judgment was reserved.
- (b) "Vested in the Custodian" - taken to mean by virtue of the order, and not actual physical possession.
- (c) "Good will" - impossible to determine without reference to facts.
- (d) "Accounts Receivable" - a definite ruling that such claims do not fall within the terms of reference.
- (e) "Deductions re Commissions, etc." - impossible to consider such under present terms of reference, but the possibility of amending them to include these claims is being explored.

(4) Regarding valuations, it is definite that Mr. Yamaga will be available as an expert on Fraser Valley valuations. It is also planned to secure the services of a statistician, with an appropriate staff of valuers to collect details, to examine and analyse records of sales, and prepare other material on values. It is hoped to secure the services of some experienced B.C. valuers. Mr. McLennan has been requested to work specifically on this angle.

The National J.C.C.A. Committee has agreed to tabulate all the claims filed and classify them, thus greatly assisting in the preparation of valuation evidence.

## BULLETIN

It was thought a little premature to release the draft budget at this time, as previously planned. Instead, it was agreed that information of a more general nature should be included in the forthcoming bulletin - such as number of claims, estimated total of the Claims Fund, etc., as well as a short review of this legal phase of the Committee's work.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6.40 p.m.



JAPANESE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TIME - March 19th, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - F. A. Brewin, M. K. Boos, J.M. Finlay, F. Haslam,  
G. Tanaka and G. Tucker.

MINUTES of the previous meeting having been circulated to all members, were taken as read, and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE - The Chairman read a letter from J. H. Fowler inquiring as to what protection members of this committee had in case of any legal action being taken against them. It was recalled that, at the time of setting up the co-operative legal scheme, the question of incorporation for such protection had been quite thoroughly discussed and a decision against such a procedure reached. Mr. Brewin stated that he could not see cause for concern in this connection (no guarantee having been given to solicitors, other than their share of the retaining fees paid). Rather is the risk being taken by them in agreeing to work on this basis.

It was suggested that possibly the appointment of auditors for the Claims Fund should now be made.

The Secretary was asked to communicate with Mr. Fowler, suggesting that if he is still uneasy over remaining on the committee, that he talk the matter over with Mr. Brewin at their convenience.

Reference was made to a letter from the Chairman of the Race Relations Institute, in order that all members would be aware of this forthcoming event, and participate as fully as possible in its sessions. The Secretary is representing this Committee on the Institute Committee. The Institute is being sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Canadian Jewish Congress, Japanese Canadian Citizen Association and the Joint Labour Committee to Combat Racial Intolerance, and is being held on April 16, 17th, and 18th.

REPORT ON REGINA CONFERENCE - Mr. Brewin reported attendance at a very valuable conference held in Regina on March 13th. It was also attended by Mr. R. J. McMaster, Vancouver; Mr. S. M. Cherniack, Winnipeg; Dr. H. C. Shumatcher, Mr. George Tanaka and Mr. Tom Choyama of Regina. Discussions which took place covered many points. Reference was made to the following:

- Means of expediting the presentation of claims as worked out in B.C., in order to avoid any repetition of errors and cut down on the time element in other provinces.
- The industry of Mr. McMaster whose account of proceedings to date was most helpful. (He is satisfied, to the extent that the Commissioner was fair during the hearings and polite to witnesses. More and more he appears to be leaning on the work of our Committee's solicitors.)
- Some progress has been made regarding valuations. Prof. Farr will review statistical information to be secured by five law students who will be employed during the summer months. Mr. Yamaga is to be employed re Fraser Valley farm lands and it is recommended that a Mr. Reverof Vancouver, who worked with the Government during wartime on expropriation of property, also be employed for a period. Expert evidence on other than real estate will also be necessary, of course.

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- Recommendations made re financial arrangements are being passed on to the Finance Committee by Mr. Brewin.
- The Commissioner's decision re deterioration of property will not be questioned.
- All facts regarding the disposal of fishing vessels are to be made available to Mr. Brewin, so that it will be possible to request enlargement of the terms of reference to include such claims.
- Plans were made for further action re deduction of Real Estate Agents' commission.
- The form in which final evidence shall be given was discussed - decided that tabular would save time, while full details could be prepared and presented on some cases.

MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That the recommendations from this Conference regarding financial arrangements be incorporated in the Finance Committee's budget for the Claims Fund Account." Carried.

MOTION: Tucker/Tanaka - "That payment of solicitors out-of-pocket expenses be made as statements are received, subject to checking by the Treasurer". Carried.

REPORT FROM GEORGE TANAKA - George reported briefly on his trip through Western Canada, feeling that it had paid dividends. Aside from the strengthening of J.C.C.A. organization, he was able to contact various other groups (service clubs, students, etc.) and got good newspaper publicity.

While in Ottawa regarding the J.C.C.A. brief on "Wartime Measures Affecting Persons of Japanese Ancestry", he interviewed many, and learned that the decision to continue the remaining restrictions for another year was made in caucus over a month previous.

After some discussion, it was decided that our most effective action, under the present circumstances, would be to encourage protests to the Government and through the press by all the interested individuals and organizations on our mailing list.

MOTION: Tanaka/Tucker - "That the Secretary send a letter asking all our supporters to protest the Government's action in all possible ways."

FINANCES - Account - An account of \$189.00 from the Academy Press for printing of the more detailed forms prepared for presentation of claims to the Commissioner was presented. MOTION: Tanaka/Tucker - "That this account be paid". Carried.

Secretary's Honorarium - The Secretary's request that the adjustment made due to the volume of claims fund work now be discontinued was referred to the Finance Committee.

PUBLICATIONS - Some progress on the evacuation account which Muriel Kitagawa is preparing was reported. The Editorial Committee is meeting early in April to make further plans re the documentary publication.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m.



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Minutes of Editorial Committee Meeting

Time - May 31st, 1948; 12.30 p.m.

Place - Diana Sweets

Present - Edith Fowke, Muriel Kitagawa, Margaret Boos & George Tanaka.

The meeting was called to review progress and make further plans regarding Co-operative Committee publications.

1. Evacuation Story - edited by Muriel Kitagawa - progress was reported; may be ready for printing by fall.
2. Popular Reading Booklet - Agreed that Edith Fowke undertake the writing of this, emphasizing the function of an "ad hoc" committee in a democracy.  
- Suggestions re publication possibilities: Canadian Institute of International Affairs ("Behind the Headlines" series); Canadian Council on Education for Citizenship ("Democratic Way" series); "Saturday Night" or "The Canadian Forum" (as a series of articles).
3. Documented Record - for historical purposes; suggested that a student be found who would undertake this as an M.A. thesis; agreed to make inquiries as to this possibility.

Adjournment at 2.00 p.m. to meet again in three weeks.

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

Time - June 17th, 1948; 5:30 p.m.

Place - Mr. Brewin's office.

Present - F. A. Brewin, M.K. Boos, & Geo. Tanaka.

The following disbursements, all falling within our Claims Fund Budget, were authorized for payment:

1. A further sum of \$1,000.00 to Mr. McMaster for Mr. Rewart, our valuator, whose work, we are advised, is progressing quite satisfactorily.
2. A partial refund of his Retainer Fee to Katsumi Kawano, in view of Mr. Cherniack's recommendation and the exceptional circumstances in connection with his greatly reduced claim.
3. In connection with Toronto hearings:
  - (a) Interpreter's Fee to T. Takeuchi - \$130.00
  - (b) Honorarium of \$75.00 to Jack Gilbert, in view of his overtime assistance
  - (c) Honorarium of \$75.00 to Mrs. Compson (Mr. Brewin's Secretary) for her overtime secretarial work previous to and during hearings (in lieu of hiring extra help).

It was agreed that minutes of this meeting be sent to all members of the Co-operative Committee.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes

TIME - Oct. 21st, 1948; 5.00 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Nichols, Tanaka, Tucker & Boos  
(Regrets from Fowler)

MINUTES - previously circulated were adopted on motion- Boos/Haslam.

BUSINESS ARISING -

- (1) Lay Observer - It was decided that it would be impractical to attempt arranging for a lay observer to be present at the final hearings.
- (2) Progress Report - Mr. Brewin has prepared a historical review which will appear in the next issue of "The New Canadian"; the audited financial statement of the Claims Fund will likely be published in the following issue. An effort will be made to tie up the account of legal work involved in the preparation and presentation of claims and the present financial situation. In addition, reprints of Mr. Brewin's article and mimeographed copies of the audited statement are to be sent, with a covering letter, to our complete mailing list.

FINANCES-

- (1) The Manitoba Secretary has advised that their provincial balance of \$2,886.40 will shortly be remitted.
- (2) The Finance Committee's recommendation that an advance be made to Mr. MacLennan, who is handling the Royston Lumber Co.'s claim, was approved-  
MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the sum of \$1,000.00 (to be accounted for) be advanced to Mr. J. S. MacLennan". Carried.
- (3) Copy of a draft letter to the Government, received from Mr. McMaster, was read by Mr. Brewin. It would be sent when a definite decision is made to follow the "test case procedure". General agreement that we approve in principle, leaving the final drafting to Mr. Brewin and the secretary.
- (4) After considerable discussion, it was decided that the Finance Committee should prepare a letter to all claimants, advising that the amount received through the 1% retainer fee remittances was inadequate to meet the expenses involved in the presentation of claims totalling over \$4,000,000., and that an additional 1% is now necessary in order to complete the task; such a letter to be times so that it is received after publication of the review and financial statement.
- (5) Mr. Brewin felt that arrangements for deduction of the unpaid portion of expenses involved from claimants recoveries must be left till later.
- (6) In view of his heavy expenses, it was moved (Nichols/Tanaka) "That an advance of \$3,000.00 be now made to Mr. McMaster, who will submit an accounting".

ADJOURNMENT - moved at 6.30 p.m.

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TIME: Sept. 21st, 1948; 4:45 p.m.

PLACE: Carlton Church

CHAIRMAN: Rev. J.M. Finlay

PRESENT also: Fowler, Haslam, Nichols, Obata, Tanaka & Doos

ABSENT - from Miss Tucker, who had a previous appointment.

MINUTES - previously circulated, were taken as read.

- of the Finance Committee meeting held Sept. 17th were also read by the Treasurer, as this meeting was called to consider recommendations made by this Committee regarding finances. A statement of receipts and disbursements to Aug. 31st, 1948 accompanied these minutes.

FINANCES - The present balance of \$11,350.74, plus the possibility of an additional \$4,000.00 from Mr. Virtue (being his share of our valuation and legal expenses incurred for his claimants) and the \$2,886.40 balance of Manitoba remittances, indicate that we should have approximately \$18,000.00 available for all future expenses in connection with presentation of claims. A recent estimate of further valuation expenses is \$13,000.00, while it will likely be necessary for Mr. McEaster to spend full time on the final hearings for the next eight months (necessitating a suggested guarantee of \$10,000.00). It is, therefore, evident that possibly an additional \$10,000.00 must be raised. Three alternative methods were suggested by the Finance Committee:

1. Securing some assistance from the Dominion Government.
2. Asking claimants for an additional advance - possibly 1/2 - against their total legal expenses.
3. Raising a \$10,000.00 loan from interested individuals.

During discussion, it was pointed out that in estimating future costs and drawing up an Interim Budget for expenses, it was assumed that some system of establishing categories to shorten duration of final hearings would be worked out -- otherwise, if they continue for several years, costs would be prohibitive. Concern that each claim will be justly dealt with was expressed. It was agreed that we must follow advice of our counsel in such matters of legal technique, presuming that senior counsel would review each claim. ACTION: Nichols/Tanaka: That the following Interim Budget for the next three months be adopted, as recommended by the Finance Committee:

- \$4,000.00 - Valuation expenses
- \$3,000.00 - Guarantee to Mr. McEaster for his work
- \$1,000.00 - Travelling Expenses - Mr. Brewin
- \$300.00 - Legal Fees - Mr. Best (intensive work on Toronto hearings-Oct.)
- \$1,000.00 - Sundry expenses re hearings

CARRIED. x

PROGRESS REPORT - It was agreed that a progress report be prepared for claimants after Mr. Brewin returns and reports.

LAY OBSERVERS - It was suggested that the presence of a lay observer (such as S. R. Poole or Norman Black) at the final hearings might protect this Committee and its solicitors in event of any criticism. Agreed that such an arrangement be discussed with Mr. Brewin.

x Decision as to the best method of raising additional funds was not reached. Further consideration will be given this matter at our next meeting, to be held as soon as possible upon Mr. Brewin's return.

Refund - That the partial refund of his retainer fee be paid to S. Ischani, upon recommendation of Mr. McEaster, was agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:45 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES

TIME: Sept. 30th, 1948; 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Carlton Church

CHAIRMAN: Rev. J. M. Finley.

ALSO PRESENT: Brewin, Fowler, Haslam, Nichols, Obata, Tanaka, Tucker & Boos.

MINUTES: of previous meeting were read and adopted on motion- Boos/Obata.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Compson for the honorarium received in connection with her secretarial work during Toronto hearings.

REPORTS:

(a) George Tanaka - re Editorial Committee - Murial Kitagawa has recently reported failure to secure the necessary co-operation in connection with compiling evacuation stories, and this work is now at a stand still. Regret was expressed that such a publication should not materialize.. suggested that the attempt should not yet be abandoned, but the possibilities of personal interviews explored. George Tanaka will consult Mrs. Kitagawa re undertaking this approach. If she consents, our Secretary will co-operate with her and the J.C.C.A. in contacting evacuees located in and around Toronto and arranging interviews.

At present the Committee is also negotiating with the Canadian Citizenship Council for the publication in its "Democratic Way" series of a popular reading pamphlet on the Co-operative Committee which Edith Fowke has agreed to write.

(b) Mr. Brewin - Having just returned from attending the opening sessions of the final hearings in Vancouver (Sept. 20-25), Mr. Brewin reported as follows:

.... Oral hearings are practically complete, with exception of Ontario

.... General evidence is now being given

.... Proposed procedure:

1. Evidence of Custodian

2. Corporation claims - to 15:11:48

3. Specific Categories- to 30:1:49

4. Review of individual cases by McMaster & Hunter, in light of findings -- joint recommendations to be made if possible, with review of disputed cases by Justice Bird.

(Following this plan, hearings might be completed next summer.)

.... Work of McMaster & staff is most encouraging.. conclusive evidence re 100% undervaluation of V.L.A. claims.. laxity in handling of net sales leaves us in strong position .. difficult to establish claims re urban property, as reputable valuers were retained .. chattel claims very difficult.

.... Justice Bird seems pleasant and fair, but has given no indication as to what his judgments may be .. however, some real recoveries likely.

FINANCES - Mr. Brewin reported that he had discussed the possibility of a government subsidy toward the expenses of this Committee in continuing to retain the services of legal and valuation experts throughout the period of the final hearings, thus facilitating their speedier completion. In his opinion, this assistance would enable us to strengthen our claims and realize greater recoveries. Mr. McMaster is drafting a letter to the Government, proposing a subsidy of \$1,500. per month for the first six months of 1949, subject to our approval. After some discussion, it was moved (Haslam/Obata) that we approved this procedure of our Counsel, as outlined by Mr. Brewin - carried. Further discussion of the principle involved led to a second motion (Fowler/Tanaka) - "That we approve in principle of the request for Government assistance, without in any way prejudicing our position". Carried.

ADJOURNMENT - at 6:40.p.m. Next meeting to be called as soon as draft letter can be submitted for consideration and approval.

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Finance Committee Minutes

OCTOBER 27th, 1948 - in Mr. Brewin's office; 5.00-6.00 p.m.

Present - Boos, Nichols & Tanaka. Regrets - Brewin

Account - A payment of \$5.00 to "City Typewriter Co." for 1 week's rental of an adding machine, used in preparation of books for auditing, was approved.

Draft Letter to Claimants - Agreed that Mr. Brewin be asked to prepare a draft letter for mailing to claimants re the additional 1% advance against legal expenses, and that it be submitted to members by mail.

NOVEMBER 10th, 1948 - in J.C.C.A. office; 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Present - Boos, Nichols & Tanaka.

Letter to Claimants - An amended draft of this letter (which had been submitted by Mr. Brewin) was prepared for mailing directly to each claimant.

Remittance Form - Such a form to accompany the letter was tentatively drawn up. When approved by Mr. Brewin it will go on to the printers. (Agreed that a separate letter should be prepared to send all claimants who have not paid a retainer fee.)

Publication of Financial Statement - Agreed that we should pay for publication of this statement in "The New Canadian".

DECEMBER 1st, 1948 - in Mr. Brewin's office; 5.00 - 6.45 p.m.

Present - Boos, Brewin, Nichols & Tanaka.

Purpose - to review the Committee's financial position.

Statement - prepared showed a bank balance of \$3,477.85. An additional \$3,000. is being held by Mr. McMaster, while \$3,000. has been promised by Mr. Virtue as his claimants share of the valuation expenses. Thus possible assets amount to \$9,477.85. Following liabilities were listed:

R. A. Best	- \$	500.00	
Kunio Hidaka	-	150.00	<i>\$10. day</i>
Jack Gilbert	-	250.00	<i>Travel</i>
Reid Scott	-	150.00	
R. McMaster	-	5,000.00	
Mr. Hewer	-	2,000.00	<i>nearly \$1000. month</i>
Mr. Leckie	-	2,000.00	
		<u>\$10,050.00</u>	

Finally decided to pay Messrs. Best, Hidaka, Gilbert & Scott, and send Mr. McMaster \$2,000.00 (making \$5,000.00 along with the \$3,000.00 he now holds) Mr. Brewin will advise him to settle accounts till the year end, and carry on for January, at which time our financial position should be clearer. No action could be taken re his proposal for legal assistance during the remainder of the hearings, but we would hope to be able to make a commitment next month.

Future Funds - Mr. Brewin agreed to revise the letter to the Government already drafted and approved in principle by the Committee. It will be sent over the signature of the Chairman and Secretary of this Committee, suggesting an interview, but the outcome of the proposition it contains is highly problematical.

The possibility of negotiating a loan to carry necessary expenses until recoveries are made, was mentioned again. It may be necessary to explore this means further in January, if Government assistance fails and an adequate sum is not remitted by the claimants.

Adjournment - moved at 6.45 p.m.



MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "That where it is necessary for Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association provincial chapters to assist in the preparation of claims forms, and where this work becomes too time-consuming or expensive to be handled voluntarily, the Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians consider the granting of limited financial assistance from the Claims Account."

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "That, in view of the request through Mr. McMaster from the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association in British Columbia for three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to assist with claims work in that province, such expenses up to but not exceeding \$300.00 be met from the Claims Fund; similarly with requests for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each from Manitoba and Ontario chapters."



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES

TIME - Sept. 24th, 1949, 5:15 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church - Minister's Study.

PRESENT - Boos, Brewin, Finlay, ~~Kawker~~, Haslem, Nichols, Tanaka, & Tucker.

Regrets - Fowler (out of town)

PUBLICATIONS-

(a) An effort is again being made through the University to secure a graduate student to prepare a documented outline of this Committee's work.

(b) Edith Fowke advised that she is now ready to work on a pamphlet designed for popular reading. Although Dr. Kidd of the C.A.A.E. is out of town at present, and is still to discuss the possibilities of publishing it through Ryerson's "Live and Learn" series, it was decided to ask her to proceed with the writing, the Secretary & Treasurer being empowered to act upon learning the approximate cost of the work involved. In the event that negotiations with Ryerson fail, it was suggested that the following organizations might be interested in co-sponsoring: Japanese-Canadian Citizens' Ass'n., Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Association for Adult Education, Canadian Citizenship Council, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Joint Labour Committee to Combat Racial Discrimination and the Civil Liberties Ass'n. Suggested that they undertake to sell quantities, rather than contribute toward the cost of producing same. Decided that selling price be 25¢. Agreed that Edith prepare a dodger for wide distribution and inquire re printing costs. MOTION: "That this alternate plan be accepted in principle, subject to further developments". - Nichols/Tanaka.

BULLETIN - It was unanimously agreed that, due to the difficulty of maintaining our relationship with claimants, a Bulletin be prepared and mailed as soon as possible - with Japanese translation. Andrew Brewin agreed to prepare same, upon receipt of further word from Mr. McMaster, and Geo. Tanaka agreed to arrange for translation and mailing.

FINANCE -

(a) Financial Statement for the period from Sept. 1948 to Aug. 30, 1949 and a detailed analysis of expenditures were distributed and studied.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the Financial Statement for 1948-49 be accepted as submitted, and the expenses incurred therein be approved". Carried.

(b) The Secretary reported a great decrease in the volume of work and suggested that her honorarium be discontinued. MOTION: Nichols/Haslam: "That the honorarium be reduced to \$25.00 per month". Carried.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL - Mr. McMaster reports that he has been quite successful in getting recognition for special cases; he feels details may be cleared up by the year end. If basic figures are ready by then, the Judge will report, giving general reasoning and a schedule of applicable amounts. Government will then decide as to payment of monies. Suggested procedure:

(a) That we collect all solicitors accounts before then and submit them to a reputable legal firm for consultation as to their adequacy.

(b) That the percentage deduction necessary be worked out.

(c) That we secure services of a chartered accountant to work out a feasible plan for presentation to Govt. in the hope that some deduction scheme may be worked out.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka: "That Mason & Foulds check solicitors' accounts and P.S. Ross & Sons be asked to prepare the information re claimants". Carried.

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:30 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TIME - Jan. 20th, 1950; 5.15 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT:- Boos, Finlay, Fowler, Haslam, Nichols, Obata, Tanaka & Tucker.

MINUTES- of previous meeting having been circulated, were adopted as read.

CIVIL LIBERTIES BRIEF - MOTION: Nichols/Haslam: "That the tentative support which representatives of this Committee gave the Civil Liberties Brief being presented to Premier Frost on Jan. 24th, be confirmed." Carried. Agreed that our representatives on the delegation be Tucker & Nichols.

TORONTO CLAIMANTS COMMITTEE - George Tanaka reported the following facts:  
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(b) At a second meeting of Toronto claimants held at that time, their previous decision to accept was reversed.

(c) This dissatisfaction was discussed at National J.C.C.A. Conference last November, and consideration of the following requests was recommended to the Co-operative Committee:

1. Representation on the Co-operative Committee
2. Arrangement of a meeting as soon as possible
3. Information as to further costs to claimants.

Discussion which followed indicated a desire on the part of this Committee's members that every effort be made to clear up as much misunderstanding as possible by getting together with representatives of dissatisfied claimants, reviewing the steps that have been taken and explaining reasons for decisions made along the way.

MOTION - Nichols/Fowler: "That the Co-operative Committee invite the National J.C.C.A. to convene a Conference of the Joint Committee on Claims and the Co-operative Committee at the earliest possible date." Carried. Agenda to be arranged by the J.C.C.A. in consultation with Brewin & Finlay.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

February 15th, 1950

1. Regrets.
2. Minutes ....business arising.
3. Brief Report re Joint Meetings.
4. Recommendations from J.C.C.A. (a) re J.C.C.A. representation  
(b) re T.C.C. "
5. J.C.C.A. Draft Letter (a) Consideration of content  
(b) Decision re mailing list.
6. Future Co-operative Plans.

CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS: MINUTES 1947-1951 (3)



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes of Meeting

TIME - Jan. 20th, 1950; 5:15 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Boos, Finlay, Fowler, Haslam, Nichols, Obata, <sup>f</sup>Tanaka & ~~Tucker~~.

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MOTION: Nichols/Fowler - "That the Co-operative Committee invite the National J.C.C.A. to convene a Conference of the Joint Committee on Claims and the Co-operative Committee at the earliest possible date." Carried. Agenda to be arranged by the J.C.C.A. in consultation with Brewin & Finlay.

CLAIMANT REPRESENTATION - Agreed that additional representatives would be welcome, provided that they be appointed by and represent the National J.C.C.A.

ADJOURNMENT - at 8:30 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes of Meeting

TIME - Feb. 15th, 1950; 5:15 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Nichols, Tanaka & Tucker.  
Regrets from Fowler & Obata.

MINUTES - as amended were taken as read on MOTION: Boos/Tucker.

CONFERENCE REPORT - As requested, the National J.C.C.A. arranged for a Conference of the Joint Claims Committee, Toronto Claimants Committee and the Co-operative Committee, which was held February 4th in Y.M.C.A. A continuation meeting was held Tuesday evening, February 7th. As a result of these two meetings ( and a talk which Co-operative Committee Chairman had with Executive of Toronto Claimants Committee) the three groups agreed to work together closely and make every effort to achieve the best possible results in working for welfare of Japanese Canadian claimants. A statement to this effect was prepared by their Secretaries and sent to Japanese section of both the Continental Times and the New Canadian.

CORRESPONDENCE - A communication from the National J.C.C.A. Secretary was read, advising that although five persons were named by the Toronto Claimants Committee for J.C.C.A. approval to act on the Co-operative Committee;

"The National Executive Committee has given this application careful consideration and desires to inform the Co-operative Committee that it will approve the representation of one Isei member and one Nisei member from the above-named members of the Toronto Claimants' Committee to act on the Co-operative Committee.

"In view of the Toronto Claimants' Committee statement that Mr. Roger Obata is representing their Committee as a member, the National Executive Committee desires clarification of Mr. Obata's status on the Co-operative Committee, as he no longer is considered by the Executive Committee as a representative of the JCCA.

"The National Executive Committee also desires to inform the Co-operative Committee that any representatives from the Toronto Claimants' Committee who are approved by the National Executive Committee to act on the Co-operative Committee are considered by the Executive Committee as representatives of a section of Claimants in Toronto, and while their membership on the Co-operative Committee is approved by the National JCCA, they are not appointed by, or do not represent the JCCA."

MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That we accept Mr. Takashima and Mr. Hidaka as members of the Co-operative Committee on the recommendation of the National JCCA". Carried. (Mr. Nichols wished to have it recorded that this action taken is not strictly in accordance with the section of our recent statement which read: "It was agreed that such would be welcome, provided that they be appointed by and represent the National JCCA.")

Regarding the status of members, the Chairman briefly reviewed the history of this Committee to date, pointing out that membership has so far been on an individual basis, no one having been officially appointed as an organizational representative. When the original Committee was dissolved in 1947, an Advisory Committee consisting of twelve original members, plus a new Secretary and Legal Counsel, was set up. However, when the claims question arose, this Committee assumed an Executive function, arranging a co-operative set-up for the presentation of claims through its Legal Counsel.

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin: "That we ask the National JCCA to name two additional persons to act on this Co-operative Committee." Carried.

MOTION: Nichols/Haslam: "That T. Umezuki replace Kinzie Tanaka on the Co-operative Committee." Carried.

ADJOURNMENT - <sup>at 6.00 p.m.</sup> to meet with new members of the Committee.

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CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes

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TIME - Feb. 8th, 1949; 5:30 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Fowler, Haslam, Nichols, Obata, Tanaka, & Boos.  
Regrets: Finlay & Tucker.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Remittances to date now total \$13,277.91, including the \$3,000.00 from Alberta.

FOLLOW-UP LETTERS - In view of the fact that remittances are still being received daily, it was moved - Nichols/Tanaka - that these letters be sent out as soon as remittances drop off. Carried.

SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL - A letter from Mr. McMaster was then read, outlining in detail a percentage basis proposal for settlement of all claims (other than D.V.L.A. and corporations) which the Government Counsel has presented to him for consideration. If the principle involved is accepted, and it is to be discussed with Col. Hunter, Mr. McMaster desires that Mr. Brewin be present. Mr. Brewin pointed out that if an adequate upward revision of the suggested percentages could be secured, a greater aggregate recovery would likely be achieved by accepting a settlement on this basis. It must, however, be recognized that the category set-up, of which we approved, provided for the review of each claim. However, in an informal discussion of the proposition it would be possible to discover how the Commissioner's mind is working, which would be an advantage, but having agreed to discuss the percentage basis, we would not then be in a position to reject the principle involved.

It was finally agreed, after much discussion, that Mr. Brewin should go immediately to Vancouver, discuss and explore possibilities of the proposed settlement, endeavouring to have the suggested percentages raised.

Announcement of any settlement, if one should be reached, regarding the categories listed, would be held until all claims have been settled.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:30 p.m.

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CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES

TIME - Feb. 21st, 1949; 5:;5 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Nichols, Tanaka, Tucker & Eoos.

Regrets - Fowler

REPORT FROM MR. BREWIN - Mr. Brewin reported at some length on the negotiations between Mr. Hunter, Mr. McMaster, Justice Bird and himself, which took place in Vancouver as a result of our decision to explore possibilities of the proposed Government settlement. No final offer was made on either side; there was some discussion of V.L.A. and our counsel decided to recommend nothing less than 80% on these claims; the Commissioner has agreed to special property exceptions and will make recommendations re isolated properties; on 239 Vancouver properties (net claims of \$604,000.) the Govt. offer is 10% and our representatives agreed to 15%; formulae have been suggested for various classifications of chattels, as outlined in the schedule presented; total recovery of some \$838,000. is recommended by the Government counsel, and, in addition, there would be recommendations in special cases and corporation claims (which do not appear in the settlement). All amounts are subject to checking of figures on which they are based. When investigations are completed and offers submitted, the Commissioner will make his final recommendation to the Government.

Counsel is of the opinion that a higher recommendation could not be expected if cases were handled individually, which method might take another two years. The cost of such proceedings would be prohibitive.

Both Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster are prepared to make a final recommendation to the J.C.C.A. and the Co-operative Committee that an offer of approximately \$900,000. total recovery be accepted, believing this to be the most satisfactory way out. The final recommendation would be made public by the Commissioner, with agreement of Counsel.

INFORMATION TO J.C.C.A. CHAPTERS - Since the B.C. Chapter urgently desired George Tanaka's assistance at this time, and there would be wisdom in his preparing provincial chapter officials for our recommendation of such a settlement, it was felt that he should plan to spend some time at this work for us on his return trip.

Motion - Nichols/Tucker: "That we approve an advance of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) toward expenses involved in carrying out this arrangement." Carried.

APPRECIATIONS - The Secretary was authorized to communicate with Rev. Shimizu and the New Canadian, expressing our appreciation of their assistance in our recent effort to raise an additional one percent advance from claimants.

AJOURNMENT - at 6:45 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes

26th, 1949; 5:00 p.m.

St. John's Church

Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Nichols, Tanaka, Tucker & Boos.

REGRETS: Fowler.

COMMITTEE REPORT - Edith Fowke has begun work on a popular pamphlet, with special emphasis on the function of an "ad hoc" committee in a democracy. Publication possibilities are being explored by the Publications Committee of the Canadian Association for Education. Failing inclusion in a series, which would be preferable, publication can be jointly sponsored by the C.A.A.E., J.C.C.A., Canadian Citizenship Council and our Committee.

RES - previously circulated, were adopted as read -  
of the Co-operative Committee - on MOTION: Boos/Haslam  
of the Finance Committee - " " Nichols/Tanaka.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Statement to 31.12.48 showed that disbursements left a balance of \$986.94, which January disbursements reduced to \$407.18. Remittances of additional 1% fee to date total \$3,117.73, while Mr. Virtue has remitted \$3,000.00 for the Southern Alta. Committee. Thus, \$6,524.86 is now available for further expenses. Just 150 claimants have responded so far, but it was felt that the month end should bring a considerable number more.

Discussion followed on Mr. McMaster's suggestion that provincial solicitors send letters to their clients who have not responded, outlining how the final hearing is proceeding and urging fullest co-operation. Finally agreed that after February 7th, follow-up letters should be sent centrally to all who have failed to reply -- Mr. Brewin to prepare the copy and the Secretary to work out details for having them individually typed. In Ontario and B.C. at least, the provincial solicitor's name is to be mentioned.

REPORT RE MR. BREWIN'S OTTAWA TRIP - An interview with the new Minister of Justice, Hon. S. Carson, was arranged and lasted over two hours. A definite decision had been made against any consideration of the financial proposition which we had outlined in our letter of Dec. 27th. With respect to the other matters raised at that time: (a) inclusion of claims re fishing vessels, now falling outside the present terms of reference, and (b) commission deductions, Mr. Brewin felt there was some hope of a change in policy.

It has been learned that a sum of \$40,000. - \$50,000., accrued interest on sums of money held in trust, is being held by the Government. The possibility of refunding commissions from this amount is being explored.

NEW BUDGET - Pressure of Mr. McMaster's work has been eased since assistance of a young lawyer - Alec McDonald - has been secured at a very moderate salary. Since practically all future expenses will be incurred through Mr. McMaster's office, Mr. Brewin agreed to ask him for an estimated budget of expenses till the end of the hearings. The Finance Committee can then meet, consider it, and make recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:30 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES

TIME- April 9, 1949; 2.30 p.m.

PLACE - Mr. Brewin's Office

PRESENT - Brewin, Haslam (Chairman), Nichols, Obata, Tanaka, Boos.

Regrets: Finlay, Fowler & Tucker.

FINAL SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL - Mr. Brewin read a letter just received from Mr. McMaster, outlining and commenting upon a proposed settlement just received from Justice Bird, with the request that our decision regarding it be made by the end of this month. With the exception of Vancouver property claims, it was found to follow closely the submission made by Mr. Hunter some weeks ago for discussion purposes, the proposed allowance of 10% having been cut to 5% by Justice Bird. Mr. McMaster would recommend acceptance of the settlement, with the exception of these claims. With regard to them, Mr. Brewin advised that he immediately wrote a strong protest to the Minister of Justice on hearing of the change, stating that he could not recommend such a settlement to these claimants. (It would cut recoveries on these claims from approximately \$30,000. to \$15,000.).

ADVICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL - Mr. Brewin then read a letter to our Committee, written in his capacity of general counsel, evaluating the government proposition and outlining his line of reasoning in recommending its acceptance, providing at least a 10% recovery can be effected on Vancouver properties. During discussion which followed, the following pertinent facts emerged:

- Offer re V.L.A. claims is quite satisfactory
- Our evidence can establish no higher recovery re cars and boats
- A better allowance may yet be arranged re a few chattel claims
- Our own valuator of Vancouver properties has concurred with some valuations, and would raise other by 10 to 15% mainly. (In addition, the Commissioner is quite satisfied with both the composition of the Advisory Board and its methods.)
- Consideration of special cases (re property in dead communities, green-houses, poultry farms, etc.) has been conceded by Justice Bird.

Considerable discussion led to the following motion: (Nichols/Tanaka)- "That on the advice of our legal counsel, we refer the Government's offer for a settlement to the claimants, with a recommendation that it be accepted, with the following provisions:

- (a) That every effort will be made to have the proposed recoveries on Vancouver claims at least doubled;
- (b) That we reserve our objection, maintained throughout the proceedings, to the narrow terms of reference under which the Commission has operated." **CARRIED.**

PROCEDURE- Mr. Brewin pointed out that, although technically it is not necessary to consult individual claimants re the offer, it is most desirable that we devise some means of sampling the opinions of those primarily concerned in the settlement. Some time was spent in attempting to reach a democratic procedure, keeping in mind the time element and the necessity for keeping details of the proposition Strictly confidential during this negotiation period. Finally it was moved (Nichols/Obata) "That we proceed as follows:

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# MINUTES

## CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TIME - May 9th, 1949, 5.15 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT: Brewin, Boos, Fowler, Haslem, Nichols, Obata, Tanaka & Trueman.

MINUTES - of previous meeting held April 9th & Finance Committee meeting of Apr. 13th, previously circulated, were approved as read on motion - Boos/Nichols - Carried.

FINANCES - Statement of income and disbursements to date showed a balance on hand of \$19,244.71.

There will be a refund of \$29.38, being balance of advance made to George Tanaka re his cross-country trip in April. Some B.C. expenses will likely yet be submitted.

MOTION; Obata/Trueman: "That an advance of \$3,000.00 be sent to Mr. McMaster, and that the account for \$3,304.41 recently submitted be paid, subject to the Finance Committee's approval". Carried.

PROGRESS REPORT - Mr. Brewin reported that our Counsel has been making every effort to secure further concessions from the Commissioner, and some improvements in the proposed settlement have been agreed upon.

The following report on replies to our April letter was made by the Secretary:

	Letters	At Meetings
Letters returned	21	
Uncertain	3	
Wish property back	6	
Wish claim presented again	3	
Definite "no"	7	10
Approval ( with provisoes outlined)		
Individual letters	175	( 407
At meetings		232 (

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka: "That, on the assumption that the balance of replies as to claimants views corresponds with those received to date, we instruct Mr. McMaster to notify the Commission and the Government that a substantial majority wish to accept the proposed settlement, adding the following provisoes:- (a) a further protest as to the narrowness of the Commission's terms of reference and (b) dissatisfaction with the allowance on Vancouver properties." Carried. (Our Counsel is being instructed to negotiate for improvement re this category of claims.)

After further discussion, it was agreed that inquiries as to the possibility of arranging hearings for dissatisfied individuals be ascertained.

APPRECIATION - of George's excellent work on our behalf was expressed by all.

ADJOURNMENT - at 6:30. p.m.



# DETAIL RE EXPENDITURES

## SOLICITORS' FEES CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE CLAIMS FUND

Best  
MacLennan  
Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & Brewin  
Cameron, Weldon & Brewin

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1949

1,000.00  
2,500.00  
2,000.00

### SOLICITORS' EXPENSES:

Cash in bank Sept. 1st, 1948 \$11,350.74

Cheriack & Cheriack 343.50  
Cameron, Weldon & Brewin 1,156.83  
Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & Brewin 4,815.01  
ADVANCE - " " RECEIPTS 3,000.00  
Retainers & additional advances 303.10  
Held Scott 180.00  
Virtue & Russell - share of valuation costs 50.00

20,607.92  
9,824.43  
3,000.00

### VALUATION EXPENSES:

Kewer - Appraisals & exps. July/48 1,154.15  
" " - Aug., Sept., Oct. 3,120.37  
" " - Nov.-Mar./49 3,024.66

\$ 34,958.66  
7,309.66

### HEARINGS EXPENSES:

Interpreting & trans DISBURSEMENTS 641.88  
Interviews 378.82  
Expenses: 31.97  
Clerical sheets (litho, 1,000) 58.15  
Telephone & telephone 58.15  
Solicitors' Fees \$9,000.00  
Solicitors' Expenses 9,824.43  
Valuation Expenses 7,309.66  
Bank Charges 30.69  
Printing & Stationery 294.25  
Hearings Expenses 1,120.80  
Miscellaneous Expenses 804.60  
Clerical Assistance (mailings) 73.28  
Typewriter rental (J.C.C.A. office) 5.00  
Transportation of files 2.68  
Balance August 31, 1949 2.10  
Trav. exps. - Gao. Tanaka 543.58  
Cash in bank 18.00

1,120.80  
28,384.43  
6,573.73

### PRINTING & STATIONERY:

Academy Press (5,000 forms) 137.50  
Stamped envelopes (2,000) 86.16  
Information letters & remittance forms -(litho., 2,000) 28.08  
Sept. 1-24, 1949. lics (J.C.C.A.) 25.89  
Pamphlets - 2,500 of Brewin article 17.25

\$34,958.16  
294.25

### BANK CHARGES:

Exchange on deposits 20.89

\$ 28,384.43



DETAIL RE EXPENDITURES

SOLICITORS' FEES:

Best	\$	500.00	
MacLennan		1,000.00	
Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster		5,000.00	
Cameron, Weldon & Brewin		<u>2,500.00</u>	9,000.00

SOLICITORS' EXPENSES:

Cherniack & Cheriack	343.50	
Cameron, Weldon & Brewin	1,156.82	
Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster	4,815.01	
ADVANCE- " " " " "	3,000.00	
Jack Gilbert	303.10	
Reid Scott	150.00	
Roger Ouimet	<u>56.00</u>	9,824.43

VALUATION EXPENSES:

Hewer - Appraisals & exps. July/48	1,164.13	
" " - Aug., Sept., Oct.	3,120.87	
" " - Nov.-Mar./49	<u>3,024.66</u>	7,309.66

HEARINGS EXPENSES:

Interpreting & translating	641.66	
Interviews	378.62	
Claims sheets (litho, 1,600)	31.97	
Telegraph & telephone	56.10	
Transportation of files	<u>12.45</u>	1,120.80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

Refunds	141.20	
Rubber stamps	4.75	
Publishing Financial Statement	15.12	
Clerical Assistance (mailings)	73.26	
Typewriter rental (J.C.C.A. office)	6.00	
Transportation of files	2.62	
Telephone calls	2.10	
Trav. Exps. - Geo. Tanaka	543.55	
- Miike & Umezuki	<u>16.00</u>	804.60

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Stamped envelopes (2,000)	86.10	
Information letters & remittance forms - (litho., 2,000)	28.08	
Stencilling supplies (J.C.C.A.)	25.29	
Pamphlets - 2,500 of Brewin article	<u>17.28</u>	294.25

BANK CHARGES:

Exchange on deposits

	<u>30.69</u>
\$	<u>28,334.43</u>



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes of Meetings

TIME - Feb. 15th, 1950; 6:00 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church

PRESENT - Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Hidaka, Nichols, Tanaka,  
Takashima, Tucker & Umezuki.  
(Messrs. Mio, Ozawa & Shin were received as observers for  
this meeting, on MOTION - Brewin/Tanaka.)

MINUTE - the following excerpt from minutes of 5:15 meeting was read:  
"MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That we accept Mr. Takashima and Mr. Hidaka  
as members of the Co-operative Committee on the recommendation of the  
National JCCA". Carried."

TIME OF MEETINGS - MOTION: Nichols/Haslam - "That this meeting adjourn  
at 7:00 p.m.". Carried.

MOTION: Brewin/Haslam - "That we plan for an evening  
meeting on Friday, Feb. 24th at 8:00 p.m." Carried.

NATIONAL JCCA LETTER TO CLAIMANTS - A draft letter which the National  
JCCA proposes to send to all claimants was submitted for approval, with  
the request for our mailing list of claimants. Mr. Brewin stated that,  
having studied the draft, he is satisfied such a letter would do no  
harm to the general cause of claimants. George Tanaka pointed out  
several minor changes in wording which have been suggested. It was  
agreed that if, after further study, any member wishes to have further  
changes made, he should contact George within the next two days.  
MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "That this Co-operative Committee accept the  
JCCA proposal, ~~and~~ that a statement principally as set before us be  
sent to claimants, and that our mailing list be made available for  
this purpose." Carried.

TORONTO CLAIMANTS COMMITTEE LETTER - Kunio Hidaka advised that the  
Toronto Claimants Committee has a letter which it wishes to send out  
to all claimants. During discussion which followed the advisability  
of communications being sent by the Co-operative Committee was pointed  
out. Agreed that, while they would not be in the same category as  
those recommended by the National organization (and thus representing  
a wider point of view), any submissions from a claimant or group of  
claimants in writing would certainly be considered by this Committee.

NATURE OF CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - In conclusion, the  
Chairman outlined briefly the history of this Co-operative Committee,  
pointing out that when the original Committee was dissolved in 1947,  
an Advisory Committee consisting of twelve original members, plus a  
new Secretary and the Legal Counsel, was set up. Although some  
members have held executive positions in other organizations, their  
membership on this Committee has been on an individual basis. To-night  
two Toronto claimants, representing a point of view, have been added.

ADJOURNMENT - moved at 8:05.

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*Grace Tucker*

CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

Minutes

TIME - Feb. 24th, 1950; 8:00 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church.

PRESENT - Brewin, Boos, Fowler, Haslam, Hidaka, Nichols, Obata,  
Takashima, Tanaka, Tucker, Umezuki. (Mineoka, an observer.)  
Regrets - Finlay.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That Fred Haslam chair this meeting". Carried.

MINUTES - of meetings held February 15th (5:15 and 6:00) were circulated and approved as amended, on MOTION - Boos/Nichols.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Okinawa Committee - containing a request for support of their efforts to secure immigration to Canada for residents of Okinawa. MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That we determine whether this matter has been brought before the Department of Immigration, and, if not, that we do so." Carried.

(b) R. J. McMaster - submitting a \$2,135.39 account covering disbursements from August 27, 1949 to February 15, 1950 (mainly salary payments to Mr. Leckie) and advising of additional expenses totalling approximately \$5,840.47. Financial report to date showed that our cash balance has dwindled to \$2,387.91. MOTION: Nichols/Fowler - "That we authorize payment of \$2,000. with respect to this account (subject to its being checked and approved by the Finance Committee) and, in view of our financial position, ask the Finance Committee to give thought to ways and means of meeting it." Carried.

REPORT TO CLAIMANTS - The Secretary reported that several members had recently suggested the preparation of such a report, outlining the present situation, reviewing some background and indicating the direction of our future action. General agreement that it would serve to clarify the thinking of claimants at this time. MOTION: Fowler/Tanaka - "That such a brief, but comprehensive statement be prepared, to bring the claimants up to date regarding action already taken, together with future plans of the Co-operative Committee." Carried. Agreed that, if possible, whatever information on valuations can reasonably be supplied, be included. Also agreed that this sub-committee include: Boos, Tanaka, Tucker and Fowke (if available).

FUTURE PLANS - Chief concern of Toronto Claimants' Committee was stated to be in future action plans of this committee and the JCCA. A public campaign has been suggested and the JCCA has outlined plans for rather extensive political action. Mr. Brewin emphasized that he strongly recommends no public campaign whatsoever until the Commissioner's Report has been filed. In addition he made the following suggestions:

1. That carefully prepared public statements be held in readiness.
2. That plans for action thereafter be flexible - adapted according to Government action. Our concern should be to do nothing that would jeopardize securing maximum recovery for our claimants from Gov't. Although we have consistently protested the narrow terms of reference, no radical alterations are likely to be made at this stage. The Commissioner's findings have substantially vindicated the claims made; we will press for their implementation at once, plus 5% interest from date of claim. In addition, we will urge consideration of claims outside the terms of reference.



Fowler expressed concern lest action of this committee and the conflict at this crucial time. Andy Brewin was of the opinion that A's proposed campaign is in line with our thinking, and George gave assurance that, as in the past, so in the future the JCCA is to consult and act in accordance with the advice of our legal counsel. H. Fowler then summed up this discussion: (a) that we wait till the Commissioner's Report is made; (b) that a committee should be framing a statement of facts for release, and full co-operation with the JCCA; (c) that the matter of timing should be stressed and that continued co-operation is essential (all action should be cleared in advance and worked out together).

Mineoka expressed agreement with suggestions re timing, preparation of statement of facts for release, and full co-operation with the JCCA. Junio Hidaka emphasized the desirability of co-operation and unified action.

In answer to a question as to the extent of this committee's responsibility to claimants asked by E.M. Nichols, A. Brewin replied that we have a specific responsibility till claimants have received their cheques and debts incurred by us are paid. In addition, we ought to press for whatever is in the general interests of claimants - with particular reference to claims outside the terms of reference of the present Commission. In short, if the Government fails to carry out properly, a widespread campaign would then be necessary. In his opinion, the Government's attitude will be that the Commissioner's Report is final; that, in view of the Commissioner's ruling re "fair market value" which upon conferring our counsel in the various provinces decided must be accepted, we do not have sufficient evidence to challenge his findings.

MOTION: Fowler/Nichols - "That a Sub-committee be appointed to prepare our public relations effort regarding the Commissioner's Report, for release after it has been filed, including any necessary representations to Government." Carried. (Choice of personnel left with J. Finlay & F. Haslam.)

REPORT RE JCCA LETTER - G. Tanaka reported having received a request from approximately 400 Virtue claimants to cease any public project, as outlined in a recent news release from the JCCA. As a result of consultation with Brewin & McMaster, the JCCA sub-committee will seriously reconsider plans.

TORONTO CLAIMANTS' COMMITTEE LETTER - After copies were circulated, K. Hidaka read the letter and requested that it be sent out on behalf of the Toronto Claimants' Committee. Comments:

Nichols: "It is contrary to the policy discussed all evening, and to the spirit achieved in this committee."

Fowler: "It would be detrimental for any group to send out such statements they don't hold water. Unethical action is suggested."

Brewin: "It is not possible to now reject the method of dealing with claims which we agreed to accept. ~~It is not possible to now reject the method of dealing with claims which we agreed to accept. It is not possible to now reject the method of dealing with claims which we agreed to accept.~~

1. Such a letter would be harmful to the interests of our claimants.

2. It contains inaccurate statements.

3. This committee should not undertake to send out letters for local (claimant group)

Hidaka: "So far as our committee knows, this is a true statement. We made an effort to work with JCCA through a Joint Committee, but failed. ~~There~~

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "That the request to send out this letter now presented be refused." Carried. K. Hidaka then requested the use of our mailing list for this purpose. MOTION: Fowler/Nichols - "That the list be not available." Carried.

NEXT MEETING - When Committee reports are ready. Adjournment moved at 10:50 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1950

Time - 5.30 p.m.

Place - Carlton Street Church, Toronto.

ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - E. M. Nichols (in the Chair), F. A. Brewin, R. J. McMaster,  
K. Hidoka, G. Tanaka, R. Obata, T. Umezuki, F. Haslam,  
J. M. Finlay, Mr. Mineoka, Mr. Takahashi, N. Fujita (as  
recording secretary in absence of Miss Boos).

Regrets Received - Mr. Fowler, Miss Boos, Miss Tucker.

Nature of the Meeting - Ruled that this be considered a special meeting called to meet with Mr. McMaster, Legal Counsel, who is stopping in Toronto for a few days en route to Ottawa, and that any decisions made be sent as recommendations to the next regular meeting of the Committee. Also, ruled that information given at this meeting is not to be broadcast in any way whatsoever until formally considered at another meeting.

Report from Mr. McMaster - Mr. McMaster, reporting on the Claims work, stated that with the exception of a few cases on which he has reserved judgment, the Commissioner has determined the amounts of the individual awards which have been entered on "green sheets". About 80 cases have yet to receive final ruling. At present there is checking being carried on between the Custodian and Claimants Counsels on the amounts of the awards and the final figures will be attached to the Commissioner's Report to the Government.

The latest information as to date of filing of the Commissioner's Report is April 15, 1950.

Tabulation of Claims - A tabulated report of claims figures under the categories of types of property has been prepared by Mr. McMaster for the Committee, the summary sheet of which was distributed for reference purposes to the members present, to be returned at the end of the meeting.

The Summary was tabulated by Provinces and showed:

Under "B" - Gross claims as amended at the hearings,  
" "C" - Gross sales by Custodian,  
" "D" - Recovery awards to be recommended,  
" "E" - Total recovery made up of Custodian sales and recommended awards.

(Net claim may be determined by subtracting "C" from "B")  
(See schedule attached.)

The report, as prepared by Mr. McMaster, covers from 1050 to 1100 claims, nearly all individual claims placed through the Co-operative Committee, exclusive of corporation claims.

Mr. McMaster advised that the Committee not release the Claims Report figures to the general public and that even these figures to be made available to claimants at this point should be carefully considered.

Question was raised by R. Obata as to the 6 million dollar figure as total claim amount released under date of April 6th, 1949. It was believed that they were probably figures from the Custodian's office at the time of discussion of the percentage basis and would include Mr. Virtue's cases and perhaps the corporation claims.

E. M. Nichols asked whether the Government brought forth many special cases. Mr. McMaster replied that very few were brought forth which he felt was a result of change in Government counsel. The Commissioner himself, however, did cut down on a few.

Mr. McMaster advised that special cases other than Vancouver property submitted by Claimants counsel as special cases included about 15 Steveston cases, 1 or 2 Prince Rupert cases and some on Vancouver Island.



AGREED that the reports received from Mr. McMaster under date of February 27th be mimeographed and distributed to members only as "confidential material".

Visit to Ottawa by Brewin and McMaster - Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster will be proceeding to Ottawa on Wednesday, March 15th, to obtain assurance that the Commissioner's Report will be implemented this session of Parliament and an appropriation or some authority to make actual payments will be passed this session. There have been intimations that the present session of Parliament will not have time to deal with this matter and the next session will not likely be called till 1951. They would impress upon the Government that 'justice delayed is justice denied'. The actual machinery for making payments would have to be discussed with the Government -- what release they would exact from the claimants, whether they will work through the Co-operative Committee or deal directly with claimants, through what office payments would be made, e.g., Custodian's Office in Vancouver?

Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster will also sound out the Government on the question of allowing interest from date of sale to time of payment. Securing this concession from the Government would have the additional effect of hurrying up the Government on making payments. This application for interest payment will be made on general principle and precedence although there is no existing law that would compel such payments to be made.

They will also discuss informally with the Government the possibilities that the JCCA and other bodies will make representations to them on matters of claims outside of the terms of reference.

Payment of Costs - Mr. McMaster has filed a statutory declaration with the Commissioner on the subject of disbursements, which total some \$58,000 and which includes claims for disbursements by the JCCA and some of Mr. Virtue's disbursements. The Commissioner has not yet intimated what his recommendations will be on this matter.

Mr. Brewin's opinion is that the Government will be going against their original commitment if they grant less than 5% of the awards, that at least 5% of the awards or the full amount of disbursements should be received. In the event that the Government does not come through with the full amount of the disbursements, some compromise will have to be reached among the parties concerned. This statement of disbursements does not include Counsel's fees.

In reply to Mr. Obata's question as to whether it could not be considered accepted procedure for the Government to pay all costs, Mr. McMaster stated that there was no similar case to that of the Japanese Evacuation Property Losses Claims with which comparisons could be made.

Co-operative Committee Claims Fund - Mr. McMaster reported that approximately \$5,000 would be required almost immediately to settle accounts payable and an additional \$5,000 fairly soon for the balance of accounts. If there could be assurance that payments of awards would be made by the present session of Parliament, or if the Government will at least pay the disbursement costs to the Co-operative Committee, some of these accounts could be held in abeyance.

Some Questions asked of Mr. McMaster in further Discussion:

1. If in two similar property claims, one has evidence that the other has not, would the Commissioner apply this evidence also to the other?

Answer - We tried it many times, e.g., Powell Street area, but he would not concede this point.

2. Did you receive a letter from Miss Boos asking for certain figures and information?

Answer - It was received.

3. On Vancouver real estate, how many cases were evaluated?

Answer - Nearly all, 90%.



4. What was the Commissioner's reaction to special evidences presented?

Answer - He varied on the individual cases.

5. Was Fraser Valley property evaluated?

Answer - Yes, Fraser Valley property was appraised by farm appraisers.

6. Were special cases submitted on VIA?

Answer - The Commissioner did hear some cases outside of specialized green houses, bulb houses and chicken farms.

7. Were appraisals made on other urban properties other than Vancouver and other real property other than VIA?

Answer - Urban property in the Valley was appraised where possible. On the Island and Prince Rupert, expenses would have exceeded any hope of recovery. In Prince Rupert, the Custodian had used the only two recognized firms up there. Also, the same situation existed on the Island. We found the Commissioner did have sympathy for some of these cases. We did send one appraiser to Courtney and in a few other special cases but in general, we considered it not advisable.

8. There is some fear amongst some of the claimants that this will mean the end of the claims issue, would that be so?

Answer - Possibly, under the present attitude of the Government. I feel it would be inadvisable to jeopardize the claimants getting what they will get on their claims now. Some will be reasonably compensated. We have to recognize that the Government had to be pushed to make the terms of reference as they are. And the present Government is the same as that which drew up the terms of reference.

Clarification requested by Mr. McMaster on the Following Points:

(a) Disposition of the files.

(b) How to go about advising individual claimants as to amount of their awards.

(c) What policy to follow in charging persons who want their claim reviewed. Mr. McMaster considered that such persons should assume personal responsibility for attendant expenses.

Appreciation to Mr. McMaster

Mr. Finlay expressed on behalf of the Committee appreciation to Mr. McMaster for his attendance at the meeting and information received, and further, that the Committee would like to reassure him of their appreciation of the spirit and thoroughness with which the task was being carried out.

Adjournment at 7.00 p.m.



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TIME - 5.15 p.m., April 18th, 1950.

PLACE - Carlton Street United Church.

PRESENT - Nichols (in chair), Brewin, Hidaka, Kondo, Obata, Sabashima, Tanaka, Tucker, Umezuki and Boos.

Regrets - Finlay.

CHAIRMAN - MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That Ted Nichols chair this meeting, in J. M. Finlay's absence". Carried.

New Member - G. Tanaka introduced Mr. Kondo, who has agreed to act on the Co-operative Committee.

Mr. Brewin's Report - R. J. McMaster and F. A. Brewin met with the Minister of Justice on March 15th for over an hour; he made careful notes and dictaphone cylinders were also cut. The following points were discussed:

- (a) Recent rumour - that Government would not likely act on the Commissioner's Report this year, thus pushing payment of recoveries on into 1951, was discussed. The Minister agreed that prompt payment should be made.
- (b) Interest - He was non-committal concerning this recommendation of interest from date of sale; did not register surprise.
- (c) Making of Payments: Suggestions for cutting down the red tape were noted without comment.
- (d) Appropriation of Money - assumed it would be included in supplementary estimates and Custodian's office in Vancouver remain open to handle payments, secure releases, etc.

Finance - Ted Nichols reported that Mr. McMaster is holding accounts payable amounting to some \$9,000 and Finance Committee is meeting at once to consider ways and means of raising at least a portion of this amount.

Report to Claimants: Draft, as mailed to members, was presented for consideration. Suggested:

- (a) that covering letter emphasize fact that it includes information of a confidential nature, which is not for publication until the Commissioner's findings are released;
- (b) that language be simplified wherever possible for the Japanese translation, since reference could be made to the English for further clarification of any point.
- (c) that comparative sets of valuation figures be included.

General agreement re (a) and (b); considerable discussion on (c); great mass of figures would be involved; method varied with types of property; would not justify cost involved for preparation; each claimant will receive detailed statement on his claim at settlement time; that Mr. McMaster be advised of any individual requests, if made now, in order to determine whether costs can be financed.

MOTIONS: (1) Brewin/Kondo - "That the Finance Committee be delegated to deal with any such requests." Carried.

(2) Brewin/Tanaka - "That we advise anyone requesting specific information on evaluations made by our valuers, that such information is so detailed and complex that it is not practicable to provide it, but individual requests will be referred to Mr. McMaster for his attention." Carried.

K. Hidaka felt that a statistical analysis could and should be prepared, while Mr. Brewin held that Mr. McMaster has not been preparing report - statistical or otherwise, but presenting cases, and has provided as much detail as could reasonably be expected, while G. Tanaka thought most claimants would not appreciate - indeed would criticise the additional expense involved.

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(d) that some explanation for reduction in total of claims be included. In discussion which followed, several points emerged:

1. Reliability of the six million figure being quoted was questioned - its source uncertain.
2. Over-all figure would include Mr. Virtue's claimants.
3. Some claims originally made were outside the terms of reference and dismissed.
4. Other claims were reduced on advice of counsel.

Since individual claimants would know if their claims were withdrawn or reduced, this suggestion was dropped.

MOTION: Tanaka/Tucker - "That this report be accepted as amended". Carried.

Future Plans: Since time was too short to give adequate consideration to the item, it was decided to postpone discussion until Committee can meet and give it sufficient time.

Press Releases: Since our information is of a confidential nature, necessity for treating it as such was emphasized again, and there was agreement that when the time comes, any press statements should go out officially through this Committee's Public Relations sub-Committee.

Next Meeting - To clear up urgent unfinished business at 5 p.m. on April 21st.

Adjournment - moved at 7.15 p.m.

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CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TIME - 5.30 p.m., April 21st, 1950.

PLACE - Carlton Street United Church.

PRESENT - J. M. Finlay (in the Chair), Miss M. Boos (first part of meeting, only)  
K. Hidaka, Kondo, Nichols, Obata, Fowler, Tanaka, Umezuki, Haslam.

A portion of the minutes of the last meeting was read - minutes to be duplicated and sent out later.

A letter was read from the Civil Liberties Association requesting support for its brief to the Senate Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

MOTIONS: (1) Fowler/Haslam - "That this Committee send a communication to this Association approving the principle of such a Bill of Rights." Carried.

(2) Nichols/Tanaka - "That copies of the Civil Liberties brief be secured and sent out and a committee be formed to prepare a statement of our own." Carried. Committee named - Mrs. Edith Fowke, Hartley Fowler, Kunio Hidaka. It was also suggested that we ask for an opportunity to present it at Ottawa personally.

Miss Boos made progress report on Publications. A student is considering writing a documented history of the Committee as his thesis for the School of Social Work.

Finance - Ted Nichols reported for the Finance Committee. Question came up regarding bill sent in by Mr. McMaster for valuation and similar work - accounts outstanding - \$5,000 needed to settle accounts payable.

Recommendations: (1) That we try to get Mr. Virtue to send in his share of claimants dues (2) That we press the claimants who have not paid anything at all and those who have not paid second portion of retainer (3) That we do not make any other arrangements for payment, such as borrowing.

MOTIONS: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the secretary in co-operation with Mr. Brewin be asked to contact Mr. Virtue asking for further contribution from him towards the work of the Committee (1) Further share of valuation expenses at \$500 (2) share of expenses incurred by Mr. McMaster and representing Mr. Virtue, value at \$1,000." Carried.

Nichols/Fowler - "That there be inserted in the reports going to claimants who have not paid any retainer, or who have not paid the second 1% of the retainer, a notice requesting urgently that their retainer be paid in full." Carried.

Suggested that forming of Committee to present financial problems be considered.

Public Relations: Fred Haslam reported that the following have been named as our Public Relations Committee: Ted Nichols, Margaret Boos, Hartley Fowler, Kunio Hidaka, George Tanaka, the Chairman and Counsel.

MOTIONS: Nichols/Fowler - "That Fred Haslam be appointed convener of this sub-Committee." - Carried.

Haslam/Nichols - "That the Committee aforementioned be accepted." Carried.

It was decided (a) To ask Mr. Brewin to prepare a draft for discussion for this Public Relations Committee meeting. (b) That if something comes from Ottawa suddenly this sub-committee meet with even 3 or 4 of its members, without coming back to the Committee, as long as Mr. Brewin and the Chairman are present.

Press Releases - This Committee will draft a statement for release at the moment the government's action is published.

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Termination: A rather lengthy discussion followed in which it was agreed that the operations of the Japanese Canadian Co-operative Committee should cease with the implementation of the findings of the Government on the Commissioner's Report. It was agreed that they should not continue in any way which involved the "breaking of new ground", but would co-operate with the Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association in any further work they should initiate.

Claimants Outside Terms of Reference: Mr. Fowler stated that in view of what had just been said about the eventual termination of this Committee, when the Government has made its decision and the claims are met, and our willingness to act in an advisory capacity to the J.C.C.A.,

- (1) We suggest to the J.C.C.A. that they start immediately studying this matter and make suggestions to our Committee before we break as an Executive.
- (2) That we advise the claimants of the Commissioner's report, but at the same time when we do that, state these problems in conclusiveness of terms of reference.

Tanaka stated that the J.C.C.A. has anticipated some of the conclusions that have been reached here. He also stated that in November at their Third National Conference in Lethbridge it was felt that, as far as J.C.C.A. was concerned, in making representations to the Government in regard to claims outside the present inquiry, it might be better if the J.C.C.A., as directly representing persons, make the representations. After studying result of commission the J.C.C.A. will be in a better position to make representations to the Government taking into consideration the advice of counsel that it would be highly unwise to openly criticize the commissioner on claims discharged. A draft brief has been prepared which the J.C.C.A. intends to present to the Government. This brief deals with two points - the terms of reference and the difficulty of obtaining sufficient number of the claims submitted. Other points are outside present inquiry.

Tanaka quoted from his records compiled findings of an original J.C.C.D. survey of losses suffered by evacuees.

Adjournment moved at 7 p.m.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes:

TIME - 11.00 p.m., February 24th, 1950.

PLACE - Honey Dew Coffee Shop

ATTENDANCE - Brewin, Nichols, Tanaka and Boos.

Business:

- (a) Re: R. J. McMaster's Account - 27.8.49 - 15.2.50 -  
Agreed that expenditures be approved and a payment of \$2,000.00 on account be sent immediately, with a statement of our present financial position.
- (b) Re: Further Sources of Revenue:
1. Since there is a feeling that all claimants ought to pay the additional 1% retainer, it was recommended that an extra piece be inserted with the financial report soon to be released, urging such payment, if at all possible.
  2. Agreed that inquiries be made as to the possibility of any further income from the Southern Alberta Claimants Committee.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes:

TIME - 4.15 p.m., April 21st, 1950.

PLACE - Carlton Church.

ATTENDANCE - Boos, Nichols and Tanaka.

With a Bank balance of \$418.61 on March 31st, and rather urgent outstanding accounts totalling \$5,000, being held by Mr. McMaster, further sources of revenue suggested February 24th were reviewed.

Agreed to recommend:

(a) Preparation of an insert on amber paper to be attached to the covering letter for all claimants who have not yet paid the full 2% retainer; a form indicating amount, name, address, etc., also to be included with a return addressed envelope.

(b) Sending of a letter to Mr. Virtue, requesting payment of the final portion of his claimants share of legal counsel and valuation costs incurred on their behalf.

( \$ 1,000.00 as portion of legal counsel fees  
500.00 as portion of disbursements.

1,500.00 - amount to be checked with F. A. Brewin. )

Seeking a loan to tide us over till time of recovery was deemed inadvisable.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TIME: April 30th, 4.45 p.m.

PLACE: Office of F. A. Brewin.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin & Nichols (Regrets - Tanaka).

PROGRESS REPORT - There are still 40 claimants who have not returned releases and authorizations; some owe a balance on their retainers, some owe nothing further to our Committee, and a few have not yet cashed their refund cheques sent out last October.

Agreed that two final form letters would be necessary - (a) to those who should sign Release & Authority, (b) to those who should sign Release only.

Each letter will advise that unless we receive a reply within three weeks we will assume that our Committee is discharged from further responsibility; duplicate forms for signature to be included.

Our real bank balance of \$12,491.41, plus remittances on hand indicates that we have approximately \$13,000.00 to complete the Committee's work.  
Outstanding Accounts:

Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson	\$ 5,000.00 *
Cameron, Weldon, Brewin & McCallum	3,500.00
Estimated cost of Publication (refund to general acct.)	1,000.00
Closing Audit (estimated)	1,000.00
Kunio Hidaka	400.00
	<u>\$10,900.00</u>

\* Balance of this account to be rendered.

POLICY RE WITHDRAWN CLAIMS - MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "THAT we recommend that no rebate of the 1% retainers be paid on withdrawn claims, unless some unusual hardship can be brought to our attention." - Carried.

REFUNDS - MOTION: Boos/Nichols - "Re Case #1301, That the deduction of \$8.41 made 30/1/51 from this claimants award be refunded."  
Re Case #81, that the sum of \$75.00, deducted from award in error by the Custodian, be now refunded."

RE CASE # 993 - Yamamoto - Agreed that the charges in this case be 10% of the award, split 6% to the firm of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson and 4% to Co-operative Committee, as recommended by Counsel.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:15 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, 1950.

Time - 5.15 p.m.

Place - Carlton Street Church, Toronto.

ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - Rev. J. M. Finlay, Miss M. Boos, Messrs. A. Brewin, F. Haslam,  
K. Hidaka, R. Obata, S. Takashima, G. Tanaka.

The minutes of the meeting of June 22nd, were read and approved.

Copies of the Brief sent to Senator Roebuck and his Senate Committee were circulated among the members present at the meeting.

Report from Mr. Brewin: - Mr. Brewin reported that things are moving faster than had been anticipated. He wrote to Mr. Garson and received an answer that the whole matter had been turned over to the Secretary of States Department. He received a telephone call from the Secretary of States Department saying that the money had already been forwarded to Mr. Shears in Vancouver and that a form of release had been drafted and sent out also. Money allowed was sufficient to pay claims as well as additional amounts suggested, with the exception that we will have to discuss with the Custodian's office proof of accounts. Expenses are included in this, but will have to satisfy Mr. Shears that they have been made. No instructions were received about interest.

It was suggested that our Committee should write to the Prime Minister putting the matter of interest before the whole Cabinet. It was agreed that the J.C.C.A. and the J.C.C.C. should operate on entirely different lines at this time.

Mr. Brewin then read draft of a letter he had prepared to send to Mr. St. Laurent, representing position we are taking at the moment.

MOTION: Tanaka/Haslam - "That the letter drafted by Mr. Brewin be sent to Prime Minister St. Laurent." Carried.

Mr. Brewin briefly reviewed the draft brief prepared by the J.C.C.A.

MOTION: Brewin/Hidaka - "That we thank the National J.C.C.A. for their courtesy in showing us the draft of their proposed Brief". Carried.

Expense Accounts: - As was decided some time ago, an independent counsel has now reviewed the legal accounts for fairness. Mr. Brewin reported that Mason, Foulds, Davidson and Arnup expressed the view that one amount in Vancouver was a little high in comparison with the others, but that otherwise the amounts involved were fair and reasonable and should be paid as rendered. Mr. Brewin also stated that the accounts were available at his office for any members of the Committee to peruse.

MOTION: Tanaka/Haslam - "That if money is available before we meet again, that up to 50% of these accounts be paid on account". Carried.

Summer-time Machinery: It was agreed that only emergency meetings would be held and that we will get as many as possible to meetings, but it will be judgements of the majority. It was also agreed that summer addresses should be left at the J.C.C.A. offices in case it was absolutely necessary to get in touch with members.

Adjournment at 6.30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE-CANADIANS HELD  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1950.

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Time - 5.30 p.m.

Place - Carlton Street Church, Toronto.

ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - Rev. J. M. Finlay, Miss M. Boos, Messrs. A. Brewin, H. Fowler,  
F. Haslam, Kondo, T. Nichols, R. Obata, Takashima, G. Tanaka,  
T. Umezuki.

Regrets Received - Miss Grace Tucker.

MOTION: Fowler/Tanaka - "That the minutes of the meetings of March 13th, April 18th  
and 21st, and Finance Committee meetings of February 24th and April 21st be  
adopted as written". Carried.

Press Releases - Miss Boos reported that Committee was contacted as soon as the  
Commissioner's report was released and the prepared statement  
was sent to Canadian Press, Toronto Dailies and the New Canadian, immediately.

MOTION: Nichols/Haslam - "That the Committee confirm the Press Release as sent out  
by the sub-committee". Carried.

Correspondence - The Secretary indicated that there had been quite a lot of corres-  
pondence since the last meeting, much of it being with Mr. McMaster  
and Senator Roebuck. Copy of the letter sent to the Human Rights Committee was read.

MOTION: Nichols/Obata - "That the letter sent to the Committee on Human Rights be  
prepared for circulation and circulated to members of this Committee".  
Carried.

Miss Boos also reported that letters had been exchanged regarding new addresses to  
bring claimants' list up to date. She also stated that the lists had been published  
in the "New Canadian".

Finance - The Treasurer reported for the Finance Committee and stated that the  
financial position is substantially unchanged. Approximately \$200 was  
received from the appeal letters sent out which is claims unpaid previously. It  
was stated that no word had been received from Mr. Virtue.

Report from Mr. Brewin - Mr. Brewin reported that he had discussed with the  
Minister of Justice and various deputy ministers and  
officials the measures for payment out of the awards to the claimants. It was  
apparently the intention of the Government to provide for a repayment in a  
supplementary estimate to be passed at the present session of Parliament and then  
to have payments made out through the Custodian's Office in Vancouver. They would  
act on the advice of Mr. Ken Wright, legal counsel to the Custodian in Ottawa.

It is suggested that claimants will be required to sign releases and the suggestion  
has been made that the Co-operative Committee should in all cases where it  
represented claimants arrange to have these releases signed. This would enable  
the Co-operative Committee to explain the findings and at the same time to collect

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the balance due to the Co-operative Committee for legal and other services.

Mr. Brewin also discussed with Mr. Garson the problem of interest payments, at which time he promised to present it favourably to the Cabinet.

A discussion followed regarding Mr. Brewin's report. Two questions arose from this discussion: (1) Should any further representations be made to Ottawa at the present time regarding interest payments?

(2) Are we agreeable to accept the responsibility, if it works out this way, to assist in the distribution of cheques to claimants?

MOTION: Nichols/Obata - "That we instruct counsel to proceed with plan as discussed at this meeting to arrange for payment of the amount granted, through the use of the Co-operative Committee". Carried.

It was suggested during a further discussion that we write a letter saying that we had received the report of Mr. Brewin from Ottawa and would like to confirm, and that it is an unanimous agreement of the Committee that we would like to have the assurance when the matter of interest payments is presented to the Treasury Committee that it is presented in a favourable light. It was also suggested that the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association write a similar letter to Ottawa.

MOTION: Fowler/Obata - "That both organizations write letters to Mr. Garson as suggested". Carried.

Because of lack of time for discussion of this motion, it was decided to have a further meeting next Wednesday, June 28th, at 5.15 p.m. to finish business.

Adjournment at 7.15 p.m.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS  
HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1950.

TIME: 5.00 p.m.

PLACE: National JCCA office, 61 College St., Toronto.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Fowler, Haslam, Takashima, Tanaka, Tucker & Umezuki.

MINUTES of June 28th meeting previously circulated, were adopted as read.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

I. Letters to Prime Minister - No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister to our Chairman's second letter written July 14th upon receipt of a negative reply from an official of the Secretary of States Department to his original letter of June

MOTION: Brewin/Haslam - "(1) That a small committee prepare a further letter to the Prime Minister and plans for publication of correspondence with him, to be referred back to the full Committee before any action is taken;

(2) That we proceed in the meantime to co-operate with the Government in securing cheques for claimants". Carried.

During discussion it was suggested (a) that claimants are not so concerned about securing the interest that they would wish the payment of awards granted held up at this time; (b) that representations have never been on the basis of a legal claim, but a moral obligation, and we therefore cannot jeopardise further representations regarding claims outside the terms of reference by co-operating in the final routine for payment of awards already granted; (c) that the JCCA is planning to submit a brief regarding claims outside the terms of reference in the early fall; (d) that a paragraph be included in our letter to the Prime Minister, advising that although co-operating with the Custodian's office in getting payments out, we intend to continue pressing for interest on awards.

Agreed that the small committee be: Tanaka, Boos, Brewin, & Haslam.

II. Auditors Statement - The work of computing balance of awards payable to our claimants has just been completed by P. S. Ross & Sons; seven copies of this statement showing Original Net Claim, 1% Retainer Fee, Additional Assessment, Total Charge, Amount Paid on Account and Balance Recoverable, have been forwarded to us. Since all expenses outside those of a legal nature have been paid by the Government, and total legal expenses have been estimated at \$100,000. and \$51,881.44 has already been paid by claimants, a balance of \$48,536.02 is to be recovered. This has been worked out as 5.784 of the total award.

Since this formula (1% of original claim plus 5.784 of the award granted) will result in hardship for certain claimants whose awards are small, it was moved by G. Tanaka, seconded by Mr. Umezuki, on the recommendation of Counsel, "That this committee's total charges should not exceed 25% of the recovery in any case". Carried.

III. Final Payment Machinery - Mr. Brewin reported having learned during discussions with Mr. McMaster in July that, due to changes in Government's attitude, the balance which each claimant owes our Committee will be deducted from the total award provided an authorization to do so accompanies the release form. A cheque for the balance will be sent to the Claimant and the total amount deducted sent to us.



Two forms have, therefore, been prepared by the Custodian's office and will be forwarded to us for mailing: (a) a release to be signed and (b) a signed authorization to deduct the sum indicated by the auditors' statement as payable to our Committee. It is proposed that, accompanied by a Japanese translation, they be sent out with a covering letter from us. The draft letter submitted was accepted, with minor changes and additions (revised copy attached).

MOTION: Fowler/Tucker - "That we approve the plan to send out to all claimants represented by our Committee the letter as amended, together with the release and authorization to pay which the Custodian has supplied; that we authorize the Finance Committee to meet extra cost involved, and ask George Tanaka, on behalf of the JCCA to organize the necessary machinery to carry out this work". Carried.

IV. Finance Committee Recommendations: That the following payments be made:

(a) Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (Government refund of expenses incurred in connection with claims work, as per statement submitted)		\$ 6,268.00
(b) McLennan (Reimbursement of expenses as per statement submitted to Commissioner)		618.64
(c) Virtue (Government refund of expenses incurred as per statement submitted)	\$4,687.58	
Refund of \$3,000. contribution toward expenses paid by Southern Alberta Central Committee in Jan., 1947, less \$1,000. legal fees outstanding	<u>2,000.00</u> \$6,687.58	6,687.58
(d) Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson Balance of Account - May, 1950	8,214.19	
Government refund of expenses in connection with claims handled directly by this firm, as per statement submitted	552.13	
Refund of contribution from Vancouver Consultative Council, as requested	<u>773.72</u> \$9,540.04	9,540.04

MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That these payments be made, providing the Finance Committee is satisfied that sufficient supporting detail has been supplied." Carried.

MOTION: Tanaka/Brewin - "That the sum of \$10,000.00 be paid at this time to Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson on account of legal fees". Carried.

V. Next Meeting - To be held Sept. 6th, if possible; notice as to time and place to be mailed with the minutes.

VI. Adjournment - Moved at 8.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS  
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1950.

PLACE: Carlton St. United Church, Toronto.

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Haslam (in the chair), Hidaka, Kondo, Nichols, Obata, Takashima,

REGRETS: Finlay, Fowler, Umezuki.

MINUTES of the meeting of August 16th were circulated and adopted with one amendment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. McMaster acknowledging cheque sent and thanking Committee for the payment on account. Letter from Mr. Virtue was read, conveying the thanks of the Southern Alberta Committee for cheque sent. Letter from the Toronto Claimants Committee was read regarding this Committee's future policy. Discussion - Mr. Brewin felt that some of the quotations in the letter were misquotes and suggested that we should reply to letter pointing out the apparent misunderstanding and the situation as we see it at the present time.

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "That this Committee plan to complete the action already under way - to press interest claims and to finish payments of claims, consulting with the J.C.C.A. as to any way at this final stage that we can assist their Committee, and that the work of this Committee then be considered as concluded." Carried.

The quotation in the Toronto Claimants Committee letter, attributed to Mr. Brewin was said to have been made at the National JCCA Convention in 1947. Mr. Brewin felt that it was a misunderstanding of what he said at that time. It was decided to get a copy of the report of this Convention before the letter to the Toronto Claimants Committee was answered.

MOTION: Nichols /Tanaka - "That in the light of this discussion, a reply should be sent, questioning the assumption upon which the letter is based - that our action for past three years has been considered as "strategy", and dealing also with the statements (a) that the committee would be in duty bound, and (b) that it would be highly unfair to drop procedure at this point." Carried.

Some question arose regarding contents of letter to be sent. It was decided to appoint a committee to deal with it.

Committee appointed - Haslam, Boos, Finlay in consultation with Counsel and Mr. Tanaka.

A second letter from the Toronto Claimants Committee was read, enclosing a copy of the letter sent to the Custodian requesting a revision of the "release" form so that it would not contain the "agreement to make no further claims", but take the form of a receipt only.

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin: "That in regard to Toronto Claimants Committee letter requesting revision of release, we should answer that at our last Committee meeting we approved this form of release and the decision we took at that time still stands". Carried.



REPORTS:

(a) Publication of Pamphlet:

Miss Boos reported that she had been talking to Edith Foulke, who stated that she had a rough draft of the pamphlet done, but cannot finish it until sometime near the end of the year, although she could prepare it for typing by someone else. It was decided to inform her to suspend operations until the end of the year when we will know what the financial situation is, but would suggest that draft be ready to pass on to Committee for approval.

(b) Interest Committee:

Letter from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent in answer to Committee's letter of July 14th was read; also draft letter prepared by Committee to send to the Prime Minister, expressing our disappointment and stating that the correspondence would be released to the press. Approved.

(c) Finance Committee:

The Treasurer stated that there is now \$67.00 in our own fund, and a balance of about \$30,000 in the Claims Fund Account. Finance Committee will have complete report at next meeting.

After some discussion regarding accounts submitted to and approved by the Government, but paid through this Committee,

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "That accounts sent to Government for payment and approved by Government, for which we had no responsibility, be considered as confidential and seen only by officers of the Committee and its Counsel. Carried.

A Finance Committee recommendation that there be a pre-audit of the revised figures for claims affected by our decision to charge no more than 25% of any claimant's total award was presented and discussed.

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "That the statement showing revised figures which has been prepared be checked by our auditors before cheques go out." Carried.

PRESS RELEASE:

It was decided that public statements be made to the "New Canadian" and "Continental Times", to let the claimants know what has been done in regard to cheques being sent out, etc.

MOTION: Boos/Nichols - "That "New Canadian" and "Continental Times" contact Mr. Tanaka and Counsel to get statements from them". Carried.

ADJOURNMENT at 7.45 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JAPANESE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1950.

PLACE: Carlton Street United Church, Toronto.

TIME: 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Nichols, Tanaka and Umezuki.  
Regrets - Fowler, Haslam and Kondo; Tucker (out of town)

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the minutes of the meeting of October 11th be adopted as written." - Carried.

MOTION: Tanaka/Nichols - "That the minutes of the meeting of October 20th be adopted with the following amendment: 'MOTION: Haslam/Nichols - "That the following sub-committee prepare a Co-operative Committee statement for release to the New Canadian and Continental Times: Boos, Brewin, Finlay and Tanaka." Carried'.  
- Carried.

MOTION: Boos/Nichols - "That the minutes of the Finance Committee of September 21st be adopted as written." - Carried.

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of November 15th were received.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the letter which Mr. Brewin has drafted be sent out to all claimants who have not sent in their release forms by November 25th."  
- Carried.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That the smaller legal accounts be paid in full and that payments on the other accounts be made as follows: McMaster - \$10,000.  
Brewin - 2,000.  
MacLennan - 3,000.  
Cherniack - 1,000." - Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) The Secretary stated that a letter from the Civic Liberties Committee had been received asking that two representatives from this Committee be present at a meeting tomorrow evening, November 23rd. Mr. Brewin agreed to represent us, if he is able to attend.

(2) A letter received from the Toronto Claimants Committee was read regarding the withdrawal of their members from this Committee. After some discussion the following motion was made - MOTION: Nichols/Umezuki - "That the relationship of the three Toronto Claimants Committee members, (Messrs. K. Hidaka, S. Takashima and R. Obata) to our Committee be now terminated and that we so inform them and the Toronto Claimants Committee." - Carried.

Mr. Tanaka raised the question of what our policy should be in regard to claimants who are not receiving an award but who have paid a retainer fee. It was decided that we should tell anyone who inquires that the whole thing will be reviewed but at the present time nothing can be done about it.

Mr. Tanaka also stated that the Local Chapter of the J.C.C.A. plans to hold a public meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, at which they will ask one member of the Toronto Claimants Committee, the J.C.C.C. and the J.C.C.A. to speak. It was decided that Mr. Andrew Brewin would be the logical one from our Committee to speak and anyone else who can will attend the meeting. It was suggested that Fred Haslam be delegated to express our complete confidence in him as the legal counsel, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Co-Operative Committee on Japanese  
Canadians will meet on Wednesday, November  
22nd, from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

s, Obata, Takashima, Tanaka

Mr. Brewin read a draft of a letter prepared to be sent to Prime Minister St. Laurent in answer to his letter of August. It was suggested that a press statement be prepared in connection with this correspondence.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That this letter be sent to the Prime Minister and that this, along with other correspondence with him, will be prepared for the press." Carried.

A letter from the J.C.C.A. in regard to members of the Toronto Claimants Committee on this Committee was read.

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "That since the membership of persons from the Toronto Claimants Committee was accepted on the recommendation of the J.C.C.A. and since that recommendation has now been withdrawn, that this Committee invite these members to resign." Carried.

The statement that the members of the Toronto Claimants Committee had been asked to prepare at the previous meeting was read. This statement was discussed and proved to be unsatisfactory to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:10 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS  
HELD ON OCTOBER 20th, 1950.

PLACE: Carlton Street United Church, Toronto.

TIME: 5:15P.M.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Hidaka, Nichols, Obata, Takashima, Tanaka and Umezuki.

Mr. Brewin read a draft of a letter prepared to be sent to Prime Minister St. Laurent in answer to his letter of August. It was suggested that a press statement be prepared in connection with this correspondence.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That this letter be sent to the Prime Minister and that this, along with other correspondence with him, will be prepared for the press." Carried.

A letter from the J.C.C.A. in regard to members of the Toronto Claimants Committee on this Committee was read.

MOTION: Nichols/Brewin - "That since the membership of persons from the Toronto Claimants Committee was accepted on the recommendation of the J.C.C.A. and since that recommendation has now been withdrawn, that this Committee invite these members to resign." Carried.

The statement that the members of the Toronto Claimants Committee had been asked to prepare at the previous meeting was read. This statement was discussed and proved to be unsatisfactory to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:10 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE  
CANADIANS HELD ON OCTOBER 11th, 1950.

PLACE: Carlton Street United Church.

TIME: 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Fowler, Haslam, Hidaka, Kondo, Nichols,  
Obata, Takashima, Tanaka, Tucker and Umezuki.

The Minutes of the Meeting of September 14th were read and approved.

The Secretary read the two statements which were published in the Continental Times by the Toronto Claimants Committee on September 19th and 22nd, regarding their reaction to the release forms okayed by the Co-operative Committee. A rather lengthy and involved discussion followed - It was stated that these statements were published so that the Claimants would realize the implications of signing these release forms. The advisability of presenting them nationally, rather than just to the Toronto claimants, was questioned. The fact was presented that the claimants would be more confused than ever now, having received two different directives from the two Committees. It was stated that the statements published were not as intended; that the translation was inadequate.

Mr. Takashima reported that members of the Toronto Claimants Committee on this Committee were rather disturbed about the use of the words "Calling themselves, Toronto Claimants Committee" and "so-called" in this Committee's statement to press.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "That we ask the Toronto Claimants Committee, through its representatives here present, to publish, within ten days, a statement clarifying the divergence in opinions between the two committees, and stating clearly the advice of each Committee, and that this statement be acceptable to the Co-operative Committee before publication." Carried.

MOTION: Nichols/Fowler - "That the Co-operative Committee ask Mr. Brewin to arrange certain times when he will be available for advice to claimants and that dates of these times be made public." Carried.

MOTION: Brewin/Tanaka - "That a letter be sent to the Toronto Claimants Committee expressing our regret that any offence was taken to the use of the words "calling themselves" and "so-called" in a recent statement published by the Co-operative Committee." Carried.

MOTION: Boos/Hidaka - "That our background material and files be made available to Sidney Olyan of the School of Social Work for the purpose of writing his Thesis." Carried.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Friday, October 20th, at 5:15 p.m., to consider the statement for publication.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.

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CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

TIME: September 21st, 1950; 4.30 p.m.

PLACE: Office of F. A. Brewin.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Nichols, Tanaka.

REPORT: The Custodian's cheque for \$58,377.96, cover<sup>ing</sup> the disbursements submitted to Justice Bird and approved by him, was received and deposited in the Claims Fund Account on July 26th. Since that date, expenditures of \$33,495.62 have been authorized by the Committee, meeting in August. (\$11,281.43 of this amount represents the following disbursements: National J.C.C.A. (\$6,268.00), Virtue, Russell & Morgan (\$3,687.58), Vancouver Consultative Council (\$773.73) and Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson (\$552.13); statements were submitted along with ours with the understanding that these amounts be turned over when recovered. Mr. McMaster's outstanding account of \$8,214.19 was also paid, and an additional advance on fees of \$10,000.00. Thus, approximately \$25,000. of a balance remains in the account.

SOLICITORS ACCOUNTS: Payment of up to 50% of such accounts (reviewed and declared fair and reasonable by Messrs. Mason, Foulds, Arnup, Walker and Weir) having been authorized at our June meeting, accounts were reviewed and the following motion made: (Nichols/Boos "That, in order to bring them into line proportionately with the other lawyers, the following payments be now made on account:

Cameron, Weldon, Brewin & McCallum	- \$2,000.00	
Cherniack & Cherniack	- \$1,000.00	Carried.

RELEASES & STATEMENTS - George Tanaka reported that the work of mailing release forms is well under way. The Secretary has received 59 completed sets of forms to date, and forwarded same via air mail to the Custodian's office in Vancouver. Two releases without authorizations have been received - agreed that duplicates be made out and forwarded, with the advice that their release forms will be held until signed authorizations are received.

ACCOUNT PAYABLE: Agreed that a \$200.00 account from George Tanaki for legal services rendered to this Committee in 1947 be now paid.

P.O. BOX: The Secretary was authorized to rent a box at the post office for the period during which the volume of incoming mail is great - if such is available.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 27th, 1951.

PLACE: Carlton St. United Church.

TIME: 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Boos, Brewin, Finlay, Haslam, Nichols, Tanaka, Tucker, Umezuki.  
Regrets - Mr. Fowler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.

MOTION: Tanaka/Tucker - "THAT the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as written." - Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: (a) The secretary read portions of "thank-you" letters from Claimants.

(b) A letter was read from the National J.C.C.A., inviting members of the Co-operative Committee to attend a Testimonial Banquet to be held March 25th, during its national conference in Montreal. A discussion followed regarding who could attend this Conference.

MOTION: Haslam/Boos - "THAT the invitation be acknowledged and accepted on behalf of the Co-operative Committee by the Secretary and Chairman." - Carried.

MOTION: Tanaka/Brewin - "THAT at least three members of this Committee be present at the Banquet, if possible." - Carried.

It was left with the secretary to canvas members and find three who could arrange to go.

DRAFT LETTER: Copies of a letter prepared by the Finance Committee were distributed and read; its purpose being to request the return of releases not yet received, without further delay.

MOTION: Boos/Umezuki - "THAT this letter urging action be sent out immediately." - Carried.

FINANCES: Our real Bank Balance, as of January 31st, was \$38,934.46 and the amounts still outstanding on the legal accounts are as follows:

Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson	\$27,000
Cameron, Weldon, Brewin and McCallum	4,500
MacLennan	3,118.64
Cherniack	2,775.50
	<u>\$37,394.14</u>

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "THAT payments be made as follows:

McMaster \$15,000 on account

Brewin 3,000 on account

and full payment of MacLennan's and Cherniack's accounts." - Carried.

REPORT ON PAMPHLET: Mrs. Fowke has recently advised that she now has time to prepare an outline, so we will have something specific to work on.

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "THAT we ask Mrs. Fowke to prepare an outline and have it ready to discuss at the next meeting." - Carried.

Discussion followed regarding money set aside for this work. It was stated that the end of March should show a fairly close final financial standing.

MOTION: Tanaka/Tucker - "THAT whatever money has been withdrawn from Co-operative Committee Account since September 1947 be replaced from the Claims Fund; that \$300 be transferred now, and that Finance Committee review accounts before the next meeting to determine total transferable." - Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 4th, 5 p.m., Carlton Street United Church.

ADJOURNMENT: 6 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JAPANESE-CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
APRIL 4th, 1951.

PLACE: Carlton St. United Church.

TIME: 5:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Boos, Finlay, Fowke, Nichols, Tanaka.  
Regrets - Mr. Brewin.

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 27th be adopted with the following amendment to the last Motion - "THAT with respect to the Co-operative Committee monies expended on the Claims Fund work \$300.00 be reimbursed to the Co-operative Committee Account now and that the Finance Committee be instructed to review the total picture and make recommendations."  
- Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) The Secretary presented a brief on the Canadian Indians prepared by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, with a letter asking our Committee to endorse this brief.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "THAT the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians endorse the Brief; that a letter so advising be forwarded to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration by the Secretary." - Carried.

(b) A letter was also read in part from Jack Oki re his claim. The Secretary stated that Mr. Brewin had answered this letter.

REPORTS:

Ted Nichols gave the report from the J.C.C.A. Conference which he, Miss Boos and Mr. Haslam attended as representatives from the Co-operative Committee. Special mention was made of the painting, "Evacuation" by Fred Kondo, presented to the Co-operative Committee by the J.C.C.A. in appreciation of the work they had done in getting the Japanese Canadians settled.

MOTION: Nichols/Boos - "THAT a vote of sincere appreciation to the J.C.C.A. for recognizing the work done by this Committee and the hospitality extended to members at the Conference in Montreal and the Testimonial Dinner, be forwarded in a letter to the J.C.C.A." - Carried.

MOTION: Boos/Fowke - "THAT the Co-operative Committee request Carlton Street United Church, through Mr. Finlay, to consider the hanging of the picture which was presented to us in a suitable place in Carlton Church with the clear understanding that it be available to the National Executive of the J.C.C.A. at any time for display and that if, at some future time, it be deemed advisable by the J.C.C.A. to have it hung in permanent quarters of their organization, they be entitled to claim it." - Carried.

MOTION: Nichols/Fowke - "THAT the Secretary and Chairman compose a letter containing this intent and send it to the J.C.C.A. with a copy sent to Carlton St. United Church." - Carried.

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PAMPHLET REPORT:

Mrs. Fowke reported that she had a rough outline of the pamphlet prepared - Suggested: 32 page pamphlet - approximately 9,000 words - rough quotation, \$275 per 2,000 copies - selling price, 25¢. Material: Starting with introduction giving reason for pamphlet - suggested title "They Made Democracy Work", subtitle, "Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians" - Suggested outline -

1. History of the Japanese Canadians up to the Evacuation.
2. Beginnings - 1943, 1944.
3. Repatriation Crisis.
4. Legal Action.
5. Property Issue.
6. Removing of remaining restrictions.
7. Conclusion.

Discussion followed on contents of pamphlet: (a) emphasis to be placed on achievements of democratic process (b) Objective treatment, with actual quotes, when possible.

MOTION: Nichols/Fowke - "THAT Miss Boos and Mr. Tanaka be at the disposal of Mrs. Fowke in preparing the pamphlet and that they should discuss with her the remuneration for such work." - Carried.

FINANCE:

It was stated that there is \$19,000 on hand and outstanding bills total \$14,000, \$12,000 of it being to McMaster.

MOTION: Nichols/Tanaka - "THAT Jack Gilbert's account (\$200.00) and the Norris and McLennan account (\$301.03) be paid in full and that \$7,000 be paid on McMaster's Account." - Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

DATE - Wednesday, May 30th, 1951.

TIME - 5 p.m.

PLACE - Carlton Church.

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