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71 Huron Street,  
Toronto, City.  
May 3, 1948.

Mrs. F. A. Brewin,  
372 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir;

I went to your office yesterday morning but where you were not there. Therefore I asked your secretary about when my declaration of claim. But it is not the month. I want this to be finished as soon as possible.

If you have anyone unable to attend this month, send some circumstances, I would like very much to put in my claim in his place. I will appreciate your kindness if this can be done for me.

Did you see my inventory which I sent to you because the Custodian wanted my inventory? Therefore I would like to show you before sending it for the Custodian.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

FILE

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I wish to know if you sent it to  
the Custodian yet?  
If this matter is not clearly  
understood by you, if you would  
phone me, or let me know, I  
will personally see you about it.  
My phone # is E.S. 0768.

Messrs. Cameron, Weldon Brewin,  
Barrister & Solicitors,  
Sterling Tower,

Dear Mr. Brewin:

I have your letter of April 17, 1948, regarding the one file that the other was involved and that they  
could with advantage be heard together.

Our file 767 was sent to you on April 17, 1948, with a copy of the letter to you and that the latter file be  
reopened.

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& BREWIN

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Yours very sincerely,  
E. Shiguchi Sans.

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OUR FILE NO.

May 3rd, 1948.

Messrs. Cameron, Weldon &  
Brewin,  
Barristers, etc.,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto, 1, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. Brewin.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Claims.

We have for acknowledgment receipt of  
your favours of the 20th and 21st ultimo.

When I heard that an election had been  
called in Ontario in June I anticipated that you would  
find yourself extremely busy.

I have just returned from the Sub-Com-  
mission hearings at Vernon where I saw George Tanaka  
for a short while a week ago yesterday. It appeared  
in the case of Vernon, in any event, that the more diffi-  
cult claims had been cleaned off with the Main Commission  
hearings so that the two weeks of the Sub-Commission  
hearings were not quite as rough. One of the interpret-  
ers from the Main Commission who went through as far as  
Winnipeg advises me that our solicitors in Alberta,  
Saskatchewan and Manitoba have made a very good impres-  
sion. Apparently Virtue rubbed the Judge the wrong way  
at times.

I have a letter from Yamaga in which he  
indicates that he is planning some changes with regard  
to his present employment and would like to be advised  
as to our plans as they affect his future. Frankly, at  
the moment I don't see exactly where he fits into the  
picture unless possibly to review our appraiser's reports  
when they are ready and in cases where he thinks that they  
are too low, to discuss the matter with them and to look  
over the premises with them. You might give me any ideas



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Messrs. Cameron, Weldon  
& Brewin:

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on this subject that you have when you get an opportunity at an early date.

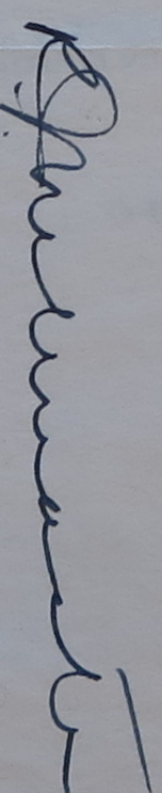
I am hoping to break in Mr. Cobus from our office into taking a large part of the remainder of the Sub-Commission Hearings which I hope will leave me a bit freer to supervise the other work that requires to be done. It doesn't look as though I will get any assistance from Norris & MacLennan. I got in touch with Alex MacDonald and he may be available a little bit later.

With kind personal regards from the writer,

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per:



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May 12, 1948.

Roger Ouimet Esq., K.C.,  
152 Notre Dame East,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Ouimet:

Following our telephone conversation yesterday,  
I have secured the proposed list of claims to be heard in  
Montreal which I enclose.

There is not need to follow this list rigidly, so  
long as sufficient claims are available each day to occupy  
the Commissioner. We have found that it is possible to get  
through an average of 6, or 7 cases a day so that it may be  
that the list can be completed sooner than the 15th of June.

The Commissioner Mr. Justice Bird is going to tele-  
phone you with a view to seeing whether you can be of any  
assistance in arranging a courtroom or other place for the  
hearings.

May I suggest that you get in touch with the local  
Japanese Committee and have them notify the claimants to be  
available during the first two weeks in June, and at least the  
first twenty available to complete the necessary forms several  
days before that.

I will endeavour to notify you later of a date that  
I can come down to Montreal with Mr. Gilbert who as I told  
you has been working with us in the preparation of the written  
evidence.

This is a very arduous and tiresome job, but Mr.  
Gilbert is acquiring valuable experience of the problems in-  
volved.

I think it will be possible for Mr. Gilbert to be  
available for your assistance during the two weeks of the  
hearings.

I shall try to let you know later what date we can  
get down to Montreal.

If, of course, it becomes possible for you to come  
to Toronto and interview the Commissioner personally, that  
would be most satisfactory.



Mr. Roger Ouimet

May 12, 1948.

I have requested the Custodian to see that the Custodian's files relating to the Quebec claims are transmitted to you as soon as possible.

Unfortunately it is necessary that these files be returned to the Custodian at least one day prior to the hearing in each case.

However, Mr. Gilbert will be able to read through the files and make notes of important information contained in them which you may be able to use at the hearing.

With kindest personal regard.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC



Mr. W. J. McMaster, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster,  
c/o Messrs. Campbell, Solicitors,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
675 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Japanese Claims

Dear Bob: You are quite right in anticipating that May is going to be a busy month with the Commission and the election.

Apparently Mr. Cherniack made the Commission and counsel are expecting a very high standard from us in Ontario, and we are having a hard time living up to it.

living up to it.

I am afraid I have no clear ideas about Mr. Yamaha. I think for the sake of the Japanese Canadians it would be advisable to use him, perhaps particularly to give evidence as to the condition of the properties at or about the date of sale and the difference between them then and at the present time.

I think I will be able to arrange to have all the Soldier Settlement reports made available to you.

With kindest regards.  
Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC

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Re: Our File #1753

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May 15th, 1948

CAMERON WELDON  
& BREWINMessrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Stirling Tower,  
Toronto, Ontario.Attention: Mr. Brewin.

Dear Andy:

Re: Japanese Losses Claims Commission.

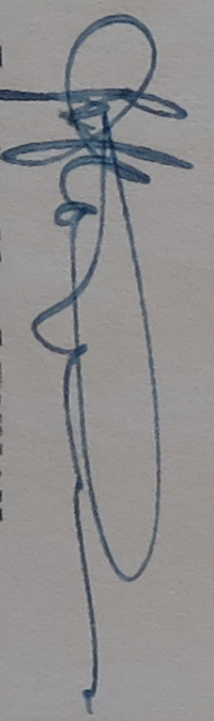
Further to our correspondence herein, I am enclosing copy of Bill for my firm's services made up to April 30th, 1948, and I do not think there has been much done since that time in this connection.

I appreciate, of course, that we are more or less going into this on a contingency basis, but this will give some idea of the work done to date.

Mr. Norris and I are dissolving our partnership as of May 31st, and he will be looking after the Kageitsu matter. You might let him or me know what you want done about the other matters which we are handling along with you, and particularly the Royston Lumber Company.

You will soon be leaving for overseas, I expect, and I want to wish you a very pleasant trip, and all the best until I see you next.

Yours sincerely,

  
J. A. MACLENNAN
Enc.  
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22nd May, 1948.

F. A. Brewin, Esq.,  
c/o Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers,  
372 Bay Street,  
TORONTO.

- Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission -  
Dear Mr. Brewin,

The proposed time-table for the hearings of the  
Commission in the Autumn is as follows:

September 15th - 30th:

General statements and general evidence of  
claimants.  
General statements and general evidence of  
Crown.

October 1st - 31st:

Corporation cases to be heard from start to  
finish.

November 1st onwards:

Continuation of general claims with balance  
of claimants' cases and presentation of Crown's  
defence.

In addition to the above it would appear to the  
writer that it would be very desirable some time during the  
Autumn, and preferably immediately after general statements  
and general evidence, that any further points of law be argued.  
For example you have stated that you did not consider that  
fair market value has as yet been ruled upon. Certainly  
before the final evidence goes in it is my submission that such  
ruling should be made. There are a number of other points of

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law which have occurred to the writer from time to time, and it would appear to him that these should all be clarified before you put in the balance of your cases in Vancouver, the Crown puts in its defence and argument is heard in each case.

The above procedure will, subject to any slight adjustment which may be made, probably work quite satisfactorily as long as the Commissioner is hearing the balance of cases in which he has personally heard the claimants' evidence. It is obvious that eventually he is going to be presented with the first case from one of the sub-commissions. It is equally obvious that until he has read the transcript and <sup>made</sup> his notes thereon, he will not be in a position to proceed with the case. In such event the Commissioner will have to sit on alternate days or alternate weeks in order that both he and Counsel will have an opportunity to peruse and digest the transcripts of evidence and the exhibits.

Unless some measuring rods can be discovered, and you may be assured that we are endeavouring to find some, you will recognise that the balance of these cases is quite likely to take longer than the original hearing to take the claimants' evidence. Since you will also recognize that the claimants' evidence, with the help of seven sub-commissions, will probably not all be in the Commissioner's hands in Vancouver until after January, 1949, and that the Commissioner hears all the balance of the evidence and argument without the assistance of any sub-commissioners, that the balance of evidence and argument is likely to last at the very least one year, and



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possibly longer. Unless some method of shortening the procedure can be evolved it is extremely dubious whether the Commission will be completed by June, 1949.

I am giving you this last information in order that you may make your plans accordingly. This is, in a sense, a form of selfishness on my part, but I am extremely anxious that sufficient and suitable Counsel be retained on behalf of the Japanese, and that their compensation be adequate enough to encourage them to put forward their best efforts. Any lack of knowledge in the preparation and presentation of their cases is clearly going to make it a great deal more difficult for me.

I understand that it is your intention to brief Mr. McMaster and Mr. McLennan for the hearings in Vancouver. May I suggest that the employment of these two excellent Counsel, even though on full time, is not going to be adequate to properly protect your clients' interests. I trust that you will realize that these suggestions are made without any thought of dictating your requirements, but purely to give you such assistance as I am able to give you from my past experience on the Commission.

Yours very truly,

*John W. C. Hunter*

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May 28th, 1948.

Andrew Brewin, Esq.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Andrew:

Re: Japanese Claims and re  
Appraisals.

Mr. Hewer was in to see me this morning, giving me a report on progress. From what he advises me, it appears that progress is satisfactory. However, the job is going to be much more expensive, I think, than we anticipated. They have already worked 32½ days and have only covered the property in the City of Vancouver and begun to work on the property in Richmond municipality.

The students are at work digging out the information from the assessment offices and the land registry offices. I think their material is going to be quite satisfactory to the appraisers. However, I am a bit skeptical as to whether any statistical conclusions can be drawn from them. When I get through with the Sub-Commission Hearings I hope to see Professor Farr and go over their material with him in this regard. If it is his opinion that statistical conclusions can not be drawn from the material, it may be that there will be a saving on that expense which can be applied on the appraisal expense.

Hewer indicated today that he would like some further funds. We advanced him \$500.00 which the Committee advanced us and it appears that on the work done to date that we should give him another \$500.00 immediately. Accordingly, we would ask you to be good enough to take this up with the Committee and have them forward funds.

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Mr. Brewin:

May 28th, 1948.

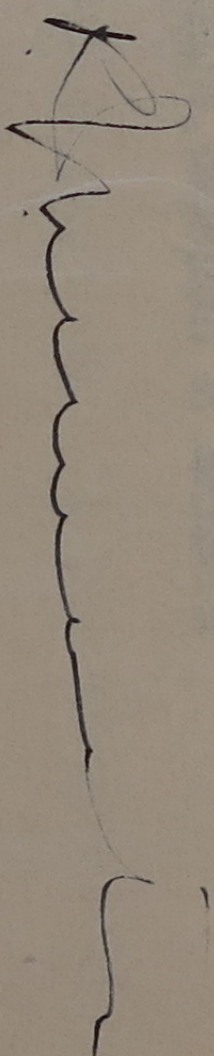
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I do not believe that the Committee has yet sent the money covering the last statement which we forwarded and we would ask you to likewise take this matter up with them.

It is possible that the writer will be East during the last week of June in which event we will have an opportunity to discuss matters. If he is not in the East then, it may be the second week in July but we presume you will be over at the Privy Council at that time.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER

Per: 

McM:MM  
AIRMAIL

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