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Prof. Jarvis McCurdy, Civil Liberties Union, 239 Lonsmount Dr. Toronto lo, Ont.

Dear Mr. McCurdy:-

I am sending a letter identical with this one to Mr. David Freeman, Secretary of the Vancouver Civil Liberties Union.

You are, of course, aware that the RCMP and certain government officials carried out a registration of persons of Japanese race across Canada, starting in B. C. from April of this year, and that considerable pressure was brought to bear to make them sign for Japan. Since some doubt as to whether this was lgal existed, I wrote Mr. Garfield King about the matter. I received his answer, which was read at the Consultative Council. It was there decided to send the information to the New Canadian to publish, so that any person of Japanese race who had been induced to sign for Japan against his wish, might avail himself of the opportunity to disavow it. I am enclosing a copy of my communication to the New Canadian, and also a copy of the form a Nisei would sign. We are asking the Toronto and the Vancouver Civil Liberties Unions to stand by, because it is certain that the officials who have been harrying the Japanese in Canada will not take this passively. I imagine that they will use the forms that have been signed to whisk them out of the country, no mmahter how much they repent afterwards, unless the Japaenese have legal defence.

We would welcome further communications and advice from you on this matter.

On Thursday - Sept 20 - I received a night-letter from the Coop Committee asking for 500 copies of the pamphlet, and letters to counteract the work of the Repatriation Legaue. I sent the pamphlets c/o of the WMS, 299 Queen St. W., since no address was indicated. The letters to the newspapers should be in the mail very soon.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

BETWEEN:

UTAKA SHIMOYAMA and YAE NASU.

Plaintiffs,

-and-

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF CANADA
Defendant.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

(Writ issued 27th of December, 1945)

- 1. The Plaintiff Shimoyama resides in the Village of Port Credit in the County of Peel in the Province of Ontario and works on a mush-room farm. The Plaintiff Yae Nasu is a widow residing in the City of Toronto.
- 2. The Plaintiff Shimoyama is a Canadian citizen born in Canada and is of Japanese ancestry or origin. The Plaintiff Yae Nasu is of Japanese origin but her late husband was a naturalized Canadian and the said Plaintiff is by virtue of the Naturalization Act, R.S.C. 1927 Chapter 138, a British subject. The said Plaintiff is the mother of seven children who are British subjects and Canadian nationals by virtue of their birth in Canada.
- in-Council made three Orders described as P.C. 7355, an Order-in-Council re deportation of Japanese, P.C. 7356 described as Order-in-Council revoking naturalization of persons deported in pursuance to Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 and P.C. 7357 described as an Order-in-Council re Commission to inquire into conduct during the war of persons of the Japanese race, etc.
- 4. By the terms of P.C. 7355, His Excellency purported under the authority of the War Measures Act, to authorize the Minister of Labour to make Orders for the deportation of the following classes of citizens:
 - (1) Every person of sixteen years of age or over, other than a Canadian national, who is a national of Japan resident in Canada and who,
 - (a) has, since the date of declaration of war by the Government of Canada against Japan, on December 8th, 1941, made a request for repatriation; or

- (b) has been in detention at any place in virtue of an order made pursuant to the provisions of the Defence of Canada Regulations or of Order in Council P.C. 946, of the 5th day of February, 1943, as amended by P.C. 5637, of the 16th day of August, 1945, and was so detained as at midnight of September 1st, 1945;
- (2) Every naturalized British subject of the Japanese race of sixteen years of age or over resident in Canada who has made a request for repatriation may be deported to Japan; Provided that such person has not revoked in writing such request prior to midnight the first day of September, 1945.
- (3) Every natural born British subject of the Japanese race of sixteen years of age or over resident in Canada who has made a request for repatriation may be deported to Japan; Provided that such person has not revoked in writing such request prior to the making by the Minister of an order for deportation.
- (4) The wife and children under sixteen years of age of any person for whom the Minister makes an order for deportation to Japan may be included in such order and deported with such person.
- 5. By Order-in-Council P.C. 7556, His Excellency purported to order that any person who, being a British subject by naturalization under the Naturalization Act, Chapter 138, R.S.C. 1927, is deported from Canada under the provisions of Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 shall, as and from the date upon which he leaves Canada in the course of such deportation, cease to be either a British subject or a Canadian national.
- By Order-in-Council P.C. 7357, His Excellency, the Governor-in-Council purported to order that a Commission be appointed to make incuiries concerning the activities, loyalty and extent of co-operation with the Government of Canada during the war of Japanese nationals and naturalized persons of the Japanese race in Canada, in cases referred to the Commission by the Minister of Labour with a view to recommending whether such persons should be deported and further that the said Commission might at the request of the Minister of Labour inquire into the case of any naturalized British subject of the Japanese race who has made a request for repatriation and to make such recommendation in respect to such cases as it deems advisable and further that any person of the Japanese race recommended for deportation by the Commission should be deemed to be subject to deportation under the provisions of Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 and fur ther that as and from the date on which he leaves Canada in the course of such deportation such person shall cease to be either a British subject or a Canadian national.
- 7. The Plaintiffs; in or about the month of August, 1945, executed forms in words and figures, the same as or similar to the following form:

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- 8. In or about the month of December, 1945, the Plaintiffs severally wrote to the Minister of Labour at Ottawa, written requests revoking the declaration or requests hereinabove referred to but have received no acknowledgment of the receipt of the same from the Minister of Labour.
- 9. The Plaintiffs allege as the fact is that the Governor-in-Council is not authorized by the War Measures Act or by any other valid statute or law to enact the said Orders-in-Council or any of them, either in whole or in part and the said Orders-in-Council are ultra vires the Governor-in-Council and have not been and could not be authorized by the Parliament of Canada and are, therefore, invalid, void and of no effect.
- 10. The Plaintiffs further allege that the written forms referred to in Paragraph 7 hereof are illegal, invalid and of no effect or alternatively that they are revocable and have been revoked and are of no further force and effect and do not justify any action by the Government of Canada or any servant or agent of the Government of Canada with a view

to the deportation of the Plaintiffs or to deprive them of their status as British subjects or Canadian nationals.

- 11. The Plaintiffs, therefore, claim:
- (a) A declaration that the said Orders-in-Council are ultra vires the Governor-in-Council and are void and of no effect.
- (b) A declaration that the written forms referred to in this Statement of Claim are illegal, invalid and of no effect or alternatively are revocable and have been revoked and are, therefore, of no effect.
- (c) A declaration that the Plaintiffs are not liable to be forcibly removed from Canada or from the Province of Ontario or to be deprived of their status as British subjects and Canadian nationals.
- (d) Such further and other relief as to this Court may seem just and expedient.
 - (e) Their costs of this action.

The Plaintiffs propose that this action be tried at the City of Toronto.

DELIVERED at Toronto, this 28th day of December, A.D. 1945 by F. ANDREW BREWIN, 372 Bay Street, Solicitor for the Plaintiffs.

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UTAKA SHIMOYAMA and YAE NASU

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In the Supreme Court of Ontario

Between

UTAKA SHIMOYAMA and YAE NASU

PLAINTIFF S

ATTORNEY- GENERAL OF CANADA,

Dye & Durham 9-11 Yonge-St. Arcade Toronto, Can. Form No. 574-577

DEFENDANT

George the Sixth by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

TO

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF CANADA,

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We Command Dou, that within ten days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you cause an appearance to be entered for you in this action, and take notice, that in default of your so doing, the plaintiff may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence on the plaintiff's own showing, and you may be deemed to have admitted the plaintiff's claim and (subject to Rules of Court) will not be entitled to notice of any further proceedings herein.

In Witness Whereof this writ is signed for the Supreme Court of Ontario CHARLES WALTER SMYTH, Registrar by of the said court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto this in the year of our Lord 19 45 December, day of

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Registrar S.C.O.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within 12 calendar months from the date thereof, or if renewed, within 12 calendar months from the date of such renewal including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

Appearance may be entered at the Registrar's Office

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The Plaintiffs' claim is for a declaration that Order-in-Council P.C.7355 dated 15th day of December, 1945, Order-in-Council P.C. 7356 passed on the 15th day of December, 1945, and Order-in-Council P.C. 7357 passed on the 15th day of December, 1945 are ultra vires, illegal and void and for a declaration that the Plaintiffs are not subject to the provisions of the said Orders or liable to be deported or deprived of their status as British subjects or Canadian nationals under the provisions thereof.

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In the Supreme Court of Ontario

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF CANADA

Writ of Summons

GENERAL FORM

Dye & Durham, 9-11 Yonge-Street Arcade, Toronto, Can-Law and Commercial Stationers

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Civil Rights

The right to sue is a substantive right and not a matter of procedure.

A.G. for Alberta and Westonley v. Atlas Lumber Co. 1941 - S.C.R. 87

Where the pith and substance of legislation is under an enumerated head of Section 91 the Province cannot pass valid legislation refusing access to the Courts, but that is ancillary to Dominion Jurisdiction (even though it is an interference with property and civil rights).

Referring also to the case

Proprietory Articles Trade Association v. A.G.for Canada 1931 - A.C.310 @ 326-7

I.E., before the Dominion can transgress the Provincial field their power must be asserted under an enumerated head of Section 91.

91 Head 25 "Naturalisation and Aliens", does not give the Dominion the right to interfere with civil rights under the foregoing authority.

See Cunningham v. Tomy Homma - 1903 A.C.151 (P.C.) @ 156

Section 91 head 25 of B.N.A. Act reserved to the Dominion the subject of "Naturalisation" - i.e., "the right to determine how it shall be constituted."

Provincial Legislature has the right to determine under Section 92 head (1) what privileges as distinguished from necessary consequences shall be attached to it.

"The truth is that the language (in 91 (25) does not purport to deal with the consequences of either alienation or naturalisation..... It is for the Dominion to determine what shall constitute either the one or the other, but the question as to what consequences shall follow from either is not touched. The right of protection and the obligations of allegiance are necessarily involved in the nationality conferred by naturalisation, but the privileges attached to it, where these depend upon residence, are quite independent of nationality.

Liberty of Subject:

The Court will be jealous to guard the liberty of the Subject Dyson v. A.G. 1911 - 1 KB 410 @ 424.

per Farwell, L.J....."if ministerial responsibility were more than a mere shadow of a name, the matter would be less important, but as it is, the Courts are the only defence of the liberty of the subject against departmental aggression.

Cooper v. Wandsworth 143 E.R., page 420.

The Courts will lean towards giving a man a hearing, of which he should have sufficient notice.

The objection for that of notice can never be got over. The laws of and and man both ive the party an opportunity to make his defence, if he has any. I remember to have heard it observed by a very learned man upon such an occasion that even God Himself did not pass sentions upon Adam before he was called upon to make his defence. Liden, says God, "Where art thou? Hast thou not eatern of the trees whereof I commanded thou shouldst not eat?"

And the same question was put to Eve also."

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA DECLARATION

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Council P. C. No 9760, dated Dec. 16	, 1941, hereby declare my de-
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of a national of Japan.	
Futher, I request the Government of Ca	nada, under the conditions set
out in the Statement of the Minister 1945,	of Labour, dated February 15,
to arrange for and effect my rep	patriation to Japan.
I declare that I fully understand the	contents of this document, and
I voluntarily affix my signature here	eto.
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NOTES
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CBD Canadianborn dependent

CNW Canadian naturalized w

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JNW Japanese national w.

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. R. stands for the number of the person in the Japanese registration.

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TELEPHONE 4-1225 ON, : CAMERON & BREWIN

February 22, 1946.

Mason, Cameron and Brewin, Barrister, Solicitors, etc., 372 Bay Street,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Japanese Canadians

I am enclosing one copy of each of the judgments with the exception of the Judgment of Mr. Justice Kellock. Mr. Kellock's judgment will follow tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

JPEB/MM Enc.

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Fire Draft IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AFFIDAVIT I, ROBERT JAMES MeMASTER, Barrister and Solicitor, of 4168 West 11th Avenue in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY: THAT I am a duly qualified barrister and solicitor 1. under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and my chief place of abode is 4168 West 11th Avenue in the City of Vancouver aforesaid. THAT the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell is the 20 Minister of Labour in the Government of the Dominion of Canada. 3. THAT I am solicitor for who resides at _____ in the Province aforesaid the Applicant herein, and am instructed by him to make application on his behalf for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorari addressed to the said The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour with respect to the matters herein referred to. 4. THAT now produced and shown to me and marked Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit is a document purporting to be and Order for deportation and purporting to be signed by which I am instructed by the said Applicant herein, and verily believe, has been made in respect of him. THAT I am instructed by the said Applicant, and verily believe, that any forms or written statements or requests relating to the repatriation which were signed by him were forms presented to him by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for signature and that at the time of signing the same he did so because he understood that he was required to do so or else that he would be compelled to remove from

the Province of British Columbia or from the place where he was then residing.

- and verily believe, that he did not wish at the time of signing the said form or written statement, or request, for
 various personal reasons, to be removed or required to move
 from the place where he was then living.
- 7. THAT I am further instructed by the said Applicant herein, and verily believe, that he honestly believed by reason of statements made to him, or reported to him to have been made by Officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Officials of the Department of Labour of the Dominion of Canada, that he could cancel or revoke the said form, written statement, or request, at any time.
- and verily believe, that he did not sign the said Applicant, written statement or request for any reason other than aforesaid and that the said form, written statement, or request, was signed by him on the basis of the representations made made or reported to him as in the last preceding paragraph set forth and under a misapprehension as to its effect and the said form, written request or statement was not signed by him voluntarily, nor with full understanding of its meaning, implication or effect, nor with the intention of expressing sympathy with or support of Japan, nor as an act of disloyalty to Canada.
- 9. I am further instructed by the said Applicant
 herein that he has since becoming a resident in Canada been
 a peaceful and law abiding citizen of Canada and has in no
 manner whatsoever manifested sympathy with or support for
 Japan in the recent war between Canada and Japan.

- 10. THAT I am further informed by the said Applicant herein that he has on one or more occasions since signing the said form, written statement or request, applied for cancellation thereof and revoked in writing the said form, written statement or request.
 - The only records which may exist other than the order exhibited hereto, are in the possession, custody, or control of the said Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour and that I have no knowledge of the content of such records, if any, other than the said Order exhibited hereto.
 - Order is in jeopardy of being deported from the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court at any time, it is probable that the ends of Justice would be defeated if the Applicant were required to delay his application pending obtaining copies of the said records, if any, other than the said Order exhibited hereto.
 - Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour either knew or ought to have known that some of the requests for repatriation signed by certain persons of Japanese origin were signed on the basis of representations made to certain persons of Japanese origin that the said requests could be readily cancelled, or that they were signed under a misapprehension as to their effect, or were signed for personal reasons and not as a manifestation of sympathy or support of Japan and that they were not signed voluntarily and that the said written statements were contrary to law and void and had the said Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour, made proper enquiry he could have ascertained the circumstances

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signed by the Applicant.

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under which the said request for repatriation had been

to swear an affidavit in support of this application and

that for the reasons alleged in the last preceding para-

THAT the Applicant is not readily accessable

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TO THE HONOURABLE HUMPHREY MITCHELL ESQUIRE
Minister of Labour for the Dominion of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

TAKE NOTICE that the Supreme Court of British
Columbia will be moved at the Court House, Vancouver, B.C.
onday theday of, A. D.
1946, at the hour of 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, or so
soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard by Counsel on behalf
of for a Writ of Certiorari to
remove into the said Court a certain record of an Order
made by you the said The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell
Esquire, Minister of Labour for the Dominion of Canada, at
Ottawa, Ontario, on the day of 1946,
whereby you, the said the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell
Esquire ordered that the said be
deported from Canada on the following amongst other grounds,
that is to say:

- 1. THAT the said Order purports to be made in pursuance of Orders-in-Council No. P.C. 7355, P.C. 7356 and P.C. 7357 made the 15th day of December, 1945, or one or more of them, which said orders-in-Council are wholly ultra vires in the following respects:-
 - (a) The said Orders-in-Council purport to give authority for the exile or banishment from Canada of citizens of Canada to an alien country and exceed the powers granted to the Governor-in-Council under the provisions of the War Measures

 Act R.S.C. ______ in pursuance of which the said Orders-in-Council are purported to be made.
 - (b) The said Orders-in-Council are contrary to the accepted principles of International Law.
 - (c) The said Orders-in-Council are contrary to the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act 4-5

Geo. V Chap. 17, and the Naturalization Act R.S.C.

1927, Chapter _____, and the Provisions of the

Colonial Laws Validity Act _____.

- (d) The said Orders-in-Council deal with matters which fall within the competence of the Provinces under the British North America Act.
- (e) The said Orders-in-Council do not continue any action deemed necessary by reason of the continued existence of the National Emergency arising out of the war against Germany and Japan as required by the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945.
- (f) The said Orders-in-Council were not, at the time of being made, nor are they now, necessary by reason of real or apprehended war or invasion, nor by reason of any existing national emergency, for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada.
- (g) Those portions of the said Orders which refer to persons of the Japanese race are void because of uncertainty.
- (h) The Governor-in-Council did not exercise properly, or at all, the discretion vested in him under the said War Measures Act in making the said Orders-in-Council.
- (i) The said Orders-in-Council are a legislative scheme and all of the provisions of the said Orders-in-Council are interdependent.
- 2. The said The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour, in making the said Order failed to determine judicially or at all that the applicant was a person subject to deportation within the meaning of the said Orders-in-Council, or at all, or, alternatively, the said the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour exceeded and abused his jurisdiction in so determining by

failing to make proper investigation, or, alternatively, any investigation, as to the matters required to be determined by him as affecting the Applicant before making the said Order.

- 3. The said the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour exceeded his jurisdiction in making the said Order in that he determined that the Applicant was a person of the Japanese race without proper, or, alternatively any, evidence that the Applicant was or is a person of the Japanese Race.
- 4. The said the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour, exceeded his jurisdiction by making the said Order before first referring the Applicant to the Commission authorized to be created under the said Order-in-Council P.C. 7357.
- Minister of Labour, exceeded his jurisdiction or acted without any jurisdiction by reason of the fact that he failed to give any notice to the Applicant of his intention to determine that the applicant was a person subject to deportation within the meaning of the said Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 and neglected or failed to give to the Applicant an opportunity to put forward his case in the determination of the question as to whether he was a person subject to deportation within the meaning of the said Order-in-Council, whether he was a person against whom an Order ought to be made under the said Order-in-Council contrary to natural justice and to the method prescribed by law and in total disregard of the special circumstances of the case.
- 6. The said the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour acted without jurisdiction in making the said Order in as much as the request for repatriation upon which

the said Honourable Humphrey Mitchell relied was obtained by duress or misrepresentation, or mistake, or was void as being made contrary to law as the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, the said Minister of Labour, either knew or ought to have known, or which he readily could have ascertained if he had made a proper enquiry.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that upon the hearing of the said Motion the Court will be moved that the Order for the Writ of Certiorari be made absolute for the Writ to be issued forthwith and that the said Order of the said Honourable Humphrey Mitchell the said Minister of Labour, be quashed on return without further order or, in the alternative, for an Order Nisi to show cause why the said Writ of Certiorari should not issue;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that upon the hearing
of the said Motion and in support thereof will be read the
affidavit of Robert James McMaster sworn the day
of 1946 and filed, and the exhibit therein
referred to.
DATED at Vancouver, B. C. this day of
1946.
Solicitor for
THIS APPLICATION is made for and on behalf of upon his request.

THIS NOTICE OF MOTION is filed by Robert James McMaster, one of the firm of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster, solicitor for whose place of business and address for service is at 1408 Royal Bank Building, 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Lloyd V. Wallach, 20 C. L. R. 299. deals with the detention of naturalized persons in australia in martine, where, as proposed required by the War Precaustions Regulations, 1915 5.55(1), the minister of Defence has reason to believe that any naturalized person is disappeated or disloyal" The case holds that the regulation permetting deleated is a volid efercise of the power-conferred by S. 4 of the War Precautions act, 1914-1915. See also Exporte Paine, (1940) 42 W.A.L.R. The Commonwealth has under the constitution pawer to exclude any person, whether alien or not; ak yer v. Christie, (1907) 4 C. L. R. 1426 There is no australian nationality, as destinguished from Dr. nationality, so as to limit of the power of the Commonwealth under 5.51 of the Constitution to exclude personsfrom australia; Q. S. for th. v. Ah, Shering (1906) 4C. L. R. 949. Deportation of Br. subjects in Australia charged with seditions enterprise; R.v. Macfarlane, (1823) 32 C. L.R. 518 as to the renotation of a certificate of naturalization; meyer . Paymon (1920) 27 C.FR. 436. (HC.) Roller abbott (1851) Legge 695 (nsu. ---) Ensons who have immigrated to Out

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October 5, 1945. Professor Jarvis McCurdy, 239 Lonsmount Brive, Toronto, Ontario. Dear Jarvis: I have received the documents which you sent in regard to the position of Japanese-Canadians, who have signed a declaration relinquishing their British nationality. In order to give an opinion on whether or not those affected might apply for a declaration in the Courts that this document is invalid and that they are not liable to be deported, I would like to have the statement of the Minister of Labour of February 13th, 1945 and a copy of Order-in-Council P.C. 9760, both of which are referred to in the Declaration, and also any information as to whether your informants know of any other Order-in-Council which might affect the matter or any communications from the Minister of Labour or any other government official in regard to their status. I will try to get some of this information for myself, but if you can get it for me, so much the better. Yours truly, 10010 FAB/EW

SATURDAY NIGHT

TORONTO

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY

October 11, 1945

Dear Andy:

I am sending herewith all the Japanese material I can lay my hands on. The copies of the New Canadian in the envelope belong to Mrs. MacMillan and she wants them back early next week. The October 3 issue containes a legal opinion on the relinquishment-of-citizenship declaration.

If you will return these New Canadians to me I will see that they get back to Mrs.M.

Yours truly,

Andrew Brewin, Esq.
Mason, Cameron & Brewin
372 Bay street.
Toronto.

October 18, 1945.

Professor Jarvis McCurdy, 239 Lonsmount Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Civil Liberties Association

Dear Mr. McCurdy:

I have read the material which you sent me in regard to the position of the Canadians of Japanese race, who signed forms relinquishing their Canadian citizenship.

Mr. Sandwell also was good enough to send me some material on the matter.

It is a well-known principle of constitutional law that no citizen can, in wartime, make any declaration which would have the effect of making such a citizen into an enemy alien.

There is a suggestion in some of the cases that this rule is not applicable where His Majesty clearly assents. I am doubtful, however, if His Majesty can be taken to assent to such a departure from the accepted rule of International and Constitutional law without the clearest evidence that he had done so. The approval of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, the R.C.M.P. and even the Minister of Labour would not seem to me to be binding on His Majesty or sufficient declaration of His Majesty's assent to such an extraordinary anamoly as the making into enemy aliens of a large group of Canadian citizens.

I cannot find any Order-in-Council which justifies such a course and in my opinion the declaration of alienage which you sent me, a large number of which I believe have been signed by Canadian citizens, is invalid and illegal.

I cannot quite go so far as to agree with Mr. Garfield King that under the War Measures Act, the Governor-in-Council might not pass an Order-in-Council authorizing or validating these documents and providing for expatriation to Japan of those who signed the documents. It does not appear that any such Order-in-Council has in fact been passed and as the war against Japan is now over, it might be a little difficult for the Government to justify any such Order-in-Council under the War Measures Act.

It must, however, be recognized that the War Messures Act

Professor Jarvis McCurdy

October 18, 1945.

gave sweeping powers to the Government and the Courts will not generally review the policy or propriety of the exercise of the emergency powers conferred on the Government by the Act.

I believe, however, that you were more interested in the question of whether there would be any appropriate action in the Courts, assuming the opinion of Mr. King and myself, that the declarations are invalid to be correct.

It would of course be possible to wait until some forcible action with a view to repatriation to Japan was taken and then to apply for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

There is little doubt of the appropriateness of this remedy as the historic weapon by which the liberty of the subject is secured. It may, however, be subject in these days and in these circumstances to serious practical difficulties as the expatriation might be carried out in haste and it might be difficult to have the legal proceedings dealt with in time to be effective.

In these circumstances, I believe that this is a case in which any of the persons who have received notice that (the Department of the Government, or the Police intend to act upon the declaration and forcibly carry out the deportation, has the right to apply to the Supreme Court for a declaration that the document which forms the basis or justification for such action is invalid and that any threatening proceedings are unauthorized by law.

I understand that some of those who signed the document are resident in Onterio although many more are resident in other Provinces.

I believe that if such an action were taken, the Government would hesitate until the matter was disposed of to act upon the strength of the impugned declaration.

In the action for a declaration, some of the parties affected by the notice would be Plaintiffs and the Attorney-General of Canada representing the Crown in the Courts would be the Defendant.

I know of no other way in which the legality of the documents in question could be judicially determined except as I have said, waiting for a detention based upon these documents and applying for habeas corpus.

I would be glad to discuss the matter further with the members of your Committee who are interested and to co-operate if those affected see fit to take the action suggested.

Professor Jarvis McCurdy

October 18, 1945.

I would think it wise to proceed in this matter without delay as the Courts have the discretion to refuse the declaration and will take some little time to bring the matter to trial.

Yours very truly,

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Persons of the Japanese race who signed forms relinquishing their Canadian citizenship, indicating a desire to go to Japan, may have an opportunity to change their minds. This, at least, is the opinion of Mr. Garfield King, well-known barrister in Vancouver, and official in the Civil Liberties Union, After a preliminary examination of the forms signed by Canadian British-born persons of the Japanese race, naturlaized Canadians, etc. In a letter to an official of the Consultative Council, who wrote him inquiring about this point he writes: "I would say, unless there is statutory authority, no British Subject may, in time of war, relinquish his British nationality, if the effect of such reliquishment would be to make him an alien enemy. That has been decided in the Courts of England, including the Court of Appeal.

"Rex vs. Commanding Officer of the 30th Batt. of the Middlesex Regiment, 116 The Law Times 237, and there is another decision of the late Chief Justice Isaacs to the same effect in the same volume.

"In these cases, a section of the "British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914," which gave to British Subjects possessing dual nationality, the right to relinquish their British nationality by a Declaration of Alienage, was held not to operate in time of war, if it resulted in the declarant thereby becoming an alien anemy.

"I apprehend that that particular section of the act, although passed by the British Parliament, applies to Canada, for reasons which I do not need to elaborate at the moment.

"Of course the 'War Measures Act' gives the Governor-in-Council most sweeping powers, which one might presume would extend to deal with this matter. But I doubt that the Canadian Government could, even under that Act, deal with such a matter as the relations subsisting between the Subject and the Sovereign, unless it possessed the fullest powers in this field, and if my assumption that the "British Nationality" and Status of Aliens Act, 1914", an Imperial Statute, extends to Canada, then clearly the Canadian Government cannot invade the exclusive jurisdiction of the British Parliament on this question of relinquishing the British Nationality of a British Subject, whether naturalized or British-born, and any Canadian Order-in-Council that that effect would be ultra vires, because it would, in effect, be repealing an Imperial Statute.

"It would seem to me, form the wording of the forms as they concern Canadian born, that the proposed relinquishments are made, not pursuant to say, statutory authority, but as merely an expression of desire by the declarants. It is not a contract between the declarant and the Canadian Government, because it is without "consideration" and not under seal. It cannot be said to be an enforceable document. It follows, therefore, that it can be revoked and/or renounced by the declarant, by proper notice in writing.

"As to the form of such notice, and the person or persons to whom it should be addressed, I am not altogether clear. But I should think that something like the attached forms should suffice, and I surrest that copies, all signed by the declarant, be sent by registered mail to at least the following:

article for News Comment
on the Decision of the
Supreme Court on Japanese
Canadian Reference.

The newspaper headlines which announced the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada gave the impression that the Government's policy of deportation of Japanese Canadians had been approved by the Supreme Court of Canada.

This is far from the fact, and the first point of note is that a majority of the Court held that the Orders-in-Council were ultra vires of the Govern-in-Council in respect to one of the four groups to be deported, namely, the wives and children of those against whom orders of deportation were made. This happens to be the most numerous of all the groups. In a statement made in Parliament on November 21st, the Minister of Labour stated that there were altogether some 10,347 involved in the voluntary requests, and an additional 500 Japanese Nationals she did not sign the requests, but who were liable to deportation.

Of this total of approximately 11,000, the children under the age of 16 represented 3503. A further 2460 were Canadian born, were who given an opportunity under the orders to revoke their requests to be sent to Japan.

The majority decision of the Court is therefore that the Government has no constitutional or legal power to deport nearly half of those actually affected by the Orders.

Apart from the mere question of the substantial numerical reduction of those liable to be deported, the decision of the Supreme Court makes it impossible for the plans to be carried out in regard to the remainder, without grave injustice to these 3500 Canadian born children. They are faced with the alternative of losing their parents and becoming "neglected children" for whom the Provincial Childrens' Aid Societies will be responsible, or accompanying their parents to Japan and thereby in effect, being deported in defiance of the limitation placed upon the Government's legal powers by the court's decision. The alternative before them is that of exile or orphanage. The Government may well hesitate before treating innocent

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

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IN THE MATTER OF A REFERENCE AS TO THE VALIDITY OF ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL OF THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 1945, (P.C. 7355,7356 & 7357) IN RELATION TO PERSONS OF THE JAPANESE RACE

FACTUM OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

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PART I

By Order-in-Council P. C. 45 of the 8th day of January 1946, the following question was referred to the Court for hearing and consideration, namely:

"Are the Orders-in-Council dated the 15th day of December 1945, being P. C. 7355, 7356 and 7357, ultra vires of the Governor in Council either in whole or in part and, if so, in what particular or particulars and to what extent?"

The Orders-in-Council purport to be passed under
the authority of the War Measures Act R. S. C. 1927, Chapter
C206 "By reason of the War". P. C. 7355 provides that the
Minister of Labour may make Orders for the "deportation" to

Japan of the following classes of persons, Sentency of Age
1. Nationals of Japan resident in Canada who since

December 8th 1941, made a request for repatriation, or who

were detained as of September 1st 1945 under the provisions of the Defence of Canada Regulations Order P. C. 946 of February 5th 1943 as amended by P. C. 5637 August 16, 1945.

- 2. Every naturalized British Subject of the Japanese race resident in Canada who has made a request for repatriation provided that such person has not revoked in writing such request before midnight on September 1st, 1945.
- Natural born British Subjects of the Japanese race resident in Canada who made a request for repatriation provided that such person has not revoked in writing such request before the Minister makes an Order for "deportation".
- The wives and children under 16 years of age of any
 person for whom the Minister makes an Order for "deportation."
 The requests for repatriation which were in the form
 printed in the Appendix to this Factum, are to be deemed final
 and irrevocable, except as provided in again to classes 2 and

P. C. 7356 provides that any person being a British Subject by naturalization under the Naturalization Act R. S. C. 1927, Chapter 138 who is deported from Canada under the provisions of P. C. 7355, shall as and from the date upon which he leaves Canada in the course of such deportation, cease to be either a British Subject or a Canadian National

P. C. 7357 provides for the appointment of a commission of three persons to make inquiry concerning the activities, loyalty and extent of co-operation with the Government of Canada during the war of Japanese Nationals and naturalized persons of the Japanese race in cases referred to the commission by the Minister of Labour for investigation with a view to recommending whether such person should be deported.

at the request of the Minister of Labour into the case of any naturalized British Subject of the Japanese race who has made a request for repatriation, and make recommendations. Any person of the Japanese race who is recommended by the commission for deportation, is subject to deportation under the provisions of P. C. 7355. Where any person is recommended for deportation pursuant to this Order, he shall as and from the date on which he leaves Canada in the course of such deportation, cease to be either a British Subject or a Canadian National.

The National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945, provides that for the purpose of the War Measures Act, the war is deemed to have ceased as of January 1st 1946, and the National Emergency Trasitional Powers Act 1945, comes into force on that date. In purported pursuance of its terms, the Governor in Council passed P. C. 7414 on the 28th day of December 1945 purporting to continue in full force and effect, all Orders and Regulations lawfully made under the War Measures Act in force immediately before January 1, 1946, and purported no doubt to include in these terms P. C. 7355, 7356, and 7357.

PART II

Counsel for the Co-operative Committee on Japanese
Canadians will submit that the question referred to the Court
should be answered as follows:

1. The Orders-in-Council P. C. 7355, 7356 and 7357 are wholly ultra vires of the Governor in Council.

PART III

ARGUMENT

The impugned Orders-in-Council purport to be an exercise by the Governor in Council of the delegated powers confined upon him conveyed by reason of War under the terms of Section 3 of the War Measures Act R. S. C. 1927 Chapter 206 in the following terms.

"The Governor in Council may do and authorize such acts and things and make from time to time such Orders and Regulations as he may by reason of the existence of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection, deem necessary or advisable for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada." These words taken by themselves confer the widest and most comprehensive legislative powers upon the Governor in Council. They are, however, restricted by the qualifying context (to use the language of Duff, J., in re Gray, 57 S.C.R. 150 at 168) and ware subject to the specific provisions of the Statute re(Reference as to validity of the regulations in relation to chemicals R.S.O. 1943, 1.)

The qualifying context and specific provisions relevant in this case are to be found in the later words of the same section which reads "and for greater certainty but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing terms, it is hereby declared that the powers of the Governor in Council shall extend to all matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter enumerated that is to say, (b) arrest, detention, exclusion and deportation." The word "deportation" means "the forcible removal of aliens" (Fong-Tige-Ting vs U. S.) 149 U. S. 698700 Webster's dictionary page

Attorney General for Canada vs Cain, 1906 A.C. 542.

The word "deportation" is not apt to describe the sending to well.

Japan of Canadian citizens who either born in Canada or born and who in other parts of the world and naturalized in Canada should have no connection with Japan other than that of "race."

Deportation is the return of an alien to the country from whence he came and not the exile or banishment of a citizen to an alien country.

Section 3 of the War Measures Act should therefore be read as follows:

The powers of the Governor in Council shall extend to all matters coming within the classes of subject hereinafter enumerated that is to say, "arrest, detention, exclusion, and the forcible removal of aliens to their country of origin."

Admittedly the purpose of the enumeration of classes of subjects in Section 3 was not to cut down the generality of the powers conferred by the broad language of the opening clause so as to require the operation of the egusdem generis rule (in re Gray), supra, but the purpose of the enumeration was however, in respect at least to the enumerated classes of subjects themselves, to indicate that the powers of the Governor in Council" "could go even thus far per Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, C.J. in re Gray 57 S.C.R. page 158) or to indicate "marginal instances" per Duff, C. J. ibidem page 168) or "cases in which there might be such doubt that it was better to mention them specificly Anglin, J. ibidem 177) It is respectfully submitted that Parliament in saying that the forcible removal of aliens to the country of their origin is to be regarded as a "marginal instance" as to which there might be doubt, was clearly indicated with the forcible removal of British subjects to a foreign country was regarded as beyond the line, beyond doubt, and very much further than the margin.

In considering the question of interpretation raised, there are several rules of interpretation which support the interpretation here advanced. Where there is ambiguity, a statute even in war time should be interpreted in favour of the liberty of the subject; and the previous policy of the law.

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There is also a presumption that Parliament does not assert or assume jurisdiction which goes beyond the limits established by the common consent of nations, (Halsbury Second Edition, volume 31, page 509.) That the banishment of Nationals particularly on racial grounds, is contrary to the accepted principles of International law may be gathered from Attorney General of Canada vs Cain, 1906 A. C. 542 at Therefore.

546. Recent developments in the field of International law by which the deportation of civilian population on racial grounds is regarded as a crimeagainst humanity, See 23

Canadian Bar Review, page 574 and particularly 756 and 757.

The Public policy in respect to racial discrimination is discussed in re Drummond Wren 1945 O. R. 778.

At the time the War Measures Act was passed in 1914 and also when it was consolidated in 1927, the Parliament of Canada could not have delegated power to the Governor in Council to make laws or regulations repugnant to any act of the Imperial Parliament extending to the Dominion of Canada, as it could not have done so itself. (Colonial Laws Validity Act 29-30 Vict. (Imp.) Chapter 63 S 2). Various provisions of the Imperial Orders-in-Council are repugnant to the British Nationality and status of Aliens Act 4-5 George V, C.17. In particular the discriminating provisions of Section 2 of P. C. 7355 are repugnant to & Section (1) of the Act the provisions of P. C. 7356 and the provisions of 7357 which purport to deprive naturalized British Subjects of their status as British Subjects for no cause other where the super, than that they have signed a request not revoked, before abgiven date, or because the extent of their co-operation with the Government of Canada during war is deemed unsatisfactory by the commission appointed by the Government, are repugnant to Sections of 7 & 8, 13-16 of the Imperial Act which deals with lews on

nationality. The provisions in respect to the wives and children of naturalized Canadians who are deported and who are to lose their status without any option, are inconsistent with and are repugnant to Sections 10, 11 and 12 of the Imperial Act.

Part II of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act was only to apply to the Dominion of Canada, if adopted by the "legislature" of that Dominion, (Section 9). The Parliament of Canada did adopt the Act (4-5 George V, C44 and 5 George V C7). The Act is therefore an act to which the Colonial Laws Validity Act applies.

It is clear that if the Parliament of Canada did not have the power to make laws repugnant to the Imperial Statute it could not delegate such power and could not be assumed to have attempted to do so.

Since the passing of the Statute of Westminster

by the Imperial Parliament in 1931, the Parliament of Canada

in matter without competence

could no doubt make laws repugnant to the Imperial Statute.

Parliament, however has not since 1931 re-enacted the War

Measures Act which is still therefore, subject to the Colonial

Laws Validity Act and the Orders-in-Council themselves are not

"laws made after the commencement of this Act by the Parliament
of the Dominion." They do not therefore fall within the pro
visions of Section 2 of the Statute of Westminster.

The Orders-in-Council throughout depend upon the persons affected being in fact of the "Japanese race." It would be the duty of the Court on any application for Habeas Corpus to determine the issue as to whether or not any particular individual was "of the Japanese race." Eshugbayi Eleko vs Government of Nigeria 12 1931 A.C. at 670. The phrase "Japanese race" is so vague as to make the provisions unenforceable.

The text book authorities quoted in the Appendix hereto indicate that the word "race" is not definable in scientific terms and has not any precise meaning. It is a hypothetical group inferred to have existed in the past.

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re Drummond Wren 1945, O.R. 778 at 786.

It is true that Parliament has delegated legislative power to the Governor in Council, but such power is not exercised by passing what purport to be orders and regulations so vague as to be unenforceable, and meaningless.

4. The impugned Orders-in-Council deal with the matter which, in the absence of the emergency of war, would fall within the competence of the legislature of the Provinces, namely, property and civil rights, Section 92, Head 13, British North American Act. To restrain the liberty of the subject where there has been no crime committed is beyond question, an interference with civil right, per Robertson, C. J. O. in re McKenzie 1945 O.R. at 796. The Orders-in-Council are prevented in nature, and are not criminal law and do not fall within any of the enumerated heads of section 91.

It is conceded that, by reason of war, asnew aspect of the business of Government has arisen which justifies the Dominion Parliament in encroaching on subject matters normally reserved exclusively to Provincial Legislature. It is also conceded that these exceptional interferences may continue to be justified after actual war conditions have ceased, Fort Francis Pulp & Papers vs Manitoba Free Press 1923, A. C. 695. The Parliament of Canada by enactment of the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act has recognized that the emergency of war which justified or required the enactment of the War Measures Act, ceased on the first day of January 1946. The recital to the Act, however indicates, that certain transitional powers require to be exercised by the Governor in Council, and that it may be necessary for this purpose to continue certain orders and regulations made under the War Measures Act.

parliament has by Section 2 (1) further defined what

powers may be necessary to be exercised by reason of the continued

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emergency . The Clause "b" of the War Measures Act in regard to

"arrest, detention, exclusion and deportation" is entirely omitted

from the new Act. It is submitted that this constitutes a declaration

by Parliament and the clearest evidence that in respect to "deportation"

there is no continuing necessity for the exercise of extraordinary powers by the Governor in Council from January 1, 1946 by reason of the emergency of war or by reason of any continuing transitional "post-war" emergency.

The impugned Orders-in-Council do not continue any action deemed necessary by reason of the war. Actual hostilities with Japan concluded on or about the 25th day of August 1945, see proclamation Canada Gazette 1945, page 3704. No orders or regulations in respect to the banishment of Canadian Nationals or British Subjects had been passed at that time or indeed at the time the National Transitional Emergency Powers Act was passed, which declared that only transitional and continuing powers were necessary. Parliament must therefore be taken either not to have delegated to the Governor in Council, the power to legislate for "deportation" after January 1, 1946 or alternatively, Parliament could not authorize the invasion of a provincial sphere which it had itself declared no longer necessary to be invaded by reason of the emergency of war or the transitional post-war emergency. Parliament itself has absolved the Courts from the inquiry upon which otherwise the Court might be loathe to enter, namely, as to whether there exists any emergency either by reason of war, or by reason of the transition from war to peace in respect to the subject matter of the impugned Orders-in-Council. P. C. 7355, 7356, 7357 are a part of one legislative 5. scheme. It is possible that the Governor in Council could have passed a valid Order-in-Council for the deportation of one of the 4 classes referred to, namely the Japanese Nationals, but all of the provisions of the Orders are inter-dependent, and it is impossible to say that the Governor in Council would not have abandoned the whole scheme if parts of it had been known to be ultra vires. In re Alberta Statutes the Bank Taxation Act 1938, S.C.R. 100 at 123 and 132.

Respectfully submitted by

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F. A. Brewin

Counsel for the Canadian Co-operative Committee. January 16,1946.

APPENDIX "A"

Form of request for Repatriation

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

DECLARATION

I,,(),born
registered as a Canadian-born British subject (J.R. No) under
Order in Council P.C. No. 9760, dated December 16, 1941, hereby declare
my desire to relinquish my British nationality and to assume the status
of a National of Japan.
Further, I request the Government of Canada, under the conditions
set out in the Statement of the Minister of Labour dated February 13,
1945, to arrange for and effect my repatriation to Japan.
I declare that I fully understand the contents of this document,
and I voluntarily affix my signature hereto:
Date
Place
WITNESS INTERPRETER
Note: All persons sixteen years of age and over are required to sign a separate Declaration.
Application Recommended: Application Approved:
R.C.M.P. Commissioner of Japanese Placement
Date,1945 Date:,1945

N.B.- The form in respect to Naturalized British Subjects was the same with the substitution of the words "Canadian naturalized" for "Canadian born" in the above form.

STANDARD TEXTS ON "JAPANESE RACE"

1. "The People of Asia", by L. H. Dudley Buxton, M.A., F.S.A. lecturer in Physical Anthropology, University of Oxford.

Page 3- Referring to Blumenbach, "he says",

He recognized the fact that no sharp lines demarcate the several varieties of mankind, and realized that the transition from type to type is imperceptible.

and on Page 15-

But not only is the difficulty confined to the main racial stocks. The subdivisions of the main groups are almost infinite in number, and the subject for endless controversy and vast columns of figures and infinite measurements which appear often to be but imperfectly understood. There are few criteria which are generally accepted and the student is left to wander disconsolate in a welter of conflicting literature.

- 2. "The Study of Man", by Ralph Linton, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin,
 - Racial classifications are, therefore, based upon the presence of similarities with respect to a selected series of physical traits. The content of any group within the classification depends both upon the traits selected and upon the degree of similarity which the investigator considers significant.
 - Page 40The real point of all this is that, while breeds are genuine biological entities, races, as we have chosen to use the term, are creations of the investigator and creation with regard to which all the creators are by no means in agreement. These (breeds) are genuine biological entities, groups characterized by close physical resemblances and common heredity. Races and stocks, on the other hand, are abstractions.
- 3. "The Racial History of Man", by Roland B. Dixon, Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University.
 - Page 1The term "race" is one which has unfortunately acquired a somewhat varied meaning in our every-day speech.

However distinct, therefore, races may once have been, the peoples of the world to-day are complex mixtures of these original types, in which we must seek to discover, if we can, the constituent elements.

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In other words, we cannot point to any group of criteria and say that these are inherently connected and form a true racial standard.

4. "We Europeans", by Julian S. Huxley D.Sc and A. C. Haddon Sc.D., F.R.S., formerly reader in Ethnology in the University of Cambridge.

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The word "race" as applied scientifically to human groupings, has lost any sharpness of meaning. To-day it is hardly definable in scientific terms, except as an abstract concept which may, under certain conditions, very different from those

now prevalent, have been realized approximately in the past, and might, under certain other but equally different conditions, be realized in the distant future.

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A true "race" or sub-species, major or minor, is thus a hypothetical group inferred to have existed in the past: an "ethnic type" is a subjective judgment of the normal or ideal characteristics of a component of an existing population.

The examination of the Text Books further indicates that the population of the Japanese Island is itself composed of a mixture of races, and what races there are there, are indestinguishable from the people in Manchuria and Korea and any other parts of Asia.

Dixon - Op.cit. - the same work, page 287.

The Races of Man by A. C. Haddon, page 32, 94 & 95.

Man Past and Present by A.H.Keene, revised by A.C. Hingston Quiggan A. C. Haddon at page 294 and 295,

Buxton - Op.cit. 206 and 217.

As indicating the great varieties of physical types in Japan, see the Journal of the Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, volume 1, part 1, 1925.

CANADA PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO WIT:

WE, GEORGE S. MARUKE, KIMIKO HIMATSU,

SOSHICHI TANAKA, IWAWO MASUDA, SHINISHI KAWADE, and OSAMU NAKUTSURU, Severally Make Oath and Say:

- The homes of all who make this affidavit originally were in the Province of British Columbia where we were established in different homes and earning our livings in different occupations.
- In the months of April and May, 1948, we were ordered to leave our homes in British Columbia and were taken to Southern Alberta, where we were all placed at work in the sugar best fields and were housed, during winter and summer, in temporary best workers' houses.
- 3. We remained in this temporary accommodation and temporary employment from the time when we arrived in Alberta in April or May, 1942, until about the middle of July, 1945.
- 4. At that time we were notified to appear at various public buildings in our respective Towns, namely: Raymond, Alberta; Picture Butte, Alberta; Lethbridge, Alberta; and Taber, Alberta, and Magrath, Alberta.
- 5. When we reached these points, we were met by members of the Royal Ganadian Mounted Police and were told that they had with them forms of application for return to Japan.
- 6. Not only those of our people who sign ed this affidavit, but many scores and hundreds of others were confused about the whole situation.
- 7. We asked questions of the Police and, as far as we could understand, it was considered that if we did not sign these forms, we would not be co-operating with the Canadian authorities.

- 8. We had been living under desperate conditions for more than three years. Many of us have been living in outhouses which had been converted into living quarters and health and senitary conditions were of an extremely poor character.
- In many cases, not only the health but the very lives of the older men and women and the young children were endangered by the extreme cold weather of the winters which now and then reached thirty degrees below zero and even more.
- As a result of the desperate conditions under which we were living, and as a result of the impression we were given that we would not be co-operating with the Government if we did not sign, many of the Japanese people, including those who sign this affidavit, signed for the above reasons.
- 11. Later on when we found that we were mistaken, all those who signed this affidavit and many others cancelled the request for repatriation.
- 12. All those who signed this efficavit and many scores more whom they represent, desire to remain in Canada and consider Canada their permament home.
- 13. We and the scores of others whom we represent have no desire to return to Japan or to live there. We prefer the Canadian system and living conditions.
- During the whole of the war, we and those we represent have been guilty of no misconduct and no breach of regulations.
- 15. On the other hand we have done our best as sugar beet labourers and have endeavoured to behave as honest citizens.
- 16. We are anxious to be given a chance to comtinue our homes in Canada with our families and to show that we are and have been loyal Canadian subjects.

Sworn at the City of Lethbridge,

'in the Province of Alberta,
this Slat day of January, A. D.
1946,
Before me,

A Notary Fublic in and for the Frovince of Alberta.

Jenit. Kinster Sæshiehi Tanashu Iwadhasuda Shinishi Kawale Osamu Nakathuru

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