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addition if allowed by the Government. There will also be some formalities required in getting releases signed by claimants when the monies are paid to claimants. We will seek to arrange that there is a minimum of red tape.

There may be a number of other matters arising out of the Commissioner's Report and having to do with the full, fair and prompt carrying out of the report and payment of the awards to claimants, which will probably require the attention of the Co-operative Committee.

In this, as in everything undertaken by the Committee, it will seek to serve to the best of their ability, the interests and welfare of all those who have looked to it for help.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS  
CLAIMS FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1949

Cash in bank, September 1, 1948 \$11,350.74

RECEIPTS

Retainer fees from claimants (net of refunds \$141.20)	\$20,466.72	
Southern Alberta Central Committee - share of valuation expenses	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>23,466.72</u>
		<u>\$34,817.46</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Solicitors' fees	\$ 9,000.00	
Solicitors' expenses	9,824.43	
Valuation expenses	7,309.66	
Hearings' expenses	1,120.80	
Bank charges	31.19	
Printing and stationery	294.25	
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>692.78</u>	<u>\$28,273.11</u>

Balance, August 31, 1949:

Cash in bank		<u>6,544.35</u>
		<u>\$34,817.46</u>

We have compared the above Claims Fund Statement with the books of account and vouchers of the Committee and have found them to be in agreement therewith.

P. S. Ross & Sons,  
Chartered Accountants.

TORONTO, Ontario. March 23, 1950.

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April 11, 1950



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OUR FILE NO.

THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING  
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 4th,  
1950

Andrew Brewin Esq., K.C.  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
Sterling Tower Building,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Andy:

I made my last appearance before Mr. Justice Bird today. The summary of the awards has now been completed and entirely checked as to our cases. He has decided not to disclose to Counsel for Deep Bay or Royston Lumber Company the amounts of his awards until his report is filed. When his report is filed we understand that we will receive copies of the summaries and awards, including the Royston and Deep Bay figures. He hopes to forward his report to Ottawa on Thursday night, the 6th instant. He has still not disclosed to me, and I do not think he intends to until his report is filed, what recommendation he will make on the matter of disbursements.

In the course of the next few days we will try to take off the final totals of awards on our cases. It appears possible that the total amount of our awards, including corporations other than Royston Lumber Company, will be in the neighbourhood of \$875,000.00. From some discussions which I have had I anticipate the award on Royston is going to be less than anticipated.

Mr. Braidwood tried to get the Judge committed to provide each of us with a copy of his report when it was filed but he was very evasive as to this matter although he indicated that his copy might be available for us to examine.

Yours truly  
CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON

Per. *Bob*

RJM/MG  
c.c. to George Tanaka.

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April 12, 1950.

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

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of April 4th.  
I presume that by now the report is filed, although we  
have received no word from Ottawa.

We enclose a copy of a letter written to the  
Minister of Justice. No doubt you will let me know as  
soon as you receive copies of the summaries and awards.

If you are able at any time to see a copy of  
the Judge's report, I would be very glad if you would  
let me know anything about it that you think important.

I would also naturally be anxious to know what  
recommendations the Judge has made in regard to disburse-  
ments. I cannot understand his reluctance to tell you what  
his intent in this regard is. I presume that he is aware  
of the Government counsel's concurrence in the propriety  
of making such an award, and as this arrangement was part  
of the basis upon which we agreed as to the mode of the dis-  
position of the claims, it seems to me that any reneging on  
this would be a repudiation of the agreement and could hardly  
escape comment. However, you may think it wise to say nothing  
further to him until you know what he has done. You must feel  
a sense of relief that the job is nearly done.

I hope that it will not be too long before it is  
finally wound up.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC.  
Encl.



THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON  
JAPANESE CANADIANS

TORONTO, ONT. 94 Homewood Ave.

April 5th, 1950.

Dear Andy:

I'm off for Easter holidays tomorrow, but it occurred to me that you ought to see these letters. Sorry, I didn't find time to make copies, but would appreciate finally having the originals in due course. What can we say to them?

The final draft of our report is in George's hands - we plan to meet on Tues., Apr. 18th at 5.15 p.m. Notices will go out.

Sincerely,

Margaret Boos.

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29 Spring Grove Ave.,  
Toronto, Ontario,  
April 3rd, 1950.

Miss Margaret Boos,  
Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians,  
94 Homewood Ave.,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Miss Boos:

Some time ago I received a letter from your office giving fairly up-to-date data on the evacuee property losses claims.

You are no doubt aware of my sentiments in regard to this matter. All along my thoughts have been and still are with the claims in general. At this time I feel that I should express my opinions in regard my own personal case.

My claim, I believe, is about average in the amount involved. In making the claim I did so with certain reservations. There was no intent to raise the estimate on values, as there often is in cases of expropriated property. Rather than spend time expressing my sentiments, I shall give a brief description of my claim. Also I will give the gist of a letter which turned up a short while ago. It is from the insurance department of the Custodian's Office. I believe a copy of it would be in the Custodian's life so counsel was probably aware of it.

I claimed a value of \$3500.00 for a farm which the Custodian sold to VIA for \$1551.00. The letter which I mentioned above concerns insurance on this property and is dated June 2nd, 1943. The policy which we had on the property when we were evacuated was cancelled by the Custodian and this new policy was taken out by them with the Providence Washington Insurance. The value the Custodian's office placed on the buildings and chattels was \$2000.00 on the dwelling, \$500 on the barn and \$500 on the chattels. This does not, of course, include the price of the property which was purchased uncleared for \$650. These figures prove that my claim is a just and reasonable one.

Also, this policy was taken out in June, 1943, and charged to my account. The amount was \$62.50 and the policy was for three years. This despite the fact that the Custodian wrote me on June 21st, 1943, that the property had been sold as of January 1st, 1943.

I also have a claim on another piece of property for \$250.00 and \$150.00 on chattels. My total claim is \$3900.00 which, less what I have received, leaves a net claim of \$2302.00.

I have no wish to take advantage of this fact but I might mention that I, along with two of my brothers, volunteered for service in early 1945. I served overseas for two years in the Far East. I do not ask for special privileges, I only ask for justice.

My claim is not a large one and I feel it is a just one. I have made an accurate claim based on substantial evidence. An award anything less than my claim under the circumstances would not be a just one in my opinion and I must turn it down.

Please pass on my opinions to counsel.

Yours respectfully,

Toshio Jack Oki



April 12, 1950.

The Honourable Stuart S. Garson, K.C.,  
Minister of Justice,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Re: Japanese Claims Commission

Dear Mr. Garson:

I have received word from our agents in British Columbia that the Honourable Mr. Justice Bird has transmitted his report in this matter to the Governor-in-Council. I appreciate that we cannot be informed of its contents until it has been publicly filed.

I would, however, much appreciate if a copy of the report can be made available to us as soon as it has become public property.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity which you gave us to discuss various matters which will arise out of the publication of the report. May I summarize as follows:

1. The desirability of the earliest possible implementation of the report.
2. Our submission that in accordance with the general practice, and what we consider the justice of this case, the awards should bear interest from the date of the sale.
3. Questions as to the machinery to be adopted in the actual payment of the claims, including any problems that may arise as to reductions or payments out by virtue of retainers signed by the claimants.

It would assist us greatly when the report is published, in making explanation of the situation to the claimants, if we could have the Government's decision on these matters as soon as possible after the publication of the report.

Yours sincerely,

FAB: HC



CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Member:

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 18,  
1950, at 5.15 P.M. at the Carleton Street United Church.

A G E N D A

1. Mr. Brewin's report re appointment with the Minister  
of Justice.
2. Draft of Statement to Claimants.
3. Re unauthorized statements to the press.
4. Future plans.

Miss M. Boos,  
Secretary.



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

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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.



(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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OUR FILE NO.

THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING  
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 17, 1950.

Andrew Brewin, Esq., K.C.  
Barrister, etc.,  
Sterling Tower Building,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

I have for acknowledgment receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and shall be pleased to hear what response you received from the Minister of Justice.

We now have in our possession forms on all cases except Royston Lumber Company Limited and the properties thereof, showing the award with respect to each type of property and the total award. I would appreciate receiving instructions before the end of this week if possible (when I go on a holiday for three weeks) as to whether you wish these award claims forwarded to the committee. I have not yet received a copy of the summary of awards which was filed with the Commissioner to be attached to his report and which would include the two cases missing from our green award forms. The Commissioner's instructions to Mr. Shears on this point was that I was not to receive a copy of this summary until his report has been tabled in the House. It appears possible to me that the committee may desire to send out the award forms to the various claimants at some date, <sup>which would</sup> and indicate to them in general terms the manner in which their award was made up and the amount of their award.

The Judge still has not indicated to me his recommendation as to disbursements and I do not think he will do so. I think Braidwood did everything that he could to assist us in this respect in indicating to the Judge that our disbursements were reasonable. However whenever he has to make a recommendation which runs into something over twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars he doesn't like to disclose it until the government has had a look at it. As you will

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appreciate this means that it will be impossible to figure out the exact amount owing each individual until his recommendation has been tabled.

Since I was down east I have been in Calgary for two weeks and in the Okanagan for the best part of a week, consequently I have not had much time in my own office. I expect before the end of the week however to draw up a statement of disbursements or liabilities and expenses so that the committee may have these. I will be interested in knowing when you have your own bill drawn and all of the amounts have been submitted to the other firm of barristers as to what advice is given to the committee with respect thereto. While I am only guessing as to what Royston Lumber will receive, at the moment I think on the recovery of claims through the committee will represent something slightly under \$1,000,000,000.00. I appreciate that it depends on how much of the disbursements are forthcoming to the committee as to how much can reasonably be taken for counsel fees.

Yours sincerely,

Bob.

RJM:EDC



April 21, 1950.

Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson,  
Barristers,  
675 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. R. J. McMaster.

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of April 17th.

I think it would be helpful to us if you  
could send us the award claims/mentioned in your letter.

As you say, we cannot figure out the amount  
to which each individual is entitled until we know what  
the Government has recommended, and what the Government  
intends to do in regard to disbursements.

We would be glad to have your statement of  
disbursements or liabilities and expenses.

I have nearly finished my own account and when  
this is in we should have a pretty complete statement of  
the accounts. Personally, I see no reason why these acc-  
ounts should not be paid in full. It is our intention to  
submit these accounts to Mason, Foulds for advice as to  
whether they think they should be taxed, and whether they  
are reasonable.

I find in drawing up my account, considerable  
difficulty. It seems to me the tariff we drew was reason-  
able enough in regard to regular attendances, but did not  
take care of the special responsibilities attached to your-  
self and myself as being responsible for the general planning  
and policy, and the making of decisions in respect to various  
matters. However, if these accounts are paid, I believe we  
will have no need to complain.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC

*J. A. Brewster*  
*per HC*



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.



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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PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
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Re: Japanese Claims Commission

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant to the Minister of Justice is acknowledged.

As the matter is presently before Cabinet, I am unable to take any action with regard to your request for a copy of the report. As soon as authorized to do so, copies will have to be made for distribution to all interested parties.

Yours truly,

for Deputy Minister.

F. A. Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO 1, Ont.



372 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ontario

April 24th, 1950

The Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians,  
67 Riverdale Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

Barristers and Solicitors

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RE: JAPANESE CLAIMS COMMISSION

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Sept. 30

Receiving instructions from Co-operative Committee on Japanese-Canadians to represent them as general counsel in connection with claims of Japanese Canadians in respect to property losses caused by Orders in Council for evacuation and being instructed as to background of problems and perusing relevant orders in council, and to seek an interview with the Prime Minister and Cabinet in order to ask inter alia that a Commission be set up to inquire into property losses of Japanese-Canadians.

\$200.00

Letter to Mr. Robertson, Secretary to Prime Minister.

1.00

Oct. 4

Receiving letter from Mr. Robertson, Secretary to Prime Minister in reply to our letter and promising to let us know when deputation may see Prime Minister after the Privy Council's decision is announced.

Letter to Mr. Robertson in reply.

1.00

Oct. 17

Having received letter from Mrs. MacMillan, Secretary to the Co-operative Committee, enclosing draft statement to be sent out to representatives across the country, and others on mailing list, with detailed picture of the situation relating to property losses, and asking us to consider same, attending to consider the same and advising Mrs. MacMillan.

15.00

Nov. 8

Co-operative Committee ask our opinion as to form of releases being sent out by the Custodian to Japanese-Canadians, and as to whether the signature on these releases would be fatal bar to further legal claims in respect to sale of properties. Advise returning of cheques to Custodian with letter stating that to accept would prejudice legal claims and rights to full restitution. Drafting telegram to be inserted in New Canadian.

25.00

Nov. 15

Upon instructions of Committee further letter to Mr. Robertson asking for appointment with the Prime Minister to discuss the matters in issue

1.00

Nov. 20

Attending at Ottawa on Mr. Robertson, Secretary to the Prime Minister and discussing present situation with him and anxiety of Co-operative Committee to have delegation wait on him.

20.00



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Nov.27 Long letter to Prime Minister setting out the issues in which we asked that a deputation from the Committee be received. This is to include claims for restitution in respect to property losses. \$2.00

Dec. 2 Letter from Prime Minister stating that he wishes to have opportunity to examine decision of Privy Council and that Mr. Mitchell the Minister whom he wishes to have present is ill, and suggesting deferment of proposed interview. Perusing same. 1.00

Dec.31 Further letter to Mr. Robertson re proposed interview. 1.00

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Jan.14 Further long letter to Mr. Robertson expressing anxiety of the Committee for interview. 2.00

Jan.24 Having received from Prime Minister's Office copy of press release in which the Prime Minister announces rescinding of orders-in-council providing for deportation of Japanese Canadians and announces that although the Government is of opinion that the sales of Japanese property was made at a fair price, that a complete appraisal was made before disposition, nevertheless the Government is prepared in cases where it can be shown that the sale was made at less than a fair market value, to remedy the injustice. Considering same with Committee and long letter to Prime Minister stating that we are most anxious to learn what machinery is proposed to set up, to enable property claims to be made. 50.00

FEB. 3 Letter to Norris & McLennan of Vancouver, and Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster, enclosing copy of Government statement and referring to question of appointment of commission and suggesting that it may be necessary in each province for a committee to be set up to assist in seeing that claims for compensation for property are pressed. 2.00

Feb. 5 Letter from Mr. McMaster asking to hear what progress is being made in having machinery set up to represent Japanese Canadians in regard to property claims. Perusing same. 1.00

Feb. 17 Having received letter from the Prime Minister stating that the question of machinery to review claims for compensation is under consideration, and saying that Secretary of State will give us further information. Letter in reply. 1.00

Letter to Secretary of State saying that we are most anxious to hear what machinery is being proposed to set up for determining property claims. Referring to letter of Prime Minister and enclosing a copy of a bill approved by the Senate Judicial Committee of United States, and suggesting that this would form a useful precedent. 2.00



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Feb. 22	Having received letter from Mr. McLennan of Morris and McLennan, asking for information in regard to setting up of machinery for compensation, letter in reply.	\$1.00
Feb. 27	Having received letter from the Honourable Colin Gibson, Secretary of State, stating that he would be glad to discuss machinery re compensation claims, letter in reply suggesting interview for March 10th. Letter acknowledging, and preparing material for interview.	50.00
	Telegram to Mr. McLennan informing him of appointment and asking for suggestions.	
Feb. 28	Engaged all morning with Mr. George Tanaka, Secretary of the national Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, perusing material which they have collected in respect to property claims under Evacuation Lossess Committee.	25.00
March 4	Having received further letter from the Honourable Colin Gibson, Secretary of State re appointment of March 10th, replying to same.	1.00
March 6	Having received long letter from Mr. McLennan with suggestions as to nature of commission to be appointed, considering same and letter to Mr. McLennan in reply.	2.00
March 10	Attending upon Secretary of State Col. Gibson and assistant secretary, and discussing background of claims of Japanese-Canadians for property losses, and suggesting to him that a Judicial Committee should be appointed, preferably of three persons, and that the terms of reference should be broad enough to include all property losses fairly arising out of the evacuation, and pointing out that the claims were not claims against the Custodian by reason of any supposed negligence or wrong on his part, that much of the loss had been sustained by Japanese-Canadians before the Custodian took control and through forced sales. Submitting all material collected by J.C.C.A. of Economic loss surveys, suggesting rough draft of order based upon Bill presented to United States Congress. Col. Gibson and Mr. Coleman are not encouraging.	100.00
March 13	Long letter to Co-operative Committee reporting on interview with Secretary of State.	2.00
	Long letter to Dillon S. Myer National Housing Agency, Washington, D.C., and to J. A. Krug, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. seeking information in regard to American legislation on property losses of Japanese Americans.	2.00
March 19	Letter to Col. Gibson correcting information that he had in respect to abandonment of American legislation, and urging appointment of a Commission.	2.00
March 24	Having received letter from Mr. M. C. White, solicitor in the Department of the Interior, U.S.A. enclosing American draft legislation and statement from Mr. Krug secretary of the Interior, dealing with this matter. Letter acknowledging.	1.00



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March 24	Letter to Mr. Masaoka acknowledging letter of March 22nd with information as to progress in United States	\$1.00
March 24	Letter to Col. Gibson enclosing letter from the Secretary of the Interior to the Speaker of the House in regard to the legislation and setting out detailed information in respect to the same and considering American situation	10.00
April 15	Letter to Mr. Coleman, Secretary of State inquiring as to interview with him in connection with proposed Japanese Canadian Claims Commission	1.00
April 17	Letter from Mr. Coleman stating that he would be glad to discuss this matter with us on Saturday but that the matter is before the Cabinet as a whole. Letter acknowledging.	1.00
April 21	Attending to receive instructions from the Committee to write to the Prime Minister urging the appointment of claims commission upon the lines of the American legislation and letter to Prime Minister	12.00
April 22	Having received information that Mr. Gladstone Virtue, K.C. of Lethbridge, is acting for a group of claimants in Southern Alberta, long letter to him reporting as to the present status of matters.	2.00
May 1	The Co-operative Committee called to our attention that the Secretary of State speaking in Parliament on April 24th, suggested that where the Custodian was responsible the Government is prepared to accept representations from the previous owners and have a Commission set up. Long letter to the Prime Minister pointing out that these statements suggest limiting the Commission inquiry to investigating cases of wrongful or negligent sales by the Custodian. Our long letter suggests that this would be an injustice and that such narrow terms of reference could not possibly be satisfactory to the claimants or those interested in their case.	5.00
May 3	Telegram to Mr. Virtue that we would be glad to interview him in Toronto	.50
May 3	Attending to telephone Mr. Angus McInnis in regard to proposed claims committee and having received letter from him, perusing same.	3.00
May 20	Letter to Col. Gibson stating that we intend to make representations to Public Accounts Committee	1.00



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May 20	Attending to interview Mr. Gladstone Virtue when he is in Toronto discussing his proposed representations to the Secretary of State	\$50.00
May 25	Engaged preparing material for representation to Public Accounts Committee	50.00
May 26	Reading over Economic Loss Surveys and evidence before Public Accounts Committee	50.00
May 27	Attending with Mrs. MacMillan and Mr. Tanaka at Ottawa in House of Commons and giving evidence before Committee	100.00
July 15	Letter to Secretary of State commenting on report of Public Accounts Committee and again reminding him that we are not basing claims on any misfeasance on the part of the Custodian	2.00
July 23	Having received copy of Order-in-Council appointing Mr. Justice Bird, Commissioner, letter to Secretary of State acknowledging	1.00
July 23	Letter to R. J. McMaster instructing him to act	1.00
July 24	Attending Committee to discuss terms of reference. Attending to consider same and attending to consider plans for legal representation across Canada	50.00
July 30	Letter to Mr. McMaster discussing conditions under which legal assistance is to be made	1.00
July 30	Long letter to Prime Minister in which we set out our views and asking for interview. Engaged discussing these matters with your Committee, and drafting public statement for the press.	25.00
	Having received letter from the Prime Minister containing suggestion that we should interview the Secretary of State and the Minister of Justice, letter in reply	1.00
July 31	Further letter to Mr. McMaster in regard to terms of reference and arrangement for legal representation.	1.00
Aug. 5	Further correspondence with Minister of Justice and Secretary of State	2.00
Aug. 8	Wire from Mr. McMaster in which he informs us that Mr. Justice Bird will commence hearings in the East, probably about October 1st	1.00
Aug. 8	Letter to Mr. McMaster suggesting that Mr. Justice Bird withhold claim form until he sees whether terms of reference changed.	2.00
Aug. 25	Engaged all day in preparation of case for presentation of terms to Minister of Justice	50.00
Aug. 26	Conferring with Mrs. MacMillan and Mr. Tanaka at Ottawa. Attending upon Minister of Justice and Secretary of State and engaged in very full discussion with them when we urge that present terms of reference are too narrow	100.00



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Sept. 2	Engaged 2 hours at National Convention of Japanese Canadian Citizens Association	20.00
Sept. 8	Long letter to Norris and MacLennan stating that various claimants intend to boycott, and asking their opinion as to this matter	2.00
Sept. 11	Long letter from Norris and MacLennan in reply. Perusing same	1.00
Sept. 11	Discussing these matters with you and Mr. Tanaka	2.00
Sept. 15	Preparing memorandum dealing with proposed boycott	10.00
Sept. 15	Having received long letter, 5 pages, from Messrs. Norris and MacLennan dealing with case before Mr. Justice Thorson and questions of representation before Commission, perusing and considering same	1.00
Sept. 15	Having received press notice that Order-in-Council has been passed amending the original Order-in-Council, telephoning to Ottawa to secure copies of same. Engaged reporting to Co-operative Committee as to enlarged terms of reference and drafting statement	25.00
Sept. 19	Having copies of amending order-in-council made.	2.00
Sept. 19	Letter to Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher and McMaster enclosing copies of amending order	1.00
	Letter to Norris and MacLennan enclosing copies of amending order	1.00
	Attending upon Mr. John Hunter as counsel and discussing matters of procedure with him	20.00
	Attending to interview Mr. Best with a view to having him assist in presenting claims in Toronto	10.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster dealing with representation of claimants in British Columbia	2.00
	Letter to Messrs. Norris and MacLennan dealing with the same matter	2.00
Sept. 20 to 27	Attending to discuss and consider statement by Co-operative Committee, advising claimants to take full advantage of the terms of the Commission, and further considering and advising as to plan whereby various claimants would be required to put up some minimum fee to cover expenses and for further arrangements for representation across Canada	150.00
Sept. 19	Letter to Professor F.R.Scott, McGill University, asking for suggestions in Province of Quebec	1.00
Sept. 19	Letter to Mr. George Tamaki, asking for suggestions as to legal representation in Saskatchewan	1.00



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Sept. 22	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice acknowledging receipt of copy of Orders-in-Council P.C. 1080	1.00
Sept. 23	Engaged interviewing J.W.G. Hunt, counsel for the Government and discussing various procedural matters	15.00
Sept. 26	Attending with Mr. Master in Toronto when we discuss claim form and general organizational problems, engaged 3 hours	30.00
Sept. 29	Long letter to Mr. J.W.G. Hunter, Counsel for Government, reviewing various matters previously discussed with him, including extreme difficulty in having claim forms filed in time. Also discussing questions of production of documents and other procedural matters, 3 pages	2.00
Sept. 29	Engaged one hour attending to interview Mr. Best and instructing him to act for claimants with us.	10.00
Sept. 30	Telegram to Mr. Hunter re notice in New Canadian requiring claims to be filed	.50
Oct. 2	Letter to Mrs. Scrambler, Manitoba representative of Co-operative Committee, setting out proposed arrangement as to printing of forms for making claims, etc.	1.00
Oct. 2	Letter to Ritchie & Huckvale in reply to their letter of September 23rd to Mrs. MacMillan, Secretary of Co-operative Committee, setting out proposal as to completion of claims and as to retaining Messrs. Ritchie and Huckvale for claimants in Alberta.	1.00
Oct. 3	Letter to executive committee of national Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, setting out basis of proposal that claimants pay a retaining fee equal to 1% of their claim where possible, and further undertake to pay balance of fees and disbursements out of amounts recovered, but that we will be willing to represent claimants who cannot pay if recommended by Japanese Canadian Citizens Association.	5.00
	Long letter to Mr. Roger Ouimet, K.C. Montreal, setting out the situation and asking him to act for claimants in Montreal.	1.00
	Engaged 3½ hours in discussion with Mr. Tanaka and considering appropriate claim forms to be filed in light of previous discussions with Mr. McMaster, Mr. Hunter, etc.	35.00
Oct. 4	Engaged 2 hours in further consideration of form for making claims.	20.00



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Oct. 4	Having received from Mr. Hunter copies of his correspondence with Mr. Justice Bird as to various points of procedure which he has taken up with Mr. Justice Bird arising out of our previous correspondence, perusing same. 2.00
	Long Letter to Mr. Virtue setting out the representation of claimants in Alberta and asking his advice and suggestions in respect to claim forms and in respect to other matters of procedure. 2.00
Oct. 5	Conferring with Committee and approving and settling claim forms 50.00
Oct. 7	Long letter from Mr. Cherniak of Winnipeg who has been instructed to represent Co-operative Committee, perusing same 2.00
Oct. 8	Letter to Ritchie and Huckvale enclosing rough draft of proposed letter and forms to be used and discussing situation as to representation of claimants in Alberta 1.00
Oct. 9	Considering points of Mr. Cherniak's letter and long letter to him in reply 5.00
	Long letter to Norris and MacLennan setting out the plan for representation of claimants and suggestion that his firm work with Mr. R. J. McMaster in Vancouver in representing claimants 2.00
Oct. 10	Having received letter from Mr. Ouimet saying that he is willing to represent claimants in Quebec, letter acknowledging and advising that claimants not likely to be heard in Montreal until 1948, and also asking him in regard to one, Eric G. Adams, who says he is representing claimants in Quebec. 1.00
Oct. 14	Having received long letter from Mr. Virtue, letter in reply dealing with the question of appointing of valuers. 2.00
Oct. 15	Having received letter from Ritchie and Huckvale as to draft form and as to representation in Vancouver, letter in reply. 2.00
	Letter to Mr. Tamaki 1.00
	Letter to Mr. Justice Bird dealing with his letter to Mr. Hunter of October 4th, advising that Mr. McMaster will be getting in touch with him as to discussing matter of preliminary hearings and question of production of Custodian's files. 1.00
Oct. 20	Letter to Mr. Takato, Val Cote, as to claim form. 1.00
Oct. 23	Engaged in preparing draft letter to various lawyers throughout Canada representing claimants through Co-operative Committee, also draft letter to Provincial organization of J.C.C.A. setting out proposed arrangement for representation. Letter to Mr. Tanaka and to Miss Boos enclosing copies of draft. 25.00



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Oct. 27	Having received letter from Messrs. Ritchie and Huckvale re claim forms, advising them that they will be ready in English and Japanese shortly	1.00
Oct. 29	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster, 6 pages, dealing with questions of procedure and discussions with Commissioner, perusing same and long letter to Mr. McMaster in reply dealing with same, and considering question of production of documents.	25.00
Oct. 31	Attending to interview Mr. Eric Adams, Economic and Engineering Consultant who offers his services for preparation of material for claims. Considering matter and consultation by correspondence with Mr. McMaster and Mr. Ouimet when we decide that we cannot usefully employ Mr. Adams' services.	25.00
Nov. 3	Attending at Montreal upon Mr. Roger Ouimet, K.C. and instructing him in regard to the whole background of this matter, completion of claim forms, etc. Engaged all day	75.00
Nov. 5	Letter to Mr. Tanaka dealing with various problems as to proof forms re joint owners, husbands and wives, Corporations, personal property, fishing vessels and representations where claimant is deceased, and considering problems involved.	25.00
	Considering problems of valuations required	15.00
	Long letter to Mr. McMaster discussing question as to necessary arrangements for technical and valuation assistance, also as to claims of corporations and fishing vessels	2.00
Nov. 6	Attending Mr. MacLennan and Mr. McMaster on long distance telephone	5.00
Nov. 7	Letter to Mr. McMaster in regard to dispatch of claim forms and the writer's proposal to be in Vancouver for preliminary discussions.	1.00
Nov. 10	Letter to Mr. Tamaki in regard to having him available for assistance in this matter.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Cherniak dealing with questions as to claim forms	2.00
	Letter to Miss Boos, Secretary of Co-operative Committee	1.00
Nov. 12	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter in regard to productions, perusing and considering the same and letter acknowledging	10.00
	Letter to Norris and MacLennan enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter	1.00
	Letter to Cherniak & Cherniak enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter	1.00
	Letter to Ritchie & Huckvale enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter	1.00



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Nov. 12	Letter to Mr. Best enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Takato, Val Cote, enclosing forms of proof of claim	1.00
Oct. 1 to Dec. 15	Engaged interviewing individual claimants October, November and December when they complete claim forms, involving lengthy interviews, total four or five claimants per day, roughly 150 claimants, Mr. Brewin and Mr. Gilbert	900.00
Nov. 15	Long letter to Mr. McMaster re claim forms and extension of time for filing claims.	1.50
Nov. 17	Long letter to Mr. Cherniack replying to his letter of November 15th dealing with various questions as to administrative costs and completion of forms. Considering these questions and reply.	5.00
Nov. 19	Letters to Messrs. Cherniack and Cherniack, Mr. Shumiatcher, Messrs. Huckvale & MacLennan in respect to preliminary hearings in Vancouver.	5.00
Nov. 20	Letters to Messrs. Shumiatcher, McMaster, MacLennan, Ouimet, Best, Cherniack, Huckvale in regard to preliminary hearings in Vancouver.	7.00
Nov. 24	Letter informing Mr. Adams that we cannot use his services in respect to this matter	1.00
Nov. 25	Having received telegram from Mr. McMaster that Mr. Justice Bird will receive representations re extension of time for hearings, considering same and telegram in reply to Mr. McMaster	2.00
Nov. 26	Having perused letter of Mr. Shumiatcher to Miss Boos and letter to ourselves dealing with claim forms and other similar matters, letter in reply	2.00
Nov. 29	Telegram to Mr. Tanaka asking him is possible to be in Vancouver December 2.	.50
Dec. 1	Engaged in flight to Vancouver and preparation for preliminary hearings before Commissioner	50.00
Dec. 2	Attending with Mr. McMaster in Vancouver in further preparation for opening session, engaged all day	75.00
Dec. 3 and 4	Engaged as counsel before hearings on a number of preliminary questions when matters are fully discussed including question of interpretation	200.00



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Dec. 5th and part of Dec. 6th	Further engaged in Vancouver in interviewing counsel, witnesses, etc.	\$150.00
Dec. 6	Engaged interviewing Mr. Cherniack and con- ferring with him in regard to claims.	25.00
Dec. 15	Preparing memorandum reporting on opening hearings in Vancouver.	10.00
	Letter to Miss Boos, Secretary of Co-oper- ative Committee enclosing same.	1.00
	Long letter to Messrs. Ritchie and Huckvale dealing with matters raised in their letter of November 27th and also reporting upon open- ing hearings, 3 pages.	2.00
Dec. 16	Letter to Mr. McMaster re first hearing Kamloops.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Guimet enclosing report of opening hearings before Commission and ad- vising that Commissioner is unlikely to hear evidence in Montreal until June.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Best enclosing copy of report.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Shumiatcher, Regina reporting on hearings in Vancouver and answering ques- tions in his letter of November 14th.	2.00
	Letter to Mr. Cherniack reporting on hearings in Vancouver.	1.00
Dec. 19th and 20th.	Having received Mr. McMaster's long letters of December 15th and December 17th (6 pages each) considering points raised and long letter in reply to Mr. McMaster in which we discussed important questions as to whether fair market value is to be determined by relation to con- dition at date of evacuation or date of sale, also as to question of goodwill. Considering legal problems and reading law in regard to whether or not the deterioration caused by the scheme of ev- acuation should be taken into account in fixing the fair market value.	100.00
Dec. 22	Having received telegram from Mr. Virtue re January hearing, telegram in reply.	.50
	Telegram to Mr. McMaster re securing assis- tance of Mr. Leckie.	.50
Dec. 23	Attending to telephone Mr. McMaster.	1.50
Dec. 24	Letter to Mr. Virtue.	1.00
Dec. 29	Having received Mr. McMaster's letter of Dec. 23rd, letter replying to same.	1.00
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Jan. 5	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster perusing same and letter in reply.	1.00



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Jan. 5	Having received letter from Mr. Virtue per- using same.	\$1.00
	Having received letter from Mr. Shumiatcher, letter in reply.	1.00
	Letter from Mr. Tamaki enclosing Mr. Tamaki's report of attendances in Vancouver, and per- using same.	1.00
	Letter to Norris and MacLennan enclosing cheque for \$1000.00 on account.	1.00
	Attending to telephone Mr. Justice Bird in Ottawa re appointment of sub-commissioners, considering this question.	25.00
Jan. 5 & 6	Attending to read law in preparation for ar- gument on further hearings before Commissioner in Vancouver.	100.00
Jan. 7 to Jan. 10	Attending at Vancouver, engaged in preparation of argument. Consultations with Mr. McMaster and Mr. Virtue. Engaged in argument all day January 9 in respect to the following ques- tions. 1.- Whether the fair market value of property is property in the condition it was at the actual moment of sale or in the condition it was at the time of evacuation, when we submit that any influence upon the condition or value of the property caused by the scheme of evac- uation itself should be excluded in determining the fair market value. Further relating to the inclusion of good-will in the value of various properties, also as to effect of claimant hav- ing consent to sell property at less than mar- ket value especially in the Iwata case, also in regard to accounts receivable, whether they are within the terms of reference.	400.00
Jan. 13	Letter to Mr. Ilsley, Minister of Justice in which we take up question of commissions paid to real estate agents and auctioneers in re- spect to the sale of properties and other handling fees and costs of advertising, which has been deducted, when we advise him that under the terms of reference we cannot consider this matter and when we ask for terms of refer- ence to be broadened to include this item, con- sidering matters involved.	50.00
Jan. 13	Four page letter to Messrs. Ritchie and Huck- vale, Cherniack, Mr. MacLennan, Mr. Ouimet, and Mr. Tanaka reporting on hearings on January 9th and as to proposal to appoint sub-commiss- ioners and various other points in respect to procedure.	16.00
Jan. 15	Having received claims for R. Tsuji and K. Kit- amura, preparing same, engaged 3 hours. Telegram re same. Letter enclosing claim.	15.00 .50 1.00
Jan. 19	Letter from Miss Boos re Iga Shearer.	1.00
Jan. 20	Letter to Mr. McMaster re amended forms for sub- mitting written evidence, (2 pages)	1.50



Jan. 21	Letter to Mr. Cherniack re stenographic help, completing list of forms, etc.	1.00
Jan. 26	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster, 4 pages, considering same and long letter in reply, dealing with various matter and considering form for written evidence.	30.00
Jan. 27	Letter to Mr. MacLennan of Norris and MacLennan.	1.00
	Having received letter from Mr. Ilsley, Minister of Justice that he does not think the question of the deduction of fees payable to agents, auctioneers etc. is properly part of terms of reference but is a matter of policy, letter in reply.	2.00
Jan. 27	Attending at meeting of Finance Committee of Co-operative Committee and advising as to probable expenses and commitments.	15.00
Jan. 30	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster in regard to form for presentation of written evidence and in regard to employment of statisticians.	1.00
Feb. 3	Letter to Mr. Ouimet, Mr. Best, Mr. Shumiatcher Mr. Cherniack, Messrs. Ritchie and Huckvale, (2 pages) dealing with forms for preparation of written evidence.	5.00
	Letter to Mr. Yamaga.	1.00
Feb. 4	Letter to Mr. Hunter in reply to his letter of January 30th.	1.00
	Engaged discussing with Mr. Magwood availability of Mr. Hewer to act on our behalf in valuation work in Vancouver and discussing with Mr. Magwood Mr. Hewer's qualifications.	10.00
Feb. 5	Letter to Mr. Hewer in which we ask him to attend on Mr. McMaster and Mr. MacLennan and ask him to discuss financial proposals that might be arrived at if his services were to be retained.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Mr. Hewer.	1.00
	Attending to discuss with National J.C.C.A. printing of necessary forms for written evidence.	15.00
Feb. 9	Giving consideration to experts required to give evidence in respect to furniture, farm implements, motor cars, fishing vessels, real estate in Vancouver and statistical work and to analyses of claims.	25.00
	Letter to Messrs. Virtue and Russell in respect to this matter.	1.00
Feb. 9	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster (3 pages) enclosing copy of Mr. Justice Bird's ruling on question of whether fair market value is to be determined without any reference to the schemes	



	of evacuation, considering same. Perusing telegram when we consider that this ruling is definitely erroneous in law and is of great importance to our clients and we should confer with all counsel with a view to seeing whether there are any steps that can be taken to see whether Mr. Justice Bird's ruling can be appealed from in the courts.	\$75.00
Feb. 16	Letter to Mr. McMaster in respect to same.	1.00
Feb. 18	Letter to Mr. McMaster when we propose conference in Regina March 8th or 9th, counsel involved.	1.00
Feb. 23	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster (3 pages) dealing with proposal that he should go to Lethbridge to initiate hearings there, also in respect to arrangements with Mr. Virtue and Prof. Angus, also in regard to proposed conference re rulings (3 page letter) Attending to consider problems raised.	15.00
	Telegram to Mr. McMaster.	.50
Feb. 25	Letter to Mr. Tamaki replying to his letter of February 12th re claims of corporations.	1.50
	Letter to Mr. Shumiatcher seeking to arrange conference of counsel in Regina on March 13th.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Tanaka re fishing vessels.	1.00
	Letter to Messrs. Norris and MacLennan re valuers.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter of February 23rd and discussing arrangements for proposed conference.	1.00
Feb. 25	Letter to Custodian putting forward in detail our argument that we think that real estate commissions and other charges should not have been deducted from amounts paid to claimants. Considering this point and embodying argument in letter.	25.00
March 2	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter re courtroom for hearings in Toronto, making inquiries as to suitable place, and letter to Mr. Hunter in reply.	2.00
	Having received telegram from Mr. McMaster re Regina Conference, telegram in reply.	1.00
	Receiving from Co-operative Committee summary of claims filed through Co-operative Committee as follows:	
	British Columbia - 449	
	Alberta - 134	
	Saskatchewan - 8	
	Manitoba - 151	
	Ontario - 304	
	Quebec - 47	Considering 2.00
March 16	Letter to Ritchie & Huckvale.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
March 15, 16 and 17th	Attending at Regina for conference with counsel engaged in this matter, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Shumiatcher and others, when we consider whether there is any possibility of appealing from Judge's ruling re an interpretation of fair market value and deciding that there is no effective appeal. Hearing full report from Mr. McMaster as to preparation and presentation of claims and various ruling of Commissioner, three days.	300.00



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March 18	Preparing copy of report upon conference of counsel in Regina and memorandum for use of counsel.	\$25.00
	Letters to Messrs. Cherniack, Ritchie and Huckvale, Ouimet, Best, and Norris and MacLennan, enclosing same.	5.00
March 22	Having received letter from Mr. Cherniack and Mr. McMaster, re disbursements, letter to Miss Boos setting them out and asking for disbursements to be paid.	1.00
March 24	Having received list of prospective claims for hearing in Toronto, letter to Mr. Hunter asking for production in respect to these claims. Letter to Mr. Watson commenting on this list and dealing with special items.	1.00
March 25	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster re employment of Mr. Hewer as valuator and other matters, letter in reply.	2.00
March 30	Receiving copy of letter from Mr. Virtue reporting on hearings in Lethbridge, perusing same.	1.00
	Receiving letter from Col. Hunter, perusing same.	2.00
April 2	Receiving long letter from Mr. McMaster re question of deductions, also in respect to hiring of appraisers, perusing same.	2.00
	Letter to Mr. Hunter informing him that Mr. Ouimet was representing Co-operative Committee in Montreal.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Cherniack enclosing Fort William claims.	1.00
	Considering list of claims, discussing same with representatives of J.C.C.A. and Mr. Best and asking certain changes to be made, long letter to Mr. Watson.	15.00
April 2	Letter to Mr. Watson in respect to Tanaka case.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letters of December 22nd and 31st, discussing arrangements for employment of Mr. Hewer.	1.00
April 3	Letter to Rev. Peter Bryce re place of hearings.	1.00
April 5	Letter to Ontario J.C.C.A. re proposed hearings.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Hunter.	1.00
	Letter enclosing claim of Mr. Ginero.	1.00
April 8	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of retainer of Mr. Hewer, considering same.	1.00
April 12	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter re place of hearing, attending to arrange	



same with Dr. Bryce.

April 13	Receiving letters from Custodian enclosing Custodian's files.	
April 14	Letter to Mr. Huckvale enclosing claim.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
April 15	Letters to claimants notifying them of date of hearing - 3	
April 16	Letters to claimants notifying them of the date of hearing - 14.	17.00
	Letter to Mr. Turcotte.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter of April 13th.	1.00
April 20	Letter to Mr. Cherniack acknowledging receipt of file re Tamaki.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. O'Hashi.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Juhei Tanaka.	1.00
April 21	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter of April 18th.	1.00
April 22	Letters to claimants informing them of hearings, (6 letters)	6.00
April 23	Letter to Mr. Johnson, Office of Custodian re Otsuki file.	1.00
April 26	Letter to various claimants as to date of hearings and preliminary interviews, (13 letters)	13.00
April 27	Letters to claimants re date of hearing, arranging preliminary interviews, etc. (6 letters)	6.00
April 26	Telegram re Takahashi.	.50
April 30	Letter to Messrs. Ritchie & Huckvale.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Ouimet.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Shumiatcher.	1.00
	Letter to claimants as to date of hearing. (5 letters)	5.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing cheques on account of services rendered.	1.00
	Letter to Secretary of State re Mr. Hidaka's claim.	1.00
May 1	Three letters to claimants setting out date of hearing and arranging preliminary interview.	3.00
	Mr. Brewin engaged as counsel during the month of May on hearings before Commissioner, 15 full days, and 10 days in preparation.	1250.00
	Mr. Gilbert engaged for full month at Toronto and Montreal interviewing claimants and preparing claim forms, 25 days.	750.00
May 3	4 letters to claimants as to date of hearing, and requesting them to come to our office for interview.	4.00



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May 11	Letter to Mr. McMaster re employment of Mr. Yamaga and re Soldier Settlement Board Appraisals.	1.00
May 12	Long letter to Mr. Ouimet as to necessary preparation re hearings in Montreal and offering to make Mr. Gilbert available for this purpose.	1.00
May 17	Letter to Mr. Tamaki re claims of Iwama and Murata.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Hunter re photostatic copies of Soldier Settlement Appraisals and cheque to cover same.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Montreal cases.	1.00
	Telegram re hotel reservations for Mr. Gilbert, in Montreal.	.50
May 25	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter setting out proposals as to procedure of Commission during autumn, also suggesting that a day be set for further argument on interpretation of "fair market value." Considering.	25.00
May 31	Letter to Mr. Gilbert enclosing file re Shimizu.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Sainas acknowledging transcripts.	1.00
	Attending to have all transcripts of cases heard, together with our files shipped to Vancouver and attending to have the same shipped.	10.00
June 1	Long letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter and discussing proposals as to general evidence to be heard in the autumn and sub-commission hearings, also re proposed argument and points of law, giving careful consideration to these matters and setting out our view on them. (4 pages)	50.00
June 1	Letter to Mr. MacLennan replying to his letter of May 15.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris when we receive information that he and Mr. MacLennan were dissolving partnership.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing account and also enclosing cheques.	1.00
June 2	Letter to Mr. Tasaku re delay in filing claim and advising Mr. Tasaku of steps to be taken.	2.00
June 9	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Royston Lumber Company.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. MacLennan enclosing copy of letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris re Royston Lumber Co.	1.00
	Preparing Statutory Declaration to be made by Mr. Sato and letter to him advising.	3.00



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June 9	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter June 8th.	1.00
June 14	Letter to Mr. Nishikaze.	1.00
June 15	Letter to Mr. Shimitzu.	1.00
June 18	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster of June 14th in regard to forms, perusing same.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos acknowledging receipt of cheque for disbursements.	1.00
June 24	Two long letters from Mr. McMaster on June 21st (6 pages and 2 pages), discussing various problems in connection with commission, particularly in regard to Soldier Settlement Claims, perusing same and considering.	25.00
June 30	Letter to Mr. Hidaka in regard to his memorandum of law in regard to valuations.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Gilbert.	1.00
	Further letter to Mr. McMaster re Mr. Hewer's account and question of vessels sold through Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.	1.00
June 30	Long letter to Mr. McMaster re fishing vessels.	2.00
	Attending to review material re fishing vessels and to draft and prepare letter to Mr. Ilsley, Minister of Justice re fishing vessels and requesting enlargement of terms of reference. Copy to Mr. Tanaka. Engaged conferring with Mr. Tanaka in regard to this matter. Letter to Mr. Tanaka.	50.00
July 2	Letter to Mr. McMaster re proposed interview with him in August.	1.00
July 5	Letter to the Secretary of State in respect to commissions retained by the Custodian.	2.00
July 8	Having received letter from Mrs. Hishi Oya in respect to cashing cheque from Custodian and advising that it may be cashed without prejudice to claim.	1.00
July 16	Receiving long letter from the Secretary of State dealing with the question of commissions, letter acknowledging.	1.00
July 19	Having received letter from Custodian of July 15th re Aoki, letter in reply.	1.00
July 24	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing account of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster.	1.00
July 27	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing account of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster.	1.00
August 2	Conferring with Mr. McMaster in Montreal. Engaged discussing with Mr. McMaster plans for fall sittings of commission. Engaged all day.	50.00
August 17	Having received letter from Mr. Norris as to who is to act in Royston Lumber case, perusing same, and letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00



August 17	Letter to Mr. Norris.	\$1.00
August 24	Replying to Mr. McMaster's letter of August 19 re Royston Lumber Company and other matters.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris re Royston Lumber Company case.	1.00
August 26	Reconsidering question as to terms of reference particularly with respect to fishing vessels and letter to Mr. St. Laurent Acting Minister of Justice.	10.00
	Letter to Hon. Colin Gibson, Secretary of State replying to his letter of August 16th.	1.00
	Having received telegram from Custodian's office re Shimano, letter to Mr. Shimano.	1.00
	Telegram to Office of Custodian.	.50
	Letter to Mr. Tanaka enclosing list of claims to be heard by sub-commission.	1.00
Sept. 2	Engaged 4 to 5.30 p.m. conferring with Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Best and Mr. Tanaka in regard to arrangements for claims to be heard by sub-commission.	15.00
Sept. 2	Engaged considering the problems as to shortening the hearings, and coming to the conclusion that it would be advisable to first of all hear some 25 or 50 typical cases in which various types of property and controversial issues will be raised, and that these cases be heard in detail and that at some later date other cases be fitted in to the findings of the Commissioner in these particular cases. Long letter to Mr. McMaster with suggestions along these lines.	50.00
Sept. 3	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing files.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Virtue re Milke.	1.00
Sept. 10	Considering problems of fishing vessels sold by Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee and relevant material collected and relation of claims to terms of reference, drafting letter, etc.	50.00
	Letter to Hon. Colin Gibson Secretary of State in regard to commissions charged by Real Estate agents.	1.00
Sept. 11	Letter to Mr. Watson enclosing late claims. Attending to draft affidavit in respect to same.	3.00
	Having received letter from Mr. Ryan, solicitor Port Hope re Kohy and Tada as to Mr. Kohy's debt, considering matter and letter to Mr. Ryan advising.	5.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Kohy claim.	1.00



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Sept. 11	Having received telegram from Mr. McMaster suggesting that we should be present in Vancouver Sept. 29, telegram in reply.	.50
	Having received letter from Claims Commission re claim for camera owned by Mr. Murakami, considering same and advising in letter.	2.00
	Having received letter re Mrs. Takahashi re bedstand, from Custodian's office, letter to Mrs. Takahashi telephoning and letter to Secretary of State in reply.	2.00
	Letter to Miss Boos covering late claim of Ebata.	1.00
	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster dealing with proposal of hearing certain selected claims, considering same.	2.00
Sept. 16	Engaged all day in preparation of material re hearings re fair market value, and memorandum of law.	100.00
	Letter to Mr. Watson, Secretary of Commission re Murakami and late filing.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster acknowledging his letter of Sept. 9 enclosing file.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Ryan re Kohy.	1.00
	Having received letter from Mr. Nakashima re cashing cheque from Custodian, letter in reply.	1.00
Sept. 19 Sept. 20 to Sept. 27	Attending on Mr. Varcoe, Deputy Min. of Justice to discuss various problems arising out of claims. Engaged in Vancouver on hearings and in consultation with Mr. Virtue and Mr. McMaster, Government counsel and Commissioner with a view to determining request of further proceedings and hearing of evidence in regard to claims in various categories.	100.00 475.00
Sept. 29	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster of Sept. 27th re Sato and re death of Prof. Farr who had been retained as statistician, advising us of retaining of Dr. Drummond, letter in reply.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Sato re acceptance in his case and evidence of Mr. Matti is approved.	1.00
	Attending to draft memorandum as to considerations to be taken into account for valuation of property, preparing memorandum of authority, reading law, engaged all day.	50.00
Sept. 30	Considering problems raised by Mr. McMaster and long letter to him in reply.	5.00
Oct. 1	Letter to Mr. Smith dealing with arrangement as to hearings of cases before sub-commission, long letter.	2.00
Oct. 1	Letter to Mr. Makatsu advising as to claims of sub-commission and asking him to attend to confer in regard to cases.	1.00



Oct. 4	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster in regard to draft memorandum as to further procedure, considering same and long letter in reply.	\$2.00
Oct. 7	Letter to Mr. Ebata re hearing of claim.	1.00
	Letter to Mrs. Ozawa re hearing of claim.	1.00
Oct. 12	Letter to Mrs. Ozawa and Mr. Ebata re hearing of claims.	2.00
Oct. 13	Letter to Mr. J. A. MacLennan, Vancouver re Royston Lumber Co.	1.00
	Having received call from Mr. Sakamoto re his claim to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Watson re Nishikaze requesting this case to be added to list.	1.00
	Having received Mr. McMaster's letter of Oct. 4th re Sakamoto attending to discuss this matter with Mr. Higuchi and long letter re M. Furuya Company Limited.	5.00
Oct. 14	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster re Shoji a veteran, letter to Mr. Shoji reporting on Mr. McMaster's letter and asking for information.	1.00
Oct. 26	Attending to discuss with Co-operative Committee proposal that letter should be sent to Government asking them to make some payment on account of fees. Considering same and letter to Mr. McMaster, reporting.	30.00
Oct. 29	Letter to Mrs. Yamamoto re claim.	5.00
	Letter to Mr. Sato, Belleville enclosing claim form and asking him to return it.	1.00
	Attending to draft letter to claimants setting out the position of the hearings at the present time and requesting further cheque for 1% of claim on account of expenses.	10.00
Oct. Nov. and Dec.	Engaged as counsel upon hearing of sub-commissioner in Toronto. Attending to prepare claims, interview claimants and on actual hearings 25 days at \$50.00 per day.	1250.00
	Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Scott engaged in preparation of hearing of claims, 2 months, say 40 days, at \$25.00 per each day, and various trips by Mr. Gilbert to Kapuskasing and Chapleau and Hamilton and Montreal in connection with the preparation of claims.	1200.00
Nov. 1	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing copies of appraisal of Takata.	1.00
Nov. 2	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster in regard to Takata letter to Mr. Takata.	1.00
Nov. 12	Letter to Mr. Nogecki re hearing.	1.00
Nov. 13	Letter to Mr. Watson re Nishkaze re hearing.	1.00



Nov. 15	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing affidavit re Tanaka.	\$1.00
Nov. 18	Letter to Mr. Yamamoto, Hamilton, re hearings.	1.00
	Letter to Mrs. Yamamoto, Churchill, Ont. re hearing.	1.00
Nov. 13-16th	Attending at Vancouver and engaged in consultation with Mr. McMaster and advising as to preparation and presentation of claims, upon presentation of argument as to fair market value, engaged in all 4 days.	375.00
Nov. 27	Having received long telegram from Mr. McMaster re availability of Mr. Macdonald Vancouver, or Mr. Cherniack Winnipeg to assist Mr. McMaster as counsel, telegram in reply.	2.00
	Attending to discuss this matter with the Committee and long letter in reply.	5.00
Nov. 30	Long letter to Mr. Takahashi re Togo Cleaners.	1.00
	Telegram to Mr. Niguch, Guelph re hearing.	.50
	Letter to Mr. Osada re hearing.	.50
Dec. 1	Letter to Mr. Tehera re claim.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Omadishi re hearing.	1.00
Dec. 3	Having received letter from Mr. Cherniack re festival dolls, considering same and letter in reply.	5.00
Dec. 3	Having received letters from Mr. McMaster discussing the financial position of the Committee and the likelihood of further hearings, the additional counsel who may be available and plans for further advancing hearing, 4 pages. Necessary consideration of problems involved and discussions with the Committee.	15.00
Dec. 4	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Adachi's claim and giving information as to possible special evidence.	1.00
Dec. 6	Having received copy of letter from Mr. Virtue to Mr. Bird, perusing same and letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
Dec. 9	Letter to Mr. Takahashi acknowledging cheque.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing cheque re Togo Cleaners.	1.00
Dec. 10	Having received cheque from Co-operative Committee for Mr. McMaster, letter enclosing same.	1.00
Dec. 13	Letter to Mr. McMaster re retainer of Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Cherniack.	1.00



Dec. 17	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster of December 11th, as to evidence and cross-examination of Government witnesses, perusing same and letter in reply.	2.00
Dec. 17	Attending to draft letter to the Minister of Justice in respect to proposal that the Government should assist in financing further work of the Co-operative Committee in regard to Commission.	10.00
	Letter to Col. Hunter enclosing copy of same.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos.	1.00
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Jan. 3	Attending to telephone Mr. Varcoe Deputy Minister of Justice, and asking for appointment with Minister to discuss many outstanding matters. Letter confirming.	3.00
Jan. 4	Letter to Mr. Huckvale, Lethbridge re Vancouver hearings.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Turcotte.	1.00
	Having perused brief of Japanese Canadian Association to Commission, letter approving same.	5.00
	Engaged preparing for interview with Minister.	50.00
Jan. 5	Letter to Mr. Virtue, Lethbridge re evidence of Mr. Moryama.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Tanaka re Moryama.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Shoji, Chatham re interview with Mr. Justice Bird with regard to his case.	1.00
Jan. 6	Attending at Ottawa and interviewing Minister of Justice and discussing with him first of all terms of reference in respect to fishing vessels and secondly in respect to commissions, thirdly in regard to the Government bearing some part of the expenses of the Co-operative Committee for further hearings.	100.00
Jan. 10	Having received Mr. McMaster's letter of Jan. 6th, perusing same and long letter in reply to Mr. McMaster.	2.00
Jan. 13	Letter to Miss Boos re account for Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Scott.	1.00
Jan. 19	Having received two letters from Mr. McMaster on January 11th re question of interest on monies held for Japanese Canadians, considering same and long letter to Mr. McMaster.	10.00
	Letter to Mr. Shoji, Chatham.	1.00



Jan. 21	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster in respect to interest on monies and as to Japanese boats sold by Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee and as to other matters in connection with Commission hearings (3 pages), perusing and considering same.	\$2.00
Jan. 24	Letter in reply.	2.00
Jan. 28	Letter to Mr. C. H. Huestis.	1.00
Jan. 31	Letter to Mr. McMaster re financial situation of Co-operative Committee.	1.00
Feb. 3	Having received your letter of January 30th informing us of proposal of settlement put forward by Government and figures suggested by Government, considering same, and advising that in our opinion we could not possibly agree on behalf of our clients without consulting them and that we do not think any settlement on the basis named is possible.	50.00
Feb. 2	Having received air mail letter from Mr. McMaster as to Government counsel having mentioned to Commissioner that he had made an offer of settlement, when he indicates that Mr. Justice Bird is very much interested but Mr. McMaster intimated that no settlement could be arrived at unless or until the Commissioner intimated his view after hearing full argument in respect to special categories. Further engaged in long distance telephone call to Mr. McMaster when he urges that we make ourselves available in Vancouver.	5.00
Feb. 8 to Feb. 12th	Engaged attending at Vancouver in conference with Mr. McMaster and Mr. Virtue. Discussions with Col. Hunter Government Counsel and with the Commissioner the Honourable Mr. Justice Bird in regard to different categories of property, and proposal made as to hearing evidence in respect to these different categories of property and for decision of Mr. Justice Bird in respect to these matters when we study carefully our evidence and the findings that we are likely to be able to urge on the basis of the evidence.	500.00
Feb. 17	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster in which he reports on discussions in respect to evidence on city properties and V.L.A. sales, considering same and letter to Mr. McMaster advising that Government figure in regard to V.L.A. properties seems too low.	10.00
	Attending to discuss Mr. McMaster's letter in regard to a proposal of having a percentage fixed for different categories of claims and that special hearings be held in special cases, advising Co-operative Committee as to our view in this matter and that this should not be agreed to by and large unless we are satisfied that the percentages are likely to be reasonable.	25.00
Feb. 25	Letter to Norris and MacLennan re their account.	1.00



March 21

Attending Mr. McMaster on the telephone, attending to consider his letter of March 21st when I urge Mr. McMaster that we should not agree to any proposals of less than 10% on Vancouver properties. Expressing the view that our clients would be very dissatisfied with such a small amount as this.

5.00

March 23

Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster (4 pages) dealing with developments before Commission, and especially in regard to category cases. Considering same and letter suggesting argument that might be put up as to inadequacy of proposed allowance of 10% on Vancouver properties, also discussing V.L.A. properties.

10.00

April 2 to  
April 9

Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster advising us as to proposals made for fixing of general overall percentages, considering same with great care. Attending April 9th to advise committee that in our opinion and taking into account the views of Mr. McMaster the proposed basis of dealing with the matter, namely by the setting up of overall percentages in different categories of claim and then having special hearings in regard to cases where there is special evidence should in the circumstances be accepted subject to our objection that the proposal in respect to Vancouver properties is inadequate. Attending to explain this matter to the committee. Advising in our opinion that before accepting the proposed method of dealing with the claims all claimants should be advised. Attending to draft letter to claimants setting out position and asking their view, or approval in respect to same. Receiving word from Mr. McMaster as to proposed recommendation by Commissioner in regard to categories and further long letter setting out the recommendations of the Commissioner in respect to the different categories. Considering same. Long letter to the Co-operative Committee setting out our recommendations in regard to offer of settlement. (3 pages)

200.00

April 4

Letter to J.C.C.A. re Moryama.

1.00

April 8

Long letter to Mr. Carson Minister of Justice (4 pages) setting out on behalf of claimants our view in regard to the proposed recommendations as to mode of dealing with claims and pointing out that we have always maintained that terms of reference are too narrow and stating that we cannot conscientiously recommend to our clients the proposed settlement in regard to Vancouver properties, and urging that the Government convey to the Commissioner their willingness with a view to making the overall settlement a concurrence by the Government in recommendations of at least 10%, considering letter and submissions to be made. Engaged one half-day.

30.00



April 13	Incorporating in writing as a matter of record our advice in respect to proposals for over all dealing of claims and recommending that the proposed basis for dealing with them be accepted and stating our reasons therefore (3 pages). Attending to consider and prepare the same.	10.00
	Copy of Letter of Recommendation to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
	Attending to interview Mr. Tanaka representative of National Japanese Canadian Association who will be travelling throughout Canada with a view to explaining the methods of dealing with claims, and going over the material supplied by Mr. McMaster, engaged 2 hours.	20.00
April 28	Having received long letters from Mr. McMaster of April 25th and April 26th, together with enclosure of letter from Mr. Virtue all of them dealing with the proposed fixing of percentages. Letter to Mr. McMaster advising.	3.00
	Further letter to Mr. Garson asking for interview.	1.00
May 2	Having received a report of views of Toronto claimants or proposed method of dealing with claims, advising. Letter to Mr. McMaster reporting.	1.00
	Attending to telephone Mr. Varcoe Deputy Minister of Justice and discussing letters sent to Minister of Justice and views of Co-operative Committee of proposed views of settlement.	5.00
	Letter to Mr. Varcoe.	1.00
May 3	Having received letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice of April 30th setting out results of his discussion of letter of April 8th with Minister of Justice, considering same, and reporting to Co-operative Committee and letter to Mr. Varcoe.	10.00
May 4	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. Varcoe.	2.00
May 6	Having received letter from Miss Boos Secretary to Co-operative Committee asking various questions in regard to present situation, considering same and reviewing questions and letter in reply. (2 pages)	10.00
May 6	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing statement of account in regard to out-of-pocket expenses.	1.00
	Having received letter of Mr. McMaster of May 5th advising that Mr. Justice Bird to be in Toronto, and discussing various matters and considering same and letter in reply.	1.00
May 10	Having heard that Mr. Justice Bird will be in Toronto, considering representations that may be made to him in regard to various questions in particular his proposed findings in regard to Vancouver properties. Letter to Mr. Justice Bird asking him for interview and also reviewing the reports made by the Co-operative	



May 15	Committee in response to letter of claimants as to their views on proposed matters of settlement.	25.00
	Attending with certain Toronto claimants to interview Mr. Justice Bird at Park Plaza Hotel, Toronto, giving him the result of our submission of proposed method of dealing with claims to claimants across the country. We inform him that a majority have accepted with various reservations, and a group of Toronto claimants are reluctant to accept the proposal when he stresses that he is not making his report on any basis of settlement but on his findings on the evidence to date. He indicates that we may emphasize to those who reject the proposed basis of settlement, that he is willing to hear further evidence in regard to any individual cases. Also discussing with him the suggestion that he may see fit to recommend an allowance for the claimants costs and disbursements.	100.00
May 16	Letter to Mr. McMaster reporting on interview with Mr. Justice Bird.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Justice Bird setting out the result of inquiries from claimants and in particular our objections to the allowance on Vancouver properties.	10.00
May 17	Having received letter from Mr. Ryan re Kohy and Tada, considering same and letter reporting.	2.00
	Preparing memorandum for Mr. Tanaka, Secretary of Japanese Canadian Association in which we set out some notes of our interview with Mr. Justice Bird when we took up with him questions concerning claimants particularly emphasizing that the awards to be made and percentages fixed are not based on settlement but upon the findings of the Commission, also emphasizing that we have expressed our disagreement with proposed findings on Vancouver properties in particular, and possible deputation from National J.C.C.A.	10.00
May 20	Engaged in further interview with Mr. Justice Bird two hours.	25.00
	Preparing further memorandum for Mr. Tanaka and advising him in regard to proposal to have interview with the Minister of Justice and re reasons for suggesting that it would be inadvisable to see the Minister of Justice while the commission hearings are pending.	5.00
May 28	Letter to Miss Boos re account.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster further reporting our interview with claimants.	1.00
	Considering the question of solicitors accounts for services rendered at various places across Canada. Considering correspondence with Mr. McMaster in regard to this and concluding that a scale of this along the following lines would be reasonable. \$5.00 per hour on preparation of individual cases. \$50.00 per day on presentation of individual claims. \$75.00 per day on presentation of corporate claims. \$10.00 per hour on preparation in respect to general evidence and preparation for settlement discussions. \$100.00 per day in respect to general evidence hearings, presentation of arguments and discussion on settlement, and attendances upon the Government and/or the Minister of Justice. \$5.00 per hour with respect to general attendances including correspondence.	



May 28-	\$50.00 for a full day on travelling time.	\$25.00
	Letters (2 pages) to Messrs. Cherniack, Quimet, Ritchie and Huckvale, Turcotte, Shumiatcher and Best reporting on the situation up to the present time and making proposal in regard to accounts to be presented.	12.00
June 6	Letters to above solicitors correcting item in letter of June 1st.	6.00
	Having received long account (22 pages) from Messrs. Cherniack and Cherniack, perusing and considering same.	5.00
	Having received account from Mr. Best, perusing and considering same.	1.00
June 13	Having received account from Mr. Shumiatcher Regina, perusing and considering same.	2.00
	Having received account for services rendered from Ritchie and Huckvale (31 pages) attending to peruse and examine same.	5.00
July 11	Letter to Mr. Cherniack re account.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Huckvale re account.	1.00
July 13	Letter to Mr. McMaster, advising of prospective interview with various claimants when he is in Toronto on Friday August 5th.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. MacDonald.	1.00
July 18	Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster as to plans to be in Toronto and as to the distribution of the Veterans Land Act awards (4 pages) perusing and considering same and letter in reply.	10.00
July 22	Having received letter from Mr. Turcotte enclosing his statement of account (12 pages) perusing and considering same.	5.00
August 5	Engaged in conference with Mr. Tanaka in preparation for meeting with claimants and discussion with Mr. McMaster.	25.00
August 6	Attending in conference with Mr. McMaster with reference to V.L.A. distribution, engaged 4 hours.	40.00
August 25	Letter to Mr. McMaster re accounts.	1.00
August 30	Engaged conferring with Miss Boos, Secretary of Commission in respect to out-of-pocket expenses and disbursements and discussing with her statements that have been prepared in respect to this matter and in respect to various items.	10.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster reporting on same.	1.00
Oct. 4	Attending on Co-operative Committee and discussing with them the present situation in regard to claims and informing them that special cases are being heard, and that the hearings should end soon, and recommending to them that a bulletin be prepared for the claimants setting out the present situation. Advising them in respect to claims for costs and recommending that all claims be referred to some	



	experienced firm in Toronto for advice as to whether or not they should be taxed. Further that auditor's statement should be prepared showing the amount of costs chargeable to each individual client on basis of retainers signed. Attending to consider these plans and to discuss them with Co-operative Committee.	\$50.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re same.	1.00
Oct. 6	Letter to Mr. McMaster re O'Hashi.	1.00
Oct. 11	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Yamashita enclosing his letter.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Yamashita.	1.00
Oct. 14	Engaged preparing draft report to claimants engaged 2 hours.	10.00
	Having received letters of Oct. 6th and 11th from Mr. McMaster, perusing same and letter in reply.	1.00
Oct. 14	Having received letter from Mr. Virtue, letter in reply.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing copy of proposed letter to claimants.	1.00
	Letter to Mrs. Hamagaki re her claim.	1.00
Oct. 17	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of Mr. Ouimet's letters of October 14th and June 24th, perusing same and letter to Mr. Ouimet.	2.00
Oct. 17	Having received Mr. Ouimet's letter of Oct. 14th considering same and letter in reply.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Ono re his claim in respect to car.	1.00
Oct. 20	Having received telegram from Mr. McMaster re Otsuki income tax forms, attending to interview Mr. Otsuki and telegram in reply.	10.00
Oct. 23	Attending to interview Mr. E. J. Ennis, counsel for Japanese Americans, and Mr. Masaoka, National Legislative Director of the J.A.C.L. in Washington, and discussing various matters in regard to claims and in particular question as to propriety of allowing interest on awards.	30.00
Oct. 25	Attending to interview Mr. Gladstone Virtue, K.C. representative of southern Alberta claimants and discussing various matters with him, engaged in long interview.	30.00
Oct. 31	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Hanada.	1.00
Nov. 10	Letter from Mr. Ouimet enclosing account, perusing and considering same.	3.00
Nov. 17	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster re Motchizuki considering point in his letter and advising.	3.00
Nov. 28	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster referring to findings of Supreme Court of Canada in case of Diggon-Hibben vs Regem and asking our advice in respect to application of this case to Steveson property, considering same and advising.	10.00
Nov. 28	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster of October 17th informing us that Custodian is objecting to amounts fixed in special cases by agreement between Government counsel and claimant's counsel on the basis of Mr. Justice Bird's finding and is seeking to go beyond this arrangement and re-open cases that have been settled to the above extent, considering same and attending to telephone Mr. McMaster in Vancouver and to advise him that in our opinion this	



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June 30	Long letter to Mr. McMaster re fishing vessels.	\$2.00
	Attending to draft and prepare letter to Mr. Ilesley, Minister of Justice re fishing vessels and requesting enlargement of terms of reference. Copy to Mr. Tanaka. Engaged conferring with Mr. Tanaka in regard to this matter. Letter to Mr. Tanaka. <i>engaged all day</i>	<del>50.00</del> 25.00
July 2	Letter to Mr. McMaster re proposed interview with him in August.	1.00
July 24	Letter to Miss Boos re retainer, Nishikaze.	1.00
July 27	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing account of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster.	1.00
August 2	Conferring with Mr. McMaster in Montreal. Engaged discussing with Mr. McMaster plans for fall sittings of commission. Engaged all day.	50.00
August 17	Having received letter from Mr. Norris as to who is to act in Royston Lumber case, perusing same, and letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris.	1.00
August 24	Replying to Mr. McMaster's letter of August 19 re Royston Lumber Company and other matters.	1.00
August 24	Letter to Mr. Norris re Royston Lumber Company case.	1.00
Sept. 2	Engaged 4 to 5.30 p.m. conferring with Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Best and Mr. Tanaka in regard to arrangements for claims to be heard by sub-commission.	15.00
Sept. 16 17	Engaged all day in preparation of material re hearings re fair market value, and memorandum of law.	<del>150.00</del> 100.00
Sept. 20th to Sept. 27th	Engaged in Vancouver on hearings and in consultation with Mr. Virtue and Mr. McMaster.	<del>750.00</del> 475.00
Nov. 13-16th	Attending at Vancouver and engaged in conferences with Mr. McMaster and advising as to preparation and presentation of claims, upon presentation of argument as to fair market value, engaged in all 3 days.	300.00
October, November & December.	Engaged as counsel upon hearing of sub-commissioner in Toronto. Attending to prepare claims, interview claimants and on actual hearings, 30 days at \$50.00 per day.	<del>1500.00</del> 1250.00
	Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Scott engaged in preparation of hearing of claims, 2 months, say 50 days, at \$25.00 per day.	<del>1250.00</del> 750.00



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April 2	Letter to Mr. Hunter informing him that Mr. Ouimet was representing Co-operative Committee in Montreal.	\$1.00
	Letter to Mr. Cherniack enclosing Fort William claim.	1.00
	Considering list of claims, discussing same with representatives of J.C.C.A. and Mr. Best and asking certain changes to be made, long letter to Mr. Watson.	5.00
April 2	Letter to Mr. Watson in respect to Tanaka case.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letters of December 22nd and 31st, discussing arrangements for employment of Mr. Hewer.	1.00
April 3	Letter to Rev. Peter Bryce re place of hearings.	1.00
April 5	Letter to Ontario J.C.C.A. re proposed hearings.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Hunter.	1.00
	Letter enclosing claim of Mr. Ginesso.	1.00
April 8	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of retainer of Mr. Hewer, considering same.	1.00
April 12	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter re place of hearing, attending to arrange same with Dr. Bryce.	5.00
April 13	Receiving letters from Custodian enclosing Custodian's files.	
April 14	Letter to Mr. Huckvale enclosing claim.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
April 15	Letters to claimants notifying them of date of hearing - 3	
April 16	Letters to claimants notifying them of date of hearing - 14	17.00
	Letter to Mr. Turcotte.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter of April 13th.	1.00
April 20	Letter to Mr. Cherniack acknowledging receipt of file re Tanaka.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. O'Hashi.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Juhei Tanaka.	1.00
April 21	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter of April 18th.	1.00
April 22	Letters to claimants informing them of hearing, (6 letters)	6.00



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April 23	Letter to Mr. Johnson, Office of Custodian re Otsuki file.	\$1.00
April 26	Letter to various claimants as to date of hearings and preliminary interviews, (13 letters.)	13.00
April 27	Letters to claimants re date of hearing, arranging preliminary interviews, etc. (6 letters)	6.00
April 26	Telegram re Takahashi.	.50
April 30	Letter to Messrs. Ritchie & Huckvale.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Ouimet.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Shumiatcher.	1.00
	Letter to claimants as to date of hearing. (5 letters)	5.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing cheques on account of services rendered.	1.00
	Letter to Secretary of State re Mr. Hidaka's claim.	1.00
May 1	Three letters to claimants setting out date of hearing and arranging preliminary interview.	3.00
	Mr. Brewin engaged as counsel during the month of May on hearings before Commissioner, 12 full days. Mr. Gilbert engaged in preparation of written material for claims and interviewing claimants 25 days.	
	Mr. Brewin further engaged in interviewing claimants, arranging to have claimants attend at right time and interviewing.	1100.00
May 3	4 Letters to claimants as to date of hearing, and requesting them to come to our office for interview.	4.00
May 11	Letter to Mr. McMaster re employment of Mr. Yamaga and re Soldier Settlement Board Appraisals.	1.00
May 12	Long letter to Mr. Ouimet as to necessary preparation re hearings in Montreal and offering to make Mr. Gilbert available for this purpose.	1.00
May 17	Letter to Mr. Tamaki re claims of Iwama and Murata.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Hunter re photostatic copies of Soldier Settlement Appraisals and cheque to cover same.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Montreal cases.	1.00
	Telegram re hotel reservations for Mr. Gilbert, in Montreal.	.50
May 25	Having received letter from Mr. Hunter setting out proposals as to procedure of Commission during autumn, also suggesting that a day be set for further argument on interpretation of "fair market value."	



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May 31	Letter to Mr. Gilbert enclosing file re Shimizu.	\$1.00
	Letter to Miss Sainas acknowledging transcripts.	\$1.00
	Attending to have all transcripts of cases heard, together with our files shipped to Vancouver and attending to have the same shipped.	10.00
June 1	Long letter to Mr. McMaster enclosing copy of Mr. Hunter's letter and discussing proposals as to general evidence to be heard in the autumn and sub-commission hearings, also re proposed argument and points of law, giving careful consideration to these matters and setting out our view on them. (4 pages)	15.00
June 1	Letter to Mr. MacLennan replying to his letter of May 15.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris when we receive information that he and Mr. MacLennan were dissolving partnership.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos enclosing account and also enclosing cheques.	1.00
June 2	Letter to Mr. Tasaku re delay in filing claim and advising Mr. Tasaku of steps to be taken.	2.00
June 9	Letter to Mr. McMaster re Royston Lumber Company.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. MacLennan enclosing copy of letter to Mr. McMaster.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Norris re Royston Lumber Co.	1.00
	Preparing Statutory Declaration to be made by Mr. Sato and letter to him advising.	3.00
	Letter to Mr. McMaster replying to his letter June 8th.	1.00
June 14	Letter to Mr. Nishikaze.	1.00
June 15	Letter to Mr. Shimitzu.	1.00
June 18	Having received letter from Mr. McMaster of June 14th in regard to forms, perusing same.	1.00
	Letter to Miss Boos acknowledging receipt of cheque for disbursements.	1.00
June 24	Two long letters from Mr. McMaster on June 21st (6 pages and 2 pages), discussing various problems in connection with commission, particularly in regard to Soldier Settlement Claims, perusing same and considering.	2.00
June 30	Letter to Mr. Hidaka in regard to his memorandum of law in regard to valuations.	1.00
	Letter to Mr. Gilbert.	1.00
	Further letter to Mr. McMaster re Mr. Hewer's account and question of vessels sold through Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.	1.00



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procedure will prolong hearings and that the Custodian should be bound by anything undertaken by Government counsel and that if there is any indication that the Commissioner is going to require lengthy hearings on matters agreed upon, that Mr. Virtue and Mr. Brewin will go out to Vancouver and emphatically state our objection to the procedure, when Mr. McMaster informs us that the review being made at the request of the Custodian is proceeding along lines which did not involve various counsel's attendance and when we decide it is not necessary to attend.

\$20.00

Dec.12 Having received letter re Takahashi and Togo Cleaners Limited as to the difficulty involved in this case, considering same and letter advising. 5.00

Dec.12 Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster of Dec. 1st, considering same and letter in reply. 1.00

Dec.13 Interviewing Mr. Nikado and letter to Mr. McMaster in regard to his claim. 5.00

Having received letter from Mr. MacLennan re Royston Lumber Company claim, perusing same. 1.00

Dec.27 Letter to Mr. MacLennan re Deep Bay Logging Co. 1.00

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Jan.28 Letter to Mr. McMaster re Nikai. Attending to interview Mr. Nikai and daughter and obtaining evidence as to date of visit to Japan. Long letter reporting to Mr. McMaster. 10.00

Jan.31 Letter to Mr. Ennis N.Y. in regard to problem of allowing interest on claims. 1.00

Feb. 2 Letter to Mr. Nakai informing him that information supplied is favourable and award to be made. 1.00

Feb. 3 Letter to Mr. Carson, Minister of Justice suggesting interview before the Government reports its policy in regard to claims. 1.00

Having received letter of Mr. McMaster in regard to possible delay in implementation of report, considering same, also considering effect of proposed letter or campaign by National J.C.C.A. in regard to matters outside the terms of reference, long letter in reply. 10.00

Feb.28 Having received long letter from Mr. McMaster stating that hearing of special cases is completed, also copy of letter of February 27th to Miss Boos, secretary of Committee enclosing summary of recoveries to be made in relation to claims, also copy of letter from Mr. Virtue to Mr. McMaster dated the 22nd of February in respect to proposed campaign of Japanese Canadian Association, considering and perusing all of these documents. 10.00

March 1 Letter to Mr. McMaster in reply to his letter of Feb.27th. 1.00

\$12,258.50



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OUR FILE NO.

April 24th, 1950.

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

Attention of Mr. Brewin:

Dear Mr. Brewin:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the  
21st of April.

Mr. McMaster is presently away on vacation and  
will be returning to the office in about three weeks'  
time. In the meantime I am sending under separate cover  
the individual award sheets.

Your letter will be brought to Mr. McMaster's  
attention upon his return to the office.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON,

Per: *R. J. McMaster*  
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1st May, 1950.

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R. J. McMASTER, ESQ.,  
c/o Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher,  
McMaster and Johnson,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

In view of the fact that nothing has been heard from the Minister of Justice although the Commissioner's Report has been in his hands for some weeks, we are beginning to wonder if he is going to allow the matter to be buried under other work and to drag over past the present session. We, of course, feel that this would be a great misfortune.

We are wondering if we should make further representations by letter to the Minister, and later on, if necessary, by direct personal representations.

We realize that Mr. McMaster is still in California, and will not be able to do anything about the matter for ten days or so, and we are therefore sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Brewin, and would ask him to please let us know the present situation, and his views regarding the above suggestion.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours truly,

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,

Per 

V/L  
AIRMAIL.

Copy to Mr. Brewin for his information.



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5th May, 1950

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Copy to Mr. A. Brewin  
for his information.

R. J. McMASTER, ESQ.,  
c/o Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher,  
McMaster and Johnson,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

We note from the press that the Senate is urging the Government to make sure that the present session of Parliament prorogues without fail before the end of June.

No doubt the members of the House of Commons will put pressure on the Government to accomplish the same result.

This leaves very little time to conclude any recommendations that may result from the findings of the Bird Commission.

We suggest that we should get together and take any step that lies in our power to induce the Minister of Justice and his Government to go ahead and deal with this matter now.

An additional copy of this letter is going to Mr. Brewin, and we shall be glad to hear from Mr. McMaster as soon as he returns to Vancouver, and from Mr. Brewin.

Yours truly,  
VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,

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OTTAWA, May 10, 1950.

F. A. Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Messrs. Cameron, Weldon, Brewin & McCallum,  
Barristers, etc.,  
372 Bay Street,  
TORONTO 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Japanese Report

I spoke to the Minister of Justice about the Japanese report.

Apparently, it just reached his desk this morning and he has not yet had an opportunity to peruse it. He hopes to table it within the next two or three days.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A.J.P. Cameron,  
M.P. for Toronto-High Park.

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May 12, 1949.

STATEMENT

Expenditures incurred by the National JCCA on Claims work

1. National Executive Secretary - 5 months period, Sept., 1947,  
to Jan., 1948 ..... \$ 1,250.00
2. National Headquarter's Office Secretary - 5 months period,  
Sept., 1947, to Jan., 1948 .. 750.00

(Drafting, printing and distribution of claim forms and considerable other related informational and instructional material in English and in Japanese. Providing complete information, advice and assistance in the filing of claims to claimants directly and through JCCA channels and other media. Attending to considerable correspondence on claims matters with claimants.)

3. National Executive Secretary - 7 mons. during 11 month period,  
Feb., 1948 - Dec., 1948 ..... 1,750.00
4. National Headquarter's Office Secretary - 7 mons. during 11 mon.  
period, Feb., 1948 - Dec., 1948 1,050.00

(Printing and distribution of pre-hearing claim forms in English and in Japanese. Directing and completing the tabulation of claims. Providing for claimants' interpreters. Interviewing claimants and providing for and giving direct assistance to claimants prior to claimant's hearings. Attending to considerable correspondence on claims matters with claimants. Enabling the functioning of the JCCA organizational machinery throughout Canada which has greatly assisted the work of the Commission during claimants' hearings).

5. National Executive Secretary - 1 month during period of  
April, 1949, to May, 1949 ..... 250.00

(Special trip across Canada to consult with the Provincial JCCA Chapter executives enabling the presentation of the Commissioner's over-all settlement proposal to claimants at various local claimants meetings. Further attended claimants meetings in various centres to explain the settlement proposal, etc.)

( \$5,050.00 )



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OUR FILE NO.

May 15th, 1950.

Mr. Andrew Brewin, K.C.,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

I have just returned to the office today from a most enjoyable holiday in California, and find several communications on my desk, particularly from Mr. Virtue, but also one from yourself in relation to the Japanese Property Claims Commission.

I will endeavour as soon as possible to draw up the final statement with regard to disbursements so that you may have it in hand. I believe that my office has already forwarded to you the green forms from which there is missing, of course, the Royston Lumber case. We will not know what the Commissioner recommended in this case until his report is filed.

As far as I can find out on returning from my vacation, there apparently has been no news of the Commissioner's report being filed in the House. I spoke to Mr. Shears on the phone today and he has had no word when it is likely to happen although he said he noticed in the paper the other day that there had been some question addressed to the Minister of Justice by Angus McInnes concerning the report.

Several of the letters I have received from Virtue he apparently has also written to you at the same time and you will be aware that he is quite anxious that this matter should be dealt with at an early date.

If you have any word as to what the situation is in Ottawa concerning the Commissioner's report

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Mr. Brewin:

May 15th, 1950.

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and the intentions of the Government with respect thereto I would very much appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience. With the possibility of the House rising some time in June it may be well to start putting some pressure on Carson to table the report and give effect to it at an early date.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON,

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May 18, 1950.

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

Dear Bob:

I am glad to hear that you have had an enjoyable holiday which you certainly earned.

When you receive this letter you will probably have read in the newspapers about the Minister's announcement which I understand he is to make either today or to-morrow.

I plan to go and discuss with Mr. Olmstead the various matters involved, early next week.

I understand that no decision has yet been made in regard to the payment of interest, and this is now before the cabinet. When I am in Ottawa I will endeavour to discover what sort of machinery is to be used for payment out.

I learned that the Commissioner has asked the Government to favourably consider a request for payment of our disbursements, although I have not got the amount he recommended. As soon as I get the details filled in, we will try to have the accounts set up in respect to the payments to be made by each claimant.

Yours sincerely,

*D. A. Brewin*

*Sen. Mc.*

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House of Commons  
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OTTAWA, May 18, 1950.

F. A. Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Messrs. Cameron, Weldon, Brewin & McCallum,  
Barristers, etc.,  
372 Bay Street,  
TORONTO 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Japanese Canadian Report

I have been in touch with Mr. Garson regarding the above report.

I hope to have the required information that you desire when I return over the week-end.

Yours sincerely,

A.J.P. Cameron, K.C.,  
M.P. for Toronto-High Park.

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LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

20th May, 1950

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Dear Mr. Garson: RE: JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS  
COMMISSION

I am enclosing a clipping taken from the Lethbridge Herald relating to the death and funeral services of Mr. Toyoki Moriyama.

Mr. Moriyama was one of the Japanese Canadians who were evacuated from the Pacific Coast, and who made a claim for loss and destruction of property arising from the evacuation. As a matter of fact the Commissioner intimated that he intended making Mr. Moriyama a substantial award, and we believe this award will be found among the Commissioner's official recommendations.

If the beneficence of the Dominion Government is to be of any use to a great many of these claimants it should be paid very soon, otherwise far too many of them will have gone on to their graves having received no compensation, and retaining in their minds the memory of



HONOURABLE STUART GARSON,  
Minister of Justice,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

20th May, 1950

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RE: JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS  
COMMISSION.

hardships suffered.

You may recall that during our conversation in Ottawa I mentioned that one of the principal reasons which motivated the various persons advising the Japanese Canadians in respect of an agreed settlement, was this very fact, namely, that if we reached an amicable settlement the money would be paid with reasonable promptitude, and would be of some benefit to the claimants; whereas if every individual case was the subject to an inquiry, it might mean that the settlement would be delayed indefinitely.

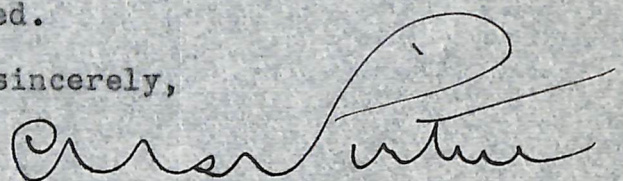
I realize that you personally, and your Department, have a great many pressing problems with which you must deal, but let me express the hope that in view of the circumstances above mentioned, it may be found possible to have this matter dealt with, and the necessary authority issued for payment of the amounts awarded within the next few weeks, or at any rate before Parliament prorogues in June.

If you think that any good purpose would be served by a personal interview, I will be prepared to come to Ottawa for that purpose.

I confess that I am anxious about this matter, and have a sense of personal responsibility to the Japanese Canadians whom I represent for the simple reason that I urged them to accept the offered settlement, and represented that a great saving of time would be achieved by such an amicable settlement as was arrived at.

If you care to let me hear from you in this respect I shall be very much obliged.

Yours sincerely,



V/L

Copy to Mr. Brewin for his information.



May 22, 1950.

A. Gladstone Virtue, Esq., M.C., K.C.,  
c/o Virtue, Russell & Morgan,  
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Virtue:

RE: JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS  
COMMISSION

REFER: YOUR FILE 3201

I have a copy of your letter to the Minister of Justice.

I was informed by a representative of the Justice Department that a report would be made public on Thursday or Friday of next week and have heard now that it will be published this week.

I hope to attend, as soon as the report is filed, on Mr. Olmsted at the Department of Justice and discuss with him the prompt implementation of the report and the machinery that will be set up for that purpose.

As no doubt Mr. McMaster has reported to you, we have been endeavouring to persuade the Department of Justice that interest should be paid on claims from the date of sale up to the date of claim.

Yours truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

FAB/W

Per: 



National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,  
Toronto, Ontario.

**Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson**  
Barristers and Solicitors

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
re Japanese Canadian Citizens Association

SCHEDULE I

1948

January 6	Received on account of retainer:		\$1000.00
March 8	To account rendered re disbursements (includes \$300.00 credit received from Greenwood Committee)	\$1186.95	
April 6	Received on account rendered:		1186.95
April 16	To account rendered re disbursements:	1222.37	
May 1	Received from Committee on account re students:	\$500.00	
	Received on account re Hewer:	500.00	
	Received on account retainer	<u>2000.00</u>	3000.00
June 17	Received payment of account April 16		1222.37
June 18	To account rendered, disbursements	1776.60	
June 24	Received on account re Hewer:		1000.00
July 19	Received in payment of account June 18:		1776.60
July 26	To account rendered re students:	1000.00	
"	To account rendered re I. B. Hewer:	2385.45	
"	To account rendered re other disbursements:	437.82	
August 2	Received payment of balance of account re students, July 26th, 1948		500.00
"	Received in payment of balance of account re Hewer, July 26, 1948		885.45
"	Received in payment of account other disbursements, July 26, 1948		437.82
September	To account re services, I. B. Hewer:	1164.13	
September 28	Received payment of September account re Hewer:		1164.13
November 3	Received generally on account of disbursements:		3000.00
November 18	To account rendered re disbursements generally:	2281.12	

\$11,454.44 15,173.32



National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association:

May 1950.

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Brought forward:

\$11,454.44 15,173.32

1948

November 19	To account rendered re I. B. Hewer appraisals:	\$1937.25	
November 29	By payment of accounts rendered November 18-19 re disbursements generally and re Hewer:		\$4218.37
December 13	Received on account of retainer:		2000.00
<u>1949</u> March 31	To account rendered re disbursements:	\$5225.08	
April 28	To account rendered re disbursements:	1517.09	
May 9	Received payment of accounts rendered March 31 and April 28 re disbursements:	\$6742.17	
	Received on account of retainer:	<u>3000.00</u>	9742.17
August 30	To account rendered re disbursements:	3304.41	
September 16	Payment of account rendered August 30th, 1949:		3304.41

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February 15	To account rendered re disbursements:	2133.39	
March 10	Received on account of disbursements:		2000.00
May 23	To account rendered re disbursements:	2804.13	
	To retainer	8000.00	10000.00
	To special contribution received in October, 1948 from Vancouver Consultative Council applied on Appraisal expenses and not credited or billed:		773.72
	Paid on appraisal re last item	773.72	
	To balance on hand:	62.48	
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		\$37211.99	37,211.99
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	By balance on hand:		\$62.48

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON,

Per: 

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E. & O.E.



# SCHEDULE II

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SHOWING BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE DUE OR OWING

### RECEIPTS

Received Toronto Committee \$36,438.27  
 " Vancouver Consultative Council 773.72  
 " Greenwood Committee 300.00  
\$37,511.99

	<u>Billed to you</u>	<u>Contribution Vancouver Consultative Council</u>	<u>Outside Liabilities (Unpaid)</u>	<u>Paid by this firm to be reimbursed</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interpreters	748.56				\$748.56
Supplies	142.50		100.00	230.50	473.00
Stenographic & clerical	66.05			1993.00	2059.05
Leckie	8172.54				8172.54
Bank Exchange	41.68			4.28 (estimated)	45.96
Searches	1060.90		250.00		1310.90
Witness Fees	138.60				138.60
Telephone & telegraph	290.83				290.83
Postage	18.39			131.61	150.00
Transportation	815.02				815.02
Travelling, living expenses and meals	2320.14				2320.14
Appraisals	14,032.29	773.72	1217.28		16,023.29
Statistical	308.79		1850.00	2500.00	4,658.79
Norris & McLennan Transportation etc. 1st interview at Greenwood	109.50				109.50
	<u>28,265.79</u>	<u>773.72</u>	<u>3417.28</u>	<u>4859.39</u>	<u>37,316.18</u>
Fees to Alex McDonald	400.00				
Advance to Andrew Brewin	10.00				
Retainer our firm	28,675.79				
	8,000.00				
Balance on hand	36,675.79				
	62.48				
Add Column #2	36,738.27				
	773.72				
	<u>\$37,511.99</u>				
<u>SUMMARY BALANCE DUE</u>					
Outside liabilities.....				\$3,417.28	
Paid by this firm to be reimbursed.....				4,859.39	
				<u>\$8,276.67</u>	
Credit balance on hand.....				62.48	
Balance due:.....				<u>\$8,214.19</u>	

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# SCHEDULE III

COMPARISON OF DISBURSEMENTS WITH  
SCHEDULE 4 of STATUTORY DECLARATION  
FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER BY  
R. J. McMASTER

<u>SHOWN ON STATUTORY DECLARATION</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>OVER</u>	<u>UNDER</u>
Interpreters	2188.85	2188.85		
Supplies	1849.79	1849.79		
Stenographic & Clerical	5779.25	5779.25		
Clerical	15,879.96	16,104.96	\$225.00	
Bank Exchange	97.96	97.96*		
Searches	1,310.90	1,310.90		
Witness fees	138.60	138.60		
Telephone & Telegraph	650.65	659.75	9.10	
Postage & Express	432.59	432.59		
Transportation	1,000.23	1082.27	82.04	
Travelling, living expenses & meals	5901.85	5921.24	19.39	
Norris & McLennan	--	109.50	109.50	
Appraisals	16,621.48	16,023.29		598.19
Statistical	4,658.79	4,658.79		
Auditing, Tax- ing & Winding up	575.00	575.00		
Hall Rentals & Miscellaneous	274.45	274.45		
McLennan re Royston:	618.64	618.64		
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	57,978.99	57,825.83	445.03	598.19
				445.03
		<u>153.16</u>		<u>153.16</u>
		57,978.99		

\* Estimated expense Bank exchange included at \$.28



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675 WEST HASTINGS STREET  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

OUR FILE NO.

May 26th, 1950.

Miss Margaret Boos,  
Apt. 28,  
94 Homewood Ave.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Boos:

Re: Japanese Property Claims  
Commission.

Enclosed herewith please find a number of statements of account. One is a statement of expenditures from February 15th, 1950 to May 23rd, 1950. The other statements have been marked as Schedules I, II, and III for convenient reference.

Schedule I is a statement of all monies which we have received and of all disbursements for which we have billed you including the disbursements set forth in our account of May 23, 1950 enclosed herewith and also including a disbursement of \$773.72 for appraisals which has not appeared in the various accounts which we have forwarded to you from time to time by reason of the fact that this money was paid out of a sum in like amount contributed by the Vancouver Consultative Council.

Schedule II is a statement of receipts and disbursements showing breakdown of disbursements and the balance due and owing. In Schedule II you will observe that we show three sources of receipts. The amount shown received from your Committee is the exact amount which we have received from the Committee. The amount shown by the Vancouver Consultative Council is the amount referred to above not previously reported in any of our accounts, the whole of which was expended on appraisals. The amount shown from the Greenwood Committee in the sum of \$300.00 has been accounted for to your Committee by a credit in our statement of account of March 8th, 1948. Schedule II also



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gives a breakdown of our various expenditures. The first column deals with items for which you have been billed with the exception of the last two items, that is the balance on hand and column 2 which is the contribution from the Vancouver Consultative Council and was spent on appraisals. The third column shows the liabilities unpaid for which we have an obligation outside of the firm. The first item of \$100.00 relates to the rental of the calculating machine from one of our clients. The second item relates to search fees payable to the Land Registry Offices at Vancouver and New Westminster. The whole of the sum appearing opposite appraisals is payable to Clement Consulting Services and the whole of the sum opposite Statistical is payable to Dr. George F. Drummond, the statistician whom we employed. The fourth column deals with items paid for by this firm but with respect to which we have not submitted an account. The item of \$4.28 for bank exchange is an estimated item having regard to further remittances. Concerning the other items appearing under that heading these likewise do not refer to specific accounts but to apportionments which we have made in our opinion in a conservative way to expenditures by our firm for the various items referred to reasonably attributable to the conduct of the proceedings. For instance, we have not kept an exact record of stationery, etc. which has been used but feel this is a conservative estimate. Aside from the ordinary stenographic services incidental to matters with respect to which we have billed you as to counsel fees, we estimate that our stenographers and students have spent a great deal of time in the 2½ years that the proceedings carried on on stenographic and clerical work not within the scope of our account as solicitors and counsel which is represented by the figure appearing opposite stenographic and clerical work.

The same situation applies with regard to postage as is referred to above as to supplies. Concerning the sum of \$2500 opposite statistical work this in the main represents charges for the services of Mr. Cobus and some of our students relating to the gathering of statistical material and its organization and application to the general evidence and the particular cases. In our statement of account for services rendered you will find a similar account for Mr. Cobus' services as counsel. After he returned from up-country where he appeared on numerous occasions and with respect to such appearances items were charged



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under our statement of account, he spent approximately one-half of his time before the Commission with Mr. McMaster and the other half on statistical material and work.

The last column shows the total disbursements broken down. You will observe that this total only includes disbursements and does not include retainers.

Referring back to the first column of Schedule II we have added three items thereto which we disbursed but which actually were not in the nature of disbursements for matters other than counsel fees. The first was a fee paid to Alex McDonald for assistance rendered by him to the writer on the hearing of general evidence. The second is \$10.00 which was advanced to Andrew Brewin and charged to you in one of our accounts for which we expect Mr. Brewin will account to you, and the third, of course, is the retainer received by this firm.

At the foot of Schedule II you will observe a Summary of the balance due broken down in outside liabilities and items paid by this firm. We might say that we have not included in this statement the expenses of Mr. McMaster in attending at Ottawa with Mr. Brewin in March of this year when we sought to influence the Minister of Justice to implement the report at the present sitting of Parliament and when he reported to your Committee in person.

As the writer indicated to the Committee when reporting to them verbally, the outside liabilities of \$3,417.28 will require to be met as soon as possible. If the Government does not pay all of our disbursements and the Committee find themselves embarrassed in any way, we are prepared to discuss a reduction of the items headed "Paid by this firm to be reimbursed". However, as indicated above, we consider that they have been conservatively estimated and would appreciate receiving payment thereof in full if such appears practical.

We might say that the items contained therein were all set forth in the Statutory Declaration filed by the Commissioner and were shown in Schedule I of that Statutory Declaration as having been disbursed.. Accordingly, if the Commissioner recommends payment of the full amount referred to in the Statutory Declaration these will be covered.



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In the event the Commissioner does not recommend the full amount of disbursements to be paid or an amount equal to the Statutory Declaration filed with him, we think that the disbursements by the J.C.C.A. should absorb any reduction as it is questionable whether the claimants agreed to pay these disbursements. I think in fairness to the J.C.C.A., however, it should be said unless they had disbursed a great portion of the \$6,268 for which they have rendered an account your committee would have been obliged to have expended a large portion if not the full amount of their account. In the event of it being necessary to reduce any payment to the J.C.C.A. we would be prepared to take some reduction in the amount payable to us with regard to the items in Column 4 of Schedule II enclosed herewith to be applied on their account.

Schedule III enclosed herewith shows a comparison of disbursements actually made with Schedule 4 of the Statutory Declaration filed with the Commissioner. You will observe that the actual disbursements are \$153.16 less than the statement filed with the Commissioner. There is no question that the item, "Auditing, Taxing & Winding Up" has been estimated very low and that the actual disbursements of the three Committees will exceed the amount estimated and filed with the Commissioner.

The reason for the discrepancy between actual disbursements and Schedule 4 is that several errors occurred in the preparation of Schedule 4. We might say that the Statutory Declaration filed with the Commissioner was prepared in some haste under urging by him to get it filed and while negotiations were still proceeding with a view to the early termination of the Commission. Accordingly, the figures were not double-checked at that time. In the right-hand margin we have shown the amount of the actual expenditure as over or under the amount shown in the first column. The first item opposite clerical represents an additional payment which we required to make to Mr. Leckie as it was necessary for him to stay a little over a month longer than anticipated when the Declaration was filed. We might say that in the Declaration filed an error was made in the sum of \$50.00 on the amount actually paid to Mr. Leckie at that date. The Declaration showed \$50.00 more than had been actually paid. With regard to telephone and telegraph, we under-estimated the amount of additional expense in this regard when filing Schedule 4. With regard to transportation and travelling expenses there was a small error in calculating the amount actually paid and the disbursements charged against \$300.00 received from the ~~Executive~~ Committee were not included in Schedule 4. These have now been added and as you



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will see, the total actual expenditure on transportation, travelling, living expenses and meals exceeds the amount shown in the Schedule by some \$200.00. Unfortunately, these expenditures had been kept in a separate account although billed through to you. They, however, are now included. The reference to Norris & McLennan in the sum of \$109.50 represents money expended by that firm with respect to the first trip to Greenwood in the early days of the Commission when Mr. McLennan and the writer attended the Greenwood Committee. We have no breakdown of these expenditures but it is our understanding that they cover transportation and living expenses on that trip. You will observe that we over-estimated the expenditure on appraisals in Schedule 4. In point of fact, the statement as to actual expenditures in Schedule 1 of the Statutory Declaration was not correct, an item of \$600.00 expense being ~~made~~ <sup>included</sup> in calculating the amount actually spent, the difference between the \$600.00 and the \$598.19 in the final result is by reason of the fact that in Schedule 4 we were estimating certain appraisal expenses.

I trust that you do not find these various schedules and my explanations too confusing. I must confess that I have spent the greater portion of the last week and a half in preparation of these schedules and checking and double-checking the figures. The matter of immediate concern to you naturally is the amount for which the Committee is still liable and that appears on Schedule II as \$8,214.19 subject to the comments made above.

If you refer to the statement of account which we rendered for services in the sum of \$55,000 you will observe that we gave no credit on that statement for the retainer of \$8,000.00 received and shown in these statements which we now forward. It is understood that the retainer was on account of fees and will be deductible from the fees payable to us.

If you have any questions with regard to these accounts we would be pleased to provide you with information concerning same.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON,

Per: 

McM: McC.  
cc. Mr. Brewin  
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OUR FILE NO.

May 26th, 1950.

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MAY 29 1950

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN &  
MCALLUM.

Mr. Andrew Brewin, K.C.,  
Barrister, etc.,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter and various statements of accounts which I am today forwarding to Miss Boos. I trust that you will find them intelligible.

I have your letter of May 18th in which you indicated that you understood the Minister of Justice would make some pronouncement concerning the report on the 18th or 19th. However, I have not observed any statement in the press. Your letter also indicated that you would be proceeding to Ottawa shortly to discuss matters of distribution.

I would very much appreciate receiving at your early convenience some report as to what progress is being made. If difficulty is being experienced with the Government in this matter and I can be of any assistance either by endeavouring to bring pressure from this source or by proceeding to Ottawa, do not hesitate to let me know as you are fully aware that we are very anxious that the Government implement the report at the present sitting of the House.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Bob

McM:McC  
encs.



DRAFT RELEASE

The report of Mr. Justice Bird as Commissioner on property claims of Japanese Canadians who were forced during the war to leave their homes and property in the coastal areas of British Columbia, has awarded upwards of one million dollars. His findings vindicate the claims put forward by the Japanese Canadians that they suffered substantial property loss as a result of this evacuation and received from the sale of their property considerably less than the market value at the time of sale.

The Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, which represented most of the claimants, will urge the Government of Canada to implement the findings of the Commissioner promptly, and to pay interest on the awards from the date of sale. Claimants have lost the use of their property in the meantime, and property values have gone up considerably since their properties were sold at less than the market value in 1943 and 1944. The award of interest would be in accordance with the rules of justice and law universally recognised in ordinary compensation cases.

No financial award can adequately compensate for the hardships and sufferings of those who were the innocent victims of ~~the~~ Gov't. considered necessary as a war measure. They had to leave behind their homes and farms and possessions which, in many cases, they had acquired by a life time of toil. The difficulties of proving actual financial loss have been immense.

The Canadian people will recognize the findings of the Commissioner, and their prompt and full implementation by the Government, as some measure of belated justice for a group of fellow citizens who deserve generous consideration because of the special hardships imposed on them during the war.

From time to time the Co-operative Committee has pointed out that the terms of reference to the Commission were, in its view, unduly narrow, as they excluded claims arising out of forced sales by Japanese Canadians caused by the evacuation policy of the Government. The terms of reference were limited to loss occasioned by sales by the Custodian at less than a fair market price. Even at this date, the Government should consider claims in connection with sale of fishing boats by the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee and private sales by owners under duress.

Approved by Public Relations Committee - 26.4.50.



THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON  
JAPANESE CANADIANS

TORONTO, ONT.

REC.

MAY 3

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN &  
McCALLUM.

Monday

Dear Andy:

Enclosed is copy of the release approved by the Public Relations Committee which met last Thursday.

The letter to Virtue which you dictated has brought a reply to the effect that the Committee will not consider the matter, but, in response, "please let us have an itemized statement of all expenses paid or incurred amounting to \$57,978.99 - giving full particulars, including names of vendors, valuations, & specialties, etc." Called Ted and he thought the schedules prepared by Bob. DeBaker would satisfy them - but should we release them? Would you please advise if it would be wise to do so? Sincerely, Margaret DeB.



VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS  
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

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WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.  
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

29th May, 1950

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3201

RECEIVED  
MAY 31 1950  
CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN &  
McCALLUM.

A. F. BREWIN, ESQ., K.C.,  
c/o Messrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. Brewin:

This morning I received the following letter  
from Mr. Garson:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the  
20th instant in this matter.

The Report of the Royal Commissioner,  
Mr. Justice Bird, has recently been  
received and will be dealt with in the  
near future."

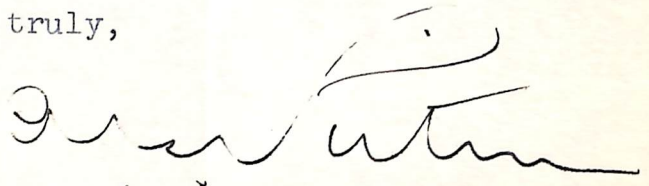
While I hope you will treat this as confidential,  
it clearly indicates that the Report which you expected to  
be issued over a week ago has been delayed, and that if we  
are to get any action completed before the end of June we  
certainly must press for it.

I have no doubt that you are fully apprised of  
the reasons for getting settlements issued, and that you  
are doing, and will do, everything possible to have the  
matter completed by Parliament before the long vacation.

I shall be glad to hear from you further,

Yours truly,

V/L





May 31, 1950.

Messrs. Mason, Foulds, Arnup, Walter & Weir,  
Barristers,  
372 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Japanese Claims Commission

Dear Sirs:

I have been instructed by the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians to submit to you the enclosed accounts for legal services.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Bird was appointed under the Public Inquiries Act to make an inquiry in regard to the fair market value at the date of sale of property which vested in the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property under various Orders-in-Council during the war, when the Japanese Canadians were required to leave the coastal areas of British Columbia.

The terms of reference required him to fix the fair market value at the date of sale at the time of evacuation. The greater amount of the property in question was sold during the years 1943 and 1944, although some properties were sold in 1942 and some after 1944. The Co-operative Committee was a voluntary organization including many organizations which supported the Japanese Canadians in the many problems which confronted them.

After the Commission had been appointed, the Co-operative Committee realizing that the claimants were many, and scattered in many parts of the country, offered to provide legal services. As a result, probably more than 80% of all of the claimants retained the Co-operative Committee to represent them in all matters concerning the Commission and in presenting their claims to the Commission.

The Commissioner Mr. Justice Bird held some general hearings dealing with various problems of law in Vancouver, and then travelled across the country hearing the evidence of individual claimants at various centres such as Montreal, Toronto, Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Lethbridge and cities in the interior of British Columbia.



Messrs. Mason, Foulds, Arnup, Walter & Weir.

May 31, 1950.

As he was unable to hear all these claims himself, sub-commissioners were appointed to hear the claimants' evidence in different cases at various centres.

After all the claimants had presented their own evidence orally and in written form, the Commissioner heard general evidence presented on behalf of the Government and on behalf of the claimants in regard to different categories of property. After several months of hearings in Vancouver and after considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Commissioner should make findings in regard to general categories of property, and that these percentage findings should be applicable to all cases falling within the different categories except where the claimants represented that they had a special case.

Each case was then reviewed and a number of special cases were heard. The Commission has now made his report which is under consideration by the Government and which is expected to be published at any time. While it is not possible at the moment to state exactly what recommendations will be made or accepted by the Government, the table which we enclose sets out in summary form the cases dealt with by the Co-operative Committee (with the exception of one or two cases of corporations which are not included). From these you will observe that the total value of the properties claimed, including the amounts realized by the Custodian, was \$4,448,811.56. These properties realized in the hands of the Custodian \$1,663,294.30.

The amount to be recommended by the Commissioner according to our present information in respect to these claims is \$840,584.25, a total recovery of \$2,503,378.55. The other sheets attached show the recovery in respect to the different types of property. The second sheet covers property sold to the Department of Veterans' Lands by a special transaction. This dealt with farm lands in the Fraser Valley. The next sheet deals with real estate, mostly farms outside the Vancouver area and not included in the sale to the Department of Veterans' Lands. The third sheet deals with Vancouver real property. The next sheet deals with chattels. The next sheet deals with cars, the next with boats and boat gear, and the last sheet with fishing nets. These items were dealt with as separate items.

The Co-operative Committee retained me as general counsel and I in turn retained the various counsel in the provinces concerned. The claimants signed individual retainers, retaining the Co-operative Committee and undertaking to pay a deposit on account of costs and to pay proportionately the balance of any costs and expenses there might be out of the amounts recovered. Some of the claimants were not able to make any payments on account.

As a guide to the different solicitors in question



May 30, 1950.

Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson,  
Barristers,  
675 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. R. J. McMaster.

Dear Bob:

Your letter of May 26th enclosing a copy of your statement of receipts and disbursements has been received.

The announcement by the Minister of Justice was as you have observed, delayed.

I understand now that it is likely to be issued this week, together with a statement of the Government's policy in regard to implementing the report.

Mr. Cameron of our firm is a Member of the House of Commons and he has been in touch with Mr. Garson, and I have also been in touch with Mr. Olmstead of the Department of Justice, and I do not think there is anything we can do to hurry up the report. However, I understand that the Government have every intention of dealing with it at this session and trying to speed up distribution once the report is made.

I will, of course, let you know any information I received in regard to the report, promptly.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC

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Messrs. Mason, Foulds, Arnup, Walter & Weir,

May 31, 1950.

I suggested that their accounts should be drafted along the following lines:

\$50.00 per day on presentation of individual claims.

\$75.00 per day on preparation of corporate claims.

\$10.00 per hour in preparation in respect to general evidence and preparation for discussion of settlement.

\$100.00 per day in respect to general evidence, hearings, presentation of argument, discussion of settlements and attendances on Governments or Ministers.

\$5.00 per hour in respect to general attendances and preparation of individual cases.

\$50.00 per day on travelling time.

This general scale of fees was tentatively agreed on the different counsel involved although it was not to be considered as necessarily binding in all circumstances.

The Co-operative Committee desire to have your opinion as to whether these charges are fair and reasonable, or whether in your opinion any steps should be taken to tax these bills on a solicitor and client basis.

If they are to be taxed, I am not clear as to whether it would be possible to have them all taxed in this province. The services, of course, were rendered in different provinces across Canada. I will be glad to supply any information that you may require in order to arrive at an opinion in this matter.

The following are the bills which we are sending to you.

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|    |  | Vancouver,   |
| 1. | Messrs. Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster/        | \$55,000.00  |
| 2. | Messrs. Cameron, Weldon, Brewin & McCallum, Toronto, |              |
|    |  | \$12,258.50. |
| 3. | Messrs. Cherniack and Cherniack, Winnipeg,           | \$5775.50.   |
| 4. | Mr. Roger Ouimet, Montreal,                          | \$788.00.    |
| 5. | Mr. R.A. Best, Toronto,                              | \$1620.00.   |
| 6. | Mr. L. S. Turcotte, Lethbridge,                      | \$1202.63.   |
| 7. | Messrs. Ritchie & Huckvale, Lethbridge,              | \$1865.00.   |
| 8. | Mr. M.C. Shumiatcher, Regina,                        | \$533.75.    |



Messrs. Mason, Foulds, Arnup, Walter & Weir

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9.. Messrs. MacLennan & Robinson, Vancouver, \$6500.00

N.B.--This was largely in regard to a corporation claim in which the amount claimed was I believe half a million dollars.

10. Messrs. Norris & MacLennan, Vancouver, \$1565.06

The writer acted as general counsel representing the Committee as well as dealing with individual cases. The great burden of argument and presentation necessarily fell on Mr. R. J. McMaster in Vancouver, and his bill is proportionately large.

Yours very truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

per:



FAB: HC  
Encl.



# House In Drive To Prorogue

OTTAWA, May 30.—(CP)—The house of commons tussled for almost an hour over the government's plans to inaugurate three sittings daily—morning, afternoon and evening — beginning Thursday. The chamber now sits only afternoon and evening.

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, and M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, protested that the government's proposal was premature and Mr. Coldwell introduced an amendment to delay morning sittings one week—to June 8.

His move was defeated by a vote of 104 to 30 and the government motion went through "on division," indicating opposition without a formal vote.

The chamber thus embarked on a prorogation drive which government and opposition supporters alike hope will bring the session to an end by June 30. It opened Feb. 17.



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A. F. BREWIN, ESQ., K.C.,  
c/o Messrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Brewin:

I enclose clipping taken from the local paper indicating that the House of Commons is taking definite measures to prorogue June 30th. No doubt this is already in your mind, but I think we all agree that no stone should be left unturned to persuade the Minister of Justice and the House to conclude this matter before June 30th.

Yours sincerely,



V/T.  
Enc.  
AIR MAIL.