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*Ritchie & Huckvale*

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J. NORMAN RITCHIE, K.C.  
W. E. HUCKVALE

OFFICES: ACADIA BUILDING  
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*Lethbridge, Alberta,*  
CANADA

July 5, 1949.

Messrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers, Solicitors,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Attention Mr. F. A. Brewin

Re: Japanese Claims Commission

With reference to your letter of June 1st. pertaining to the above, we now enclose herewith our account.

You will observe that we have credited the account with the sum of \$500.00 received May 3, 1948.

You will perhaps recollect that the amount of the cheque sent to us on that date was for \$750.00, but out of that sum we turned \$250.00 over to Mr. Turcotte.

Yours truly,  
RITCHIE & HUCKVALE

Per 

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ALEX B. MACDONALD  
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR

NOTARY PUBLIC  
MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO AND  
BRITISH COLUMBIA BAR

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RES. CEDAR 7510

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

July 6th, 1949.

F.A. Brewin, Esq.,  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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Dear Andy:

I was very sorry to see that you did not make it this time. I am all the more sorry because I have a feeling that some of the mistakes of the British Columbia movement contributed to your downfall in Ontario. However, the main factor seems to have been the desire of the people to vote Liberal in order to stop Colonel Drew.

I thought you might be able to clarify my position on the Japanese Claims in an informal way. I put in two months hard work and have received \$200.00 for each of those months. There was some subsequent work during the third month, but in view of the fact that the category cases were not proceeded with I have not been called upon to assist since that time. While I have been available at all times I rather hesitate to make an enquiry of Bob at this time, although perhaps I should do so. Possibly you could raise the matter if you are writing to Bob.

With best wishes,

ABM:BF

  
Alex. B. Macdonald.



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CAMERON WELDON  
& BREWIN

31-460 Main Street  
Winnipeg,  
Canada

July 8th, 1949.

Messrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Barristers, etc.,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO, Ont.

Attention Mr. F.A. Brewin

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Claims Commission.

We enclose herewith in duplicate Statement of our account drawn in accordance with the schedule of fees suggested by you. From the total shown therein should be deducted the sum of \$1000.00 received on account. In certain instances (for example, the receipt of letters and other documents) where no provision was made in the schedule we have set a fee in accordance with the general solicitors' tariff, and in accordance with our discussion in this regard of some time ago. Furthermore, we have made no distinction between time spent during office hours and time spent evenings and week-ends.

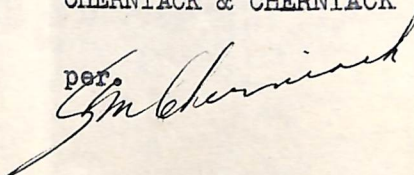
We are particularly anxious that our account shall be comparable to the accounts submitted by other solicitors and would appreciate any comments you might make in this respect, pointing out where individual items might be increased or decreased.

We note that although considerable time was spent by all solicitors, the schedule on the hourly and daily basis provides twice as much for general evidence and presentation as for individual cases. We appreciate the reason for the substantial difference and do not dispute it. However, in view of the fact that there is a strong probability that our accounts will be reduced in proportion to the amounts received from the claimants, we think that the difference in the Schedule between general evidence and individual cases ought to be taken into account and that possibly those whose accounts are smaller ought to receive a higher percentage than the others. Since we wish to be fair in this matter, we would appreciate your comments in this regard.

Yours truly,

CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK

per



SMC/P  
ENCL.



July 11, 1949.

Messrs. Ritchie & Huckvale,  
Barristers,  
612 Third Avenue South,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Re: Japanese Claims Commission.

Attention Mr. W. E. Huckvale.

Dear Sirs:

We have your letter of July 5th enclosing  
account re the above, for which we wish to thank you.

Yours very truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

per:

FAB:HC





July 11, 1949.

Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
31-460 Main Street,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Attention Mr. S. M. Cherniack.

Re: Japanese Claims Commission

Dear Sirs:

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 8th enclosing your account. The writer has not had time to go into this account in detail.

We note the point made in the last paragraph of your letter, and when we have all the accounts in and are in a position to consider the proper relation between the different accounts, we would be glad to give consideration to the point which you mention.

We are inclined to think that there is a lot in what you say. However, Bob McMaster is the one most affected by the suggestion which you make, and it the writer's personal feeling that every consideration should be given to him, owing to the fact that it was necessary for him to almost completely sacrifice his general practice on account of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

per:

*Jan*

FAB:HC



July 13, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

I probably owe you several letters by now, but shortly after the election and after dealing with a few pressing matters, I took a week's holiday.

I now have before me your letter of June 23rd. I believe that Mr. Tanaka is arranging an interview with some of the claimants for you on the night of Friday August 5th, and that he is meeting with the executive of the J.C.C.A. to-day and will be writing to you.

He and I did not think it advisable to ask the claimants generally whether they wanted you to bring files relating to their particular cases, as the results might possibly have been overwhelming.

My suggestion is that if you have some cases relating to the Toronto claimants which you think are important, you might bring the files to be discussed at any rate by way of illustration of what further material if any you might want, that might be helpful in dealing with any special cases.

I expect to be away on my holidays during the week that you will be here, but I will come back to be available for the 5th. I have asked the Japanese Canadians if possible to arrange any discussions with you which they wish for Friday the 5th, so as to leave you free for the week-end if you have anything you wish to do. If you have nothing else you wish to do, perhaps you would like to spend the week-end, or part of it, at my summer cottage.

While you are in Toronto, I would be very glad if you would like to do so, if you would use my house as your residence rather than a hotel. My family will be away, so there will be plenty of room.



Mr. R. J. McMaster

July 13, 1949.

In respect to seeing Garson on August 1st, I take a somewhat hopeless view of the prospect of getting him to do anything about the Vancouver properties. Mr. Varcoe the Deputy, expressed to me very strongly the theory that it would be improper for the Government to depart from the terms of the recommendations to be made by Mr. Justice Bird. However, I will be at Ottawa at a meeting of the National Executive of the C.C.F. on July 30th and 31st, and I rather gather from your letter that you will be arriving in Ottawa on or before the 31st. I could discuss the matter with you there. Perhaps there are other matters in any event about which you would like to see Garson, even if it were no more than a friendly chat.

I personally am anxious if possible to get away from Ottawa on the night of July 31st for personal reasons, and would not stay over to see Garson on the 1st unless there was some very strong reason for doing so.

If there is anything you wish me to do in preparation for discussions with me on the 5th or with the Committee, please advise me.

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. MacDonald which speaks for itself.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.



# Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster

Barristers and Solicitors

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

OUR FILE NO.

July 14th, 1949.

Andrew Brewin, Esq., K. C.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

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CAMERON WELDON  
& BREWIN

Dear Andy:

I have for acknowledgment receipt of your letter of the 13th and can appreciate that you require a rest after your campaign. I am extremely sorry the results were as far off the beam as they were and your own personal defeat.

Since my letter to you indicating the times I expected to be in Toronto I discovered that it would be necessary to change my itinerary as by my original plan I expected to be in Ottawa on August 1st and have since been reminded that that is a Civic Holiday. Accordingly, at the present time I expect to arrive in Toronto at 9:30 P.M. July 31st and to leave on August 2nd, at 9:50 P.M. On my way back I will spend August 5th in Ottawa arriving in Toronto at 6:55 P.M. August 5th. I expect to leave Toronto on August 6th at 11:55 P.M.

Accordingly, I would suggest that if the Committee or any of the claimants wish to meet with me they do so on August 1st or 2nd and that you and I should have a session on August 6th if this is convenient for you. I seem to always succeed in interfering with your holidays in my trips East.

Concerning discussing cases with the claimants, I would much prefer to have the files of half a dozen of the dissenters with me than to discuss the matter in abstract. Perhaps you could arrange for George to let me have the names of some of them.



Mr. Brewin:

July 14th, 1949.

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The specific matters which I wish to discuss with yourself are first of all, with respect to the statement of disbursements which Mr. Justice Bird has been pressing me to provide him with. I had rather hoped that some statement would have been given to him when he was in the East but apparently this was not possible.

I had a letter from Margaret Boos which I have not replied to yet in which she indicates that she will be in Ottawa at summer school until August 5th. I will drop her a line and see whether she intends to be in Toronto on August 6th so that the three of us might do some work on the statement of disbursements. If she does not plan on being in Toronto on that date I will probably see her in Ottawa on the 5th.

The other matter I want to discuss with you is with regard to the distribution of the VLA award. You will recall that you and Mr. Virtue and myself had some discussion of it in the early stages of discussing settlement. At that time Virtue had a scheme whereby we would work out a formula based partly on our appraisers' valuations and partly on what the claimant actually had received. I am rather concerned about this matter for several reasons. In the first place I think that Mr. Justice Bird may not be satisfied just to take our recommendation in the matter but may require us to call evidence to justify the scheme of distribution. We proceeded to have the properties appraised by Macleod and Hower but not thoroughly, that is to say, their instructions were primarily to appraise the value of the land and to take the present day value of the buildings as shown on the S.S.B. appraisals as being correct except in circumstances where they considered that valuation too far out of line. Hower was much slower in making his appraisals and actually examined the premises and the buildings and in some instances indicated that the buildings were very much out of line. Macleod, on the other hand, did his appraisals very quickly and without in every instance examining the property. He did not touch the problem of buildings at all. We have extended their appraisals



Mr. Brewin:

July 14th, 1949.

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in each case and find that the total of their appraisals in their respective municipalities does not exceed the Soldier Settlement Board appraisals by the full 80%. We are considering the possibility of suggesting that a 20% increase be added to the present day value of the buildings as shown on the S.S.B. reports in these appraisals of our own appraisers to represent increased cost of construction between '42 and '43. I have not yet discussed this with our respective appraisers because I am not yet satisfied that this is a sound approach particularly if we have to do any explaining to the Commissioner. He has not too high an opinion of Japanese buildings and might not go for this method. Before I go to Toronto I will try to give the matter some further thought and see if I can work out a more equitable system that would avoid disclosing our method of arriving at value to the Commissioner and at the same time provide some equity amongst the claimants. On reviewing the reports sent in by Hewer and Macleod they place considerably higher values on uncleared land, usually 100% to 200% more than S.S.B. Accordingly, the holders of large acreages of uncleared land would receive quite large awards in relation to the holders of 5 or 10 acre plots under the method so far contemplated. I am not personally satisfied that this is equitable.

You might give the matter some thought in the meantime. I expect on my way back to have a session with Virtue on the 7th in Lethbridge so that if we come to some agreement in Toronto we can then hammer it out with him.

We have gone through all of the B. C. cases and have either settled them, referred them to the Judge or made proposals to the Crown. We have now gone through about 100 of the Manitoba cases. On quite a number of these we have made proposals to Crown Counsel which they are now considering. I am ready to discuss with them the balance of the Manitoba cases, the Saskatchewan cases, the Quebec cases and a few of the Toronto cases. I am rather disappointed that they do not seem at all anxious to press this matter to an early conclusion. I had at one time hoped that we would be through at the end of October. However, at the present rate of progress I strongly suspect it will be the end of the year.



Mr. Brewin:

July 14th, 1949.

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I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible as to whether the time which I expect to spend in Toronto will be convenient to George and yourself. I appreciate your offer of the use of your home while I am in Toronto but in view of the fact that I will be there on just short stopovers and I have a number of things to attend to, it probably would be more convenient to stay at the hotel. I would enjoy very much spending the weekend at camp with you but I am afraid that I will have to get back here.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per: Bale

McM:MM

AIRMAIL



July 18, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of July 14th.

I note your change of plans. August 1st is a Civic holiday in Toronto, and is not a satisfactory date, and the difficulty about the 2nd is that I note that you have to leave at 9.50 p.m. which would not give a very long evening. The claimants are apparently only available in the evenings, and not until roughly 8 o'clock.

The present suggestion made by Mr. Tanaka is therefore that you should interview the Committee on your arrival in Toronto on Friday evening August 5th. It should be possible to meet you at the airport and have you in Toronto in time for an interview with the executive.

Then I would be in the city on August 6th to spend the day with you and there would be a supper meeting in the evening. The balance of the evening would be available for discussion with claimants.

On this plan it would not be necessary for you to be in Toronto unless you wish to be on the 1st and 2nd of August, and all of the business here so far as the claimants are concerned, can be done on the evening of the 5th and on the 6th.

I will be writing to you shortly about the statement of disbursements. I believe in the heat of the election, Miss Boos sent me some such statement, and I was not aware of it until a day or two ago and have not had time to examine it in detail.

If necessary I will be seeing her about any details on July 30th or 31st.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC





July 13, 1949.

Mr. Alex B. Macdonald,  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
509-510 Lyric Theatre Building,  
751 Granville Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Alex:

I have your letter of July 6th.

Thank you for your expression of regret as to the election. Whatever the effect of the mistakes made in British Columbia were in other parts of the country, I do not think they had any direct effect in Ontario. On the other hand the apparent recession of the C.C.F. in British Columbia in the Provincial elections did serve to reinforce the argument here that the C.C.F. did not have a chance across Canada, and therefore it was advisable to vote Liberal in order to keep Drew out.

I have written to Bob McMaster in regard to the matter raised in the second paragraph in your letter.

My suggestion is that you should frankly discuss the matter with him. He will be coming east at the end of this month and if any possible differences of opinion arise, which I do not anticipate, I will discuss the matter with him then.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC

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Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

L.S.Turcotte, Esq.,  
Barrister etc.,  
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

1947

General Account

Oct. 20	-	Letter to S. Kosai, Waterways	.75
Nov. 4	-	Letter to Miss Booz	.75
Nov. 25	-	Letter to S. Kosai, Waterways	.75
Nov. 27	-	Interview with W.E.Huckvale and taking over 47 claims and reviewing same - 2 hours	10.00
Dec. 2	-	To reviewing and indexing claims - 2 hours	10.00
Dec. 12	-	To Letter to Ritchie and Huckvale	.75

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Feb. 11	-	Interview with G. Tanaka 1½ Hours	7.50
Feb. 26	-	Letter to Campbell, Brazier & Co.	.75
Mar. 5	-	Letter to Secretary - Commission	.75
		Letter to J.W.G.Hunter	.75
		Interview with A.G.Virtue K.C. 1½ hours	2.50
Mar. 8	-	To reviewing files - 4 hours	20.00
Mar. 15	-	Interview with Mr. McMaster 4 hours	20.00
Mar. 16	-	Interview with Mr. McMaster 2½ hours	12.50
May 21	-	Letter to Ritchie and Huckvale	.75
July 29	-	Letter to Secretary Japanese Canadian Citizens Association	.75
Oct. 27	-	Letter to Campbell, Brazier and Co. Paid Express	.75

.63

Aug. &  
Sept.

- Paid Remington Rand for rental of extra  
carriage typewriter

12.00

1949

Feb. 8	-	Letter to Secretary - Commission	.75
		Letter to Campbell, Brazier & Co.	.75

\$91.50

\$12.63

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\$104.13



Hearings

1948

Mar. 30 - Itoyo Hasegawa  
Yoshio and Masao Yamamoto

Apr. 1 - Yonekichi Yukawa  
Saburo Shigehiro

Apr. 5 - Tomo Uyeda  
Yoshiaki Yukawa  
Saichi Ito  
Senichi Ikari

on the basis of two days

\$100.00

Aug. 23 8 days presenting 45 cases  
to Sept. 1st  
inclusive

400.00

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\$500.00



1948

Yuichi Akune - Box 324 - Raymond, Alberta.

599

Mar. 6 -	Letter to Akune	.75
Mar. 11 -	To interview preparing Personal Chattel and Fishing Net forms - 1 hour	5.00
July 5 -	Letter to Akune	.75
July 8 -	To review of case with Akune after receipt of Custodian's file - 1 hour	5.00
Aug. 23 -	To presentation of case	

Kanehichi Furuse - Box 194 - Coaldale, Alberta

615

Mar. 4 -	To interview with Furuse preparing Real Estate and personal chattel forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Apr. 16 -	On receipt of letter from Custodian to interview with Furuse - 1 hr.	5.00
Apr. 21 -	Letter to Custodian	.75
July 5 -	Letter to Furuse	.75
July 15 -	On receipt of file from Custodian to reviewing same with Furuse - 1 hr.	5.00
Oct. 6 -	Letter to Furuse	.75
Aug. 6 -	To presentation of case	

Takeo Hikita - Box 81 - Raymond, Alberta

618

Mar. 5 -	Letter to Hikita	.75
July 5 -	Letter to Takeo Hikita	.75
July 16 -	On receipt of custodian's file to interview with Hikita and preparing personal chattel and personal property forms - 2 hrs.	10.00
Aug. 26 -	Presentation of case	

Ei Hiji - formerly Box 229 - Lethbridge, Alberta

601

July 5 -	Letter to Ei Hiji	.75
July 20 -	Letter to Reverend Kawamura	.75
Aug. 16 -	Letter to Mrs. Ei Hiji	.75
Aug. 21 -	Interview with Tomatsu Matsune son-in-law of claimant and preparing personal chattel form	5.00
Aug. 23 -	Presentation of case	

Binosuke Higo - Box 547 - Lethbridge, Alberta

600

Mar. 23 -	Interview with Higo Preparing Personal Property (business) and Personal Chattel forms - 1 hour	5.00
July 9 -	On receipt of Custodians file to reviewing same and interview with Higo - 1 hr.	2.50
July 5 -	Letter to Higo	
Aug. 23 -	Presentation of case	



Yoshiro Hikida - Magrath, Alberta

<u>617</u>			
Mar. 6 -	Letter to Hikida		.75
Mar. 17 -	Interview with Tameo Hikida, father-in-law of claimant - $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50	
July 5 -	Letter to Hikida	.75	
July 20 -	Letter to Hikida	.75	
Aug. 21 -	On receipt of custodians file to reviewing same and to preparing Fishing Net Form after interview with Hikida - 1 hr.		5.00
Aug. 26 -	Presentation of case		

Jukichi Ito - Iron Springs, Alberta, now 27 Ozark Crescent, Toronto, Ontario.

<u>602</u>			.75
July 5 -	Letter to Ito		
July 9 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms	5.00	
Aug. 24 -	Presentation of case		

Saichi Ito - Diamond City, Alberta

<u>511</u>			.75
Mar. 17 -	Letter to Ito		
Mar. 25 -	Interview with Ito preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms - 3 hrs.	15.00	
Apr. 5 -	Presentation of Case		

Koji Ito - Diamond City, Alberta

<u>603</u>			.75
July 5 -	Letter to Ito		
July 12 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to preparing real estate and fishing net forms after interview with Ito - 2 hrs.	10.00	
Aug. 24 -	Presentation of case		

Rokumatsu Ikari - Magrath, Alberta

<u>619</u>			.75
Mar. 6 -	Letter to Ikari		
Mar. 17 -	Interview with IKari preparing Real Estate, Chattel and Business Property Forms - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.	7.50	
July 5 -	Letter to Ikari	.75	
Aug. 25 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and interview with Ikari - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.	7.50	
Aug. 26 -	Presentation of case		

Jukichi Nakamura - Magrath, Alberta

<u>626</u>			.75
Mar. 6 -	Letter to Nakamura		
Mar. 17 -	Interview with Nakamura preparing 2 Real Estate and 1 Personal Property Forms 1 hr.	5.00	
Aug. 15 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and interview with Nakamura - 1 hr.	5.00	
Aug. 30 -	To presentation of case		



Keitaro Kadonaga - Magrath, Alberta

620

Mar. 6 - Letter to Kadonaga	.75
Mar. 17 - Interview with Kadonaga preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
July 5 - Letter to Kadonaga	.75
July 16 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and interview with Kadonaga - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 26 - To presentation of case	

Takeo Kimura - Box 181 - Coaldale, Alberta

621

Mar. 8 - Letter to Kimura	.75
Mar. 19 - Interview with Kimura preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms	5.00
July 5 - Letter to Kimura	.75
July 19 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and interview with Kimura - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 27 - To presentation of case	

Shinkishi Matsuba - 11515-94th St. - Edmonton, Alberta

622

July 21 - Letter to Matsuba	.75
Aug. 26 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Matsuba and preparing Real Property statement - 2 hrs.	10.00
Aug. 27 - To presentation of case	

Inosuke Matsune - Box 181 - Coaldale, Alberta  
formerly Lethbridge, Alberta.

624

July 5 - Letter to Matsune	.75
July 19 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same to interview with Matsune and to preparing real property and personal property statements - 2 hrs.	10.00
Aug. 27 - To presentation of case.	

Seitaro Matsumura - Box 53 - Coaldale, Alberta

623

Mar. 19 - Interview with Matsumura and preparing Personal Property and Fishing Net Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
July 5 - Letter to Matsumura	.75
July 13 - Letter to Matsumura	.75
Aug. 6 - Letter to Matsumura	.75
Aug. 27 - To presentation of case	

Tatsushi Marimo - Box 7 - Rosemary, Alberta

604

July 5 - Letter to Marimo	.75
July 12 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, interview with Marimo and preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms - 3 hrs.	15.00
Aug. 24 - To presentation of case	



Katsuyori Murakami - Magrath, Alberta

625

Mar. 8 - Letter to Murakami	.75
Mar. 18- Interview with Murakami and preparing 2 Real Estate and 1 Personal Chattel Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Apr. 13 - Letter to Murakami	.75
July 5 - Letter to Murakami	.75
July 17 - Letter to Murakami	.75
July 19 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Murakami - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 27 - To presentation of case	

Yasuchi Marimo

605

July 21 - Letter to Marimo	.75
Aug. 6 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, and to preparing personal property form - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 24 - To presentation of case	

Kichinosuke Nishii - Winnipeg, Manitoba  
formerly Shaughnessy, Alberta

Mar. 16 - Letter to Custodian	.75
Mar. 16 - Letter to S.M.Cherniack, Barrister, Winnipeg forwarding copy of claim.	.75

Kichiji Nishii and Torakichi Nishii - Lethbridge and Shaughnessy, Alta.

607

July 5 - Letter to Kichiji Nishii and Torakichi Nishii	1.00
July 13 - On receipt of Custodians file to reviewing same, to interview with Nishii and to preparing fishing claim form - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 24 - To presentation of case	

Chosaburo Nakagama - Lethbridge, Alberta

606

Mar. 4 - To interview with Nakagama and preparing Personal Chattel and Fishing Net Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
July 5 - Letter to Nakagama	.75
July 12 - On receipt of Custodian's file, to reviewing same and interview with Nakagama - 1 hr.	5.00
Jan. 15/49- Letter to Nakagama	.75
Jan. 2/49 - Interview with Nakagama	2.00
Jan. 21/49 - Letter to Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster	.75
Aug. 24 - To presentation of case	

Nariyoshi Akune and Yoshio Akune - Box 8, Chin, Alberta

616

July 5 - Letter to Akune	.75
July 15 - On receipt of Custodian's file, to reviewing same, to interview with Akune and to preparing Fishing Net and Personal Chattel Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 26 - To presentation of case	



Masao Nomura - Box 667 - Lethbridge, Alberta

627

July 21 - Letter to Nomura	.75
Aug. 18 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Nomura and to preparing fishing net and personal Chattel forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 30 - To presentation of case.	

Mitsutaro Nakane - Box 103 - Magrath, Alberta

628

Mar. 8 - Letter to Mitsutaro Nakane	.75
Mar. 18 - To interview with Nakane and preparing Real Property and Fishing Net Forms - 2 hrs.	10.00
May 4 - Letter to Miss Sakie Nakane	.75
May 14 - Letter to Miss Sakie Nakane	.75
May 16 - Letter to Office of Custodian	.75
July 21 - Letter to Mitsutaro Nakane	.75
Aug. 8 - Letter to Miss Sakie Nakane	.75
Aug. 18 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Nakane - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 30 - To presentation of case	

James Sueyuki Okano - Box 152 - Magrath, Alberta

630

Mar. 8 - Letter to Okano	.75
Mar. 9 - To interview with Okano and preparing Real Estate Form - 1 hr.	5.00
July 21 - Letter to Okano	.75
Aug. 19 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Okano - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 30 - To presentation of Claim	

Sozaburo Oka - Stirling, Alberta

629

July 5 - Letter to Oka	.75
July 20 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Oka and to preparing Real Estate and Personal Property Forms - 2 hrs.	10.00
Aug. 30 - To presentation of Claim.	

Shigeji Okada - Box 302 - Raymond, Alberta

609

Mar. 6 - Letter to Okada	.75
Mar. 11 - To interview with Okada preparing real estate form - 1 hr.	5.00
July 13 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Okada - $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50
Aug. 25 - To presentation of Claim	

Masatoshi Okano - Cardston, Alberta

631

Mar. 9 - To interview with Okano and preparing real estate form - 1 hr.	5.00
July 21 - Letter to Okano	.75
Aug. 13 - Letter to Okano	.75
Aug. 19 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and interview with Okano - $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50
Aug. 30 - To presentation of claim	



George Osaka - Box 70 - Lethbridge, Alberta

632

July 5	- Letter to Osaka	.75
July 20	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Osaka and to preparing real estate form - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 31	- To presentation of claim	

Kiwazo Okada - Raymond, Alberta

608

Mar. 6	- Letter to Okada	.75
	To interview with Okada and preparing fishing vessel claim - 1 hr.	5.00
July 5	- Letter to Okada	.75
July 13	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Okada - $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50
Aug. 25	- To presentation of claim	

Katsuyi and Toyoko Sugiyama - Box 204 - Raymond, Alberta

663

Mar. 6	- Letter to Sugiyama	.75
July 21	- Letter to Sugiyama	.75
Aug. 27	- Letter to Sugiyama	.75
Sept. 13	- To withdrawing claim on instructions of claimant	

Saburo Shigehiro - Stirling, Alberta

499

Mar. 17	- Letter to Shigehiro	.75
Mar. 20	- To interview with Shigehiro, preparing real estate and personal chattel forms - 3 hrs.	15.00
Mar. 29	- To further interview with Shigehiro - 1 hr.	5.00
Apr. 1	- To further interview with Shigehiro - 2 hrs.	10.00
Apr. 2	- To presentation of claim	

Otoichi Shigehiro - Barnwell, Alberta

610

Mar. 6	- Letter to Shigehiro	.75
Mar. 11	- To interview with Shigehiro and preparing real estate and personal chattel forms - 2 hrs.	10.00
July 5	- Letter to Shigehiro	.75
July 13	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Shigehiro - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 25	- To presentation of claim	

Harpe Sakamoto - Box 321 - Medicine Hat, Alberta

633

Mar. 8	- Letter to Sakamoto	.75
Mar. 19	- To interview with Sakamoto and preparing Personal Chattel Form - 1 hr.	5.00
July 21	- Letter to Sakamoto	.75
Aug. 18	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Sakamoto - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 31	- To presentation of claim.	



Shizue Shigehiro - Raymond, Alberta

635

Mar. 6 - Letter to Shigehiro	.75
Mar. 11 - To interview with Shigehiro $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50
July 21 - Letter to Shigehiro	.75
Aug. 19 - On receipt of custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Sakamoto and to preparing personal chattel form	5.00
Aug. 31 - To presentation of claim	

Tsuneichi and Shigeichi Tsuji - Taber, Alberta

636

July 21 - Letter to Tsuji	.75
Aug. 20 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Tsuji and to preparing real estate form - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 31 - To presentation of claim.	

Nobue Teramura - Box 434 - Coaldale, Alberta

634

Mar. 8 - Letter to Mrs. Nobue Teramura	.75
May 19 - To interview with Mrs. Teramura and preparing Real Estate and personal chattel forms - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.	7.50
July 21 - Letter to Mrs. Teramura	.75
Aug. 20 - On receipt of custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Mrs. Teramura - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 31 - To presentation of claim	

Tetsuo Tamemoto - Magrath, Alberta

611

Mar. 8 - Letter to Tamemoto	.75
Mar. 17 - To interview with Tamemoto $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.	2.50
July 5 - Letter to Tamemoto	.75
Aug. 19 - Letter to Tamemoto	.75
Aug. 25 - To withdrawal of claim	

Harno Tomita - Nobleford, Alberta

613

July 5 - Letter to Tomit a	.75
July 14 - On receipt of Custodian's file, to reviewing same, to interview with Tomita and to preparing real estate and personal chattel forms	10.00
Aug. 25 - To presentation of claim.	

Miyeko Terashima - Coaldale, Alberta

612

Mar. 8 - Letter to Mrs. Terashima	.75
Mar. 19 - To interview and preparing Real Estate and Fishing Net Forms - 1 hr.	5.00
July 5 - Letter to Mrs. Terashima	.75
July 14 - On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Terashima - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 25 - To presentation of claim	



Tsurukichi Urano - Box 17 - Coaldale, Alberta

614

Dec. 22 -	Letter to Ritchie and Huckvale	.75
Mar. 5 -	To interview with Urano, and to preparing real estate and personal chattel forms - 3 hrs.	15.00
July 21 -	Letter to Urano	.75
Aug. 16 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Urano - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 25 -	To presentation of claim	

Susumu Uyeda - Iron Springs, Alberta

637

Tomo Uyeda - Iron Springs, Alberta

507

Mar. 6 -	Letter to S. Uyeda	.75
Mar. 17 -	Letter to Mrs. Tomo Uyeda	.75
	Letter to Custodian	.75
Mar. 25 -	To interview with Susumu Uyeda and Tomo Uyeda - 2 hrs.	10.00
Mar. 26 -	To interview with Susumu Uyeda and Tomo Uyeda and preparing Real Estate claim of Mrs. Tomo Uyeda 1½ hrs.	7.50
Apr. 5 -	To presentation of claim of Tomo Uyeda	
July 21 -	Letter to Susumu Uyeda	.75
Aug. 21 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Susumu Uyeda and preparing personal chattel form - 1 hr.	5.00
Sept. 1 -	To presentation of claim of Susumu Uyeda	
Jan. 20 -	Letter to Campbell, Brazier, Fisher and McMaster	.75

Bunkichi Yamasaki - Box 270 - Raymond, Alberta

639

Mar. 6 -	Letter to Yamasaki	.75
Mar. 17 -	To inte view with Yamasaki and preparing real estate and fishing net forms - 1 hr.	5.00
July 21 -	Letter to Yamasaki	.75
Aug. 21 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same and to interview with Yamasaki - 1 hr.	5.00
Sept. 1 -	To presentation of claim	

Teiichi Yoshida - Box 158 - Coaldale, Alberta

638

July 21 -	Letter to Yoshida	.75
Aug. 21 -	On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same to interview with Yoshida and to preparing personal property form - 1 hr.	5.00
Sept. 1 -	To presentation of claim	

Yonekichi Yukawa - Nobleford, Alberta

493

Mar. 16 -	Letter to Yukawa	.75
Mar. 17 -	To interview with Yukawa 1 hr.	5.00
Mar. 22 -	To interview with Yukawa and preparing real estate and personal chattel forms 3½ hrs.	17.50
Apr. 1 -	To presentation of claim	



Toshihiko Miyagawa - Milk River, Alberta  
597

Nov. 17/47	- To interview with Miyagawa and preparing claim	\$5.00
Nov. 18/47	- Letter to Custodian	.75
July 5/48	- Letter to Miyagawa	.75
July 8/48	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same to interview with Miyagawa and to preparing real estate and personal chattel forms 1½ hrs.	\$7.50
Aug. 23/48	- To presentation of claim.	

Yoshio and Masao Yamamoto - Cranford, Alberta  
485

Nov. 24/47	- To interview taking particulars of claim and completing claim form - 1 hr.	5.00
Nov. 25/47	- Letter to Custodian	.75
Mar. 17/48	- Letter to Yamamoto	.75
Mar. 25/48	- To interview with Yamamoto and preparing real estate and personal chattel forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Mar. 30/48	- To presentation of claim	

Jukichi Yamamoto - Cranford, Alberta  
598

Nov. 24/47	- To interview with Yamamoto and preparing claim form - 1 hr.	5.00
Nov. 25/47	- Letter to Commissioner	.75
July 21/48	- Letter to Yamamoto	.75
Aug. 16/48	- On receipt of Custodian's file, to reviewing same, to interview with Yamamoto and to preparing real estate forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 23/48	- To presentation of claim	

Fred Michiro Kamitakahara - Box 383 - Taber, Alberta

Nov. 21/47	- To interview and preparing claim form 1 hr.	5.00
	Letter to Commissioner	.75
Mar. 16/48	- Letter to Commissioner	.75
July 5/48	- Letter to Kamitakahara	.75
July 8/48	- On receipt of Custodian's file to reviewing same, to interview with Kamitakahara and to preparing personal chattel and fishing boat forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Aug. 23/48	- To presentation of claim	



Itoyo Hasegawa - Lethbridge, Alberta

484

Dec. 15/47	- To interview and preparing claim form 1 hr.	\$5.00
	Letter to Commissioner	.75
Mar. 17/48	- Letter to Custodian	1.00
Mar. 27/48	- To reviewing Custodian's file, to interview and to preparing personal chattel and personal property forms - 1 hr.	5.00
Mar. 30/48	- To presentation of claim	

Yoshiaki Yukawa - Nobleford, Alberta

508

Mar. 16/48	- Letter to Mrs. H. Yukawa	.75
Mar. 25/48	- To interview and to preparing Real Estate and Personal Chattel Forms - 2 hrs.	10.00
	<del>Real estate and Personal Chattel</del>	
Apr. 12/48	- Long letter to F.A. Brewin	1.50
Apr. 5/48	- To presentation of claim	

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\$598.50

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To General Account	\$104.13
To account re hearings	500.00
To account re preparation of cases	<u>598.50</u>

\$1202.63

Received from Ritchie  
and Huckvale

250.00

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REFER TO NO.  
YOUR FILE NO.

**L. S. Turcotte, LL. B.**

Barrister and Solicitor

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING  
PHONE 4331 P. O. BOX 442  
LETHBRIDGE  
ALBERTA

July 21st, 1949.

Messrs. Cameron, Weldon and Brewin,  
Barristers etc.,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO 1, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Japanese Claims Commission

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st of June. I now enclose a statement of my account which I have prepared in accordance with the schedule suggested in your letter.

I regret the delay in forwarding this statement, but I was busy running as a Candidate in the Dominion Election in the month of June.

Yours very truly,

L. S. TURCOTTE.

Per 

LST:EM  
Enc.





J. A. CHERNIACK, B.A., LL.B.  
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PLEASE REFER  
TO FILE NO.

31-460 Main Street  
Winnipeg,  
Canada

August 23rd, 1949.

Mr. R.J. McMaster,  
Barrister, etc.,  
675 West Hastings Street,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Bob:

Re: River Fish Co.  
Property Loss file No. 954 C

I have not heard from you in reply to my letter of the 26th of May last in reference to the National Fisheries Ltd.

Mr. Otsu, the former President of the River Fish is at present on the Coast, and it may be that he has seen you in this connection and that you have made your report direct to him.

I have had certain correspondence with the Custodian relative to the winding up of the Company, and have incidentally pointed out that we feel that the costs of the Co-operative Committee in connection with the property loss claim of the Company should be paid out of the account of the River Fish, prior to the winding up and distribution to the Shareholders.

The Custodian or rather the liquidators, P.S. Ross & Sons, have not yet agreed to same, but have requested that we submit the amount of this account as well as our own account for work done in connection with the winding up and suggest that we obtain from Mr. Otsu an Order for such payment.

Since this is the only Company claim which I presented, I don't want to send in the account until I hear from you or from Mr. Brewin as to the correct amount to be submitted. At that it may be better that the Co-operative Committee forward to me their account so that I might submit it to the Custodian.

Meanwhile, you might consider whether or not you and I should submit an account in connection with the interviews and



other work done in the National Fisheries connection. This suggestion is made on the assumption that you have come to the conclusion that it is not worth proceeding against the National Fisheries.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Brewin for his information and comment.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Gmb' or similar, written in a cursive style.

SMC/P



August 25, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

Re: Japanese Canadians

I am arranging to meet Margaret Boos on Monday to try and work out a more adequate statement of our disbursements. You were going to let me have a further statement, and if at all possible I would be glad to have it by return mail.

It was very nice to see you when you were in Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC

*TCM*



August 30, 1949.

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

Re: Japanese Canadian Claims

Dear Bob:

I had a discussion to-day with Margaret Boos.

We considered what further details you might require for the Commissioner. I have prepared a statement up to date of the disbursements made from this office, which I enclose.

We have detailed vouchers covering each of these expenditures.

To secure an overall figure for the Commissioner, the following should be added:

Your expenses as set out in the statement which you sent to me apparently some time in May which covered \$21,245.16 which you have billed to April 28, 1949, together with an estimated additional expenditure of \$11,261.89. No doubt you will wish to revise your part of the statement by adding further expenditures to date and revising the estimates. If you then add the revised total to our statement showing \$8435.43 disbursed through the Co-operative Committee here, exclusive of what has been billed by you, you should have the total figure for the Co-operative Committee direct.

In addition, you have a copy of the statement from Mr. Virtue showing a total of \$12,075.38 of which \$8000.00 covers counsel fee and the contribution to the Co-operative Committee, both which should be deducted, leaving a total of \$5075.38.



Mr. R. J. McMaster

August 30, 1949.

In addition I have received a memorandum and an attached statement from the National J.C.C.A. on Claims Work.

It is my suggestion that you should add as much of this as you think advisable.

As the statement indicates, a great deal of the time of the executive secretary and office secretary as well as the British Columbia officers were engaged almost entirely in the work of the claimants. You might deem it advisable to include all or part of this in your statement, although actually the Co-operative Committee have never undertaken, certainly not in any formal manner, to pay these salaries and expenses of the J.C.C.A.

I do not know what further information Mr. Justice Bird will require. It is my suggestion that we could assure him that if the total figure exceeds or approximates 5%, as the Government agreed to pay, then we would be willing before the matter is completed, to furnish detailed vouchers to the Government verifying that these expenditures have in fact been made. I feel sure that Mr. Justice Bird does not want to spend his time going into the detail himself.

Please let me know if there is anything further that you require. The various items e.g. for telephone and for supplies are made up of a series of small items.

Yours very truly,

FAB: HC



October 4, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

The Co-operative Committee are anxious to send out a bulletin to the claimants reporting on the present situation, as they have had nothing since we wrote and informed them of the proposed formula in dealing with the cases, and asked their approval some time in April. Is there anything that you have in mind particularly that you think should be included?

The Committee propose to tell them that the detailed review of the cases was proceeding, and it was hoped that the Commission might be concluded about the end of the year.

I discussed the question of costs with the Co-operative Committee and recommended to them that they have the bills of the various claimants submitted to the firm of Mason, Foulds here for review, in order to be advised by them whether there was any necessity for taxation. I also suggested that their auditors P.S. Ross & Sons be asked to prepare a statement showing the balance payable by each of the successful claimants in accordance with the retainer. This, of course, cannot be done until after the amounts awarded are determined.

It occurred to me that having taken these precautions to determine the amount properly payable out of each claim for the costs and expenses of collection, the Government would be fully justified in paying out the amount due for costs directly to the claimant in accordance with the statement prepared by the auditor. *commille*

I would be glad to know if you have had a chance to discuss with the Judge the 5% to be allowed for expenses.

FAB.HC

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,



October 14, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

I have your letters of October 6th and the 11th which I have read with some interest.

I have prepared a draft report to claimants, a copy of which I enclose. This, of course, may be improved on by the Committee before being sent out.

Mr. Virtue expects to see me before the end of the month.

When I am next in Ottawa, I thought it might be advisable to see whoever is responsible in the Minister of Justice's Department in regard to the machinery of payment of claims and of the share of expenses.

I am not sure whether you can tell me who would be the best person to discuss this with.

It might be worth my while to take my partner Mr. Cameron who is a member of Parliament, to discuss the matter.

I will be interested to hear about the Ot-suki case.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours. sincerely,

FAB: HC  
Encl.





# Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster

Barristers and Solicitors

A. T. R. CAMPBELL  
C. W. BRAZIER

A. W. FISHER  
R. J. McMASTER

A. J. F. JOHNSON

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

OUR FILE NO.

October 6th, 1949.

Andrew Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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CAMERON, WELDON  
& BREWIN

Dear Andy:

I have for acknowledgment receipt of your letter of October 4th.

It certainly appears to me wise to inform the claimants as to the progress which is being made in this matter. You can report to them that settlement is well underway and we are now quite hopeful that the proceedings should be concluded early in December to enable the Commissioner to make his report by the end of the year. You can use your own discretion but I think it might also be reported to them that by virtue of the review of the individual cases I anticipate that the total recovery will exceed the total recovery based on the settlement forms put forward by the Custodian by about \$100,000.00. I think you can also report that with regard to City property that while we have not yet been able to persuade the Commissioner to give any over-all recovery, in a fair number of cases we have been able to find evidence of some kind which has enabled us to obtain increases on special cases which approached some degree of fairness so that the over-all picture will not be as rough as it originally appeared it might be.

I think that in the letter which the J.C.C.A. sent out to the claimants that they should know that their individual cases have been gone over with a fine tooth comb and in any case where there was any hope of obtaining a special award the issues have been raised with the Crown Counsel and either settled with Crown Counsel or taken to the Commissioner. Every case which our Committee is acting for has first



Mr. Brewin:

October 6th, 1949.

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been summarized by Mr. Leckie and then gone over in detail by myself. There will undoubtedly be human errors in the process but certainly we have gone about the settlement of their cases as far as possible in the same manner as if we were working for each one individually. In a great number of cases where chattels are involved we have obtained the auction sheets from the Custodian and checked each item on the auction sheet against the claim which, while a tedious job, has produced results favourable to the claimants.

For your own information and not for general circulation our friend Virtue did us two services while he was out here. He persuaded the Judge in several special VLA cases to make special awards in excess of the over-all particularly with regard to property situate in residential districts which would have a residential value as distinct from a farm value. I was hesitant to take this position in view of the undertaking given to the Commissioner when we made our representations to him that the over-all would cover everything except the chicken houses and green-houses. However, he gave into Virtue on it and made special awards and accordingly I have now informed Crown Counsel that I intend to take a limited number of special cases with regard to V.L.A. of a nature similar to those in which the Judge gave special awards to Virtue. This will not only better the position of the individuals who get special awards but will make more available for distribution to the other claimants. Crown Counsel have mellowed quite a bit under the process of settlement and frankly I think that so far as they are personally concerned they are now persuaded that the settlement is not too generous. As a result in dealing with the Ontario cases I think I have succeeded in making better settlements than I did when we started out with the B. C. cases.

The Otsuki case is still before the Judge. We presented such strong evidence that he indicated to the Crown that they had not begun to meet it and required them to produce further evidence which I took as an indication that he wanted some place to hang his hat at less than the proper award. However, I



Mr. Brewin:

October 6th, 1949.

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do not think that the evidence which they adduced in any way met the case which we had put forward and I am hopeful that we will make a substantial recovery in this case. I expect he will hand down his decision after further argument next week and when I hear I will let you know.

With respect to the matter of costs, I have not discussed the matter further with Judge Bird and do not wish to do so until he presses the issue so that I can have a s complete a statement as possible. It strikes me that your idea of having a statement prepared by P. S. Ross & Son showing the balance payable by each of the successful claimants is very good and should put us in a strong position with the Crown to argue that the Crown should pay directly to the Committee without further reference to the claimants. I personally have made no further progress in drawing a statement of account. It looks as if I will spend my Christmas Holidays in that manner.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per:

*Bale*

McM:MM



September 1, 1949.

Miss Margaret Boos,  
94 Homewood Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Boos:

I enclose herewith further statement  
from Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster covering  
expenses.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC  
Encl.

*FLM*



October 6, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

Mr. M. O'Hashi whose present address is 214 Broadview Avenue in this city and which I think is a changed address, has asked me to call his case to your attention for review as a special case. This was a special case which as far as I remember dealt with property at Port Essington which has never been sold and which is technically outside the terms of reference. I think Mr. Justice Bird intimated that he was trying to get special consideration for this type of case. The case was heard at Toronto.

I am also enclosing a memorandum from Mr. Ito Hamagaki now of 99 Morse Street, Toronto. This may not contain any new information, but I believe Mr. Hamagaki wishes this to be treated as a special case. I think this is also a changed address.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC  
Encl.

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October 11, 1949.

Mr. M. Yamashita,  
c/o Mr. B. Windrum,  
Morrison Road, Oakville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Yamashita:

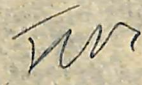
We received your letter of September 24th on the 1st of October, and are sending the details on to our representatives in Vancouver, so that the case may be considered as a special case.

Yours very truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

per:

FAB:HC

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'Wm', is written in dark ink.



October 11, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

We are enclosing a letter received from  
Mr. Mitsugu Yamashita.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC  
Encl.

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October 11th, 1949.

F. A. Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Barrister, etc.,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

OCT 13 1949

Dear Andy:

Since my recent letter I have received a communication from Crown Counsel advising that on further consideration they are not prepared to open up the question of special V.L.A. cases. Accordingly, that part of my letter referring thereto remains in doubt.

I intend to press the issue because in view of the extent to which they have relied on me to keep Virtue in line I do not intend to let him get away with anything that we are not going to get.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per:

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VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS  
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FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

11th October, 1949

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ANDREW BREWIN, ESQ.,  
c/o Messrs. Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
372 Bay Street,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. Brewin: RE: JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS  
COMMISSION.

I have to be in Ottawa from the 14th to the 25th,  
both inclusive, and possibly a day or two longer.

I thought that I might telegraph you the day be-  
fore leaving Ottawa and try and arrange an appointment  
with you.

While in Vancouver recently Bob McMaster and I  
talked over a number of matters, and we both feel that  
you would be interested in adding your voice to these  
discussions.

I expect to be staying at the Lord Elgin  
Hotel at Ottawa, and if you care to drop me a line there  
it will be appreciated.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



V/L



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MONTREAL 1, October 13, 1949.

ATTENTION: Mr. F.A. BREWIN.

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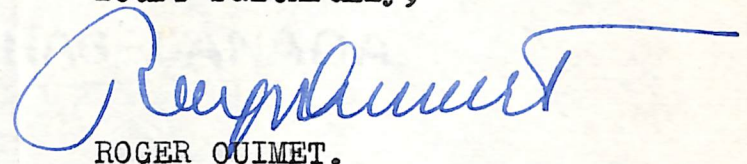
Mes Cameron, Weldon & Brewin,  
Sterling Tower,  
TORONTO 1, Canada.

re: JAPANESE CLAIMS COMMISSION.  
MY FILE: H-301.

Dear sirs:-

Pursuant to your letter of May 28th, 1949, in the above matter, may I say that I have written Vancouver asking the Secretary of the Commission to supply me with the necessary data as regards the dates of hearing in the different cases, after which I shall be ready to prepare a statement as mentioned in your letter of May 28th.

Yours faithfully,

  
ROGER OUIMET.

RO/JG



October 14th, 1949.

R. Ouimet, Esq., K.C.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
152 Notre Dame St., East,  
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
and Mrs. Tsude Yamamoto. Case 1358  
Your File H 301.

We have for acknowledgment receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., concerning this matter.

You may have already heard from Mr. Brewin that the writer has been instructed by the Committee to represent all of the claimants before the Commission with respect to the settlement of their cases and/or the presentation of special evidence where available and argument thereon. In the course of so doing we have been required to deal with this case and in reviewing your file with respect thereto we observed that the claimant alleged that her life insurance policy had been allowed to lapse by the Custodian notwithstanding the request by the claimant to pay the premium thereon out of funds standing in her hands.

In case you should have misplaced our letter of June 24th, 1949 we enclose a copy thereof herewith. Your early attention to this matter would be appreciated.

We might say that the Commission is not holding regular sittings. The Commissioner only sits when Crown Counsel and the writer have special cases which we wish to refer to.

Yours truly,  
CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per:

McM:MM  
cc. Mr. Brewin  
encl.



June 24th, 1949.

R. Ouimet, Esq., K.C.,  
Barrister and Solicitor,  
152 Notre Dame St. East,  
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Claims Commission,  
Mrs. Tsude Yamamoto, Case  
1358.

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You may recall, that in this case, you drew to the attention of the Commissioner the fact that the claimant's Life Insurance Policy had been allowed to lapse by the Custodian, notwithstanding a request by the claimant to the Custodian to pay the premium thereon out of her funds. At the time of the hearing, the Commissioner indicated that the matter was outside the terms of reference, but he also indicated that he would be prepared to make reference to it upon making his report to the Government.

At the time of the hearing you undertook to file an Affidavit by Mrs. Yamamoto setting forth the circumstances and the details of her policy etc. We believe that the Commissioner will, if the matter is drawn to his attention again, make some recommendation to the Government outside the terms of reference concerning this situation. Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving from you an affidavit from the claimant at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER

Per:

RJM: EC



DRAFT LETTER

October 14, 1949.

Dear Claimant:

The Co-operative Committee wrote to all the claimants in April advising them of the fact that a suggestion had been made by the Commissioner as to a proposed method of dealing with the claims before him by fixing general percentages in different categories of claim, e.g. lands sold to the V.L.A., other lands, chattels, automobiles, Vancouver properties, fishing nets, fishing vessels, etc.

It was proposed that this general method be applied and certain percentages were suggested by the Commissioner and at the same time he said that he would deal with special cases which for some reason or other did not fall within the general categories or present special features.

The Co-operative Committee advised that the claimants should acquiesce in this method of procedure having in mind the very great difficulties of proof of value in the individual cases, and types of property, and also the danger that prolonged hearings would be necessary if each individual case were to be dealt with at hearings in Vancouver causing not only further delay, but considerable additional expense in presenting the claims.

At the same time we suggested that we were quite dissatisfied with the proposal so far as it related to Vancouver real estate and indicated that we intended to make every effort to have the basic percentage increased.

We received a large number of replies a considerable majority of which indicated the view that it would be wise in all the circumstances to agree to the method of procedure proposed.

Accordingly our solicitors and representatives in Vancouver have proceeded to review every file in every single case, first with counsel representing the Government in order to apply the general formula in cases where there were not special features, and secondly to discuss with Crown Counsel and with the Commissioner, the necessity for higher allowances than those proposed in individual cases and the hearing of evidence in special cases.

Our solicitor in Vancouver, Mr. McMaster and his staff, have gone over every case in detail and have succeeded in persuading the Crown Counsel and the Commissioner to agree increases on the percentages originally outlined in a considerable number of cases.



In addition to that, quite a number of special cases have been heard by the Commissioner.

In regard to Vancouver property, representations were made by the Co-operative Committee to the Commissioner himself when he was in Toronto, and to the Minister of Justice, but the Commissioner has expressed the view that the general percentage fixed by him is the highest he can recommend and the Minister of Justice has indicated that he cannot make any proposal or agreement inconsistent with what will be the Commissioner's recommendations which, of course, <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ not yet received.

However, Mr. McMaster, our counsel in Vancouver, informs us that in a fair number of cases of Vancouver property, some increase has been allowed on the ground that there were special features relating to that case.

The process of working on individual cases and discussing them with Government counsel and with the Commissioner is proceeding, and we are informed that there is a reasonable hope that the whole process may be completed by the end of the year and that the Commissioner's report may be made shortly thereafter.

Naturally when the report is finally made the details of it will be reported as promptly as possible to the claimants as well as a report on the prospects as to when the Government will make the payments recommended by the Commissioner.

We wish to assure all claimants that in our opinion our counsel in Vancouver and the staff of valuers and experts that they have collected are doing everything that is possible within the limits of the terms of reference and the difficulties of proof, to secure the best possible result for each of the individual claimants.

Yours very truly,



October 14, 1949.

A. Gladstone Virtue Esq., K.C.,  
Lord Elgin Hotel,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Virtue:

I have your letter of October 11th and will be very glad to discuss with you the matters which you have in mind.

I think that I might be available at some time on the 25th or the 26th, and would very much look forward to seeing you.

I do not expect to be in Ottawa while you are there, but if by any chance I have occasion to be there I could perhaps arrange to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

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October 14, 1949.

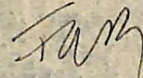
Miss Margaret Boos,  
94 Homewood Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Boos:

I am enclosing herewith copy of  
proposed letter to claimants.

Yours very truly,

FAB:HC  
Encl.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'FAM' or similar, written in a cursive style.



October 14, 1949.

Mrs. Ito Hamagaki,  
99 Morse Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Hamagaki:

I wrote to Mr. McMaster about your case, and a copy of his letter addressed to you at 93 Dunvegan Road crossed our letter in the post.

In case the letter to you at your old address did not reach you, I am enclosing the copy of the letter written by Mr. McMaster.

It is important that if you have not done so, that you should get in touch at once with them and inform them where they might find Mr. Morris, or who is the name of the solicitor who acted in the matter.

Yours very truly,

FAB:HC  
Encl.

JCM



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OUR FILE NO.

October 14th, 1949.

F. A. Brewin, Esq., K.C.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Tatsuo ONO, 1295 and 253.  
Japanese Property Claims Com-  
mission.

The above is a case which was heard in Toronto on November 24th, 1948 and deals only with one item, a 1932 Graham sedan car, which the claimant alleged to have bought in 1938 from Bowell-McDonald on Georgia Street and for which he paid \$625.00.

We have been in touch with the firm of Bowell-McDonald to obtain the fair market value of such an automobile, assuming normal wear and tear, in the summer of 1942. However, upon checking their records they advise that they can find no record of the above sale. We would appreciate your contacting the claimant and ascertaining whether he has any evidence of this purchase as it may be impossible to realize anything further unless we can produce some proof that the car was bought in 1938 from Bowell-McDonald or some other dealer in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per: *R. J. McMaster*

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October 17, 1949.

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

Dear Bob:

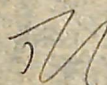
Thank you for your letter of October 14th.

I hope that you will be able to uphold the  
conclusions of Crown Counsel as against his client's  
feelings.

I have dropped a further note to Mr. Ouimet  
in connection with Case 1358 Yamamoto. I have not had  
any letter personally from him.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC





October 17, 1949.

Mr. Roger Ouimet, K.C.,  
152 Notre Dame Street East,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
and Mrs. Yamamoto, Your file H 301.

Dear Mr. Ouimet:

Mr. McMaster has sent us copies of his  
letters to you of October 14th and June 24th.

The present status of these matters is  
that Mr. McMaster's firm are our representatives in  
Vancouver and are reviewing all the cases with a view  
to having the hearings in special cases and fixing the  
correct amounts according the agreed formulae in other  
cases.

I hope you will be in a position to let him  
have the affidavit which he requests.

Yours very truly,

FAB:HC

*TWB*



October 17, 1949.

Mr. Tatsuo Ono,  
531 Queen Street East,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Dear Mr. Ono:

You are making a claim in regard to a 1932 Graham Sedan car. According to the evidence you gave, this was bought in 1938 from Bowell-McDonald on Georgia Street for \$625.00.

Our agents in Vancouver have checked with Bowell-McDonald to obtain the fair market value of such an automobile, but they claim that their records indicate no sign of the above sale.

Will you please let us know whether you have any documents such as sales orders, receipts, etc. indicating the purchase of this car at the date specified in your evidence. If you have nothing in writing, can you give us any details as to the name of the salesman, or the circumstances.

It is important that we have this information right away in order to press your claim.

Yours very truly,

CAMERON, WELDON, BREWIN & McCALLUM

per:

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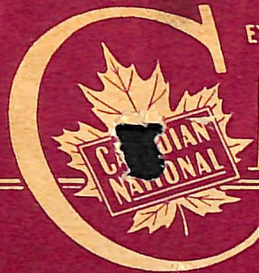
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c/o MESSRS. CAMPBELL, BRAZIER, FISHER & McMASTER,  
BARRISTERS,  
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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372 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.



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OUR FILE NO.

October 28th, 1949.

Andy Brewin, Esq., K. C.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
Sterling Tower,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Dear Andy:

Re: Review of settled cases by the Commissioner.

We had a discussion of this matter with the Commissioner yesterday morning. I stated my objections to the procedure. However, he made it quite clear that he intended to review the matters and I acquiesced on an experimental basis reserving my rights to withdraw my settlements if I saw the procedure was going to work unfavourably and to call further evidence.

This morning we proceeded to review some 30 cases. The Custodian took it upon himself to provide the Commissioner with memorandums on some of these cases. Only one of the settlements went by the Board where undoubtedly Crown Counsel had overlooked certain information in the Custodian's file. Frankly, his review is very cursory. However, we haven't really bitten into some of the tough cases and I am not yet happy that it is going to work out satisfactorily.

It appears to me that if we are forced into this procedure and his recommendations at all drastically reduce the settled amounts it should be open for us to attack this situation when the matter comes before Parliament. However, it is possible that the thing will blow over. I will report to you further if any serious trouble arises.

Yours truly,  
CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER McMASTER & JOHNSON,

Per: *R J McMaster*

McM:MM

cc. Mr. Virtue



October 31, 1949. ●

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

Re: Hanada, 1900, 1904 and 1906  
Commercial Drive, Vancouver  
B.C.

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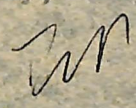
Dear Mr. McMaster:

At the request of Mr. Hanada I am enclosing herewith a valuation made on his property.

I do not know whether this case has been dealt with at all or whether it is too late for you to use the information contained in the letter.

Yours sincerely,

FAB:HC  
Encl.





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

31st October, 1949

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RE: JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS  
COMMISSION.

attend before Mr. Justice Bird and tell him that unless these settlements, broadly speaking, are upheld, we are prepared to consider ourselves released entirely from the settlement arrangement, and to bring our cases before a Committee of the House of Commons.

In view of your letter of October 28th, I hope that this will not be necessary.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Brewin for his information.

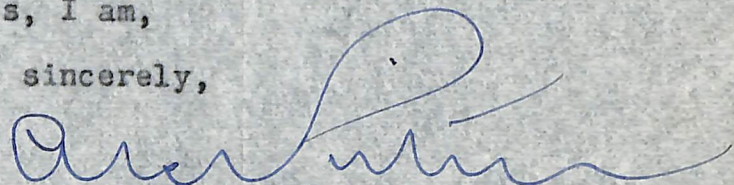
When reporting on any of our Special Cases would you mind forwarding with your report our original complete file as we find it very hard to study reports in the absence of the file.

Having that in mind, you might please forward us the files in the following cases:

- No. 771 - Hyaku and Eiji TOSHIRO, next of kin of Giichiro Tashiro, deceased;
- No. 671 - Yoshihiko IBEDA;
- No. 478 - K. SHIKAZE.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



V/L

Copy to Mr. Brewin for his information.