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PRIME MINISTER
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Sep. 23rd.

Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have been informed that it is
the intention to call up for war service Japanese
and Chinese citizens.

I most strongly urge that
nothing of the kind be done. In the first place,
it would put the Japanese in possession of arms, when
recently measures were formulated to collect arms.
Perhaps an even more important consideration is that
if they are called up for service, there will be a
demand that they be given the franchise, which we in
this Province can never tolerate.

If any instructions have been given
to call up Japanese or Chinese, I sincerely hope that
you will have them immediately countermanded.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) T. D. Pattullo.

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