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Japanese

5,000 - 6,000 on commercial farms across Canada

British Columbia      2,000      -      400 - 500 on fruit and vegetable  
farms - 1,500 on other individual  
farms.

Alberta                      2,700

Manitoba                    1,100

Ontario                    200      -      Mostly vegetable gardening, etc.

6,000

Need medical examination and travel permit given to those leaving  
British Columbia. Expected to stay in agricultural section where  
they are - indefinitely, unless not suited to agricultural work.  
Some 100 moved off farms last year in west.

Hope 2,600 in settlement.

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Marine Bldg.

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Ottawa, March 25, 1943.

MEMORANDUM OF

Agreement between the Dominion Department  
of Labour and the Ontario Department of  
Agriculture re placement of single Japanese  
in sugar beet labour for the Season 1943.

1. Recruitment of Men

The Commission of Japanese Placement at Vancouver shall endeavour to recruit 450 single Japanese in the interior towns and road camps of British Columbia, preferably keeping sectional groups together under separate foremen, for sugar beet and other agricultural labour in Ontario. He will also endeavour to ascertain how many of these men prefer going to individual farmers rather than living in work camps.

2. Jurisdiction

The Japanese are to remain at all times under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement as chief executive officer for the Minister of Labour, or any official assigned to exercise control as provided in Order in Council P.C. 946.

3. Transportation

The Dominion Government shall bear the financial responsibility for railway transportation in bringing the Japanese east to the camps or farms, and providing food enroute. The sectional groups should come down together under their foremen, in carloads of fifty or sixty. The Provincial Representative at Chatham, Mr. Garner, will be given two weeks' notice if possible when the first carload is to arrive, and subsequent carloads should be spaced at least two or three days apart.

4. First Shipment

It is expected that 200 men will be sent east April 10th or 15th, and these will be placed by Mr. Garner in the Essex, Chatham, Dover Centre, and Valette Camps. Any of these men who are not employed full time before June 1st will not be charged for their board during the period of unemployment up to that date, and the costs of such board will be borne equally by the Dominion and the Provincial Governments.

5. Seasonal Guarantee

The Japanese will be guaranteed \$200.00 each, clear of board and lodging charges, for the season to October 31st next (or the end of the sugar beet work in that area if it occurs sooner). This guarantee is for satisfactory work by the individual, and a reduction may be made in any case of sickness or unwillingness to work, to be determined between Provincial and Dominion representatives on the scene. Any loss sustained on this guarantee will be borne equally by the Dominion and the Provincial Governments.

6. Operation of Camps

The men will be housed in work camps already erected (except those men who arrange to live and work with individual farmers), and the Dominion and the Province will divide equally

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the cost of camp staff wages. Otherwise, the operating costs of the camps will be borne fully by the Province, including provision of fuel, cost of lighting, laundry services, etc. The Province will also be responsible for seeing that local merchants are protected in the purchase of supplies for all work camps.

7. Supervision of Labour

Provincial representatives will supervise employment of all Japanese, whether living with individual farmers or hiring out from work camps, and will ensure that prevailing wages are paid according to experience and operation concerned. The Province will be responsible to collect all wages due for Japanese from the employers and will distribute the money to the Japanese, according to a standard plan. At each camp daily labour will be apportioned by the foreman on instructions from the Provincial representative, but sugar beet work is to have priority at all times.

8. Sickness

The Province shall deduct \$1.00 per month for medical purposes from the money due to each man, and this will be fully applied against medical and hospital expenses incurred. Any balance of medical and hospital expenses for the entire group of Japanese will be borne equally by the Dominion and the Province.

9. Board

The Province shall charge Japanese who live in work camps 85¢ per day for Board, but shall not make this charge for men unemployed before June 1st or for men who are sick. Where a charge of 85¢ per day is made for board, any Japanese who are given one or more meals by farmers will be allowed a credit, the amount of which will be decided by the Provincial representative.

Alternatively, if the Japanese wish to run their own cooking arrangements in any camp, they will not be charged for board by the Province, and the Dominion and the Province will share equally camp staff costs as follows:

Foreman - Approximately \$75.00 per month and board.  
Cook - Approximately \$65 to \$75 per month and board.  
Cook's helper - Approximately \$50 to \$60 per month and board.

If any groups of Japanese wish to board themselves under this latter arrangement, it will be suggested that they bring their own cooks and cook's helpers with them from British Columbia.

10. Security

It is felt that an R.C.M.P. constable need not be stationed at each camp as was done last year. It will be suggested to Assistant Commissioner Mead of the R.C.M.P. that instead a patrol be made of the various camps once or twice a week.

A set of rules will be drawn up for each camp by the local Dominion and Provincial representatives and the R.C.M.P. officers, in conjunction with the camp foreman which last individual will be responsible for their observance. The Japanese will be warned that if this does not work satisfactorily, guards will be stationed at the camps.

Living Allowance

Mobility Allowance

Medical Allowance



11. End of the Season

Following the end of the agricultural season, the Dominion will either place the Japanese in other employment or arrange to move them to appropriate winter camps. At that time Dominion and Provincial representatives will make a settlement of accounts covering the items of expenses which are to be divided as set forth in this agreement.

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Minister of Agriculture of Ontario

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