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Japanese Apologists.

Sir,- I am sure many of your readers would be pleased to have enlightenment on the broadcast over the CBC Friday, the 26th, between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. by a certain Rev. W. R. McWilliams of Vancouver, B.C., in which he did his best to convince all and sundry that we owe a sincere apology to the little yellow men of Japan, for being at war with them. Was this type of address submitted to the Government's Board of Censors, and passed by them, if so who was the censor in this particular case? Who is this man McWilliams, and is he to be a regular broadcaster of such rot as we were served with tonight? What does he mean when he says that Japan has adopted the Christian religion throughout their country, when the world outside of Mr. McWilliams knows that the Japs have within the last year or two adopted a definite anti-Christian attitude to genuine Christian religion, and requires every worshipper to bow at the Shinto shrines? Such bowing it is true means little or nothing to a certain type of what is generally known as Christian, but is something for which the true Christian will forfeit his life before he will perform the bow to Shinto or any other false God. Outside of Mr. McWilliams and his ilk, I believe most Canadians appraise the back-stabbing Jap at his true value.

G. S.

Montreal, December 27, 1941.

I. S. No. 116 Part 1.

From Dec. 15th to Dec. 21st, 1941.

Japanese Funds.

With the Japanese Fishermen's funds temporarily frozen pending investigation, the Custodian of Enemy Property at Vancouver, advised the Canadian Atlas Diesel Engines Ltd., Vancouver, that they would be able to collect all unpaid accounts due them, even if the Japanese boats were seized and held for the duration of war.

The Vancouver Branch of Massie and Renwick Ltd., Toronto, Insurance Agents, advised their Head Office as follows:
"Limited volume Japanese business in force recommend termination on expiry." (V.R., 16.12, p.2.)

Vancouver

The Royal Bank of Canada
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Office of the General Manager

Montreal December 23, 1941



The Hon. N. A. McLarty,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 18th
advising that Mr. G. W. McPherson is now located in Vancouver
where he is acting under your authority with respect to Japanese
affairs.

Yours very truly,

89.1056 + 100

General Manager

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FILE NO.

1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 20, 1941.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

Re: Japanese Consulate

I have your letter of December 19th but in view of the fact that this is Sunday I have taken no action as regards the controlling of the Japanese Consul. In any event, sometime last week I told the Bank of Montreal that we were not interested in the \$750.00 account and that they could pay the stenographer who had a cheque for approximately \$33.00.

From information which I have, I think there is very little fear of the Japanese starving but I do feel that they should be allowed to starve, if that is necessary, to pay the Canadian creditors out of assets that we may know of.

The stenographer who worked in the Consulate here, called to see me one day about the cashing of her wage cheque, which I then arranged, and she made the statement that she didn't know what they had done with all their money but that, as was the custom in the past, one of the little Japs did say to her a short time ago that "the South wind was blowing", which to her meant she needn't worry but would get a bonus at Christmas. In her opinion they had money salted away somewhere and frankly it is my own opinion also.

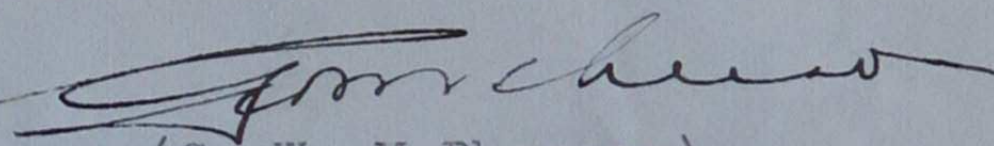
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If the policy which External Affairs, the Foreign Exchange Control Board and yourself have determined upon, is followed, it will mean that there may not be any assets to pay Canadian Creditors. If it is the intention subsequently to use Japanese assets generally to pay such creditors, then you should consider the fact that under the Custodian's Regulations, this is illegal and could not be permitted without an amendment to those regulations. Any amendment along this line would be dangerous due to the fact that we could be charged with confiscation of funds. At the moment it would appear advisable to leave the matter as you have arranged and take no action. The R.C.M.P. and Mr. Dewar will, no doubt, arrange the matter between themselves. It doesn't look to me as if it is worth while to put a Controller in to look after a bank account of this amount.

It is my intention at the moment to be in Ottawa on Friday, the 26th, and I have arranged to meet Mr. Gates and Mr. Holt there with the idea of discussing the various Custodian files out here with you. I have assumed that you would be in the office but if this is not your intention, will you let me know in Winnipeg. I leave here Monday morning at 6 A.M. for Winnipeg where I will see Dr. Coleman on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Compliments of the Season.

Yours truly,



(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

GWMcP/FC.

THE TORONTO GENERAL TRUSTS CORPORATION

TORONTO, CANADA

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CABLE ADDRESS "TRUSTS"

UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE

December 18, 1941.

Mr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.
Custodian of Enemy Property,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I had the pleasure of an interview with you a year or so ago when I took the opportunity of submitting the Corporation's facilities for handling enemy property. We have had some appointments in Toronto and also in Vancouver where we are now acting in this connection.

It occurred to me that, since the declaration of War against Japan, the volume of property and particularly real estate and businesses carried on as going concerns might be increased substantially, and I would like to again draw your attention to the fact that we have branch offices in Montreal, Ottawa, Windsor, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Vancouver. Our Vancouver Manager, Mr. Mowat, has advised me that he has already been in touch with your new appointee, Mr. Frederick Field, at Vancouver where we have a branch very well organized to take care of real estate or other assets.

If there is any further information with which we can furnish you, or if you would prefer to discuss the matter with us, I shall be glad to have

Mr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.

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our Mr. Lindsay, whom I think you know, or some other representative of the Corporation call on you.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. Watson

General Manager.

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AT.

Ottawa, December 19, 1941.

Dear Sir,

The Honourable Mr. Justice Casgrain, former Secretary of State, has handed to me your letter to him dated the 9th instant.

A senior member of the Custodian's staff arrived in Vancouver on the 10th, and I understand has been in touch with the management of your Association there. I gather that up to the present it is not apparent that a great volume of mercantile business is involved, but I expect detailed reports next week. Your suggestion will be given careful consideration if it appears necessary to employ the services of an agency such as your Association.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN.
Under Secretary of State and
Deputy Custodian of Enemy
Property.

A. S. Crighton, Esq.,
General Manager,
The Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association,
137, Wellington St. West,
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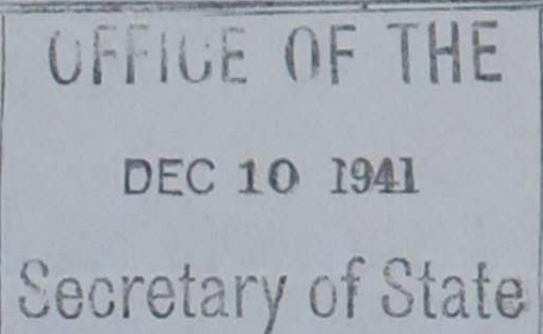
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Address reply Attention Mr. Crighton

December 9, 1941.

The Hon. Pierre F. Casgrain
Secretary of State of Canada
Parliament Buildings
OTTAWA



Dear Sir,

RE: ALIEN JAPANESE MERCHANTS

I am informed that at Vancouver Wholesale Suppliers of alien Japanese Merchants are seriously concerned about the present situation. They appear to be under the impression that unless the assets of such firms are taken under control creditors may suffer severe losses. Today I have received telephone calls from Association Members here expressing the same concern.

I am informed that yesterday a lettergram was sent to The Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, by the President of our British Columbia Division, requesting that consideration be given by the Custodian of Enemy Property to the appointment of our Vancouver Branch as the Custodian's Representative. It is my understanding that this is a matter for your Department to deal with, and I am therefore presenting the situation to you for your kind consideration.

May I say that our Vancouver Branch is in charge of a very capable Chartered Accountant, Mr. John Cowan, and is equipped to give efficient and economical administration. The creditors of these alien merchants would, I am sure, be very well satisfied to have our Association placed in charge under the direction of the Custodian.

I remain, Sir

Respectfully yours

A. S. Crighton
General Manager

ASC/ED

AT.

Ottawa, December 19, 1941.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon,

The Honourable Mr. Justice Casgrain, former Secretary of State, handed to me your letter of the 8th addressed to him, transmitting copy of a telegram from the President of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited, Vancouver.

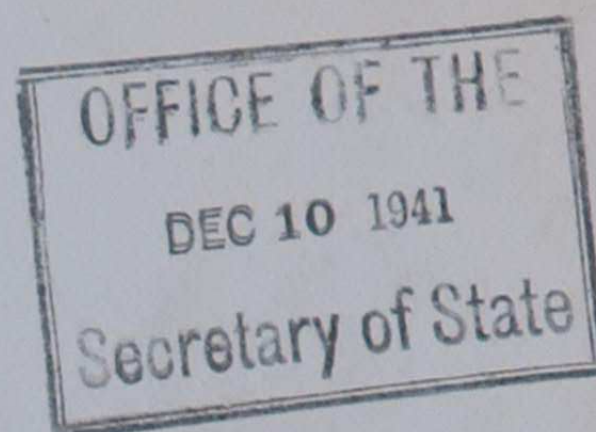
A senior member of the Custodian's staff arrived in Vancouver on the 10th and has been conducting investigations. In telephone conversation, I mentioned the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association and ascertained that he had been in touch with the Association. Up to the present, it is doubtful if there will be any considerable volume of mercantile business involved. However, our representative expects

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The Honourable James A. MacKinnon,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
OTTAWA, Ontario.



MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA



OTTAWA December 8, 1941.

Honourable Pierre F. Casgrain, K.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

My dear Colleague:

I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. Donald MacQuarrie, President of The Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited, Vancouver:

"WHOLESALEMAN MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS TO JAPANESE TRADE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION AND THEY STRONGLY REQUEST THAT THE CANADIAN CREDIT MEN'S TRUST ASSOCIATION LIMITED BE APPOINTED CUSTODIAN FOR ALIEN JAPANESE PROPERTY STOP STRONG PROBABILITY THAT STOCKS MAY BE DEPLETED LEAVING UNPAID ACCOUNTS STOP THE ASSOCIATION IS THOROUGHLY CONVERSANT WITH THE FINANCIAL AND TRADE CONDITION AND FULLY EQUIPPED FOR HANDLING OPERATIONS AND TO REPRESENT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRADE HOUSES AND THE JAPANESE."

The Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited is a Canadian-wide organization of substance and high reputation. I believe that they are admirably situated to act as Custodians in this case and if this meets with your approval, and you can arrange for it, I shall be very pleased. I purpose speaking to you personally about this.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. MacQuarrie

AT.

Ottawa, December 19, 1941.

Dear Mr. Tolmie,-

Your letter of the 16th instant to the Custodian of Enemy Property has been brought to my attention.

The question submitted by the Secretary for the Dominion Organization and Distribution Committee of the 1942 Victory Loan seems to be based on a misconception of the scope of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations. The persons defined as enemies are not necessarily enemy aliens but residents of enemy or enemy-occupied territories, regardless of national origin.

The only Japanese in Canada who are enemies within the meaning of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations are those persons who have been interned.

...

J. Ross Tolmie, Esq.,
Acting Solicitor to the Treasury,
Department of Finance,
OTTAWA.

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These are not likely to be reached by the canvassers, but even if they were and were disposed to invest, I cannot think of a more satisfactory investment of enemy property, from our point of view, than in Dominion of Canada Victory Bonds. Therefore, I think you should tell the Secretary that the Committee is under no limitations or restrictions in canvassing persons of Japanese origin, whether they be Japanese nationals, naturalized British subjects of Japanese origin or natural born British subjects of Japanese origin.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN.
Under Secretary of State and
Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property.

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FILE NO.

Administration
AHM/M

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, December 18th, 1941.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

On my return to the office this morning
I find your telegram of the 17th reading as follows:

"Banks are cooperating fully here but are anxious
to be informed from their head offices that I
represent you STOP Can you have Mr. Rogers take
the necessary steps STOP Would suggest you
circularize mailing list as to amendment of
regulations."

As for the first part of your telegram,
Dr. Coleman informed me today that he is having a special
letter, signed by the Custodian, dispatched to the general
managers of the various banks.

Regarding the amended regulations, I may
state that the amendment is not out yet but as soon as
it does issue arrangements will be made to notify all on
the mailing list.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Canada
Gazette "Extra" showing Revision No. 20 covering a further
list of Japanese names in South America which were recently
placed on the American list.

I enclose also letters received from
Carl M. Stewart, Barrister, 736 Granville St., Vancouver,
reporting on the following three companies:

Deep Bay Logging Company
Ocean Timber Company Limited
Kagetsu & Company Limited.

While you may have investigated these
companies the added information for your files in Vancouver
will no doubt be of interest.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
c/o Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Yours very truly,

A.H. Mathieu

(A.H. Mathieu)

Assistant Deputy Custodian.

*Returned by
Mr. McPherson*

*Copy
received
from Stewart
on appropriate
files.*

/FT

CARL M. STEWARD
Law Office

1205-7 Vancouver Block
736 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 10, 1941.

Custodian of Alien Enemy Property,
Department of Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Canada.

RE: DEEP BAY LOGGING CO. LTD.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to regulations respecting trading with the Enemy I wish to make the following report on the above Company.

I have been acting as Solicitor and Director for this Company and as such have held one qualification share. Being a Canadian and the other Shareholders Japanese I automatically was President of the Company. Other than this I have no interest nor have I ever had any interest in this Company. This is a British Columbia Company capitalized at \$50,000.00 divided into 5000 shares of \$10.00 each all of which shares are allotted.

Herewith is a list of the Shareholders of this Company according to the last Annual Return which I filed at Victoria.

1. Eikichi Kagetsu, 355 Princess Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, Lumberman, holding 3,949 shares.
2. Kagetsu & Co. Ltd., a Body Corporate, 1114 Dominion Bldg., Vancouver, B.C., holding 500 shares.
3. Tsurataro Kagetsu, Fanny Bay, B.C., Logger, holding 200 shares.
4. Sadanori Kikuchi, Fanny Bay, B.C., Logger holding 200 shares.
5. Sawaichi Irizawa, Fanny Bay, B.C., Logger, holding 50 shares.
6. Manji Ushizawa, Fanny Bay, B.C., Logger, holding 100 shares.
7. Carl M. Stewart, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, holding one share.

Shareholder number one is, according to a declaration in my possession, a British Subject having been Naturalized at Vancouver on the 12th day of November, 1909, his naturalization certificate issued at that time being subsequently changed to an Imperial Naturalization Certificate on the 18th day of December, A.D., 1922.

Shareholder number two is a British Columbia Company controlled by Shareholder number one particulars of which I am enclosing in a separate cover.

Shareholder number three, according to instructions from Mr. Kagetsu, is a Japanese National.

Shareholder number four, according to instructions from Mr. Kagetsu, is a Japanese National.

Shareholder number five, according to instructions from Mr. Kagetsu, is a Japanese National.

Shareholder number six, according to instructions from Mr. Kagetsu, is a Japanese National who left for Japan two years ago at which time he transferred his shareholdings to Mrs. Kagetsu, wife of Shareholder number one, such transfer never having been presented to the Company nor recorded on the Company's books.

Shareholder number seven is the writer born in Nova Scotia on July 5th, 1895 and is a resident at Vancouver for the last 45 years.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) C.M. STEWART

CMS/McN.

P.S. The Board of Directors comprises Mrs. Kagetsu and Mr. Stewart.

(Signature Ill.)

I have been acting as Solicitor and Director for this Company and as such have sold one qualification share. I am a Canadian and the other Shareholders Japanese. I automatically was President of the Company. Other than this I have no interest nor have I ever had any interest in this Company. This is a British Columbia Company capitalized at \$100,000.00 divided into 10,000 shares of \$10.00 each all of which have been allotted.

Herewith is a list of the Shareholders of this Company according to the last Annual Report which I filed at Victoria:

1. Carl M. Stewart, 735 Transville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Solicitor, holding one (1) share.
2. Hishio Kagetsu, 2227 E. 29th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, Lawyer, holding 2227 shares.
3. A. Smith, 1211 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lawyer, holding one (1) share.
4. S. Jones, 1211 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lawyer, holding one (1) share.
5. H. Kagetsu, 1211 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lawyer, holding one (1) share.
6. Seishiro Kagetsu, 1211 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lawyer, holding 2227 shares.

Shareholder number one is the writer born in Nova Scotia on July 5th, 1895 and is a resident at Vancouver for the last 45 years.

Shareholder number two is, according to a declaration of Mr. Kagetsu, a Japanese subject who was naturalized at Vancouver on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1904. His qualification for shares issued at that time being based upon the fact that he was a naturalized American citizen on the 22nd day of December, 1904.

Shareholder number three is, according to a declaration of Mr. Kagetsu, a Japanese subject who was naturalized at Vancouver on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1904. His qualification for shares issued at that time being based upon the fact that he was a naturalized American citizen on the 22nd day of December, 1904.

CARL M. STEWART

Law Office

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1205-7 Vancouver Block
736 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 11th, 1941.

Custodian of Alien Enemy Property,
Department of Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Re: OCEAN TIMBER COMPANY LIMITED.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to regulations respecting trading with the Enemy I wish to make the following report on the above Company.

I have been acting as Solicitor and Director for this Company and as such have held one qualification share. Being a Canadian and the other Shareholders Japanese I automatically was President of the Company. Other than this I have no interest nor have I ever had any interest in this Company. This is a British Columbia Company capitalized at \$100,000.00 divided into 10,000 shares of \$10.00 each all of which have been allotted.

Herewith is a list of the Shareholders of this Company according to the last Annual Return which I filed at Victoria:

1. Carl M. Stewart, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Solicitor, holding one (1) share.
2. Eikichi Kagetsu, 2867 W. 37th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, Manager, holding 2499 shares.
3. A. Gunji, 1024 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lumberman, holding one (1) share.
4. S. Okawa, 1024 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lumberman, holding one (1) share.
5. H. Nakayama, 1024 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lumberman, holding one (1) share.
6. Seiichiro Kashio, 1024 Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Lumberman, holding 7497 shares.

Shareholder number one is the writer born in Nova Scotia on July 5th, 1895 and is a resident at Vancouver for the last 45 years.

Shareholder number two is, according to a declaration in my possession, a British Subject having been naturalized at Vancouver on the 12th day of November, A.D., 1909, his Naturalization Certificate issued at that time being subsequently changed to an Imperial Naturalization Certificate on the 18th day of December, A.D., 1922.

Shareholders number three to six are all employees of Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., and are, according to my instructions, Japanese Nationals, and according to a letter from their Attorney received this morning Shareholders

three, four and six have been interned in Seattle by the American Government, Shareholder number five being in Japan.

The Board of Directors comprises all the Shareholders.

By way of obligation this Company issued a Mortgage on its land and timber dated July 13th, 1939, in the sum of \$159,613.73, and on June 12, 1939 a Chattel Mortgage on its equipment for \$109,351.90 to the Manager of Mitsui & Co. Ltd., in Seattle, at that time named Mr. Fukuda, both Mortgages being subsequently assigned to its present Manager, Mr. S. Kashio; the Chattel Mortgage is registered but no registration has been made of the Land Mortgage. Interest on the Mortgages is at 4½%. No principal or interest has been paid other than one payment of \$5000.00 on account of interest on April 16th 1941. Interest and principal are both payable in American currency.

Yours truly,

(SGD.) C.M. STEWART.

CMS/McN.

CARL M. STEWART
Law Office

1205-7 Vancouver Block
736 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 11th, 1941.

Custodian of Alien Enemy Property,
Department of Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Sir:

RE: KAGETSU & COMPANY LIMITED

Pursuant to regulations respecting trading with the
Enemy I wish to make the following report on the above Company.

I have been acting as Solicitor and Director for this
Company and as such have held one qualification share. Being
a Canadian and the other Shareholders Japanese I automatically was
president of the Company.. Other than this I have no interest
nor have I ever had any interest in this Company. This is a British
Columbia Company capitalized at \$75,000.00 divided into 750 shares
of \$100.00 each, 600 of which have been allotted.

Herewith is a list of the Shareholders of this Company
according to the last Annual Return which I filed at Victoria:

1. Eikichi Kagetsu, 355 Princess Street, Vancouver,
British Columbia, Lumberman, holding 529 shares.
2. Carl M. Stewart, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver,
British Columbia, Barrister, holding one (1) share.
3. Tomekichi Maikawa, Hikone, Japan, holding 70 shares.

Shareholder number one is, according to a declaration
in my possession, a British Subject having been Naturalized at
Vancouver on the 12th day of November, 1909, his naturalization
certificate issued at that time being subsequently changed to an
Imperial Naturalization Certificate on the 18th day of December,
A.D., 1922.

Shareholder number two is the writer born in Nova Scotia
on July 5th, 1895 and is a resident at Vancouver for the last 45 years.

Shareholder number three is, according to my instructions
from Mr. Kagetsu, a Japanese National residing in Japan.

Yours truly,

CMS/McN.

(Sgd.) CARL M. STEWART.

P.S. The Board of Directors comprises Mr. Kagetsu and Mr. Stewart.

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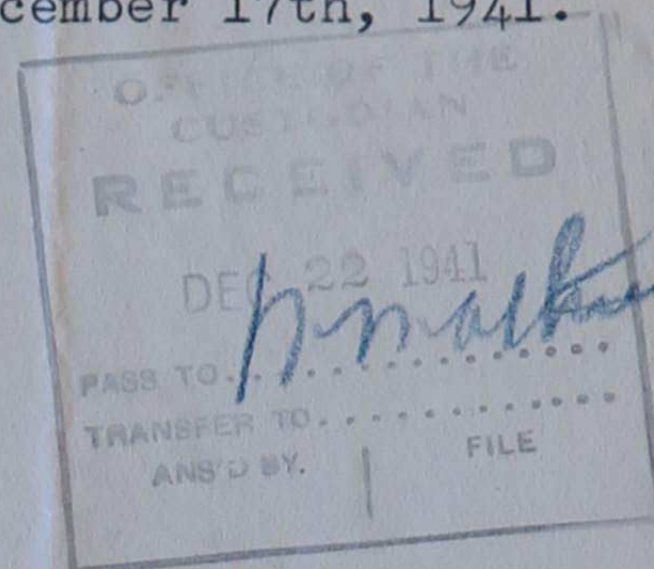
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MEMBER STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

LAW OFFICES
J. EDWARD SEARS

SUITE 409, ROGERS BUILDING
VANCOUVER, CANADA
PACIFIC 1446

December 17th, 1941.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir:

An examination of recent filings in the Land Registry
offices of British Columbia will show that dozens of Japanese
nationals have recently transferred their real property
holdings to their native born sons or to native born friends.

This method of putting Japanese assets out of the hands
of Canadian officials is continuing daily.

JES/C

Yours truly,

J. Edward Sears

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*What did Vancouver
office do about this*

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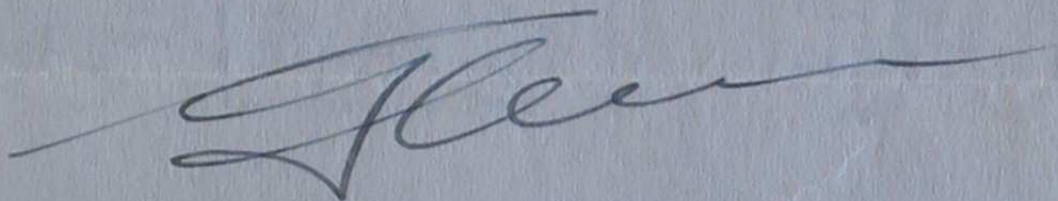
Dear Mr. Mathieu:

Re: British Columbia Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd.
Vancouver, British Columbia, and
A. Cameron & Co. Limited, Kobe, Japan.

I have your letter of December 15th with
enclosure.

This matter is being investigated and I
believe Mr. James is calling to see me tonight.

Yours truly,



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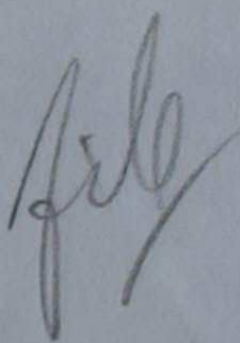
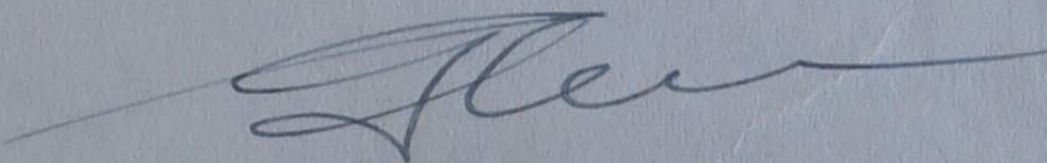
I have your letter of December 15th with
enclosures and wish to thank you for same.

I am working in close cooperation with
the F.E.C.B. and have been in touch with the Bank
of Canada here.

At the moment there is so much work that
I have not time to report individual matters to you,
but will be in Ottawa possibly on the 26th and will
be prepared to discuss all cases at that time.

The Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company
has been placed under the control of P. S. Ross and
Sons.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE CUSTODIAN

Re: Japanese Problems in British Columbia

Having been appointed your Authorized Deputy by Special Order under Regulation 6 (2), copy of which is attached and marked "Exhibit 1", dated the 8th day of December 1941, and as arranged with the Deputy Custodian, I left Montreal with Mr. F. E. H. Gates of P. S. Ross and Sons for Vancouver on Tuesday evening, December 9th, 1941. We arrived in Vancouver at noon Wednesday, the 10th December 1941, and proceeded immediately to organize the Custodian's work on the British Columbia coast.

Some time was spent on Wednesday afternoon and the following day getting "atmosphere" as it were, and determining a plan of operation in view of the conditions that existed. At the time of our arrival the citizens were more concerned with the danger of immediate attack, this danger being exaggerated in their minds because of the "blackout", than they were about persons of the Japanese race residing here. The anti-Japanese feeling has been increasing because the whites have had more time to think and are generally greatly disturbed over the possibility of an organized Fifth Column supporting any enemy attack. Realizing that this feeling will increase, we set to work immediately to take control of enemy assets and to facilitate the completion of business deals as between the whites and the Japanese, both by making decisions where there was an enemy interest, and explaining the Regulations where there was not. I believe that your far-sightedness in having a special representative here immediately after the outbreak of war has forestalled a great deal of misunderstanding between the ~~now~~ enemy Japanese and the whites.

Having decided that immediate action was necessary, we proceeded to set up in the Royal Bank Building, in conjunction with P. S. Ross and Sons, a small office to be used by myself and Mr. Gates, borrowing office equipment and secretaries from P. S. Ross and Sons. While the office coordinates its efforts

with P. S. Ross and Sons through Mr. Gates as liaison, who has been present at all discussions, and with Mr. Frederick Field, their representative here, it was really an entity by itself and P. S. Ross and Sons have handled only those cases that have been specifically referred to them by special orders, firstly for investigation, and subsequently, if in my opinion required, for control

Immediately after our arrival we had interviews with Mr. Dewar, the head of the Foreign Exchange Control Board here and his assistant, Mr. Priestman; with Col. Hill, Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and his special assistants, on Japanese matters, Sergeant Barnes and Corporal Maxted. I considered it advisable that Mr. Field should also attend the various conferences held with Government Departments here. In addition to these conferences I have also established contact with the Registrar of Shipping in Vancouver, the Registrar of Companies in Victoria, Commodore Beech in Victoria and Commander Smith in Vancouver of the Naval Services, Mr. Punnet, the chief cable censor; and Mr. Elliott of the City Solicitor's Department.

In view of Price Waterhouse and Company's position here and the opinion that seems to have been current as a result of their more or less advertising themselves as the Custodian's special representative in British Columbia, and in view of the former Custodian having decided for special reasons to dispense with their services on Japanese problems, I called on Mr. Gyles the resident partner, together with Mr. Gates, and explained to him the position which P. S. Ross and Sons would occupy as a result of the new developments, without indicating to him the reason why the work was not being handled through his Firm. So that the records may be straight for the future, I explained that all Japanese problems which the Custodian desired to deal with in British Columbia would be handled through P. S. Ross and Sons, and he agreed to refer any matters which came to his attention to Mr. Field. This situation may have repercussions in the east, but prior to leaving the Custodian's office in September I discussed the entire matter with Mr. Young of

Montreal and Mr. McLellen in Toronto, but no steps so far as I know were taken, or if they were, they did nothing to alleviate the situation. Mr. Holborow, a very fine old gentleman and a ^{RETIRED} ~~registered~~ British barrister who was doing the Custodian's work for Price Waterhouse and Company, called to see me as to the possibility of handling any Custodian's office which might be set up in this Province temporarily. Without explaining the situation, I advised him that his effort to serve was greatly appreciated and would be considered. As a result of past experience and with some personal regret, I cannot recommend that he handle any additional work resulting from the war with Japan.

From past experience, realizing the wealth of information that banks have and the necessity of obtaining their complete cooperation, and also the necessity of explaining the Custodian's position since they had very little contact with your Department on this coast as regards other enemy affairs, I arranged a meeting through Mr. Sellens, the President of the Pacific Coast Section of the Canadian Bankers Association. Representatives of all of the charter banks were present and a general discussion ensued with the result that, except in one incident of conflicting instructions from their head offices which I deal with later, the banks have been cooperating 100% and will, I am sure, cooperate to the same extent with P. S. Ross and Sons after my return east.

As a direct result of the action of the Navy in seizing all fishing vessels owned by persons of the Japanese race and to clarify the Custodian's position in this connection a meeting was held with the representatives of the larger packing houses. In order that correspondence may be facilitated with the individual companies, the following representatives attended that meeting and I would suggest be considered as the liaison between the Custodian and the companies. These gentlemen are as follows:

Mr. Lord - - - - -	of the A.B.C. Packing Company
Mr. Clark and Mr. Milne -	of the Canadian Fishing Co.
Messrs. Walker and Ferguson	of the B. C. Packers
Mr. Nelson - - - - -	of the Nelson Fishing Co. Ltd.

Subsequent to this discussion I wrote a letter to the Secretary of their Association known as the Salmon Cannery Operating Committee being Mr. F. E. Payson, 520 Shelly Building, Vancouver. A copy of my circular letter is attached for your convenience and marked "Exhibit 2".

In view of the large number of Japanese controlled companies, enemy and otherwise, with the resulting legal contacts as between the Japanese and the Members of the Bar, I established contact with Mr. W. H. Dixon, the Secretary of the Bar Association of British Columbia, and attach a copy of a letter written to him which he has been good enough to bring to the attention of the members of that Association. Realizing the necessity of obtaining as quickly as possible general information as to enemy assets, I sent out two circulars. The first being addressed to all of the companies and individuals included in the list prepared in the Custodian's office of companies and persons who were believed to have enemy connections, a copy of this circular is attached and marked "Exhibit 3", and a second circular to Banks, Trust Companies, and various other organizations requesting general information. A copy of this circular is attached and marked "Exhibit 4".

I also published a notice in several newspapers which I was advised circulated generally throughout British Columbia and a copy of this notice is attached and marked "Exhibit 5". Through an oversight one paragraph of the notice was omitted in some of the papers and that paragraph is marked on the Exhibit. The notice was sent to the following papers and was designed to allay the fears of the non-enemy Japanese as well as to obtain reports quickly and directly to me instead of the more roundabout way to Ottawa and return. The newspapers are as follows:

The Vancouver Sun	- Vancouver
Vancouver Daily Province	- Vancouver
Victoria Daily Colonist	- Victoria
Victoria Daily Times	- Victoria
Prince Rupert Empire	- Prince Rupert
Prince Rupert News	- Prince Rupert
Kamloops Sentinel	- Kamloops
The Vernon News	- Vernon

It is my intention that the above information will facilitate the continued handling in an expeditious manner the work your Department will have in this Province after my return to the east, and I have given the contacts established so that wires will not be crossed in the future and feel that the establishing of these contacts will have greatly facilitated the preliminary investigation which has been carried on and will, I hope, protect you as Custodian against any charge of delays in so far as the whites are concerned, and of any charge that the loyal Japanese have been injured as a result of the application of the Regulations in so far as the Japanese population is concerned.

As a result of the above actions a great deal of information has been obtained, but I would not suggest that in the short time I have been here more than the surface has been scratched, since I feel that while we have located some substantial assets, it is highly probable that there are considerable undisclosed enemy assets here whose ownership has been deliberately or innocently obscured and I deal further with this point in my recommendations.

To facilitate your consideration of the problems encountered I have divided my comments into sections dealing with particular questions.

1. Internees

Having represented you on the Special Committee dealing with the Oriental Problem in British Columbia, and having heard the views expressed by members of that Committee I was not greatly surprised to find that at the time of my arrival here only thirty-six persons had been detained or that only four have subsequently been picked up, and of these persons I am informed by Col. Hill, all are Japanese citizens. I realize that it is not my duty to comment on the policy being followed in so far as the internment of persons of the Japanese race is concerned, but as a result of my work and the contacts I have made with whites and Japanese, I have gathered information which indicates a trend of opinion which may or may not be justified, but which I feel should be placed before you since

it is information given to me representing you and I would appreciate the opportunity of verbally discussing it with you.

Arrangements were immediately made with Sgt. Barnes to obtain reports from Cpl. Maxted who interrogates each detained person as to their assets and twenty-four of these reports have been received to date. The reports when received have been reviewed by myself and those cases in which there was an indication that the detained person owned property which should be controlled, orders were issued P. S. Ross and Sons under Regulation 6 (2). In this regard I have issued nine controlling orders. In other cases it has appeared advisable that for the present at least the assets be left in the control of the wife of the detained person, to be used for the maintenance of the wife and family (usually large), where the assets were of little value. A list of the internees giving particulars as to reports and actions is attached and marked "Exhibit 6". A careful consideration of the R.C.M.P. Reports indicates that the detained persons are in the majority, a lower class of Japanese, principally constituting laborers, loggers and fishermen. Up to the present time I have not found that any really wealthy Japanese have been detained and, except in one or two instances, employees, rather than principals are held. I have instructed P. S. Ross and Sons to follow generally the policy with respect to the assets of detained Japanese that has been followed by your office with respect to other detained enemies, and I have informed them of this policy - see "Exhibit 7".

Arrangements have been made with the R.C.M.P. that information concerning detained persons which would normally be forwarded to Ottawa will be delivered to P. S. Ross and Sons direct. If they are of the opinion, after a preliminary investigation under their general order that a definite control should be established, they will recommend same to you for your decision. They will in due course forward the original of all police reports to Ottawa.

2. Companies

The investigation into the ultimate beneficial

ownership of the share capital of incorporated companies is generally difficult to establish and the Japanese problem is no exception. A great deal of information has been obtained, considered, and investigation orders issued, but I feel that in this case, while possibly the cream has been located, a great deal of additional work will be required. There are three companies at the moment which will require consideration and the rendering of decisions as soon as possible, and P. S. Ross and Sons are pressing their investigations in these cases. The particular ones I have reference to are the N. S. McNeil Trading Company Limited, Ocean Timber Company Limited and the Cameron Lake Logging Company Limited group. Investigation orders have been issued covering 34 companies, preliminary reports have been received on 19 companies, and controlling orders issued on 21 companies. "Exhibit 8" is attached showing the position of the respective companies.

A long list of companies incorporated in this Province in which the Japanese appear to be largely interested has been supplied by the Registrar of Companies in Victoria and this list will be reviewed by P. S. Ross and Sons. They will be reporting in due course and making their recommendations with respect of all companies, investigation or controllership of which has been referred to them.

3. Japanese Fishing Vessels

The Naval Services having instructions to seize all fishing vessels registered in the names of Japanese have taken into Custody a large number, but do not appear to have any instructions as to their disposition. This has resulted in a confusion in the minds of several people, particularly with reference to the Custodian's interest and authority in such matters. I believe the situation has now been clarified and a copy of my letter to Commodore Beech is attached as "Exhibit 9".

4. Canadian Charter Banks

In the general administration of the Regulations the cooperation of the British Columbia branches of the charter

banks has been 100% but owing to conflicting instructions received from their head offices due to instructions issued in Ottawa I had some difficulty in obtaining for the use of the R.C.M.P. the confidential information relating to all accounts of persons of the Japanese race held by the banks. This difficulty up to noon yesterday, the 20th December 1941, has not been settled as between the head offices and the branches, but on my demand for information under Regulation 20, the branches have supplied same and it has been made available to the R.C.M.P.

5. United States of America problems

Preliminary investigations indicated immediately that conflicts might arise as between yourself and your opposite American official and that you might be embarrassed by the detention of Japanese in the United States of America having assets in Canada who could not be included in the definition of "enemy" and I therefore recommended that the Regulations be amended to protect you in this regard and I understand a suitable amendment has been made. It is also apparent that certain Japanese companies in British Columbia are owned by Japanese companies in the United States or are indebted to such companies. In anticipation of difficulties and as instructed by the Deputy Custodian I contacted Mr. Towson of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco and briefly explained the situation in so far as the Canadian Regulations are concerned. I offered on your behalf to cooperate fully with him in any investigations on the Pacific Coast and stated that I would be prepared to meet him at any convenient point to discuss coordination of action to obtain the most complete control. I forwarded to him a copy of your Regulations but up to the present time have received no acknowledgement. I realize the volume of work he must have and feel that in any event the liaison or coordination since conflicts will arise in connection with all enemy property should be established between Ottawa and Washington direct.

I have endeavoured to give you a picture of the work that has been commenced in British Columbia and in order that misunderstandings and crossed wires will not result, I have temporarily made on your behalf certain definite arrangements with P. S. Ross and Sons to provide for the continuation of the work.

These temporary arrangements are as follows:

The Head Office of P. S. Ross & Sons are anxious that all correspondence, reports and enquiries from the Vancouver office be handled through them and, after discussing the matter with Mr. Holt and Mr. Gates, I agree that this policy should be followed although it obviously means a slight delay in obtaining decisions. I recommend the policy because the Montreal office is, in my opinion, the best informed on Custodian matters and because of its experience, is in a position to impress upon the Vancouver office the necessity of attending to matters in the same expeditious way in which they have been handled in Montreal. It follows that correspondence originating in the Custodian's office should be directed to Montreal and both Mr. Gates and Mr. Holt have assured me that they will personally control the situation and see that there is as little delay as possible.

With my return to Ottawa a situation may develop in Vancouver where P. S. Ross & Sons will be looked upon as the agent of the Custodian and asked to make decisions on general questions. This responsibility, they do not care to assume at this particular time and the arrangements which I have made should be considered as definitely temporary and should be reviewed in consultation with Mr. Gates and Mr. Holt. Insofar as the investigations now under way are concerned, where P. S. Ross & Sons have certificates, they will investigate and report in the usual way and where any current matters including an enemy interest come to their knowledge, they will investigate such matters under their general investigation certificate, and if the preliminary enquiry indicates an enemy interest, they will ask for a specific order. They will in the case of all investigations, advise all parties where ^{suspicion} ~~controlling~~ exists that the onus is upon such parties to see that the Regulations are complied with. Upon receipt of the reports in Ottawa, with their recommendations, the future policy will, of course, be decided by you and they will be advised.

In those cases where they have been appointed controllers, they will institute a temporary control which will be as effective as they can make it but it will be necessary for them to report and make definite recommendations as to the policy to be adopted by them in their position as Controllers. It is obvious that many questions of policy will arise such as, the employment of persons of the Japanese race, carrying out existing contracts or the amendment of such contracts for various reasons. I have advised them that all matters of this kind involving major questions of policy should be referred to Ottawa for decision. It may, however, be necessary for the Vancouver office to make certain decisions as to policy on questions of general ~~public~~ administration and I feel that their decisions in these cases will be satisfactory to the Custodian.

As stated above, the surface has only been scratched insofar as the Japanese questions are concerned and many new matters will be referred to P. S. Ross & Sons. For example, current correspondence will be received and that correspondence which requires no action on the part of the Custodian will be forwarded to Ottawa but, in those cases where some action is indicated, they will obtain all the facts and report. In some cases they will be asked to interpret the regulations and I have advised them that they should avoid, wherever possible, the giving of decisions in such cases but should merely express their opinion as to what they believe the Regulations to mean and place the onus upon the persons asking. I am having a meeting with seven members of the firm tonight and will explain in some detail the policy and scope of the Regulations.

It was necessary to set up a Custodian filing system in Vancouver and, in view of the recommendations which I make at the end of this memorandum, I have advised them that temporarily they should hold the Custodian's files in Vancouver, returning same in due course after the work has been fully organized. If any special matters are referred to Ottawa and the Custodian's file here is required, they will forward same. The above are the arrangements I have made with P. S. Ross & Sons and I trust they will meet with your approval.

In closing this memorandum I would like to make a few observations on the general situation and then make certain definite recommendations.

There exists in British Columbia a rather explosive situation as between the Japs and the Whites with an anti-Jap opinion among particular classes and a pro-Jap opinion in other classes. I believe from my observations that the more reasonable thinkers, who come somewhere between these two extremes, generally feel that the security of the Province is in grave danger from a fifth column. Since these opinions do exist, I consider it essential that the Custodian's work should be handled as quickly as possible and, if necessary, with someone here directly representing the Custodian more or less in the capacity in which I have done so, with a view to appeasing public interests and avoiding criticism which usually follows from delays incidental to ~~a transitive~~ mail. There is also the opposite side of the picture that, if the goodwill of the Japs is being sought by the Government, every effort should be made to see that the Japanese race as a whole is not embarrassed or inconvenienced in its business relations owing to the delays incidental to referring all matters to Ottawa and the misunderstandings which are liable to arise because of the explosive situation existing.

I feel that the position of the Orientals in British Columbia in the immediate future, may become extremely difficult and that a short range policy is necessary to handle the situation insofar as the Custodian is concerned. A definite policy can be followed after the initial distrust has been allayed. If there is any large increase in the number of internees, the situation will become more difficult from an administrative standpoint.

I would recommend that P. S. Ross & Sons be left in charge of all the Japanese questions but that the Montreal office be considered as responsible for the work done in Vancouver.

I would also recommend that until such time as the Japanese situation is clarified in British Columbia and public opinion becomes more crystallized, either by being more tolerant or intolerant, a direct representative of the Custodian, working in close co-operation with the various Governmental officials and with P. S. Ross & Sons, is essential for the proper administration of the Regulations and for its general political effect (using the term "political" in no party sense) on public opinion generally.

I would recommend that in due course all of the files relating to detained persons be transferred to Ottawa insofar as the personal affairs of detained persons are concerned, thus centralizing under one official in the Custodian's office, the responsibility for carrying out a consistent policy.

I would also recommend that a liaison be established between your office in Ottawa and the American Custodian.

Finally I would recommend, in ignorance as to whether or not any recommendation is already in effect, that the Custodian should have a representative on any committee in Ottawa that is dealing with Japanese affairs in British Columbia, since I feel that the very nature of the Custodian's work brings him into close contact with opinion generally and gives him access to information which may not be readily available to other members of such committees.

In closing I would like to thank you for the opportunity afforded me of doing this work in British Columbia and I hope that it will meet with your approval.

Coat of Arms

Department of the Secretary of State
of Canada

WHEREAS under Regulation 6 (2) of The Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939) any power or duty conferred or imposed by or under said Regulations upon the Secretary of State and/or Custodian, may be delegated by him to such person or persons as he may think proper.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that such powers and duties be conferred upon GLENN WILLOUGHBY McPHERSON.

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State and/or Custodian by his duly authorized Deputy, EPHRAIM HERBERT COLEMAN, HEREBY DELEGATES TO GLENN WILLOUGHBY McPHERSON all the power and duty conferred or imposed upon him by or under The Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939).

SIGNED at the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, this eighth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

..E..H..COLEMAN.....

Under-Secretary of State and/or
Deputy Custodian.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

16th December, 1941.

F. E. Payson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Salmon Canneries Operating Committee,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Consolidated Regulations Respecting
Trading With the Enemy (1939).

A committee of six representing the larger packing companies called to see me today concerning the position of Japanese owned fishing boats in which the various packing companies may or may not be interested. I outlined the position of the Custodian and undertook to write you as Secretary with a view to your circularizing the Members of your Association.

As a result of the declaration of War with Japan the Custodian of Enemy Property is now the legal owner of all assets situate in Canada belonging to persons, regardless of their nationality, who reside in Japan or Japanese controlled territory. He is also the legal owner of all assets belonging to persons who have been detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations, or have been detained by our Allies, for example, the United States of America.

The Custodian is not interested in persons of the Japanese race, or in the assets of such persons, if they reside in British Columbia or in other parts of Canada and have not been detained. It is therefore evident, in so far as the Members of your Association are concerned, the Custodian is only interested in those fishing boats which are beneficially owned by persons who have been detained or by persons who reside in Japan or Japanese controlled territory.

In so far as companies are concerned, the Custodian is interested and is investigating all Japanese owned companies to ascertain whether or not there is any enemy interest in same.

The Members of your Association may trade freely with persons of the Japanese race who are at liberty in this country, but if they purchase boats from such parties, or desire to foreclose mortgages, they should ascertain that the person with whom they are dealing is the owner of the boat and is not an enemy.

As I view the situation, the only difficulty that will arise will be where the Members of your Association are dealing with a Japanese owned Company and I would request that before your Members pay any money to such companies, they insist that the company itself clear itself with the Custodian. This policy should be applied to any company where the Members of your Association suspect a Japanese interest. Under the Regulations, no person can take any action concerning any property which has vested in the Custodian without his consent.

E. E. Payson, Esq.,
Vancouver, B. C.

16th December, 1941.

In the case of foreclosing mortgages this does not mean that such consent will be arbitrarily withheld. The Custodian only asks for an opportunity of reviewing the facts.

You should bring to the attention of the Members of your Association the fact that under the Custodian's Regulations, the onus of proof is upon all persons to prove that they have not traded with the enemy and it is therefore advisable for them to refer any doubtful cases to the Custodian for decision for their own protection.

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Marine 2741

1012 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

11th December, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Re: Consolidated Regulations Respecting
Trading with the Enemy (1939).

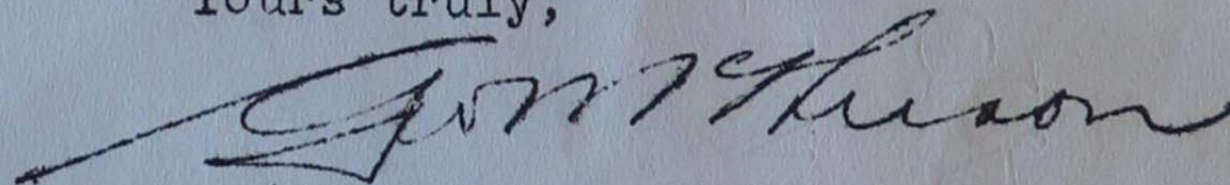
Information which the Custodian has indicates that persons who are now enemies because of the war with Japan have an interest in your business or have had such commercial relations with you that you should report such matters to the Custodian as required by the above Regulation.

If you are not affected by these Regulations I would appreciate a letter so stating; otherwise, a complete report should immediately be filed disclosing all of the facts. The report should be addressed to me, c/o P. S. Ross and Sons, 1012 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Pending a release by me you should have no further dealings with the property, as defined by the Regulations, of any person who is an enemy within the meaning of such Regulations. Any attempted dealings will not be recognized and would constitute an offence under the said Regulations. If you are indebted to or have any claims against enemies, such indebtedness or claims should be reported to me.

Your immediate attention to this matter is requested under and by virtue of section 20 of the said Regulations.

Yours truly,



(G. W. McPherson)

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Marine 2741

1012 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
11th December, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Re: Consolidated Regulations Respecting
Trading with the Enemy (1939).

By Order in Council all property, as defined by the Regulations, of persons residing in Japanese or Japanese controlled or occupied territories or by persons detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations, is vested in the Custodian from and including the 7th day of December 1941.

The said Regulations require that all such property be immediately reported to the Custodian by any person administering or having knowledge of same and no action may be taken as regards such property without the Custodian's consent. Failure to observe the Regulations constitutes an offence under said Regulations.

Realizing that a blanket freezing order of such property may cause considerable inconvenience and embarrassment if questions relating to same have to be referred to Ottawa for decision the Secretary of State and Custodian has delegated to me all his powers under the said Regulations and I will be temporarily situated in this City to deal directly with all such problems.

As happened in the case of other enemies, you will be requested by circular letter from Ottawa to make certain reports. In order to expedite matters you are now requested to forward these reports to me c/o P. S. Ross and Sons at the above address, and such action by you will be considered as a compliance with the Regulations.

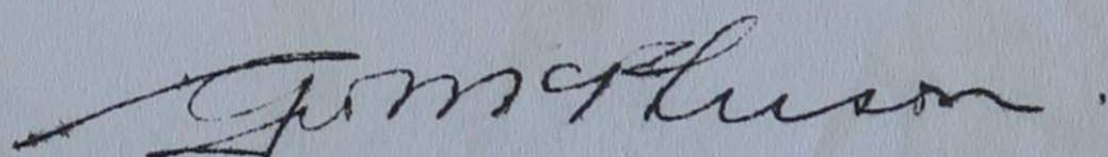
The Order in Council applies to all residents of Japanese and Japanese controlled or occupied territories regardless of the nationality of the owner of such property, and also applies to property of all persons detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations regardless of their nationality.

The Custodian does not desire to embarrass or inconvenience persons of the Japanese race who are conducting themselves in a proper manner and prima facie evidence of this will be the fact that such persons have not been detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

I shall be pleased to discuss and explain any matters relating to the administration of the Regulations. All communications should be addressed to me, c/o P. S. Ross and Sons at the above address.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



(G. W. McPherson)

Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property

- NOTICE -

Notice is hereby given that by Order in Council from and including the 7th Day of December 1941 the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939) have been applied to Japanese, Japanese controlled and Japanese occupied territory as enemy territory.

These Regulations vest in the Custodian all enemy property and require all persons to report to the Custodian and hold subject to his control all enemy property as defined by the said Regulations.

Under these Regulations "enemy property" includes the property of all persons, regardless of their nationality, who reside in enemy or enemy occupied territory and in addition the property of all persons who are detained under the Defense of Canada Regulations.

-x- (These Regulations do not affect the property of persons of
(the Japanese Race who are conducting themselves in a proper manner
(and who have not been detained under the Defense of Canada Regulations.

By special order dated the 8th Day of December 1941 the Secretary of State and/or Custodian has delegated his power and duty under the said Regulations to the undersigned--Glenn Willoughby McPherson.

To facilitate the investigation and control of all such enemy property the undersigned is now in Vancouver and all reports required by the Regulations and all other communications should be addressed to him c/o P. S. Ross and Sons, Royal Bank Building.

G. W. McPherson

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

LIST OF DETAINED PERSONS

		File No.	Police Report Reference	Order Reg. 6(2)	Remarks
ABE, Isahi	Port Alberni				
ATHOSKI, Misaji	Duncan				
ARIGA, Chiyokichi	Haney				
ATAGI, Kakugoro	Duncan Labourer	154	41 E 269-959		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets negligible.
DEGUCHI, Harukichi	193 E. Hastings, Vancouver				
FUNE, Eiichiro	215 E. Cordova St., Vancouver Reporter and editor of "Tai-riku-Nippo"	157	41 E 269-948		Assets placed in care of wife for maintenance
FUJINAMI, Seitaro	Port Alberni				
GODO, Moichi	Burnaby Millhand	152	41 E 269-946		Assets placed in care of wife for maintenance
HORI, Goro.	Burnaby Logger	162	41 E 269-947	17/12/41	
HORI, Dr. Chikas George	Vancouver Surgeon	213	41 E 269-984	21/12/41	
IWASHITA, Kesahiro	3843 Dunbar, Vancouver Wholesale Import Merchant	139	41 E 269-950	15/12/41	
KAJIRO, Fumio	Steveston Teacher	167	41 E 269-955		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets negligible.

LIST OF DETAINED PERSONS

	File No.	Police Report Reference	Order Reg. 6(2)	Remarks
KAMEOKA, Tokue	166	41 E 269-951		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.
KITAGAWA, Tsuneto				
KODAMA, Masayochi	158	41 E 269-945		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.
KUROMI, Takehiko				
MASAGO, Seishichi	151	41 E 269-954		Assets placed in care of wife for maintenance
MINAMIDE, Mineichi	160	41 E 269-961		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.
MINEOKA, Tsuguo	138	41 E 269-953	15/12/41	
MITSUBAYASHI, Eon	26	41 E 269-598		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.
MIYAMOTO, Masao				
MURAKAMI, Waichi				
NAGATA, Schichitaro	159	935-702	17/12/41	
NAKAGAWA, Kotaro	153	41 E 269-962		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.

1182 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver
Business Manager of the "Daily People"

Duncan

Burnaby
Logger

Port Alberni

Box 208, Steveston
Berber

Mayne Island
Farmer

128 Williams Rd., Steveston
Secretary River Fish Company

549 E. Cordova St., Vancouver
Buddhist

Port Alberni

Port Alberni

2330 Wall St., Vancouver
Office Manager and treasurer,
Cameron Lake Logging Co. and
Associated Companies

301 Powell St., Vancouver
Drug Store Clerk

LIST OF DETAINED PERSONS

		File No.	Police Report Reference	Order Reg. 6(2)	Remarks
NOBUOKA, Ryotaro	2625 E. Pender St., Vancouver Manager Ocean Fisheries	114	41 E 269-952	15/12/41	
OGINO, Ryuzo	333 Powell St., Vancouver Store Clerk	206	41 E 269-963	19/12/41	
OKINOBU, Otoji	Duncan				
RIKIMATSU, Kintaro	World Hotel, Vancouver				
SAGA, Shoji	Duncan Farmer	156	41 E 269-965		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible
SASAKI, Shintaro	Mayne Island Farmer	207	41 E 269-966		Assets placed in care of wife for maintenance
SASAKI, Shuichi	2565 Franklin St., Vancouver Manager Cameron Lake Logging Co.	164	935-709	17/12/41	
SUZUKI, Juzo	306 Jackson Ave., Vancouver	197	41 E 269-949	19/12/41	
TAKAOKA, Yoichi	Port Alberni				
TANAKA, Tozikazu	318 Boyne St., New Westminster School Master	177	41 E 269-956		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets Negligible.
TERAMOTO, Zeijii	Mayne Island Farmer	208	41 E 269-967		Assets placed in care of wife for maintenance.
UYENISHI, Kiyota	391 Powell St. (Victory Rooms)				

LIST OF DETAINED PERSONS

YANAGIDA, Kitaru

391 Powell St., Vancouver
Labourer

Summary

Number of detained persons 37
Police Reports received 23
Orders under Reg. 6(2) 9

File No.	Police Report Reference	Order Reg. 6(2)	Remarks
176	41 E 269-964		Being dealt with by Custodian. Assets negligible.

POSITION OF COMPANIES ETC., UNDER INVESTIGATION

File	Name	Investigation Order	Report Received	Control Order	Report Received	Remarks
101	Union Boat Works Union Trading Company	Reg. 8 15/12/41	16/12/41	Not required		Enemy debts
102	Pacific Importers Limited	Reg. 8 12/12/41	13/12/41	13/12/41		Enemy ownership and debts
103	N. S. McNeil Trading Company Limited	Reg. 8 13/12/41	15/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
104	Cameron Lake Logging Company Limited	Reg. 8 12/12/41	15/12/41	18/12/41		Enemy ownership
105	Canamoku Company Limited	Reg. 8 12/12/41	15/12/41	18/12/41		Enemy ownership
106	Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Company	Reg. 8 12/12/41	17/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
107	Sydney Inlet Trading Company	Reg. 8 12/12/41	17/12/41	18/12/41		Enemy ownership
108	Trans Pacific Lumber Company	Reg. 8 12/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
109	T. Matsuyama & Company Limited	Reg. 8 12/12/41	20/12/41	17/12/41		Enemy ownership and debts
112	Ocean Timber Company	Reg. 8 15/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		
113	Ocean Fisheries Limited (Nobuoka & Isogai)	Reg. 8 13/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
118	Deshaw Company Limited	Reg. 8 13/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
119	Nanaimo Shipyards Limited	Reg. 8 13/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
123	Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited	Reg. 8 15/12/41	17/12/41	15/12/41		Enemy ownership and debts
124	Union Fish Company Limited	Reg. 8 15/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		
125	Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company	Reg. 8 13/12/41	20/12/41	18/12/41		Enemy ownership and debts
126	J. Kasho Company Limited	Reg. 8 15/12/41	18/12/41	20/12/41		Enemy ownership
127	Cartwright Lumber Company	Reg. 8 15/12/41				
128	Star Market (Nobuoka & Isogai)	Reg. 8 15/12/41				
130	Vancouver Shoyu Manufacturers Limited (Nobuoka & Takerhashi)	Reg. 8 15/12/41				
131	M. Furuya Company Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
137	Silks Limited	Reg. 8 16/12/41	No records in Vancouver			Sales office only
161	Vincent Company Limited	Reg. 8 17/12/41				
165	B. C. Log Export Company (Shuichi Sasaki)	Reg. 8 17/12/41	17/12/41	Reg. 6(2) 17/12/41		
168	Canada Daily News Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		
169	Canadian Selt Herring Exporters Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
170	M. Ebisuzaki and Company	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
171	Komura Brothers Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41	20/12/41	20/12/41		

POSITION OF COMPANIES ETC., UNDER INVESTIGATION

File	Name	Investigation Order	Report Received	Control Order	Report Received	Remarks
172	S. Matsumiya	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
173	Morseby Island Fisheries Ltd.	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
174	T. K. Nakatsuka	Reg. 8 18/12/41				
178	Green Cove Salteries Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41	18/12/41		18/12/41	Enemy ownership
179	B. G. Fish Salteries Limited	Reg. 8 18/12/41			19/12/41	Enemy ownership
194	Kondo and Company	Reg. 8 18/12/41			20/12/41	Enemy ownership
189	Kazuichi Shiraishi				Reg. 6(2) 19/12/41	Residing in Japan
190	Toru Tamura	Reg. 8 20/12/41				
214	T. Maikawa Company Limited	Reg. 8 20/12/41				
217	Richmond Trading Co.	Reg. 8 20/12/41			Reg. 6(2) 20/12/41	Enemy ownership
220	T. Matsuyama					

Regulation 8 34
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Report 19

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1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 16, 1941.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

I have your letter of December 12th and wish to thank you for the information given.

The names listed in your letter will be checked over to see whether or not there are any companies of a similar name carrying on business here, and if there are their affairs will be investigated immediately in co-operation with P. S. Ross & Sons in the East.

I note your remark concerning the Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Company.

So far as the American Custodian is concerned, I have been in touch with Mr. Towson in San Francisco and have exchanged views with him concerning Japanese property which may bring the two Custodians into conflict. I understand from a news item on the radio this morning that the American Custodian has been appointed but you will, no doubt, have complete details of this by this time.

In regards to the second last paragraph of your letter, I have already received a letter from the Bank of Canada and this matter will be followed up.

Yours sincerely,

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[Signature]

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OTTAWA, CANADA.

December 16, 1941.

MESSAGE INTERCEPTED AT VANCOUVER

SANFRANCISCO DEC. 12th.

M. FURUYA CO.

318 POWELL ST VANCOUVER

RETEL GOVERNMENT FORBID OUR DEALING WITH JAPANESE
ALIENS BUT UNDERSTAND THIS RULING REVOKED TODAY.

GROWERS RICE MILLS CO.

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GROWERS RICE MILLING CO VANCOUVER BC DEC.12th.

503 MARKET ST SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

RE ~~THREE~~CARS RICE ARRIVED HERE PAID TWO CARS ALREADY
PAID DUTY ANOTHER CAR WE TAKE MONDAY STOP GREAT NORTHERN
RAILWAY ASK US TO RETURN RICE SHIPMENTS PLEASE EXPLAIN FOR
WHAT REASON.

M. FURUYA CO.

X, copy

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

16th December, 1941.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

I have your letter of December 13th with enclosures.

I will attend to Messrs. Lawrence and Shaw's letters and have, in fact, been in touch with them on several other matters.

I received Dr. Coleman's telegram concerning the amendment which will greatly simplify the Japanese work here. I note the arrangement under paragraph 3.

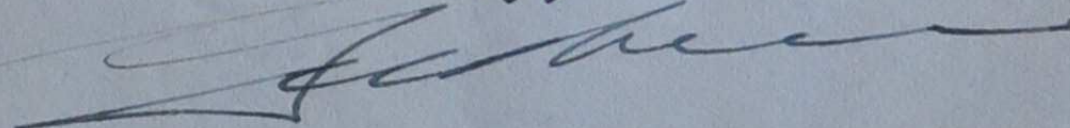
I wish to thank you for Revision 19.

As I have previously advised you, I have been in touch with Towson in San Francisco who is doing the Custodian work on the west coast.

As regards your postscript -- Mr. Greer has been in and I have discussed the N.Y.K. Shipping Line and have authorized him to liquidate its affairs, accounting to the Custodian for the balance of funds after paying the Line's debts.

I expect to be in Ottawa on the 26th and will remain there until Sunday when I leave for New York.

Yours truly,



Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

GWMcP*MGH

DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE



CANADA

Ottawa, 16th December, 1941.

Dear Sir,

Re: Japanese resident in British Columbia

This office has received an inquiry from the Secretary for the Dominion Organization and Distribution Committee of the 1942 Victory Loan requesting information whether the local committees, in British Columbia can properly sell bonds to and canvass resident Japanese.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of their letter indicating the points upon which they have some doubt.

Would you kindly advise me if your Department has any regulations or restrictions on the type of transactions contemplated.

Yours very truly,

Acting Solicitor to the Treasury.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of the Secretary of State,
46 Elgin Street,
OTTAWA.

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Dr. Coleman

Letterhead:

VICTORY LOAN

British Columbia Headquarters
VANCOUVER

418 Howe Street,

December 12, 1941.

Extract from Letter:

Mr. G. W. Spinney,
Chairman, National Finance Committee,
War Loan Annex, Bank of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

For the attention of Mr. H. E. Cochran,
Chairman, Dominion Organization &
Distribution Committee.

"In the first Victory Loan we had a special department whose job was to raise money from the Japanese and Chinese peoples. The Chinese end of the campaign was very successful, and while we were not satisfied completely with the results we did raise approximately \$400,000 from the Japanese. With the revised status as to our relations with that country, what should our position be?

"We do not know the legalities, whether the "Trading with the Enemy" Act applies, and whether there is any different status between a Japanese who is not naturalized and one who is as it would be practically impossible in the campaign to distinguish between the two."

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. M. Brink

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AIR MAIL

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of December 11th and in reply wish to advise that the Custodian has set up an office in Vancouver in the office of Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, Royal Bank Building, Hastings Street, your City.

Mr. G. W. McPherson, a representative of this office, is at present in Vancouver and I would ask you to communicate with him as he is in a position to give you all the information you require. In the meantime I am referring a copy of your letter to him for attention.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

Messrs. Lawrence & Shaw,
789 Pender St., West,
Vancouver, B.C.

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OTTAWA DECEMBER 13 1941

G W McPHERSON
c/o P. S. ROSS & SONS
ROYAL BANK BUILDING
VANCOUVER

YOUR NIGHT LETTER AGREE WITH TEMPORARY POLICY . STOP WILL
ENDEAVOUR TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH UNITED STATES LEGATION NAME OF PROPER OFFICIAL
PACIFIC COAST WITH WHOM YOU MIGHT ESTABLISH CONTACT STOP WILL CONSIDER
PROPOSED AMENDMENT REGULATIONS STOP COMMISSIONER WOOD PROMISED WIRE AT
ONCE HIS OFFICIAL IN VANCOUVER TO COOPERATE WITH YOU ALONG SUGGESTED LINES

E H COLEMAN
DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

CHG CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

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AIR-MAIL

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

AHM/M

Dear Mr. McPherson,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Lawrence & Shaw, Barristers, Vancouver, which I have acknowledged by telling them to communicate with you as you would be in a position to give them all the information they require.

Dr. Coleman read me your telegram today and he has just advised me that an amendment is being put through amending the Regulations by adding to Regulation 1 (b) an additional paragraph. I understand he is communicating with you in this respect.

The meeting this morning on the question of the importation of Chinese goods was to determine a method of operation to assure that all funds collected for such goods would be for the benefit of the free Chinese Government. A plan was proposed similar to that adopted by this office for the French goods last year whereby the Collector of Customs will be authorized by the Custodian to release the goods on production of satisfactory evidence that the payment for the goods had been made before shipment, or on production of a receipt from a chartered bank in Canada to show that payment was made to the bank for the invoice value of the goods to be cleared through Customs. The plan was not finally adopted as the F.E.C.B. desire to see if this scheme will fit in with their plans and assure that the moneys so collected will be paid over eventually to certain specified banks in New York.

I also enclose a copy of Revision No. 19 which includes all the firms that were placed on the American list up to No. 3.

Re American Custodian. I have just been informed by Mr. Stone of a telephone conversation with Washington to say that no enemy custodian has yet been appointed in the U.S. The Legation reports that the authorities in Washington feel that they will probably require new Regulations. Trading with the enemy regulations have not been systematically revised since the last war, at the conclusion of which, due to many amendments and changes during the years of war, they were in a state of some confusion. It is today felt in Washington that it might be better to start afresh.

Washington also states that it is hoped that new regulations will be ready for submission to Congress in the near future, at which time it will presumably be passed very quickly. In the meantime any/^{enemy} companies in the United States are being controlled principally by Treasury orders, and outside the United States by Presidential Proclamation under the authority of which the proclaimed list is published.

I trust you are not finding too many headaches and that you are successful in grabbing as much as possible.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
c/o Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

P.S.- I have just received a letter from the F.E.C.B. enclosing a copy of a letter from B.W. Greer & Son Ltd., and also a copy of account #88 enclosed. They appear to be the Vancouver agents of Nippon Yusen Kaisya Japanese Shipping Line, with office in Seattle, Washington. I presume you have already called on Greer & Son Ltd., and you might let me know what has been done so that I may advise the F.E.C.B. Traffic Section.

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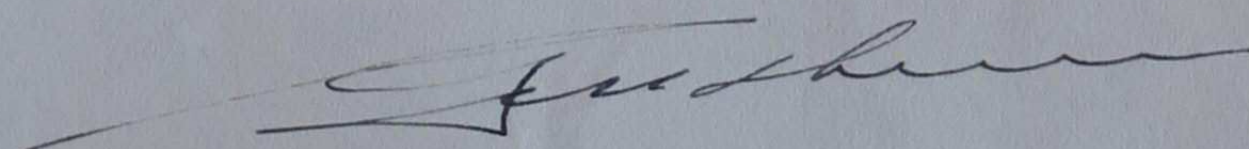
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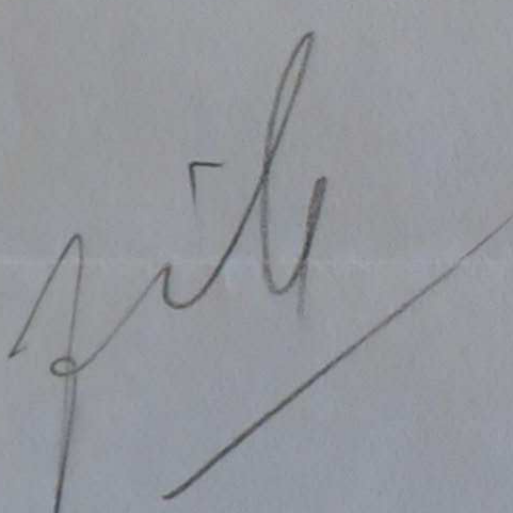
Re: Operations Generally

I have your letter of December 11th with enclosures and wish to thank you for same. No doubt I will be receiving the stationery and envelopes, etc., tomorrow at the latest.

Yours truly,



Authorized Deputy of the
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G. W. McPHERSON
HOTEL VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER

WITH CONCURRENCE OF FINANCE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND UNOFFICIALLY OF UNITED STATES MINISTER IT IS PROPOSED AMEND REGULATIONS WITH EFFECT AS AND FROM DECEMBER SEVENTH BY ADDING TO REGULATION ONE B ADDITIONAL DEFINITION ROMAN NUMERAL SIX BEGINS ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN INTERNED OR DETAINED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF A POWER ALLIED OR ASSOCIATED WITH HIS MAJESTY OR WHOSE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF SUCH POWER HAS BEEN TREATED BY THAT POWER AS ENEMY PROPERTY ENDS

E H COLEMAN
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
AND DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

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*Amendment to
Regulations 1 B.*

in Canada taking steps which may in the end have the effect of removing their properties from the control of either Government. It may also enable us to make investigations concerning property which might be in the names of Japanese or Japanese nominees residing in the countries in Latin-

America ---

Dr. W. C. Clark,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
O t t a w a .

1941.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

Secretary of State.

Ottawa, December 13, 1941.

Dear Dr. Clark,-

With reference to our telephone conversation I am enclosing the draft of a submission to Council which has been prepared for the signature of the Secretary of State, recommending an addition to the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy.

I may state that I have discussed the matter with the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs and, informally, with the United States Minister to Canada.

The immediate purpose of the amendment is to stop any possible loop-hole in relation to the property of Japanese on the American Pacific Coast who may have interests in Canada taking steps which may in the end have the effect of removing their properties from the control of either Government. It may also enable us to make investigations concerning property which might be in the names of Japanese or Japanese nominees residing in the countries in Latin-

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Secretary of State.

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America which have declared war on Japan. For the moment in respect to these Latin-American countries which have not declared war we shall have to depend upon the Black List.

I understood from you that we might assume your Minister would concur in the proposed amendment.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

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Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

Secretary of State.

Ottawa, December 13, 1941.

My dear Robertson,-

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I have discussed this draft with Dr. Clark, the Deputy Minister of Finance, who assures me of the concurrence of his Minister.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

Norman A. Robertson, Esq.,
Under Secretary of State for External Affairs,
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

Secretary of State.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL :

The undersigned, the Secretary of State of Canada, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, has the honour to recommend that under and by virtue of the War Measures Act, Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1927, the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939) made and established by Your Excellency in Council on the 21st August 1940 (P.C. 3959) and amended by Order of Your Excellency in Council on the 3rd October, 1940 (P.C. 3333), be further amended by adding to Regulation 1 (b), defining the word "enemy", the following additional paragraph :

(vi) Any person who has been interned or detained under the authority of the Government of a Power allied or associated with His Majesty or whose property within the territory of such Power has been treated by that Power as enemy property;

and further that this amendment shall be deemed to have been made and established as and from December 7th, 1941.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

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PIERRE F. CASGRAIN

Secretary of State.

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- (vi) ~~Any~~ person who has been interned or detained under the authority of the Government of a ^{Power} allied ^{His Majesty} or associated with ~~Canada~~, during the ~~period of such internment or detention,~~

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Secretary of State.

Ottawa, December 13th, 1941.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

AIRMAIL

Ottawa, December 12th, 1941.

Administration
ARM/M

Dear Mr. McPherson,

I am in receipt of your telegram of December 11th and am instructing the Supply Division to forward you a quantity of letterheads and envelopes.

I had no knowledge that a parcel was on the way to you but I understand that Mrs. Byrnes arranged this and it should reach you tomorrow.

I am also instructing Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, Montreal and Toronto, to keep you informed of any property they take over. Yesterday they stepped into the following firms in Montreal -

Japan Trading Co. Ltd.
Mikado Co., Ltd.
Takeshige, Y.
Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Co.,
Real Silk Hosiery
Silks Limited
Weldrest Hosiery Co.,

also the following firms in Toronto -

Jobbers Realty Ltd.
Kawakita Co., Ltd.
Nippon Importing Co.
Nozaki Bros. (Canada) Ltd.
Ribbons Ltd.,
Real Silk Hosiery
Silks Limited
Weldrest Hosiery Co.,
Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Co.

You will note a repetition in both cases due to the fact that there are branches in both Cities.

As for the Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Company, this company has been in the process of winding up for some time, and Mr. Finlayson informs me this morning that they have now completed the necessary legal advertisements for the purpose of receiving back the securities deposited with the Minister of Finance and Receiver General. It goes

without saying, of course, that these securities will not be returned to them but will be placed under control with the Custodian. However, P. S. Ross & Sons of Montreal and Toronto will take over in case there is anything else outside of the deposited securities.

Neither External Affairs nor the American Legation here have yet been informed whether an American Custodian has been appointed. They presume, however, that this office must now be functioning and as soon as they have confirmation they will advise me and I will let you know.

A meeting will be held at my office tomorrow morning regarding the release of merchandise coming from China. The Customs people claim that their order-in-council is still effective in so far as Chinese goods are concerned, but word has been received from Great Britain that an arrangement has been made to permit entry of goods coming from unoccupied China, providing the valuation is deposited in certain specified banks. The meeting tomorrow is to work out a scheme of control and I will keep you posted on the result. The general opinion so far is that the Custodian should control all these importations and the funds can be held until it is determined whether there is an enemy interest or not, and possibly then released to a blocked account in our Canadian banks. This may change tomorrow.

The Bank of Canada also have a problem relative to applications being made by persons of Japanese nationality on the Pacific Coast for redemption of Government bonds. As the local agents of the Bank of Canada do not handle these applications the local people claim it is necessary to give

quick action as there might be loss of interest and claims.

I have therefore suggested that they refer each application to you direct by airmail, sending a copy to this office so that you may check the registration records that are in Vancouver and reply by airmail whether the redemption should be permitted or not. The reason for the copy being sent to Ottawa is to permit adding this information to the survey now being made by the different banks. If you have any suggestions to offer in this respect please let me know by airmail.

Yours sincerely,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

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December 11, 1941.

Air Mail

The Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:-

Please advise if there is any change in the Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy covered by Orders-in-Council P.C. 5152 and 2586. If so, would you kindly furnish copies.

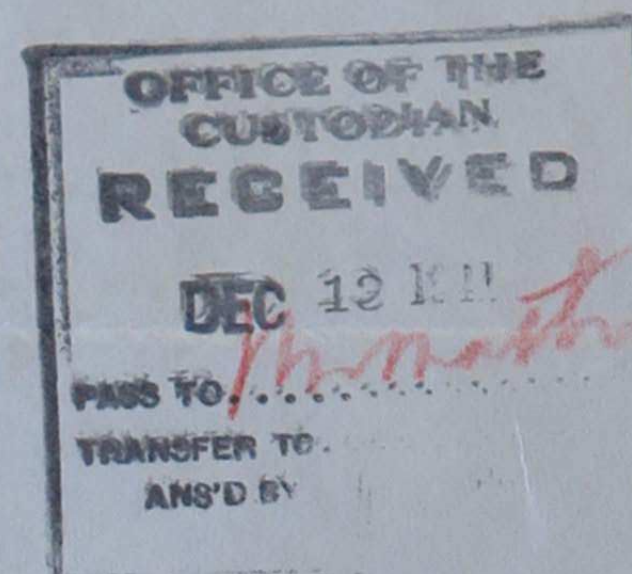
Also, kindly furnish us with copies of any Orders-in-Council or other Regulations dealing with the status of persons of the Japanese race.

We are particularly concerned with the following points:

1. Are Japanese born in Canada, in any event, considered to be enemy subjects?
2. Are the naturalized Japanese considered to be enemy subjects, and have Certificates of Naturalization in any cases been cancelled, revoked or suspended?

In other words, are Canadian subjects free to deal with naturalized Japanese, whether resident in or out of Canada? If not, what precautions must we take, and how can we ascertain whether any particular naturalized Japanese is, or is not an enemy subject within the meaning of the Regulations.

We have heard that under Japanese law the Japanese Government considers that Japanese subjects cannot divest themselves of their nationality in other countries. Is this a factor in the situation here, or does the Government consider that so far as Canada is concerned a Canadian Naturalization Certificate is conclusive.



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2 - The Custodian,
December 11, 1941.

We have several matters pending on which we wish to be absolutely sure that our clients are not making any breach of the Regulations, and we would appreciate an AIRMAIL reply.

We understand that a Mr. McPherson has been appointed as local custodian. We have been unable to get in touch with him. Could you please furnish us with his full name and address, as we wish to discuss with him any deals in which Japanese are concerned.

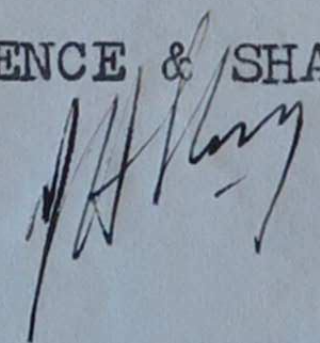
Have any Proclamations been issued under Clause 2 of Regulation 3 of P.C. 2515 which would prohibit transactions with naturalized or native born Japanese by reason of "enemy ~~associations~~ ^{associations}?"

Since dictating this letter we have been informed unofficially that there is no restriction upon trading with any Japanese, whether native born, naturalized or a Japanese subject, so long as he is resident in Canada and has not been interned. As we read the Regulations, "enemy" means any subject of a nation at war with us, irrespective of residence, unless some special exempting order has been made. Will you please deal with this subject when writing and advise us of particulars of any exempting orders which may have been passed dealing with Japanese.

While we have dealt in this letter primarily with Japanese, we would like to have in our records, similar information in respect to Nationals of all other countries with whom we are at war.

Yours truly,

LAWRENCE & SHAW

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IAS:MES.

AIR-MAIL

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, December 11th, 1941.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Mr. McPherson,

At the request of Dr. Coleman I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Order-in-Council which was signed on Sunday evening applying the Regulations to Japan and the rest of the territory defined in the copy of a circular letter that was sent out.

I also enclose a copy of the Proclamation declaring that a state of war with Japan exists and has existed in Canada as from the 7th day of December 1941.

I also enclose a copy of the only mailing list we have in the office and which was used in sending out the circular letter. Your request for copies of all circular letters I presume means the circular letter that was sent out in connection with the Japanese affairs. You will therefore find a copy of this under date of December 8th which was sent to all persons shown on the mailing list.

Regarding the mailing list, the various Trust Associations will no doubt advise all the member companies, but we are at present working on a list of Trust companies to whom a similar letter will be forwarded tomorrow, as undoubtedly some Trust companies in the West are not members of the Associations and may not be branches of the main companies to whom the letter has already been sent. If you require this list I will forward it on to you. I believe, though, that B. C. is fully covered by the bigger Trust companies in Vancouver and they would have received the necessary instructions from their head offices in Montreal and Toronto.

I also enclose an up-to-date List of Specified Persons as it stands at present. We have been delayed in getting out a further consolidation of the list due to the various changes occasioned by the arrangements that had to be made in trying to corelate the English, American and Canadian lists. Revision No. 19 of the Specified List is now in the hands of the printer and we are hoping to have it in circulation immediately. This will contain all names appearing on the American list up to No. 3. We did include in No. 19 a few essential deletions which appear on the proclaimed list No. 4. This list, however, has not yet reached Canada and will have to be published here later.

In the meantime Proclamation No. 5, including about 400 Japanese names in South America, has been received and we immediately proceeded to issue a Revision No. 20, the Order-in-Council for which was passed today, and it is hoped that the printers will be able to get it out at the same time No. 19 will be placed in circulation. I will then see that you are supplied with these extra Lists as soon as they are issued.

I believe Dr. Coleman gave you a full explanation of all that has transpired so far, but should any changes be made affecting the work in Vancouver I will immediately notify you.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
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Department of External Affairs

REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, December 10, 1941.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephone conversation
with Mr. Collins of this Department yesterday afternoon,
I am enclosing copy of a letter which is being sent
to the Deputy Minister of Public Works.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. Robertson
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
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December 10, 1941.

Dear Sir:

This Department is arranging with the Canadian Red Cross Society to set up in Ottawa a Civilian and Services Enquiry Bureau to cooperate with the various government departments who are concerned with the welfare of Canadian prisoners of war and of distressed Canadian nationals in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. It is of course important that this bureau be centrally located in Ottawa for the convenience of the public and of the various departments concerned.

An enquiry was addressed to the Assistant Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property regarding the use of some of the space occupied by the Japanese Legation, and we were informed that your Department had already requested that this space be reserved for your use whenever it may become available.

I shall be grateful if you will keep in mind the needs of the proposed bureau of enquiry, which would probably extend to two or three rooms. As you know, centrally located office space is virtually unobtainable in Ottawa, and the premises of the Japanese Legation appear to be the only desirable location which might be secured.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Rive for

N. A. Robertson
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Deputy Minister of Public Works,
Ottawa, Canada.

AIRMAIL

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, December 9th, 1941.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Mr. McPherson,

I have just returned from a meeting at Room 123 on the question of the members of the Japanese Legation and the Vancouver Consulate. It appears that due to the freezing order they have not been able to pay their debts and the Legation in Ottawa owes roughly twenty thousand and the Vancouver Consulate owes about ten thousand in and around B.C. The boys in the East block and the FECB had an idea that the Custodian could advance sufficient funds out of Japanese assets to pay these debts, this I successfully fought with the result that the Japanese Legation will be asked to name their protective power and will be told to apply to them to pay these debts, and the Custodian will be supplied with a certified list of same so that no claims can then be made by Canadian creditors against the Legation or members of the Legation and the Vancouver office.

The important question for us though that was taken up at this meeting was the question of Bank balances of Japanese nationals in Canada. To make a long story short, it has been decided to make a survey through the Canadian Banks of all bank balances or banking accounts, including safety deposit boxes held by Canadian banks for Japanese nationals in Canada.

I may tell you here that this is due to the measures that have been taken in the U.S., and which I now understand will be followed by the British Government in the field of economic warfare, that is all Japanese funds completely frozen, all export licenses cancelled and Government

representatives placed in all Japanese banks and enterprises.

It is not proposed at the moment to take such a drastic step, but as a preliminary to this, and also as a punitive measure for the time being, it has been decided to ask the banks, in order to ascertain that there are no bank accounts and safety deposit boxes standing in the names of persons of Japanese race who have not registered with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, that they report immediately to this office the names and addresses of all depositors of Japanese race and the amount standing to their credit as at the close of business December 6th, 1941, and any money or business controlled by Japanese, the names and addresses of officials of the company must be furnished and the amount of the balance stated.

On discussing this with Dr. Coleman just now it has been decided to ask the banks to report this to Ottawa, and as reports are received they will be immediately re-mailed to you so that you can then arrange to check with the registration cards held by the Mounted Police in Vancouver, and where an account is reported, or a name of a depositor reported that has not taken out a registration card then you should instruct our agents to immediately step in and control.

When these reports have been received it will then be decided here what future punitive measures may be taken in Canada, or whether a sort of control may be established against all Japanese nationals in Canada. You, of course, for the time being will only be concerned with checking the reports against the registration to determine whether any are held by persons not registered and they, naturally, would have to be controlled and blocked until such time as a registration card can be

furnished and the usual investigation carried ^{for} on as a possible enemy interest.

As time is short to get this off by airmail tonight I may say that very few names have been found on the supplementary information received from the FECB this morning. I attach hereto a list marked A giving exact names to follow the list I gave you last evening, and on this you will note a question mark against two names, this is because the address given by the Board was Toronto, but it may be that branches of these firms are operating in Vancouver. This is a complete list to date reported by the various banks and the FECB, but it may be that out of the survey now to be made more firms will be located. This complete list would indicate that there is some enemy interest in them.

I am also enclosing a set of lists, the typing of which is now being completed, showing the names and addresses of directors and report made by the banks for various firms which also appear on the list which you took away with you and this supplementary.

In the meantime carry on, and with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Hotel Vancouver,
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Foreign Exchange Control Board

Ottawa, December 8, 1941

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The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith three lists setting out in detail certain information which the Foreign Exchange Control Board has compiled regarding the bank accounts and business interests of residents and nationals of Japan.

List A gives the following information:

- (a) Bank accounts in Canada in the names of residents of Japan as at August 15, 1941
 - (1) Japanese names
 - (2) Non-Japanese names.
- (b) Japanese owned or controlled businesses in Canada
 - (1) Owned or controlled by Japanese resident in Canada
 - (2) Owned or controlled by Japanese nationals resident in Japan.

The information set out in List A was obtained by the Board as a result of a letter to the General Managers of the chartered banks dated August 19th, a copy of which is enclosed. The Board cannot, of course, vouch for the accuracy or completeness of the information so obtained.

List B sets out in detail the accounts maintained at the chartered banks in the names of Japanese banks as at October 31, 1941, under the following headings:

- 1. Canadian funds on deposit in Canada in the name of banks in Japan.
- 2. Canadian funds on deposit in Canada in the name of Japanese banks in the United States.

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3. United States funds on deposit in Canada in the name of banks in Japan.
4. United States funds on deposit in Canada in the name of Japanese banks in the United States.

The amounts set out in these lists will, of course, have been increased by any collections effected by the Canadian banks on behalf of their Japanese correspondent banks since October 31, 1941.

List C summarizes the information concerning businesses owned or controlled by Japanese obtained by the Foreign Exchange Control Board from the chartered banks as a result of our G.M. Special of August 19th, a copy of which is enclosed.

We are examining our files on the companies enumerated in List C to ascertain whether we have any additional information likely to be of use to you and we shall, of course, transmit any such information to you.

Yours faithfully,

L. Kasminsky

Assistant to the Chairman.

Enclosures.

Yours truly,

H. F. Linn

Chairman

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Foreign Exchange Control Board

Ottawa,

August 19, 1941.
G.M. Special.

The General Manager,

Dear Sir,

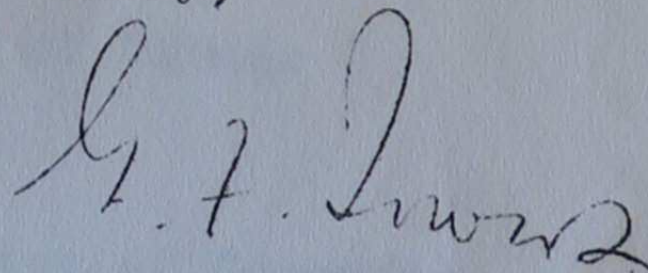
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The Board is anxious to obtain as soon as possible such information as is available to the banks regarding Canadian businesses owned or controlled by Japanese, whether residents of Canada or non-residents. We wish in particular to know the names of these firms and their owners and where possible we should also like to obtain detailed information regarding their financial standing.

We should, therefore, be most grateful if you could take steps immediately to obtain for us the information along these lines which is in the possession of the banks. We fully appreciate that it will probably not be possible to get in this way a complete inventory of all Japanese-owned or controlled businesses in Canada, but we feel that - possibly as a first step - it will give us an approximate idea of the general order of the magnitudes involved. We are, of course, not interested in concerns of very minor importance.

It would seem that the necessary information could be obtained through the main Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver Offices of the banks, but we naturally leave this to your own discretion.

Yours truly,



Chairman

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LIST A

List received from
F. E. C. B.2) BANK ACCOUNTS IN CANADA IN THE NAMES OF RESIDENTS OF JAPAN
AS AT AUGUST 15, 1941

1. Japanese Names of Canada

Name and Address	Bank and Branch	Balance
Fujinami, Vicountess Moniji c/o Silks Limited, 100 Wellington St. West, Toronto, Ont.	Bank of Montreal Montreal	\$1,400
Iwata, Nuiko and Arthur Ryoya 27 Miyazato-Cho Nakano-ku, Tokio	The Canadian Bank of Commerce	666
* Japan Tea Buying Agency, 90-96 Wall St., New York	Bank of Montreal Montreal	38,086
Japanese Legation, Victoria Building, Ottawa, Ont.	Bank of Montreal	2,674
Kato, S. 54 Meguro Mita, Tokio, Japan	The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Ottawa	1,008
Kawasaki, Ichiro, Japanese Consul Marine Bldg., Vancouver	Bank of Montreal Personal Consulate	752 3,022
Masato Ueno 89 Hongo Cho 3, Chome Naka-Ku Yokohama, Japan	Imperial Bank Vancouver	175
Mitsui Bank Ltd., The Tokio, Japan	The Bank of Nova Scotia Montreal	2,785
* Morimura Bros. Inc., Tokio, Japan New York office: 53-57 West 23rd St.	The Canadian Bank of Commerce Montreal	846
100th Bank Ltd., Tokio, Japan	The Royal Bank of Canada Montreal branch - Vancouver, East End Br. -	3,394 1,349 21,474 U.S.
Sanwa Bank Ltd. P.O. Box 137 Central, Osaka	The Royal Bank of Canada	77
Sumitomo Bank of Seattle Seattle	The Royal Bank of Canada	628
Tanaka, Yingo Johnny Setsumura, Miyakogun, Fukuokoken, Japan	The Royal Bank of Canada	224
* Uchida, Y. & Nakazawa, Y. c/o Mandarin Export Assoc. Yokohama, Japan	The Canadian Bank of Commerce Vancouver	1,396

and Address	Bank and Branch	Balance
da Bank Ltd., Tokio, Japan	The Royal Bank of Canada	207 279 U.S.
Kohama Specie Bank, Yokohama, Japan	The Royal Bank of Canada St. Catherine & Bleury, Montreal	219
		\$21,753 U.S. 58,908 Can.
* Less balances included in business assets in Canada controlled by Japanese nationals resident in Japan		40,328
		\$18,580 Can
Argall, Miss Phyllis The Japanese Hotel Tokyo, Japan		
Bell, Robert c/o Central Building Yokohama, Japan		
Chadwick, Frank P.O. Box 804 Kobe, Japan		
Sullivan, Jas. Douglas c/o Yokohama Specie Bank Yokohama, Japan		
Stumpff, Mrs. Emily c/o Yokohama Specie Bank Yokohama, Japan	St. Thomas	
Swanson, George Box 123, Yokohama, Japan		
Terrell, Loren c/o Yokohama Specie Bank Kobe, Japan		
Wasserman, Mrs. Annie Kobe, Japan		
Wayne, Harold S. & Marie L. c/o Yokohama Specie Bank Kobe, Japan		
Wester, Kent c/o Yokohama Specie Bank Kobe, Japan		
Wright, Mrs. Boris c/o Canadian Legation Tokyo, Japan		
Wright, Lionel H. & Margaret c/o Nippon Yusen Kaisha Co. Yokohama, Japan		
Mrs. Wright is a resident of Victoria, B.C.		
Wright, Gordon S. c/o Mr. S. Wright Kobe, Japan		

2. Non-Japanese Names

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Montreal City & District Savings Bank.</u>		
Berichon, Rev. Father Eugene Catholic Mission, Szepingkai, Manchukuo	Montreal	\$ 28
Pickersgill, Miss Helen c/o The Chi Tung Tobacco Co., Moukden, Manchukuo	"	1,947
<u>The Canadian Bank of Commerce</u>		
Argall, Miss Phyllis Etta The Presbyterian Girls School, Tamsin, Formosa	Bloor & Yonge Toronto, Ont.	890
Bell, Robert Gowland & Miriam L. c/o Messrs. Jardine Mathe- son & Co. Ltd. Yokohama, Japan	Vancouver	532
Chadwick, Frank P.O. Box 203 Harbin, Manchukuo	Princess & William Winnipeg	2,252
Collier, Jas. Douglas Foulas 23 Yamashita-Cho Yokohama, Japan	Victoria	1,544
Cunningham, Mrs. Emily Boyd "Mission Account" c/o Yotsuga Mission, Yotsuga, Tokio, Japan	St. Thomas	6,650
Deveson, Bertie & Gladys S. Box 199, Yokohama, Japan	Vancouver	2,898
Gercik, Abram c/o Messrs. L. Jedeckin Kobe, Japan	"	621
Hasselman, Mrs. Amelie Marie Kobe, Japan	"	632
Hayward, Harold E. & Annie I. Can. Pac. S.S. Ltd. Kobe, Japan	"	2,650 U.S. 2,670
Hunter, Hans 1, Enokizaka Machi Akasaka Ku, Tokio	Victoria	5,000
Jones, Mrs. Doris c/o Canadian Legation, Tokio, Japan	Victoria	753
Lovely, Lionel H. & Margaret c/o Rising Sun Petroleum Co. Yokohama, Japan (Mrs. Lovely is a resident of Victoria, B.C.)	"	3,855
Land, Gordon W. c/o Mr. S. Winston 3/111 Kitano Cho 4 Chome, Kobe	Toronto	2,164

Canadian Bank of Commerce Cont'd. Name and Address		Branch	Balance
Arks, Mrs. Ruby A. Kobe, Japan		Vancouver	\$4,326
Mattuck, Ezekial Kobe, Japan		Victoria	2,1451
Moss, John E. & Bertha Room 22, Oriental Hotel, Kobe, Japan		"	6,661
Nancollis, John Harold & Muriel c/o C.P.R. Co., Yokohama, Japan		Victoria Vancouver	536 2,529
Orlovskaya, Miss Julie G. 13 Krrotkaya St., Harbin, Manchukuo		" not given	740 703
Oliver, Douglas c/o H. Hacking Packing Co., 18 Yamaguchi-Cho Higashi-Ku, Nogoyo, Japan		Portage & Garry, Winnipeg	2,485
Ptitsin, L. Box 13, Harbin, Manchukuo		"	2,302
Punnett, Miss Susan Violet c/o The British Embassy Tokio, Japan		Princess & William Winnipeg	1,223
Ross, Donald E. c/o C.N.R. Co., Yokohama, Japan		Victoria	724
Ryan, B.G. 179 Bluff E., Yokohama, Japan		Vancouver	1,203 4,212
Shearer, Archibald A.F. c/o Toyo Babcock Kabuskiki Kaisha 1, Osogo-Machi Isogo-Ku, Yokohama		Ottawa	3,260
Stagg, Mrs. Elsie M. c/o Mr. Stagg Manager, Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Yokohama, Japan		Vancouver	1,268
Waller, Rev. J.G. Nagano, Japan		Newcastle	1,490
		Ottawa & Campbell Hamilton	4,176
The Dominion Bank			
Bott, Rev. G.E. & Edith 2 of 17. 2-Chome, Tomizaka, Cho, Koi- shikawa, Ku, Tokio.		Queen & John Toronto, Ont.	129 156
Hurd, Miss Helen R. Baika, Yochien, Shinzan, Cho, Ueda		" "	1,467

Commonwealth Bank Cont'd.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Balance</u>
National City Bank of New York Tokio, Japan	Toronto	2,121
<u>Imperial Bank of Canada</u>		
Golding, A. c/o Chi Tung Tobacco Co. Ltd. Moukden, Manchukuo	Victoria	556
<u>The Royal Bank of Canada</u>		
Coates, Agnes W. & Wintemute, W.E. 929 Go. Chome, Sendagaya, Shibuyaku, Tokio & 630 Taylor St., Vancouver	not given	703
Dobson, R.M. of Montreal, 6 Sanchoe Maurnouchi, Tokio, Japan	" "	2,302
Ely, T.G. P.O. Box 401, Yokohama, Japan (c/o Rising Sun Petroleum Co. Ltd.)	" "	306
Fraser, E.J.O. & M. Korea Mission of the United Church of Can. 249 Merscikto, Genzan, Chosen, Japan	" "	811
Kongelbacker, C.A. P.O. Box 261, Yokohama	" "	2,058
Maitland, T.C. c/o The Manufacturers Life Ins. Co. Tokio, Japan (also Vancouver) Application for change of status to a res. now before F.E.C.B.	" "	6,873
Martin, Robina G. The Canadian Legation Tokio, Japan	" "	225
Nelson, C.H. P.O. Box 1033 Kobe, Japan	" "	5,000
Penney, Maude F. The British Embassy, Tokio, Japan	" "	129
Svenson, John L. P.O. Box 110, Yokohama, Japan	" "	25
Swanson, Anna P.O. Box 110, Yokohama, Japan	" "	141

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<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Young, D.M. Box 108 Sannomiya, Kobe	not given	964
<u>Bank of Montreal</u>		
Blyth, Mrs. N.M. 2524 McNeil Ave., Victoria, B.C.	not given	522
Brockhurst, Mrs. G.L. Devonshire Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.	" "	674
Carlson, E.M. R.R. No. 2, Victoria, B.C.	" "	800 U.S.
Chapman, Henry A.R. and/or Hilda W. c/o Bank of Montreal, Victoria, B.C.	" "	5,657
Chappell, Miss Mary H. and/or Constance 896-5 Chome, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokio	" "	1,816
Chappell, Miss Mary H. same address (These two depositors are at present visiting in Canada)	" "	1,013
Clark, Miss Greta May c/o Canadian Church Mission, Chengchow, Honan, China	" "	1,172
Fitzgerald, Maurice 3490 Cedar Crescent, Vancouver, B.C.	" "	3,656
Goodman, R.C. and/or Mrs. J.A. Englesea Lodge, Vancouver, B.C.	" "	262
Hepworth, Thomas P. and/or Mrs. Gertrude A. c/o L.E. Tels & Co's. Trading Society, P.O. Box 223, Osaka	" "	3,269
Heseltine, Claud c/o F. Owston & Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 178, Yokohama	" "	2,607
Heseltine, Claud and/or Mrs. Elspet (Dec'd)	" "	355
James, Mrs. W.H. 285 King George Terrace, Victoria, B.C.	" "	1,163 24,000 21,729 U.S.
Lepper, H.C. and/or Mrs. L.W. c/o Messrs. Sale & Co. Ltd. 142 Chome Marunuchi Kojamachi, Box 318, Tokio.	" "	1,695

of Montreal Cont'd.

(5) JAPANESE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUSINESSES IN CANADA

Name and Address	Branch	Balance	Estimated Net Worth
Murray, Dr. Florence J. c/o Canadian Mission Hospital, Kamkeung, Korea	not given	1,201	
Spence, Miss Joan Margery, 930 Chilco St., Vancouver	" " Man's Co-Operative Assoc. Vancouver	1,020	not known
Spence, Mrs. Edith and/or Percy Layton c/o Cornes & Co., Box 170, Kobe, Japan (Hillsborough Apts., 930 Chilco St., Vancouver)	" " Fraser Valley Vancouver	9,063	\$32,000 2,358,000 7,000
Wright, Mrs. Grace L. Kwansei, Gakuin, Co., Port Haney, B.C. Koto Mura, Nishinomura Shigai, Japan	" " Trust acct. Vancouver	669 104	not known
Highland Berry Growers Assoc., New Westminster	" "		
Howe Sound Fisheries Ltd., Vancouver	<u>Banque Canadienne Nationale</u>		
Aubry, Gaston Fukuoka, K., Mission City, B.C.	not given	808	28,000 5,000
Montales Dominicaines Moniako Nakamura Co., C., Vancouver	Produce Exchange, Haney	201	23,000 84,000
Prevost, Charles Fugumaka	strict Fisherman's Assoc. Steveston, B.C.	600	1,000
Prevost, Charles & Fuel Co. Ltd., Vancouver Fukuoka		621	20,000
Robillard, Henri Fukuoka	River Fish Co. Ltd., Vancouver Lumber Co. Ltd., Royston, B.C.	1,205	25,000 158,000
Trudel, Jacques S. Co., Ruskin, B.C. Fukuoka		1,635	8,000
Tanaka & Co. Ltd., Vancouver	<u>The Bank of Nova Scotia</u>		13,000
Hamilton, Miss F. Gertrude 2 Torris Zaka Azahu, Tokio (Missionary)	Sackville, N.B. operative Assoc. Tofino, B.C. Trans-Pacific Lumber Co. Ltd., Vancouver	398	not known
James, Ernest W. 33 Yedo Machi, Kobe	Vancouver Growers Co-operative Assoc. New Westminster	127	" "
Jones, Dr. Frank Meredith St. Barnabas Hospital, Tennoji, Osaka	Victoria Vancouver	52	17,000
Kaufman, Miss Emma R. Tokio, Japan	West Langley Berry Growers Assoc. West Langley B.C. Hop Co-operative Union, Mission City, B.C.	27,228	not known 5,000
McEachran, Miss Ethel Hamheung, Korea	Ave. Rd. & St. Clair, Toronto, Ont.	50	1,000 \$2,372,000
Ryan, Miss Esther L. Fukui City, Japan	Ave. Rd. & St. Clair, Toronto, Ont.	14	

Clever Maid Mfg. Co., Vancouver

\$25,179 U.S.
\$184,376 Can.

(b) JAPANESE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUSINESSES IN CANADA

owned or controlled by Japanese resident in Canada.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Estimated Net Worth</u>
B.C. Cod Fisherman's Co-Operative Assoc. Vancouver	not known
B.C. Log Export Co., Vancouver	" "
Burrard Fish Company Ltd., Vancouver	\$32,000
Consolidated Farmers of Fraser Valley	2,356,000
✓ Deep Bay Logging Co. Ltd., Vancouver	7,000
Fenbridge Lumber Co., Port Haney, B.C.	91,000
Green Cove Salteries Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Highland Berry Growers Assoc., New Westminster	" "
Howe Sound Fisheries Ltd., Vancouver	28,000
Kamimura, K., Mission City, B.C.	5,000
Maple Ridge Co-operative Produce Exchange, Haney	23,000
Nakamura Co., C., Vancouver	84,000
No. 1 District Fisherman's Assoc. Steveston, B.C.	1,000
Powell Lumber & Fuel Co. Ltd., Vancouver	20,000
River Fish Co. Ltd., Vancouver	25,000
Royston Lumber Co. Ltd., Royston, B.C.	158,000
Ruskin Box Mfg. Co., Ruskin, B.C.	6,000
Takahashi & Co. Ltd., K., Vancouver	13,000
Tanaka & Co. Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Tofino Trollers Co-operative Assoc. Tofino, B.C.	" "
Trans-Pacific Lumber Co. Ltd., Vancouver	" "
South Port Mann Berry Growers Co-operative Assoc. New Westminster	" "
Union Trading Co. Ltd., Vancouver	17,000
West Langley Berry Growers Assoc. West Langley B.C.	not known
Western Canada Hop Co-operative Union, Mission City, B.C.	5,000
Yamashita, Mitsugi, New Westminster, B.C.	1,000
	<u>\$2,872,000</u>

MANUFACTURING

Clever Maid Mfg. Co., Vancouver	20,000
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MANUFACTURING Cont'd.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Estimated Net Worth</u>
Mareno Boat Works, New Westminster, B.C.	4,000
Stanley Park Shipyards Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Suga Boat Building & Repair Shop, South Westminster, B.C.	" "
Takahashi, F.K., Vancouver	5,000
Tanaka, J., Vancouver	29,000
Union Boat Works, Vancouver	5,000
Vancouver Paper Box Co. Ltd., Vancouver	40,000
Weldrest Hosiery Ltd., Toronto	558,000
	<u>\$861,000</u>

MERCHANDISING

Acme Importers & Exporters Ltd., Vancouver	not known
British Asiatic Importers & Exporters, Vancouver	" "
B.C. Purchasers Assoc., Vancouver	" "
Deshaw Co. Ltd., Vancouver	13,000
Furuya Co. Ltd., M., Vancouver	58,000
Furuya & Co., Mission City, B.C.	5,000
Growers Box Supply Co. Ltd., Haney, B.C.	12,000
Import & Domestic Silk Co., Vancouver	68,000
Japan Trading Co. Ltd., Montreal	30,000
Jobbers Realty Ltd., Toronto	68,000
Kato, S., Vancouver	44,000
Komura Bros. Ltd., Vancouver	50,000
Maikawa Ltd., Vancouver	30,000
Maikawa Stores Ltd., T., Vancouver	80,000
Matsumiya & Nose, Vancouver	10,000
Mikado Co. Ltd., Montreal	40,000
Nakazawa, Y. "Trust", Vancouver	not known
Nippon Importing Co., Toronto	" "
Nishiguchi & Co. Ltd., M., New Westminster	85,000
Nishimura, Jujiro, Vancouver	10,000
Omiya & Co., Steveston, B.C.	20,000
Pacific Importers Ltd., Vancouver	26,000
Ribbons Ltd., Toronto	119,000

MERCHANDISING Cont'd

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Estimated Net Worth</u>
Richmond Trading Co., Vancouver	not known
Shibuya & Co. S., Vancouver Ltd., Vancouver	90,000
Shimotakahara, T., Vancouver	200,000
Silks Ltd., Toronto	231,000
Tire Exchange Ltd., Regina	not known
Uchida & Co. Y., Vancouver	" "
Wakita, S., Steveston (total assets \$350,000)	100,000
West Coast Trading Co. Ltd., Vancouver	30,000
Yamato Silks Ltd., Vancouver	10,000
	<u>\$1,429,000</u>

FINANCIAL, SOCIETIES, ETC.

Associated Cleaners & Dyers Ltd., Vancouver	10,000
Canada Daily News, Vancouver	14,000
Fukuoka Kaigai Kyokai, Vancouver Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Gyosha Renraksu Kyogi Kai, Steveston	" "
Isshinkai Woodfibre, Woodfibre, B.C.	" "
Japan Society of Vancouver	" "
Kii Kaigai Kyokai, Vancouver	" "
Koushin Kai, Vancouver	" "
Kyoritsu Goyakko Boshikai, Vancouver	" "
Machida, D., Vancouver	20,000
Nishimura, Hatt, Vancouver	10,000
Onshikinen Saisei Kai of B.C. Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Strawberry Hill Japanese Farmers Institute, Strawberry Hill, B.C.	" "
Tairiku Nippo Sha Ltd. (Continental Daily News)	" "
Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Co. Vancouver	" "
	<u>\$54,000</u>

RECAPITULATION

26	Primary Industries	2,872,000
9	Manufacturing	661,000
32	Merchandising	1,429,000
14	Financial, Societies, etc.	54,000
<u>81</u>		<u>\$5,016,000</u>

JAPANESE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUSINESSES IN CANADA

2. Owned or controlled by Japanese nationals resident in Japan.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Estimated Net Worth</u>
British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Cameron Lake Logging Co. Ltd., Vancouver	41,000
Canadian Salt Herring Exporters Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Canamoku Co. Ltd., Vancouver	20,000
Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. (total assets \$850,000)	180,000
X Japan Tea Buying Agency, New York & Japan (Bk Montreal)	50,000
Kasho & Co. Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Kawakita Co. Ltd., F., Toronto	27,000
Mandarin Export Assoc., Yokohama	1,400
Matsuyama & Co. Ltd., T., Vancouver	not known
McNeil Trading Co. Ltd., N.S. Vancouver	530,000
Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd., Vancouver	not known
X Morimura Bros. Inc., New York & Japan	4,000
Nanaimo Shipyards Ltd., Vancouver	50,000
X Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan	5,000
Nozaki Bros. (Canada) Ltd., Toronto	4,000
Ocean Timber Co. Ltd., Vancouver	155,000
Pacific Sea Products Exporters Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co. Ltd., Vancouver	500,000
Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd., Mission City, B.C.	10,000
Salt Salmon Exporters of B.C. Ltd., Vancouver	not known
Silk-O-Lina Ltd., Vancouver	10,000
Tamura, Toru, Vancouver	now known
Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Toronto	280,000
Union Fish Co. Ltd., Vancouver	30,000
Yamashita Shipping Co., Vancouver	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>\$1,899,400</u>

LIST B

CANADIAN FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN CANADA IN THE NAME OF BANKS IN JAPAN
AS REPORTED BY AUTHORIZED DEALERSList received from Foreign C.I.B.
Section 1

Bank in Japan	Branch	Canadian Bank	Branch	31st Oct./41
Bank of Taiwan Ltd	Yokohama	Commerce	Montreal	\$ 484
Dai-Ichi Ginko Ltd	Tokyo	Commerce	Vancouver	2
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	Kobe	Commerce	Toronto	128
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	Tokyo	Montreal	London	590
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Nagoya	Royal		1,232
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Commerce	Montreal	453
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Nova Scotia	Montreal	3,872
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Commerce	Montreal	881
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Commerce	Phillips Sq, Mtl	1,038
Mitsui Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Commerce	Toronto	5,684
National City Bk of New York	Tokyo	Dominion	Toronto	2,232
One Hundredth Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Commerce	Vancouver	
One Hundredth Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal	Montreal	1,349

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<u>Bank in Japan</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Canadian Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>31st Oct./41</u>
One Hundredth Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal	Vancouver	\$ 4,058
Sanwa Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal		77
Sumitomo Bank Ltd	Osaka	Royal		315
Yasuda Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal		207
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Kobe	Montreal	Montreal	25,160
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Kobe	Montreal	Toronto	1,451
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Osaka	Commerce	Toronto	189
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Commerce	Toronto	67
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Commerce	Vancouver	2,258
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Montreal	Montreal	117
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Royal	Montreal	14,066

<u>Bank in Japan</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Canadian Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>31st Oct./41</u>
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Royal	St Cath. & Bleury, Mtl	\$ 753
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Yokohama	Royal		1,403
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd		Dominion	Montreal	6,549
				<u>\$ 74,615</u>

Section 2

CANADIAN FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN CANADA IN THE NAME OF JAPANESE BANKS
IN THE UNITED STATES AS REPORTED BY AUTHORIZED DEALERS

<u>Japanese Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Canadian Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>31st Oct./41</u>
Bank of Taiwan Ltd	New York a/c Osaka	Montreal	Montreal	\$ 128
National City Bk of New York	New York a/c Osaka	Montreal	Montreal	848
Sumitomo Bank	Seattle	Royal	East End, Vanc.	628
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	New York a/c Tokyo	Montreal	Montreal	295
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	New York a/c Yokohama	Montreal	Montreal	40
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	Seattle	Commerce	Vancouver	144

\$ 2,083

Section 3

UNITED STATES FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN CANADA IN THE NAME OF BANKS IN
JAPAN AS REPORTED BY AUTHORIZED DEALERS

<u>Bank in Japan</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Canadian Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>31st Oct./41</u>
One Hundredth Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal	East End, Vanc.	\$ 21,474
Yasuda Bank Ltd	Tokyo	Royal		279
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd		Dominion	St Lawrence Blvd, Montreal	2,552
				<u>\$ 24,305</u>

UNITED STATES FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN CANADA IN THE NAME OF JAPANESE
BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES AS REPORTED BY AUTHORIZED DEALERS

<u>Japanese Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Canadian Bank</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>31st Oct./41</u>
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	New York a/c Moji	Montreal	Montreal	\$ 8
Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd	New York a/c Tokyo	Montreal	Montreal	26
				<u>\$ 34</u>

LIST C

List received from F. C. K. B.

To Mr. Holloway
Merchandising Section

We give below the reports made by Banks concerning businesses owned or controlled by Japanese in accordance with G.M. Special #713 of August 19, 1941. We believe the affairs of these people would ordinarily be handled by your Section. Will you please determine if the Board has any further information concerning them and report your findings to Mr. Rasminsky.

C.K.H.

Bank of Montreal reports:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officers and Directors</u>	<u>Branch at which Account kept</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Current Liab.</u>	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Date</u>
Japan Trading Co. Ltd.	Menzo Yoshida (Pres.) Alfred Yamashita (Secy. Treas.) R. Hirai Joseph Powley Miss Rosemary Yoshida	Bleury & St. Catherine Sts., Montreal	\$58,510	\$28,406	\$30,373	31st Dec. 1940
Silks Ltd.	K. Harima (Pres.) J. Powley (Vice Pres.) E. Tourjee (Secy. Treas.) R. Hirai (Manager)	Toronto	402,000	245,000	231,000	25th June 1941
Jobbers Realty Ltd. (wholly owned by Silks Ltd.)	J. Powley (Pres.) R. Hirai (Vice Pres.) Miss E. Tourjee (Secy. Treas)	Toronto	18,000 (Silks Ltd.)	1,000	68,000	25th June 1941

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officers and Directors</u>	<u>Branch at which Account kept</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Current Liab.</u>	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jobbers Realty Ltd. Cont'd	K. Hattima (Asst. Secy.)					
Ribbons Ltd.	R. Hlrel (Pres.) J. Powley (Vice Pres.) Miss E. Tourjee (Secy. Treas.) K. Hattima (Director)	Toronto	176,000	67,000	119,000	25th June 1941
Richmond Trading Co.		Vancouver				
Kato, S. (retail shoes)		Main & Hastings Sts. Vancouver			44,000 (includes real estate \$30,000 which may be excessive)	
Maikawa Ltd. (Retail Merchants)	Sannosuke Maikawa (Pres.) Sadao Maikawa (Vice Pres.) Mrs. E. Ogino (Secy. Treas) Z. Kinoshita (Mgr.)	"			30,000	
T. Maikawa Stores Ltd. (Departmental)	T. Maikawa (Pres.)	Main & Hastings Vancouver			80,000	
Shibuya & Company, S. (Dry Goods)	Yoshio Nakazawa Mrs. S. Nakazawa (Partners)	"			90,000	

Operate small Canadian dollar & U.S. funds accounts. The Board have full information concerning this company.

Name
Growers Box Supply
Company Ltd.

Officers and
Directors

M. Odamura
K. Yoshino
S. Oka
S.O. Tanaka

Branch at which
Account kept

Haney, B.C.

Current
Assets

12,807

Current
Liab.

7,047

Net
Worth

12,087

Date

31st Aug.
1940

The Dominion Bank reports:

Principals

Name
St. Lawrence Blvd. Branch
Mikado Co. Ltd.
Montreal, P.Q.

Harry Kobayashi
Fred Hayakawa

Financial Standing

Assets \$91,700
Liabilities 51,630
Surplus 40,070

Remarks

Kobayashi served with
Canadian army during last war.
Hayakawa born in this country.

Regina Branch
Tire Exchange Ltd.,
Regina, Sask.

Controlled by Japanese
resident in Canada

No details

Average in this account
ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000

Vancouver Branch
Import & Domestic Silk
Company
Vancouver, B.C.

Controlled by Japanese

Assets \$106,677
Liabilities 37,852
Surplus 68,825

Vancouver Branch
Deshaw Co., Ltd.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Controlled by Japanese

Assets 50,865
Liabilities 37,304
Surplus 13,562

Two-thirds Japanese owned

Toronto Branch
Nippon Importing Co.,
Toronto, Ont.

Controlled by Japanese
resident in Canada

No details

Balance of account as at
Aug. 21/41 - \$1,998

Imperial Bank of Canada reports:

M. Furuya Co. Ltd. Mainly owned by U. Higuchi and H. Sakamoto, both non-naturalized
residents of Canada - Wholesale rice, etc. Last statement dated January 2, 1941, shows

M. Furuya Co. Ltd. Cont'd.
 \$50,000 capital, \$8,591 surplus, \$140,975 total assets, \$88,284 total liabilities.
 Operates under B.C. Charter.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce reports

<u>Name of Concern</u>	<u>Names of Owners</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Report</u>
Acme Importers & Exporters Ltd.	K. Okumura-Pres. T. Yamada-Sec. Treas.	167 W. Cordova St. Vancouver, B.C.	\$ 260.00	Small import and export house controlled by these men. Occasionally borrow small amounts against an assignment of a savings balance of S. Okumura at the Seattle office.
British Asiatic Importers & Exporters	J.S. Hurdal W.B. Seto	448 Seymour Street Vancouver, B.C.	6.00	Partnership consisting of J.S. Hurdal and W.B. Seto. Seto is a Japanese and the son of Seto Kore. The latter is a well educated Japanese who has been Japanese passenger agent for the C.P.R. for a number of years. Hurdal is a Hindoo - business of little value
Furuya & Co.		Mission City, B.C. (Main Office, Vancouver Groceries)	F/V \$5,000	
Matsunaga & Rose		229 Powell St. Vancouver, B.C.	2,823.00	Men's clothing Business M/V \$10/15,000
Nishimura, J.		523 Powell St. Vancouver, B.C.	1,350.00	Grocery. Business M/V \$10,000
Shimotekehara, T.		Grenville St. Vancouver, B.C.		"Modiste" ladies ready-to-wear and "Clever Mfg. Co". Naturalized Canadian citizen. Claims to be worth over \$200,000.

<u>Name of Concern</u>	<u>Names of Owners</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Report</u>
Silk-O-Line Ltd. (Successors to Nippon Silks Co. Vancouver)	Sataro Kuwahara-Pres. Shigejiro Inouye-Secy Genzo Kitagawa, Director	730 Granville St. Vancouver, B.C. Calgary, Alta Japan Regina, Sask.		A partnership. Silks, woollens and other dry goods. E/W - at least \$10,000.
Toru Tamura	Kodama, G.) either to Moritake, Teigo) operate	c/o S. Tamura 213 Dunlevy St., Vancouver, B.C.	1,567.00	Commercial account covering imports and exports of Japanese goods. President of the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. Resides mostly in Japan. Maintains substantial balances. Also has current account with our Seattle office. Acct. here is operated under P/A to G. Kodama and Teigo Moritake, either to operate.
Uchida & Co. Y.	Uchida, Y. Sole Proprietor	811 Dominion Bank Bldg. Vancouver, B.C.	710.00	Masachichi Chasht full Power of Attorney - Importers and Exporters. Uchida has resided in B.C. many years. Account opened in 1926. Latterly has been importing Japanese oranges in conjunction with Y. Nakazawa.
Uchida, Y. & Nakazawa, Y. Manderlin Orange Trust A/C		811 Dominion Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.	817.00	See above report.
West Coast Trading Co. Ltd.		502 Hastings St. Vancouver, B.C.	4,611.00	Wholesale tobacco. Turnover \$20,000 per month. As a going concern M/V \$125,000.

The Bank of Nova Scotia reports:

Kawakita Company Limited, F
222 Bay Street, Toronto

Importers of Japanese Goods. Business here.
Operated by - K. Kawakita
Controlled by - F. Kawakita Co., Yokohama
Officers:

President - F. Kawakita - Japan
Secretary - K. Kawakita - 199 Oakmount Rd.,
Toronto, Ontario
Director - X. Sigemata - Japan

Last Statement dated December 31st, 1937 showed:

Quick Assets \$19, 943	Floating Liabilities \$21, 829
Fixed Assets \$25, 372	Other Liabilities \$27, 674
	<u>49, 503</u>

Capital \$40, 000
Less P.&L. 44, 188
Deficit <u>4, 188</u>
<u>45, 315</u>

Present Balance

\$4, 012

Personal Savings Account K. Kawakita- \$1, 493- Present Balance

To Mr. C.H. Blair
Trusts and Accounts Section

We give below the reports made by Banks concerning businesses owned or controlled by Japanese in accordance with G.M. Special #713 of August 19, 1941. We believe the affairs of these people would ordinarily be handled by your Section. Will you please determine if the Board has any further information concerning them and report your findings to Mr. Reminsky.

C.H.B.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce reports:

<u>Name of Concern</u>	<u>Names of Owners</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Report</u>
Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co.	Toru Tanura-Pres. Takio Hara-Mgr. Mitsuji Nakamura-Secy Yukio Mishikawa-Treas.	398 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C.	\$27,685 C/A 10,000 S/A	Regularly constituted company extending banking facilities to Japanese residents.
	<u>Directors</u> Genichi Kodama Teigo Moritake Toru Tanura Asanosuke Kondo Takio Hara Isamu Onoh	Vancouver, B.C. " " Vancouver, B.C.	1,182 Co.A/C 2,000 S/A	

To Mr. R.F.B. Taylor,
Services Section

We give below the reports made by Banks concerning businesses owned or controlled by Japanese in accordance with G.M. Special #713 of August 19, 1941. We believe the affairs of these people would ordinarily be handled by your Section. Will you please determine if the Board has any further information concerning them and report your findings to Mr. Rasminsky.

C.K.H.

Bank of Montreal reports:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officers and Directors</u>	<u>Branch at which Account kept</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Current Liab.</u>	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Date</u>
Canada Daily News (Native Language)	Juzo Suzuki (claims to be sole owner)	Klein & Hastings Vancouver			\$ 14,000	

The Canadian Bank of Commerce reports:

<u>Name of Concern</u>	<u>Names of Owners</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Report</u>
Associated Cleaners & Dyers Ltd.	F.C. Mizutani) Y. Mikado) K. Yano) D. Injo) K. Mori)	1638 West 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C. Vancouver, B.C.	-	B / W \$10,000

To Mr. Church,
Manufacturing Section

We give below the reports made by Banks concerning businesses owned or controlled by Japanese in accordance with C.M. Special #713 of August 19, 1941. We believe the affairs of these people would ordinarily be handled by your Section. Will you please determine if the Board has any further information concerning them and report your findings to Mr. Paszinsky.

C.K.H.

Bank of Montreal reports:

<u>Branch at which Account kept</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Current Liab.</u>	<u>Net Worth</u>	<u>Date</u>
Toronto	\$248,000 Due	52,000	558,000	25th June 1941
	J. Powley (\$15,000) S. Yamaguchi (\$15,000)	30,000		
		<u>82,000</u>		

Name

Officers and
Directors

Weldrest Hosiery Ltd.

J. Powley
(Pres.)
R. Hirai
(Vice Pres.)
Miss K. Tourjee
(Secy. Treas.)
J. Lander
K. Hattima
H.L. Powley

Cleaver Maid Manufac-
turing Company

K. Shimoda
(sole owner)
(Backed by T.
Shimotakahara
uncle, sole
owner of
"Modiste", re-
tail store)

Main & Hastings
Vancouver

20,000

Main & Hastings
Vancouver

Appears to be fairly well-to-do.
No definite figures available.

Takahashi, F.K.
(Hise Will)

Name

 COVER Paper Box
 Co. Ltd.

Officers and
Directors

Kojiro Shoji
 (Chief owner
 brother Roy
 Shoji may have
 small interest)

Branch at which
Account kept

Main & Hastings
 Vancouver

Current
Assets

Current
Liab.

Net
Worth

40,000

Date

Imperial Bank of Canada reports:

J. Tanaka Resident of Canada, naturalized. Operates rice mill. Last statement dated
 October 31, 1940, shows \$29,438 assets, including \$7,800 Japanese bonds, no liabilities.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce reports:

Names of Owners

Mar Suzuki
 Meno Suzuki
 Shuji Suzuki

Address

New Westminster, B.C.

Balance

\$ 494.75

Report

Amount on deposit in the
 name of Mar Suzuki, Aug. 15,
 1941 \$1,953.41 E/W \$3/4,000

Building
 Shop

Suga, H.)
 Tsuchimoto, Y.) Partners

South Westminster, B.C.

127.41

Ottawa, December 8, 1941.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.
MARINE BLDG.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

RETEL JAPANESE SITUATION AS BULK OF WORK WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA CUSTODIAN HAS DECIDED TO SET UP A LOCAL OFFICE
STOP MR. MCPHERSON ON WAY TO VANCOUVER TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL HE
ARRIVES WHEN HE WILL EXPLAIN.

(Chg. to - Custodian of
Enemy Property

A. H. MATHIEU
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

World Wide Communications

W.D. NEIL, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, MONTREAL

2 VX.A. 12... GET REPLY.

VX.VANCOUVER BC. DEC. 8-41...1035 AM.

CUSTODIANS OFFICE...
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OTTAWA, ONT.

ARE HAVING NUMEROUS ENQUIRIES RE JAPANESE SITUATION STOP SHALL APPRECIATE
TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS.

PRICE WATERHOUSE AND CO.

136 PM. 8TH.

SUMMARY OF JAPANESE ACCOUNTS AS OF OCTOBER 31st, 1941.

IN WHICH THE CUSTODIAN WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST.

I. Bank Accounts in Canada in names of Residents of Japan.

(a) In Japanese Names -

18 Accounts \$18,580 Can.

21,753 U.S.

(b) In Non Japanese Names -

79 Accounts \$25,179 U.S.

\$184,376 Can.

II. Japanese owned or controlled Businesses in Canada.

(a) Owned or controlled by Japanese Residents in Canada.

26 Primary Industries \$2,872,000.00

9 Manufacturing 661,000.00

32 Merchandising 1,429,000.00

14 Financial, Societies, Etc. 54,000.00

81 \$5,016,000.00

(b) Owned or controlled by Japanese Nationals Resident
in Japan.

26 Firms - Estimated worth \$1,899,000.00

8 of above approximate net worth not known.

III. Banks of Japan with Funds in Canadian Banks -

British Columbia - 8 Accounts

Montreal - 21 "

Toronto - 6 "

35 "

IV. Canadian Firms owing debts to Japan -

250 - Plus what may be disclosed on checking
Customs Report.



DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF CANADA

WHEREAS the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939), Section 6 (2) provides that any power or duty conferred or imposed by or under the said Regulations upon the Secretary of State and/or Custodian may be delegated by him to such person or persons as he may think proper;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary of State and/or Custodian deems it advisable to delegate such power and duty to GLENN WILLOUGHBY McPHERSON, his Counsel;

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State and/or Custodian hereby delegates to GLENN WILLOUGHBY McPHERSON of the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario, his Counsel, all the power and duty conferred or imposed upon him by or under the said Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939) with respect to the investigation, management and control of all property coming within the provisions of the said Regulations and situated in the Province of British Columbia.

SIGNED at the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario, this 30th day of July, 1941.

Secretary of State and Custodian.

P.S. ROSS & SONS
Chartered Accountants, Trustees & Liquidators

Montreal, Que.

July 25, 1941.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Counsel for the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant with enclosures, and have instructed our Vancouver office to investigate the affairs of J.G. Schmidt Company and report thereon as promptly as possible.

We note that in Paragraph 2 of Page 2 of your letter of instructions you refer to the fact that the general certificate appointing our firm representatives of the Custodian in British Columbia would permit us to take control of property if so advised by your office. It appears to us that the certificate merely authorizes us to investigate and therefore it might be necessary for you to furnish additional authority if it should be necessary for us to control the property. Will you please consider this matter and let us know whether any additional authority is necessary at this time.

In the event that Japan becomes an enemy of Canada, we shall be pleased to represent the Custodian in all Japanese matters through our Vancouver office and we thank you for entrusting this work to us. Owing to the importance of the interests which would be involved if such an event occurred we would send one of our Montreal partners who has had experience in these matters to spend some time in Vancouver to assist in organizing the work and we trust that such an arrangement would meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,

P. S. Ross & Sons.

*Original letter
on file 9/16/41*

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor Street,

Ottawa, July 22, 1941.

Dict. 19/7/41.

Legal Section

GWM/JS

Attention of Guy E. Hoult

Dear Sirs:

Re: P.S. Ross & Sons, Vancouver

I am enclosing a letter addressed to your Vancouver office for the purpose which I discussed with you yesterday, and trust that you will forward same to Vancouver in due course.

I have been instructed to request that if Japan becomes an enemy of Canada, your firm in Vancouver represent the Custodian in all Japanese matters. I would appreciate your advising me if your firm is prepared to handle this work in that eventuality. It is the present intention of the Deputy Custodian that if such an event occurs I will go to Vancouver for a short period to assist in organizing the work there, so that a system may be set up to avoid a lot of unnecessary correspondence between Vancouver and Ottawa concerning purely routine matters.

I am hopeful of having an opportunity of discussing this entire situation with you in Ottawa this week.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Counsel for the Custodian.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
Chartered Accountants,
Royal Bank Building,
Montreal, P. Q.

*Original letter
on 9/16/41*

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario,

July 15th, 1941.

Legal Section
GWM/LB

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO DR. COLEMAN

RE: JAPAN

Mr. Mathieu referred a secret memorandum to me a few days ago, and I believe, discussed its contents with you.

In the event of the above country going to war against the Empire, I believe there will be a considerable amount of work to be done particularly in the Province of British Columbia. At the present time the Custodian's only representative in Vancouver is Price, Waterhouse & Company, and Mr. Giles is the resident partner. In the early days of the war Mr. Giles handled the Custodian's matters personally, and subsequently turned them over to a man especially employed for that purpose, and I think it can be quite fairly said that the cooperation received from that office has not been satisfactory. Some time ago I recommended to you that P. S. Ross & Sons in Vancouver be employed to represent the Custodian in any new cases that might arise. The nature of the Custodian's work in Vancouver and the surrounding district has been such that when new cases arise the parties interested invariably see Mr. Giles before this office hears about it, with the result that he is looked upon as the representative, and I have not found an opportune case to recommend the appointment of the other firm. In view of the possibility of a break with Japan, I would recommend that it is desirable to lay the ground work. I recommend that steps should be taken to guard against

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Price, Waterhouse & Company representing the Custodian in Japanese matters.

I realize that it is difficult to take cases away from Price, Waterhouse & Company without creating friction, but I believe that a diplomatic letter could be written to Mr. Giles advising him that because of the volume of work that his firm is so ably handling, the Custodian feels that another agent should be appointed, and that it would be appreciated if he would, wherever possible, cooperate with that agent.

After our previous discussion, I mentioned this matter to Mr. Hoult of P. S. Ross & Sons, of Montreal, and he has expressed their willingness to represent the Custodian in British Columbia, and has undertaken to personally supervise the work in so far as this is possible from Montreal.

In the last few days I have been reviewing some files, and if the Custodian approves of my suggestion, I will prepare the Certificates appointing P. S. Ross & Sons of Vancouver to handle some minor cases, not for what is involved, but simply to establish the principle of another agent.

I would suggest for your consideration the desirability of someone going to Vancouver in the event of war with Japan, and taking a few weeks to organize the work, and more or less set up an organization in P. S. Ross & Sons' Office, to handle all Japanese affairs, in view of the difficulty of keeping in close touch with affairs in that Province.

Your instructions would be appreciated.

(G. W. McPherson)