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I learned that no Japanese nationals or other foreigners received Old Age Pensions anywhere in Canada. I said, therefore, that our interest was slim. I added that if Canadians of Japanese race were discriminated against, as compared with other Canadians, we might have an interest. I was assured by the representative of Pensions that this was not the case and I do not think it is.

I learned, however, that the Province of British Columbia gives a supplementary allowance of \$5.00 per month to all pensioners on the B.C. list resident in B.C. But it was thought at the meeting that Japanese-Canadians did not get this extra money. Alberta also gives a supplementary allowance.

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Are we interested?

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