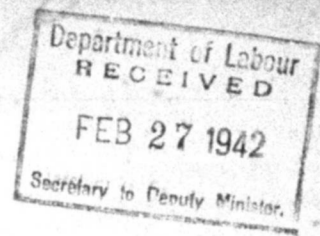


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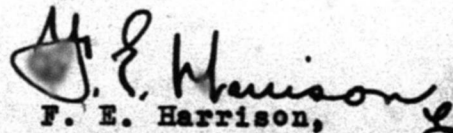


315 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
February 25, 1942.

Dear Dr. Stewart:

I am enclosing a copy of a communication dated February 20th which has been received from Mr. H.N. MacLeod, recording secretary of Local 312, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, requesting information as to the Federal Government's policy concerning Japanese, particularly as to the effect on members of that race who are affiliated with the Union. I am also attaching a copy of a communication from Toshio Kurita, president of the Japanese Section of the same Local Union which has been handed to us by Mr. John Sherman, International Vice-President of that organization. Mr. Sherman stated that the situation was causing some concern to members of the Union and he requested that early attention be accorded the communications.

Yours faithfully,


F. E. Harrison,

Western Representative, Department of Labour.

Dr. Bryce M. Stewart,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD PULP, SULPHITE and PAPER MILL
WORKERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

Ocean Falls Local No. 312,
Box 92,
Ocean Falls, B.C. February 20, 1942

Mr. F.E. Harrison,
Western Representative,
Department of Labour,
315 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In view of the war situation in Canada and regulations which are being proposed by the Federal Government, the Officers of Local 312 International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers desires from your department immediate information regarding the Japanese members of our Local.

At the present time the Pacific Mills Limited are replacing the Japanese with occidentals and on the information received will eventually replace all of these workers.

The Japanese members of our organization are desirous of co-operating with the Canadian Government to their fullest extent in this national emergency.

Therefore we are requesting from you, as a representative of the Labour Department of the Federal Government, the information to the following questions:

1. Has the Federal Government set up labour camps or other facilities to take care of the Japanese?
2. If the Japanese are replaced by the occidentals, can they remain on the company property, until such facilities are forthcoming?
3. Is there any differential between the Japanese Nationals and the Canadian born Japanese?
4. Will the Federal Government in making such regulations, notify Labour regarding such changes as are being made?
5. Will it be possible to receive from your department immediately the necessary information so that these men may be placed in a position to show to the Canadian Government their loyalty in this national crises?

Believing that the above questions asked and answer received are necessary for the best interest for all the workers concerned in Ocean Falls, and believing that the Federal Government is desirous of doing everything in its power for the alleviation of the distress in this national emergency, we sincerely request from you an immediate reply to the end that the necessary steps may be taken and with the assurance that our only desire is to co-operate fully with any programme proposed by our Government,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) H. N. MacLeod

Recording and Corresponding
Secretary.

Copy for information of the Department of Labour, Ottawa.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD PULP, SULPHITE
& PAPER MILL WORKERS - JAPANESE SECTION
OCEAN FALLS LOCAL No. 312

OCEAN FALLS, B.C.,

February 20, 1942.

Mr. Harrison,
B.C. Representative, Department of Labour,
Post Office Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Japanese Section of Local 312, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers in your capacity as the representative of the federal Department of Labour for the province of British Columbia, to inform you that we are willing and anxious to serve the government of Canada in any capacity as you see fit, to further the war effort during this period of national crisis.

May we request that you kindly advise us as to methods in which Canadian born and naturalized Canadian of Japanese race, as well as Japanese nationals over the age of 45 years may be of aid to this country.

Will you kindly convey these sentiments on our behalf to the Honourable Minister of Labour for Canada.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) T. Kurita
President.