



DEPARTMENT OF  
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER  
OTTAWA



23rd January, 1942

Dear Mr. Greene,-

I am directed by the Minister to enclose you copy of a telegram received by me today from Mr. Harry Beach, of Mission, B.C.

Although I have known Mr. Beach for many years, I am not certain of his exact function or position. I do know, however, that he has been engaged for many years in canning and processing and exporting berries from British Columbia to the United Kingdom and that he is at present operating a very large cannery at Mission, engaged in processing berries in fulfilment of a contract with the British Government arranged through official channels.

A very large percentage of his berries come from Japanese growers.

With this explanation of the background, the telegram is passed without comment.

I was authorized to reply that the subject of Mr. Beach's telegram was one of the factors under consideration in determining application of the Government's policy regarding Japanese resident in Canada.

Yours very truly,

C. N. Senior,  
Private Secretary.

George G. Greene, Esq.,  
Private Secretary to  
The Minister of Labour,  
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CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

MISSION, B.C.,  
January 22, 1942

Norman Senior,  
Secretary to  
Hon. Ian Mackenzie,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

Am worried over outcome of Japanese fruit growers situation here. Packers have obligated themselves through myself to supply greater tonnage berries to British Food Minister. Last year 1,400 long tons shipped through special products board. My interest only prompted by desire provide essential food product to Great Britain. No export possible if Japanese fruit eliminated. Firmly believe safety assured if Japanese interned on their Fraser Valley farms under proper supervision. Personally suggest that their trucks be confiscated and packers handling Japanese berries look after trucking arrangements. Would have wired Minister direct but feel our friendship long standing and you can fully explain my position as processing expert under British regulations for sulphur dioxide pack in Fraser Valley over many years. Appreciate reply.

(Signed) Harry Beach