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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 15, 1947.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property

Further to ours of April 3rd, 1947, we are now enclosing revised draft of proposed Agreement with Mr. Trites. This revised draft was prepared by our lawyers after consultation with Mr. Trites' lawyer.

Apart from minor corrections, the changes consist of:

(a) The re-wording of the first portion of Clause 3 (a) page 4 of the old Agreement at the request of Mr. Trites. This was requested in order that it would be clear that certain plumbing fixtures, etc., which had been removed from the buildings by us in connection with winterization program, were to be turned over to him - page 4 in new Agreement.

(b) The insertion of a new clause - No. 9 page 9 in the new Agreement - clarifying the status of items which are not removed by the Department (or War Assets) by July 31st. With the inclusion of this clause the words "shall, and" or "and shall" have been deleted wherever used in the Agreement, with regard to the removing of items from the property by the Department - e. g.,paragraph 6 page 8 of the Old Agreement, also a clarifying sentence has been inserted in this same paragraph - No. 6, top of page 9 in new Agreement.

(c) The re-writing of clause 8 page 9 of the old Agreement, as the original wording was at variance with our Agreement with Mr. Trites - Clause 8 page 8 in the new Agreement.

(d) The insertion of paragraph 12, page 10 in the new Agreement at the request of Mr. Trites.

We believe all the changes to be in order.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

Two copies 1 final agreement
to Mr. E.E.T. 1 W.A.

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Ottawa, April 12, 1947.

Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I have your letter of April 1st in which you refer to the offer made by Mr. L. I. Torry for the purchase of logs remaining at the Tashme Camp and the subsequent sale thereof to the Princeton Trail Sawmills Limited.

At the time the sale was completed, Mr. Torry made a complaint alleging that his offer had been accepted but that subsequently, the acceptance had been repudiated by officers of the Department. This complaint was carefully investigated and the officers of the Department, who were handling this transaction at the Coast, stated that while Mr. Torry's offer had been received, it had not been accepted. The offer of the Princeton Trail Sawmills Limited was accepted because it was a better offer.

The Department wrote to Mr. Torry in this matter under date of November 29th and at that time we sent you a copy of our letter to Mr. Torry. In case you have mislaid it, I enclose a further copy herewith.

I might say that Mr. Torry offered $500 cash for the purchase of the logs whereas the Princeton Trail Sawmills Limited offered $4.00 per thousand feet as the logs are taken out and the estimated quantity of logs involved is around 750,000 feet. If the estimate is in any way close to being correct, the difference between the Torry offer and the offer which has been accepted is so great as to require no further comment. The purchaser has deposited $1500.00 as a guarantee of carrying through the contract and the contract further provides that the purchaser will be responsible for any penalties which may be levied by the Provincial Forestry Department for failure to remove the logs before expiry of the timber sale permit.

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I am sure you will agree that, in the circumstances, the Department could not have justified the acceptance of the Torry offer.

Yours sincerely,

Enc.

[illegible] HUMPHREY MITCHELL

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 9, 1947.

DEPARTMENT
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OF LABOUR

Mr. A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Settlement

Further to Mr. MacKinnon's letter of the 8th, I had the interview with Mr. Lambert this morning, as arranged.

I provided Mr. Lambert with copies of the Lease and of various memoranda regarding the settlement with Mr. Trites, and discussed the general background with him. They are unfortunately, unable to send a man to Tashme until the latter part of next week, owing to pressure of business. Mr. Lambert himself, is flying to Ottawa on Friday, the 11th, and will contact Mr. MacNamara while there.

Unofficially, Mr. Lambert's first reaction to the settlement was that it appeared to be a satisfactory deal for the Department.

D. W. Simmons
Administrative Assistant.

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Ottawa, April 9, 1947.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Property -
Hospital Building

Thanks for your letter of April 2nd with enclosures.

We have written to Mr. Berry, President of War Assets Corporation, as per attached copy.

Enc.

A. H. Brown.

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Ottawa, April 9, 1947.

Mr. J. H. Berry,
President,
War Assets Corporation,
No. 4 Temporary Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Berry: Re: Tashme Property

This Department is closing out a lease held by it on the property known as the Tashme Camp property near Hope, B.C., which was leased from the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited.

In connection with the settlement of the lease, the Department has declared surplus to the Corporation the hospital building erected by the Department on the property, which is subject to removal.

The Town of Hope is interested in the acquisition of this property for use in providing hospital accommodation at Hope, B.C. They have written to your office in Montreal with the proposal that the hospital be turned over to the Town at the nominal sum, the town undertaking to remove the building from the premises by the end of November, 1947 and to leave the grounds in good shape. They are also asking to secure with the building, equipment in connection therewith which was declared surplus by this Department.

Anything that you can do to facilitate the completion of an arrangement which will enable the Town to acquire the building will, I am sure, be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

Copy to Mr. J. F. MacKinnon

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

April 8, 1947.

Mr. A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Re: Mr. Noel Lambert

Thanks for your memorandum of April 5th enclosing copy of Mr. MacNamara's letter addressed to Mr. Lambert under date of April 5th.

When I called Mr. Lambert he was just on the point of leaving for Victoria and could not see us to-day. However, I arranged an appointment for Mr. Simmons at 10:00 to-morrow morning at which time he will give him the entire story. Mr. Lambert tells me that he certainly will see to it that one of his good men takes on the job.

J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner.

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Mr A Brown
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Ottawa, April 5, 1947.

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Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

The attached letter has gone forward today to Mr. Lambert.

Will you get in touch with him?

Enc.

A. H. Brown.

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Ottawa, April 5, 1947.

Mr. Noel Lambert,
General Manager,
Northern Construction Company &
J. W. Stewart Limited,
756 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

When the British Columbia Security Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Austin Taylor, carried out the evacuation of Japanese from the protected area of British Columbia in 1942, the Commission leased a ranch property known as "the Fourteen Mile Ranch" near Hope, B.C., and built housing accommodation and established a temporary settlement for the accommodation of some of the evacuated Japanese. The settlement was called the Tashme Settlement.

The rights and obligations of the B.C. Security Commission as lessee of this property were assumed by the Department of Labour in 1943. The Department is now engaged in negotiating a settlement of the lease under the terms of which it is proposed the Department will quit claim to the lessor the great part of the buildings and fixtures on the leased property in settlement of the claims of the lessor under the lease of the property.

On the basis of the report of our departmental officers at Vancouver, who have been handling this, it is believed that the proposed settlement is a reasonable one. However, it is the desire of both this Department and of our officers in Vancouver to obtain the judgment of a third party who has had experience in settlements of this nature to advise on this point.

We would like very much if you could arrange to have an experienced officer of your organization visit this

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property with a view to having the benefit of his judgment as to whether the proposals now under consideration are fair and reasonable in the circumstances and to have the benefit of such report before finally closing any settlement.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Japanese Placement, 360 Homer Street, Vancouver, is our officer in charge of Japanese administration and he will furnish full particulars to you of the lease and the proposals now under consideration and will arrange for inspection of the property. I am sending him a copy of this letter and am asking him to get in touch with you. The Department will, of course, be prepared to pay a reasonable fee and expenses for this work.

If you can undertake this matter, it will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A. MacNamara.

Copy for Mr. J. F. MacKinnon.

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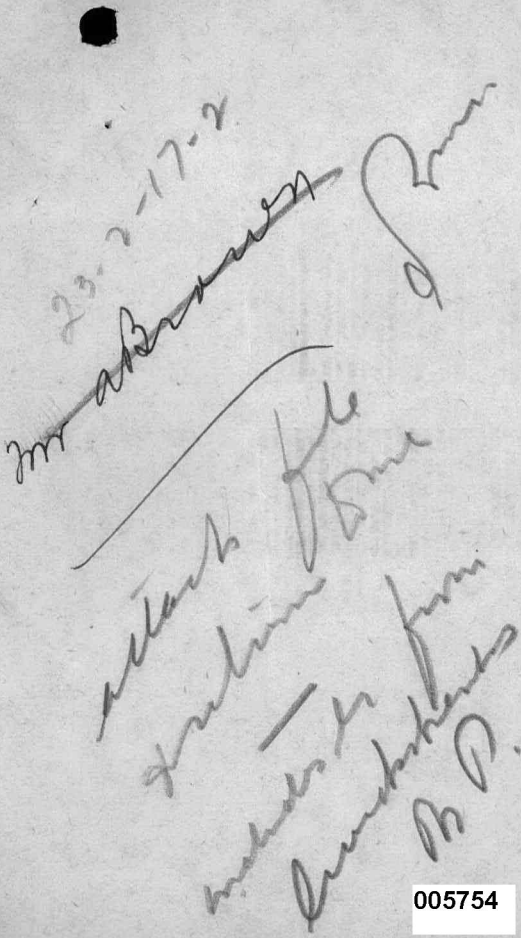

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ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR OTTAWA

RE LETTER TORRY SALE OF LOGS MADE TO PRINCETON TRAIL SAWMILLS LIMITED BASIS OF FOUR DOLLARS PER THOUSAND FEET AS LOGS TAKEN OUT STOP NOW WORK DONE TO DATE AS OPERATIONS IMPOSSIBLE THIS WEATHER ACCOUNT BAD SNOW CONDITIONS STOP ESTIMATED QUANTITY SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FEET MAKING SALES VALUE THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS STOP HAVE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT FROM BUYER OF FIFTEEN

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER. B.C.

April 5th 1947.

Mr. A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Re: TORRY CONTRACT AT TASHME.

In reply to your letter received this morning I wired you as follows:

"RE LETTER TORRY SALE OF LOGS MADE TO PRINCETON TRAIL SAWMILLS LIMITED BASIS OF FOUR DOLLARS PER THOUSAND FEET AS LOGS TAKEN OUT STOP NO WORK DONE TO DATE AS OPERATIONS IMPOSSIBLE THIS WEATHER ACCOUNT BAD SNOW CONDITIONS STOP ESTIMATED QUANTITY SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FEET MAKING SALES VALUE THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS STOP HAVE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT FROM BUYER OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS STOP CONTRACT INCLUDES GUARANTEE THAT BUYER WILL PAY ANY PENALTIES LEVIED BY BC FORESTRY DEPARTMENT FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE LOGS BEFORE EXPIRY OF TIMBER SALE OCTOBER NINTH NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN THIS MOST IMPORTANT PART OF AGREEMENT IN OUR ESTIMATION STOP FORWARDING COPY AGREEMENT. J. F. MACKINNON."

Enclosed for your information is copy of Agreement with the Princeton Trail Saw Mills Limited.

J. F. MacKINNON.

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BETWEEN:-

HIS MAJESTY THE KING (in right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Labour)

AND:-

PRINCETON TRAIL SAW MILLS LIMITED

A G R E E M E N T

CRUX & McMASTER
Barristers & Solicitors

Randall Bldg. Vancouver, B.C.

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THIS INDENTURE MADE THE 17th DAY OF January A.D., 1946,

BETWEEN:-

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, in right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Labour,

(Hereinafter called the "Vendor")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:-

PRINCETON-TRAIL SAW MILLS LIMITED,

(Hereinafter called the "Purchaser")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Vendor is the Licensee mentioned in a certain Timber Sale Contract No. X35383, wherein His Majesty the King represented by H. Cathcart, Esq., Deputy Minister of Lands for the Province of British Columbia, is the Licensor, and which license and contract is made pursuant to the laws in force in the Province of British Columbia, Department of Lands, Forest Branch, which license and contract has been extended so that it now terminates on the 9th day of October, A.D., 1947, (this license and contract and extension thereof is hereinafter referred to as the "timber sale"),

AND WHEREAS by reason of the closing down of the Vendor's operations a quantity of logs has been left on the property covered by the said timber sale,

AND WHEREAS the Purchaser desires to obtain

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these logs and any other merchantable wood or timber which may be available on the property under the terms of the said timber sale,

AND WHEREAS the Vendor has agreed to sell to the Purchaser and the Purchaser has agreed to buy, all the merchantable logs lying on the property covered by the aforesaid Timber Sale, at and for the price and upon the terms hereinafter set forth,

W I T N E S S E T H :-

THAT IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00) now paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) and of the various covenants and agreements made and expressed on the part of each of the parties hereto one with the other, the said parties have and do hereby agree as follows:-

1. The Vendor gives and grants unto the Purchaser the right during the continuance hereof to enter upon the lands mentioned in the said Timber Sale and therefrom to cut, remove and sell the standing and fallen merchantable timber thereon, as defined in said Timber Sale.

2. The Purchaser covenants and agrees to forthwith assume, fulfil and pay all obligations and liabilities whatsoever of the Vendor under the said Timber Sale and will indemnify and save harmless the Vendor from all claims or demands thereunder, save and except only any charges or penal-

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ties that may be assessed against the Vendor pursuant to the terms of the Timber Sale in respect of any logs or timber cut by the Vendor prior to the date of this agreement, and which logs or timber are not considered merchantable pursuant to the terms of the said timber sale, except as firewood.

3. The Purchaser covenants and agrees to conduct all his operations in accordance with the requirements of the Timber Sale, and the Forest Service of the Province of British Columbia, and to be responsible for all charges, damages and penalties for failure so to do.

4. The Purchaser covenants and agrees to forthwith enter upon the lands mentioned in the Timber Sale and to carry out a continuous operation to log and remove from the said lands all merchantable logs and timber as defined in the said Timber Sale, and to continue the operation until all of such timber and logs are removed; such operation to be conducted in a proper and logger-like manner, and subject only to weather conditions stopping logging operations, strikes, acts of God or the King's enemies, or similar matters beyond the control of the Purchaser, upon the abatement of which the Purchaser will immediately resume operations as hereinabove set forth; the Purchaser covenants and agrees to pay to the Vendor, at 360 Homer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia,

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for all logs and timber so removed from the property, the sum of $4.00 per thousand, log scale, as scaled pursuant to the terms of the Timber Sale, payment to be made on or before the 10th of each month, following the issuance of the charge sheet by the Forest Service of the Province of British Columbia.

5. The quantity of logs or timber removed shall be decided on the basis of charges made for stumpage and royalties pursuant to the terms of the Timber sale, and the scale made thereunder shall be accepted as conclusive between the parties hereto.

6. The Purchaser covenants and agrees to pay all scaling fees, stumpage and royalties levied by the Forest Service of the Province of British Columbia, with respect to all forest products (excluding cordwood) on or removed from the said Timber Sale.

7. The Vendor covenants and agrees to permit the Purchaser to have access to the Timber Sale, across the property known as the Fourteen Mile Ranch, so long as the said property is leased by the ~~Purchaser~~ Vendor and the Purchaser agrees to do all possible to ensure that no harm is occasioned to the property or equipment and buildings on the said property by himself or his crew; the Purchaser covenants to pay for any damage caused by the Purchaser, its servants or agents, or as a result

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of the carrying out of its operations, and agrees to indemnify the Vendor from any liability or claim against the Vendor on the part of the landlord, arising therefrom.

8. The Vendor further covenants and agrees that he will leave for the use of the Purchaser the rigging now at the "spar-tree" on the "Timber Sale."

9. The Vendor further covenants and agrees to rent to the Purchaser, if required by him for use on the aforesaid property and not otherwise, two Lawrence Logging Donkeys now located on, or adjacent to, the Timber Sale, together with all rigging, etc., pertaining thereto, at the rate of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per month each, payable in advance, effective from the date the Purchaser requests the use of the said Donkey or Donkeys, ~~takes over~~, should the Purchaser not rent the said equipment on or before the 15th day of May the Vendor shall be under no further obligation to supply the said equipment and may remove and dispose of the same at will.

10. The Purchaser further covenants and agrees that he will return the said logging donkeys and equipment in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, upon the expiry of the Timber Sale Contract on October 9th, 1947, or sooner if he so desires.

11. The Vendor acknowledges receipt of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) which said sum is deposi-

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ted by the Purchaser to ensure the return of the Lawrence logging donkeys and equipment in good condition as aforesaid. The Vendor may use so much of the said One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) as may be required from time to time to obtain the return of the said donkeys and equipment and to recondition and make any necessary replacements, of the necessity for which the Vendor shall be the sole judge. Any surplus monies not used by the Vendor for the purposes aforesaid shall be returned to the Purchaser and any shortage shall be forthwith paid by the Purchaser on demand.

12. The Vendor acknowledges receipt of a further sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500.00) which monies is deposited by the Purchaser to ensure the fulfilment of all the terms and conditions of this indenture. It is agreed between the parties hereto that should the Purchaser make default at any time of any of the terms or conditions of this indenture that the Vendor may so often as such default or defaults shall occur apply so much of the said deposit as is required to remedy such default or defaults and so on from time to time until the final conclusion of this contract, at which time any surplus in the hands of the Vendor shall be returned to the Purchaser, and any shortage on the part of the Purchaser shall be paid by the Purchaser on demand. The provisions of this clause

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shall not prevent the Vendor terminating this contract at any time that the Vendor sees fit so to do, as a result of any default made by the Purchaser in the carrying out of the terms and conditions of this indenture.

13. It is agreed between the parties that this contract insofar as it applies to the removal of logs or timber or other matters dependent upon the existence of the Timber Sale, shall terminate upon the expiry of the said Timber Sale presently fixed at October 9th, 1947.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written:-

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of:

Witness to both signatures

(sgd) D.W.Simmons
Comptroller
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, IN RIGHT OF CANADA, REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR.

BY (sgd) J.F.MacKinnon
COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF P.C. 946, 1943.

(Vendor)

PRINCETON TRAIL SAW MILLS LIMITED

BY (sgd) P.Bain

(Purchaser)

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 3, 1947.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property

Draft of proposed Agreement with Mr. Trites is enclosed herewith.

We think it advisable to have your approval before obtaining Mr. Trites' signature. A copy of the Agreement has been given to Mr. Trites, without prejudice, for consideration by his lawyers.

We have advised Mr. Trites that we are not prepared to complete the Agreement until formal approval has been received from you.

It should be noted that Treasury Board Minute No. P.C. 70/1050 approving the Agreement exempts the Hospital Building only, whereas you will observe in the Draft Agreement with Mr. Trites that we ~~are~~ were successful in obtaining the adjoining laundry and boiler building, and the heating equipment and fixtures incidental thereto, for the Hope and District Medical Centre Assn.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

JFM:mn
Encl.

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A G R E E M E N T

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

-and-

STANLEY BLISS TRITES

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THIS INDENTURE MADE THE ____ DAY OF APRIL, in the year of Our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and forty-seven.

BETWEEN:-

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, of the Government of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Labour,

Hereinafter called the "Department"

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:-

STANLEY BLISS TRITES, of Sardis, in the Province of British Columbia, Farmer,

Hereinafter called "Trites"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS by Lease dated the 7th day of July, A.D., 1942, made between Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited as Lessor of the first part and the British Columbia Security Commission, as Lessee of the second part, the said Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited did demise and lease unto the British Columbia Security Commission all those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as:

(description of properties as in lease)

commonly known as the Fourteen Mile Ranch, containing 1500 acres more or less, together with all the buildings thereon (including the sawmill and all machinery necessary for its operation) for and during the period of the duration of

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of the war with Japan and for a reasonable time thereafter (not to exceed one year after the cessation of hostilities) from and including the 7th day of July, 1942, at the monthly rental of $500.00, and subject to the covenants and conditions contained in the said Lease and Agreement supplemental thereto dated March 3rd, 1943 made between the said Lessor and the Lessee;

AND WHEREAS all the interest of the said British Columbia Security Commission in and to the said Lease was vested in the Department pursuant to Order-in-Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, A.D., 1943;

AND WHEREAS by Assignment bearing date the 2nd day of January, 1946, the said Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited did grant and assign, transfer and set over unto Trites, his executors, administrators and assigns, all its right, title and interest in and under the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942 and in and under the said Supplemental Agreement dated the 3rd day of March, 1943;

AND WHEREAS the rents, covenants and agreements reserved and contained in the said Lease and Agreement supplemental thereto on the part of the British Columbia Security Commission have been duly paid, observed and performed by the Commission, and/or the Department, and the Department has agreed to surrender the

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said land and premises (subject to the exceptions and reservations hereinafter mentioned) to the said Trites;

AND WHEREAS in settlement of the matters hereinafter mentioned arising between the parties hereto consequent upon the said Lease and Agreement supplemental thereto, and Assignment thereof, the said parties have agreed to execute this indenture;

NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:-

(1) THAT the Department hereby assigns and surrenders (subject to the exceptions and reservations hereinafter contained) unto Trites, the land and premises comprised in and demised by the said Lease, to the intent that all the estate and interest of the Department in the said land and premises under or by virtue of the said Lease may be merged and extinguished in the reversion and inheritance of the said land and premises, and Trites hereby accepts the said assignment and surrender;

(2) THAT the Department shall pay to Trites the sum of $11,762.97 in compensation for all timber, rough cut lumber, ship-lap, cedar logs, and wood fuel and saw logs which the British Columbia Security Commission agreed by the said Supplemental Agreement dated March 3rd, 1943, to purchase from the Fourteen Mile Ranch

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Company Limited, and for all timber which has been removed from the said land and premises or used by the Commission and/or Japanese occupying the premises during their occupation of the said land and premises.

(3) THAT in consideration of the release hereinafter mentioned on the part of Trites of all claims which he may now or may hereafter have against the Department in respect of the covenants of the British Columbia Security Commission contained in the said Lease to keep the buildings on the said premises in a good and sufficient state of repair and to keep the land so demised as aforesaid in a good and sufficient state of cultivation, the Department hereby transfers, assigns and sets over unto Trites the following:

(a) all buildings and fixtures erected or placed upon the said land and premises during its occupancy thereof except the hospital and the boiler and laundry buildings adjacent thereto and the fixtures and contents thereof and except the sawmill boilers and other mill equipment hereinafter mentioned, which are and shall remain the property of the Commission.

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(b) All fixtures, materials and heating and lighting equipment which the Department has installed or placed in the buildings situate upon the said land and premises at the date of the said lease of July 7th, 1942, together with the benefit of all alterations made by the Department to the said buildings.

(c) The power plant machinery and power distribution system installed by the Department upon the said land and premises.

(d) The water systems installed by the Department upon the said land and premises.

(4) THAT all property and equipment owned by the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited at the date of the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942, and which property and equipment is particularly set forth in Inventories attached to the said Lease, shall, subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, be returned by the Department to Trites on or before the 1st day of May, A.D., 1947.

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(5) THAT during the period from May 1st, 1947, to July 31st, 1947, the Department shall have the right to use and occupy the following buildings (or other buildings if mutually agreed upon between the parties hereto) which are designated in accordance with Fire Insurance map of the said land and premises of the year 1943:-

Building "A" (school end) - part of No. 19

Building "F"

Pig pens No. 15.

Fox house (no no.)
Office, Store & Wh. Bldg (No. No.)
Old Barn near gate (no no.)

Space in horse and feed barns for present stock of hay and oats

Sufficient storage space for vehicles and equipment to be mutually agreed upon

Houses Nos. 10A, 9A, 92 and one or two log cabins, situated on main road, if required.

The Department shall pay to Trites during the said period the sum of $200.00 per month for the use and occupation of the said buildings and premises, or other premises as mutually agreed upon. During the said period from May 1st, 1947, to July 31st, 1947, the Department and its servants, agents, workmen, caretakers, and other persons duly authorized by it

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(including prospective purchasers, valuators, and appraisers of the buildings, property or equipment of the Department situate on the said land and premises) shall have the right to use and occupy the said buildings, and for the purpose of performing the covenants of the Department herein contained shall have the right of access to and the right-of-way over any portion of the land and premises particularly described in the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942.

During the said period the Department shall leave its fire fighting equipment on the said premises for the use of the Department and/or Trites, as occasion may require. During the said period, the Department shall not be required to keep the said buildings of which it is permitted the use and occupation as aforesaid, insured against loss by fire or any other casualty.

The Department hereby covenants and agrees that it will use its best efforts to keep the said buildings in good condition, and to prevent damage thereto or to any property of Trites situate on the said land and premises which may be occasioned by the Department, its servants or agents.

During the said period, the Department, its servants and agents as aforesaid, shall be permitted a reasonable use of water and fuel on the said premises and the use of light as and when the power plant is in operation.

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(6) THAT notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Department reserves unto itself the absolute ownership of the hospital building and laundry and boiler building adjacent thereto, and the contents thereof and all fixtures and heating and other equipment therein contained or appurtenant or belonging thereto, and the Department shall, and shall have the right to remove the same from the said land and premises described in the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942, on or before July 31st, 1947. The Department doth covenant and agree that it will clear and level the portion of the said land and premises upon which the said hospital and laundry buildings are presently situate.

(7) THAT notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Department reserves unto itself the absolute ownership of the sawmill boilers and other mill equipment appurtenant or belonging to the sawmill and furnished by it on the said land and premises, and shall have the right to and shall remove the same from the said land and premises described in the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942 on or before July 31st, 1947. The Department shall have the right, if found necessary or advisable to facilitate the removal of the said boilers and equipment, to tear down the buildings in which the said boilers and equipment are situated, and in such event the lumber from

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the said buildings is to be the property of Trites, and the site of the said buildings shall be levelled and cleared by the Department.

(8) THAT notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Department reserves unto itself the absolute ownership and title to all the equipment, supplies and furnishings brought on to the said land and premises by it, and the Department shall have the right to and shall remove the same from the said land and premises described in the said Lease dated July 7, 1942, on or before July 31, 1947.

(9) THAT it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that the Department may assign, transfer and set over unto the War Assets Corporation all its right, title, interest and liabilities arising out of this agreement and the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942, and Supplemental Agreement dated March 3rd, 1943 and any other agreements, express or implied, or rights arising in consequence or in pursuance thereof.

(10) THAT upon performance of the covenants and conditions herein contained on the part of the Department to be observed and performed, and in consideration of the payment of money and transfers of property hereinbefore mentioned, Trites shall and doth hereby release the British Columbia Security Commission and/or the Department from all covenants

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contained in the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942 and Agreement supplemental thereto dated March 3rd, 1943, and from all sums of money, debts, contracts, agreements, covenants, actions, proceedings, claims and demands whatsoever, which he now hath or may hereafter have against the British Columbia Security Commission and/or the Department for or by reason or in respect of any act, matter, cause or thing whatsoever.

(11) THAT if at any time any dispute, difference, or question shall arise between the parties to this Agreement touching the matters in question herein or in the said Lease dated July 7th, 1942 or the said Agreement supplemental thereto dated March 3rd, 1943, or any other agreement, express or implied, between the parties hereto or between the British Columbia Securities Commission and the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited in connection therewith, or touching the construction, meaning or effect of any of the said Agreements or Lease, or anything herein or therein contained, or the rights and liabilities of the parties arising therefrom, then every such dispute, difference or question shall be referred to three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each of the parties hereto and a third arbitrator to be appointed by the said two

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arbitrators, and the said arbitrators shall proceed to hear and determine the matters in difference, and the award or determination which shall be made by the said arbitrators or the majority of them, shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

(12) THAT this Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, exeuctors, administrators, successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed these presents as of the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED)
in the presence of:)

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Air Mail

Ottawa, Ontario.
April 3, 1947.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Torry Contract at Tashme

Mr. Cruickshank has written further in connection with the Torry case on April 1/47. In replying to Mr. Cruickshank, we would be interested to know what amount has actually been received from the sale of logs to the Princeton Trail Sawmills. In other words, Torry offered $500 and we would like to know whether the offer that was accepted netted us more money.

Would you let us have an immediate answer?

A. H. Brown.

L.C. 5/4/47

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 2, 1947.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property - (Hospital Building)

Thanks for the copy of the Treasury Board Minute approving the deal with the Fourteen Mile Ranch Co.

Just as soon as the agreement is completed and signed by Mr. Trites, we will forward a copy to you. Since there may be some little delay on the part of the Solicitors in the preparation of the necessary documents, we thought we better forward to you now, and are enclosing herewith, two letters from the Hope and District Medical Centre Assn., in which they make application to secure the Hospital Building and certain equipment therefor which we kept out of the settlement with Mr. Trites and included in our Declarations to War Assets. A copy of our inventory of the equipment is also attached.

It will be noted that the Hope Association have included the Mortuary in their request. This building was not excluded in the settlement with Mr. Trites and is therefore not available for them. We notified them to this effect when acknowledging their letters. In any event the building is small and would be difficult to move.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

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O t t a w a,
April 2, 1947.

Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

With reference to your letter of April 1 in regard to clearing up the lease of the farm known as the Trites farm where Japanese have been located.

It is true that we are about to close a settlement of this matter. The settlement is based on negotiations which have been carried on for some time, and we are satisfied that the best arrangement possible has been made when all the circumstances are taken into consideration.

The lease entered into by the Taylor Commission provided that the buildings would become the property of the lessor at the termination of the lease and the lease itself was to be terminated one year after cessation of hostilities with Japan.

We were not in a position to relinquish possession of the farm on September 1, 1946, because it was in use. The lessors claim that the buildings are virtually their property although we have not admitted this claim.

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The lease provided that the property was to be restored to the same conditions as at the time we took possession of it.

The lessors, in our opinion, made extravagant claims. However the final settlement was made on a basis of the Government relinquishing possession of buildings and fixtures in lieu of all other payments and we think the salvage value of the buildings estimated by the War Assets Corporation and the figure given us was approximately $27,000, which was about half the claim.

We could have continued to pay rent until we could arrange to remove the buildings and tear up the roadways and put the property back in the same shape it was in when we took possession but this would have made it necessary to pay rent for several more months and while we were doing this and remove the buildings. The conservative estimate of the net cost of any such arrangement seem to indicate to us that the settlement proposed was a good one.

I will be very glad to have the officers of my Department including those in the West sit in with you and discuss the whole matter.

I may say for your information that the recommendation for settlement was approved by the Treasury Board.

Yours sincerely,

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House of Commons
Canada

Department of Labour,
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Secretary to Minister.

OTTAWA, April 1st, 1947.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mitchell, Re: Tashme Camp

It is my understanding that Mr. Stanley Trites has filed a claim for some $60,000. damage to what is known as the Trites Farm, which was under rental for some years at the exorbitant sum of $500 per month to the Tashme Camp. I am informed that Mr. Stanley Trites bought the ranch from the A.E. Trites Estate for $50,000. although the Soldier Settlement Board have been reported as having offered $45,000. for it when it was put up for sale. It is my further information that he has now secured the buildings erected by the Tashme Camp, plus an excellent water system, fire hydrants etc., and other valuable improvements.

If a farm was only worth $45,000. How can the Government justify paying such a ridiculous claim as $60,000 damage on a $50,000 farm that brought an exorbitant rent of $500. for a long period of years for its use, plus the permanent improvements. If any such settlement is made I intend to ask that the matter be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, as I believe it will be a direct misuse of public funds.

As I believe this matter is as rotten as the Hell's Gate claim, I am writing the Acting Prime Minister objecting to any such settlement being made.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

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From: A. MacNamara

Room:

Remarks:

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OTTAWA, April 1st, 1947.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Humphrey,

The whole settlement in connection with this camp stinks and as Mr. Stanley Trites is a life long Conservative, past President of the Association and a direct opponent of mine, I do not intend to let him get away with what I believe to be a direct steal of public funds.

If the settlement goes through as I am informed is being done, I certainly will ask for an inquiry and I am prepared to stake my seat on it.

Sincerely,

George E. Cruickshank

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

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Secretary to Minister.

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OTTAWA, April 1st, 1947.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mitchell, Re: Tashme Camp

Some time ago some logs, remaining at the sawmill at the above-mentioned Camp when it was closed, were offered for sale by tender and on receipt of no bids were then disposed of to Mr. J.L. Torry and a marked cheque for $500.00 accepted in payment.

This sale was later countermanded and the logs were sold to Mr. P. Bain of the Princeton-Trail Sawmills, believed to be owned and definitely operated by the Japanese. This I believe to be an injustice to Mr. Torry and it is my firm opinion that the whole matter is underground tactics.

Why Japanese have been permitted to operate a mill at tremendous profit when all the rest of the Japanese have been moved has never been clear but certainly will be thrashed out the first opportunity, when the Japanese affair is discussed.

I make no charge of crookedness but believe the whole deal has a very unhealthy smell and would appreciate your immediate attention.

Let me point out in this connection, thousands of cords of wood have been sold far below the cost of cutting to someone when fuel was badly needed in the area.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

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Mr. A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour, OTTAWA.

For your information.

J. F. MacKINNON
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT
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OF LABOUR

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA
March 28th 1947

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
360 Homer St.
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

Re - Tashme Hospital Building

I want to thank you for your letter of March 26th in reply to mine of March 25th.

I agree with you that it is entirely in the hands of the War Assets Corporation, and I made it clear to the Hope Medical Organization that I did not feel that the War Assets Corporation would sell this building and equipment for a dollar, and that they would have to put a higher price on it.

Thanking you for your prompt reply and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

DR. J. J. GILLIS. M.L.A.

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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER. B.C.

March 26, 1947.

Dr. J. J. Gillis, M.L.A.
Legislative Assembly,
Province of British Columbia,
VICTORIA. B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Tashme Hospital Building.

I have your letter of March 25th in connection with the above mentioned.

The thought we had in mind in leaving out the hospital building when making our settlement with the present owners of the property was that the Hope and District Medical Association would be able to secure it. The decision rests, of course, with War Assets Corporation who are aware of the desire of the Hope and District Medical Association to secure the building. I am just a little apprehensive however as to how impressed War Assets will be with the one dollar offer made by the Association. However, I presume that because of the Municipality's priority position the War Assets Corporation would discuss Hope's offer with them before definitely turning it down.

Yours very truly,

J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

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c.c. Miss Helen Key,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Hope and District Medical Association,
HOPE. B.C.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA
March 25th 1947.

Mr. J. McKinnon,
Japanese Placement,
360 Homer St.
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir,

I have received a wire from Mr. Benjamin Morrison, Chairman of Hope and District Medical Association, asking me to do all I can to try and secure the Tashme Hospital building and equipment for the people of Hope and district.

I may say that I know this district very well, having been a Member for the last 20 years, and I have strongly recommended to the Health Department here through the Deputy, Dr. Amyot, to make application to the War Assets Corporation for priority rights for this hospital and equipment. He has agreed to do so.

I thought it only right that I should write you as well and ask you if you could possibly put in a good word to the Authorities at Ottawa for the Hope District. Trusting you will be able to do so, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

DR. J. J. GILLIS. M.L.A.

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Ottawa, Ontario.

March 25, 1947.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Property

Thanks for your report of March 22nd on the above, which is very satisfactory.

A. H. Brown.

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Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 22nd March, 1947.

LABOUR

The Board had under consideration a memorandum from the Honourable the Minister of Labour reporting:

1. That under date of July 7th, 1942, the British Columbia Security Commission entered into a lease as Lessee with the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company, Limited as Lessor for the use for the period of the war with Japan and for a reasonable period thereafter to permit the removal of Japanese placed thereon (not exceeding one year after the cessation of hostilities) of a ranch property of fifteen hundred acres to be used for the accommodation of Japanese evacuated from the protected area of British Columbia.

2. That pursuant to the terms of the lease, buildings for the housing of Japanese and for administrative purposes were erected on the property by the Lessee which are subject to removal by the Lessee before the expiry of the lease and otherwise become the property of the Lessor.

3. That the terms of the lease require the Lessee to keep the buildings on the premises in good repair and to keep the land in a proper state of cultivation.

4. That the interest of the Lessee has been vested in the Minister of Labour pursuant to Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943 and that, as the premises are no longer required for the purposes for which used, it is desired to terminate the lease as soon as reasonably possible subject to final settlement with the Lessor with respect to the claims against the Crown under the lease and completion of arrangements with respect to the buildings erected on the property by the Lessee.

5. That the Lessor has made a claim for $21,800.00 for the value of wood cut off the property by the Lessee and Japanese occupying the premises and that the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, who is the Chief Executive Officer in charge of the administration recommends that this claim be adjusted by payment of an amount not exceeding $11,762.97.

6. That the Lessor has further claimed an amount of $44,095.00 as costs of restoring the premises to a reasonable state of repair and cultivation and that the Commissioner of Japanese Placement has, after careful inquiry, furnished an estimate of the minimum cost to the Department of putting back the premises in a reasonable state of repair and cultivation which, together with rental for the period of time involved, would run between $24,000 and $25,000 and may run considerably more.

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The Honourable
the Minister of Labour.

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In settlement of this latter claim, the Commissioner of Japanese Placement recommends the Department quit claim, to the Lessor in terminating the lease, to all buildings which have been erected on the premises by the Lessee under the lease, exclusive of the hospital building on the said property, which shall be exempted from the settlement and which the Department shall have the right to remove from the property within a reasonable period of time; and that the present value of the buildings and equipment so erected and placed on the premises for removal purposes is estimated by the Branch Office of War Assets Corporation at Vancouver to be $27,035.00 apart from handling charges.

Now therefore, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that the Minister of Labour be authorized, in terminating the lease, to effect a settlement with the Lessor, in accordance with the recommendations set out above.

The Board concur in the above report and recommendation, and submit the same for favourable consideration.

A. D. P. Heeney
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
March 22nd 1947

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention Mr A.H.Brown

Re: Tashme Property

Upon receipt of yours of the 15th arrangements were made to reach a final agreement with Mr Trites upon the whole matter. Discussions were held here on the 19th and 20th, and a complete agreement in principal reached with Mr Trites. It was, of course, made clear to him that all discussion was subject to receipt of final approval from Ottawa.

It was agreed that the property will be returned to Mr Trites on May 1st, except that certain designated buildings will be retained for storage of Department equipment and supplies, and for staff living quarters, for the period from May 1st to July 31st, at a rental of $200.00 per month. The hospital building is to be removed from the premises by July 31st. Our lawyers are now drawing up the agreement and upon completion it will be referred to Mr Trites' lawyers for checking.

It is planned to assemble all Department equipment in the building being retained as soon as possible. Officers of the War Assets are planning to visit Tashme on Tuesday and have assured us that they will check the items into storage and assume full responsibility for the rental and care as soon as the surplus declaration forms have been cleared.

We have also been in touch with the Hope & District Medical Centre Association with regard to the hospital building. Their Board is inspecting the hospital building to-day(providing the road is passable) accompanied by a mover and plumber. We expect to receive a written offer from them to purchase the building about the 24th, in which offer they propose to state the time they will require to remove the building from the Ranch premises. We will forward their offer to you as soon as received.

We would advise that the hospital building and furniture were included in the surplus declaration forms forwarded to you on the 15th which crossed yours of the same date requesting that these be forwarded with the copy of the agreement with Mr Trites regarding removal from the premises. We trust that this is satisfactory.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

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See cover on original on 18-9-2

Ottawa, March 20, 1947.

Mr. E. E. Thompson,
Executive Secretary,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee,
No. 4 Temporary Building,
O t t a w a.

Re: Surplus Declarations - Tashme (B.C.)
Japanese Project

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I enclose in quintuplicate Declarations of Surplus as follows:

(1) The Tashme Hospital building with built-in equipment. The Corporation of the Town of Hope, B. C. (14 miles distant from Tashme) is understood to be interested in obtaining this hospital for community purposes. Blueprints of the hospital building are also attached.

(2) Boiler room and laundry for the Tashme Hospital. It is not known whether the Town of Hope is also interested in obtaining this item.

(3) Canteen equipment including furnishings of store, warehouse, butcher shop, bakery, dairy, and office, as well as all the miscellaneous equipment and supplies needed to operate same.

(4) Machinery and mobile equipment, such as boilers, engines, pumps, saws, tractors, trucks, etc.

(5) A list of miscellaneous camp equipment and supplies covering 62 pages, and valued at slightly over $40,000.

These Declarations cover all equipment, supplies and assets at the Tashme camp, which are not included in the settlement with Mr. Trites, the lessor. Following Treasury Board approval, this Department will proceed in accordance with your letter of March 14 (File No. 223-25D-53A (5)) to terminate the lease and settle the claim of the lessor against the Department by transferring to him title to the buildings and equipment therein, listed in our Surplus Declaration of March 10.

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In view of the large number of items now being declared surplus and the difficulty of moving and storing elsewhere, we have agreed with local War Assets officials to see whether we can obtain from Mr. Trites permission for War Assets Corporation to retain the use of certain buildings for storage space until they have sold most of the materials and have made arrangements to store the balance in their warehouses. Our officials do not anticipate any great difficulty in obtaining his consent to this arrangement, but are not approaching him on the matter until he can be advised that Treasury Board has approved the settlement.

Yours very truly,

HTP:MS

A. MacNamara.

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23-2-1-2

Ottawa, February 19, 1947.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE TREASURY BOARD

The undersigned has the honour to report:

1. That under date of July 7th, 1942, the British Columbia Security Commission entered into a lease as Lessee with the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited as Lessor for the use for the period of the war with Japan and for a reasonable period thereafter to permit the removal of Japanese placed thereon (not exceeding one year after the cessation of hostilities) of a ranch property of fifteen hundred acres to be used for the accommodation of Japanese evacuated from the protected area of British Columbia.

2. That pursuant to the terms of the lease, buildings for the housing of Japanese and for administrative purposes were erected on the property by the Lessee which are subject to removal by the Lessee before the expiry of the lease and otherwise become the property of the Lessor.

3. That the terms of the lease require the Lessee to keep the buildings on the premises in good repair and to keep the land in a proper state of cultivation.

4. That the interest of the Lessee has been vested in the Minister of Labour pursuant to Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1945 and that, as the premises are no longer required for the purposes for which used, it is desired to terminate the lease as soon as reasonably possible subject to final settlement with the Lessor with respect to the claims against the Crown under the lease and completion of arrangements with respect to the buildings erected on the property by the Lessee.

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5. That the Lessor has made a claim for $21,800.00 for the value of wood cut off the property by the Lessee and Japanese occupying the premises and that the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, who is the Chief Executive Officer in

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charge of the administration recommends that this claim be adjusted by payment of an amount not exceeding $11,762.97.

6. That the Lessor has further claimed an amount of $44,095.00 as costs of restoring the premises to a reasonable state of repair and cultivation and that the Commissioner of Japanese Placement has, after careful inquiry, furnished an estimate of the minimum cost to the Department of putting back the premises in a reasonable state of repair and cultivation which, together with rental for the period of time involved, would run between $24,000 and $25,000 and may run considerably more.

In settlement of this latter claim, the Commissioner of Japanese Placement recommends the Department quit claim to the Lessor in terminating the lease, all buildings which have been erected on the premises by the Lessee under the lease, exclusive of the hospital building on the said property, which shall be exempted from the settlement and which the Department shall have the right to remove from the property within a reasonable period of time; and that the present value of the buildings and equipment so erected and placed on the premises for removal purposes is estimated by the Branch Office of War Assets Corporation at Vancouver to be $27,035.00 apart from handling charges.

Now therefore, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that the Minister of Labour be authorized, in terminating the lease, to effect a settlement with the Lessor, in accordance with the recommendations set out above.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister of Labour.

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Ottawa, March 15, 1947.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Property

We have just been advised that our submission to Treasury Board for authority to go ahead with settlement of the claims of the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company under the Tashme lease, in accordance with your recommendation, has been approved by Treasury Board and has been sent up to Council for formal confirmation. Copy of the Order when it is finally made and received will be sent forward.

In the meantime, however, I think you can move ahead with the completion of the settlement simply holding back on the final signature involved therein until I have a copy of the Order in hand.

I enclose copy of letter from Crown Assets Allocation Committee which gives us the go-ahead signal to terminate the lease ourselves.

In line with the settlement, you will, in due course, complete a declaration of surplus covering the hospital building, together with a copy of the agreement arrived at relating to its removal following the termination of the lease. I suggest, at the same time, that you get in touch with the Town of Hope to determine that they are definitely interested in the building and what they have in mind in connection with the same. At this end, we will be prepared to do everything possible to facilitate the prompt consideration by War Assets of any offer that they may wish to make in connection with the acquisition of this building.

15-9-2 "Disposal of Surplus"

Enc.

A. H. Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
February 17, 1947.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property

Further to ours of February 13th and 14th, setting out the counter proposal for settlement submitted by Mr. S. Trites, we have now heard from Mr. Trites with regard to the engineer's estimate on the cost of removing the roads from the Japanese Village.

Mr. Trites advised that the engineer was not prepared to give a written estimate until he was able to check the amount of gravel to be moved, which will not be possible until after the Spring thaw. Mr. Trites stated that the engineer was of the opinion that the cost would run between Fifteen and Twenty Thousand Dollars, (his original quotation was Twenty Thousand).

In view of the fact that it will not be possible to get an engineer's report before April, at the earliest, we recommend that the decision as to whether or not Mr. Trites' proposal is accepted, be made on the basis of the estimate of the cost of doing the work as supplied by Mr. Hartley and quoted in our revised comments on the Ranch Co.'s claim - February 12th, Page 3, Item No. 15 - $6,500.00. Even if this estimate proves to be slightly high - which is most unlikely - we definitely feel it would be advisable to accept Mr. Trites' proposal, as set out in ours of February 13th.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

P.S. Dictated before our telephone conversation this morning.

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From: A. H. Brown

Room: 119

Remarks: Will you please B.F. the attached for March 10th?

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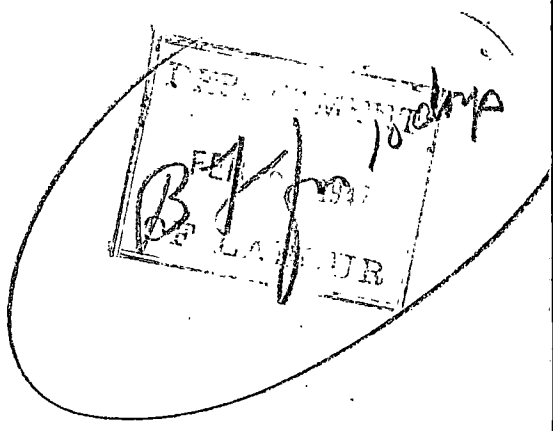

AIR MAIL

24th February 1947

Attention: Mr. A. H. Brown.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Re: Tashme Property

I have yours of February 22nd in regard to the above-mentioned.

We could forward a declaration of surplus covering the hospital building at any time but we are not in a position to attach to it a copy of the agreement arrived at covering the removal of the same from the property as suggested in your letter. Any representations by the town of Hope for this hospital building have been made to Ottawa and not to us. We are prepared to get in touch with the Hope civic authorities at once but we hesitate to do this without your authorization since our approach might in some way conflict with the negotiations that have already been carried on. I hope the Hope authorities realize that all they are getting is the hospital building.

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J. F. MacKINNON.

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Ottawa, February 22, 1947.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Property

I have your letter of February 20th re the above and am obliged for the information.

I have sent forward to Treasury Board a submission for approval of the settlement with Trites which you have recommended and will advise you just as soon as this has been dealt with.

In the meantime, in order to save time, a declaration of surplus covering the hospital building could be prepared and sent forward whenever you are in a position to attach to it copy of the agreement arrived at covering the removal of the same from the property. I do not know what would be considered a reasonable time by War Assets for the sale and removal of the building from the property but I presume that one would want to cover the period of at least three months from the termination of the lease.

A. H. Brown.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIR MAIL

20th February 1947

Attention: Mr. A. H. Brown.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Re: TASHME PROPERTY

Following our telephone conversation of yesterday, we got in touch with the Provincial Government authorities and we are definitely advised that no stumpage whatever was paid to Mr. Trites. They paid him only for the land they expropriated. It was not until June 21st, 1944, that the Department of Public Works, Victoria, advised Mr. Trites that they intended to expropriate certain land belonging to the Ranch for the purpose of constructing a highway. The deal was not finally completed until March 15th, 1946.

I have had a long discussion with our Mr. Wolfenden who was at Tashme when the Commission first went in there in 1942. Mr. Wolfenden tells me that in his opinion the allowance as quoted in our letter to you under date of February 13th, 1947, would represent the minimum amount of timber cut off Trites' property and the right-of-way.

May I refer you to the memorandum of Agreement (verbal) attached to our letter of February 13th. You will note that under Section 5 and 6 we estimated that 50% of the timber was suitable for use as saw logs and 50% for fire wood. Mr. Wolfenden is definitely of the opinion that 70% could have been suitable for use as saw logs and 30% as fire wood. I mention this so that you may take it into consideration in your decision on our recommendation that we now pay Mr. Trites for his claim for wood and saw logs as described in numbers 1 and 2 of our memorandum of February 13th.

Mr. Wolfenden, as you know, has been with this Division since the first day of the Commission. He is a builder and has had plenty of experience in appraisals and claims of this nature. In his opinion the proposed settlement with Trites is a much better deal for us than it is for Trites.

J. F. MacKINNON.

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Personal & Confidential

Ottawa, February 19, 1947.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank;

I have your letter of February 15th relative to the Tashme Camp.

I note that your opinion in regard to this housing project is not very favourable. On the other hand, I find myself with a contract covering the rental of this farm which has to be satisfied and we are doing are best to clear the matter up with as little expenditure as possible.

You will be glad to know that we have a wire dated February 17th from Vancouver from the Director of Japanese Projects, to the effect that the hospital buildings will not be made subject to the terms of the agreement.

This means that when a settlement is reached, which we believe will be within a few days, the hospital buildings will be declared to War Assets Corporation as surplus.

War Assets Corporation will then have the duty of disposing of the buildings.

When we make the report to the War Assets Corporation we will inform them that Hope settlement is anxious to obtain the buildings for hospital and school purposes.

It might be wise for you to suggest to Honourable C.D. Howe that the War Assets Corporation interest itself in making the satisfactory arrangements with the Town of Hope.

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I am sorry that I cannot make any statement which would be more direct and more satisfactory to you. However, the regulations are that all assets must be disposed of through the War Assets Corporation.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

Mr. Geo. Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

OTTAWA, February 18, 1947.

MEMORANDUM to Honourable Mr. Mitchell,
Minister of Labour.

Re: Tashme Camp

I have been in touch with Mr. MacKinnon with reference to the exclusion of the hospital building at Tashme from the proposed settlement with the lessors and Mr. MacKinnon now advises me that, assuming the proposed settlement which has been worked out is approved, the hospital building will be excluded therefrom. This would mean that upon the approval of the settlement, the hospital buildings would be declared surplus by the Department to War Assets and War Assets would then proceed to dispose of the building, any purchaser thereof ~~having~~ being required to remove the building, of course, within the time limit which may be stipulated in the settlement.

In declaring the building surplus, the Department would advise War Assets of the interest of the Town of Hope in the building and would also advise the Town so that they could initiate negotiations immediately with War Assets.

We are trying to close out the matter as soon as possible but we will have to get Treasury Board approval to it but in the meantime, we can either write to Mr. Cruickshank or you might wish to tell him the way we are working this out, without making any final commitment.

A. H. Brown.

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O t t a w a,
February 18, 1947.

Mr. E. E. Thompson,
Executive Secretary,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee,
Room 208,
No. 4 Temporary Building,
56 Lyon Street,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I enclose declarations of surplus in quadruplicate covering certain logging equipment at the Tashme Japanese project, Tashme, B.C.

Enclosed also is an offer to purchase received from Mr. P. Bain of Bain Lumber Mills Limited, Whonock, B.C., at $6,000.00 including lines and blocks. This offer was accepted at a meeting attended by Mr. Berry on February 10, 1947.

It is reported that these logging machines are at present snowed in, and it might not be possible to have them inspected for some time.

Yours very truly,

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A. MacNamara.

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

OTTAWA, February 15th, 1941.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Re: Tashme Camp.

I cannot understand the attitude of the department in connection with the hospital at the above camp, and the buildings required for school purposes, especially after the discussion yesterday.

The owner of this farm was paid an exorbitant rent, had wonderful improvements made on the farm, such as an expensive water system with extensive water mains, enabling the farm to be irrigated, a jerk water sawmill made into a real plant, and many other permanent improvements.

The owner is the President of the Conservative Association.

How am I to justify to the people of Hope who although they are without a hospital of any kind and are unable to obtain these buildings for hospital and school purposes, they have had to provide both hospital and school accomodation for the largest logging camp in the British Empire. Timber is supposed to be our greatest shortage in connection with housing at the present time. If the government are not bluffing in their failure to provide housing, they should enable this district to secure these buildings, rather than build up a compaign chest for the Conservatives. I am tired of being pushed around and can assure you that some two thousand voters in this immediate district are likewise fed up with the action of a few officials who are apparently determined that Mr. Trites should receive another fortune above the one he received in the excessive rent paid for a useless farm.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

...WISHES TO SIGN LETTER IN REPLY

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
February 14, 1947.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property

Further to our letter of yesterday, we are now attaching herewith copy of War Assets Corporation's appraisal under date of February 12th, with respect to the Power Plant and Equipment. As advised, this item was held up in the mails, and has just come to hand.

We have had no further word from Mr. Trites or from his Engineer, with regard to the estimate on the cost of removing the roads.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
February 13th 1947

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention Mr A. H. Brown

Re: Tashme Property

We are forwarding herewith formal letter with regard to the new proposal for settlement with Mr Trites, together with various attachments. It will be noted that the War Assets appraisal of February 12th relative to the power plant is missing. This item has gone astray in the mail and we will forward as soon as received.

We also are still awaiting a report from Mr Trites' engineer with regard to the cost of lifting the roads in the Japanese village. We understand that Mr Trites has been trying to get the writer on the telephone, but so far he has not been able to get through.

D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
February 13, 1947.

Attention:
Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Property

Immediately following receipt of yours of January 8th, 1947, authorizing further discussion with the owner of the property, and the return of Mr. MacKinnon from Ottawa, a preliminary discussion was held with Mr. McDougal, Solicitor for Mr. Trites, owner of the Fourteen Mile Ranch Co. The proposal of the Department was outlined to Mr. McDougal, who in turn passed the information on to Mr. Trites, who resides some sixty miles out of the city. Mr. Trites was unable to visit the city for some time thereafter, on account of bad snow storms and personal reasons.

On Monday, February 10th, a conference was held with Mr. Trites and his lawyer. The proposal of the Department to settle on the basis of quit claiming its buildings and fixtures in full settlement of all claims against it under the lease was fully discussed.

Mr. Trites pointed out that the buildings offered could not, in the opinion of his lawyers, be removed from the property under the terms of the lease and that the Department was therefore actually only offering the power plant (i.e. about $ 8,920.00) in settlement of claims for some $55,385.00 (revised figures). Mr. Trites stated that his lawyers were exploring the possibility of taking out an injunction against the War Assets Corporation to prevent the removal of the buildings. We pointed out the long drawn out litigation which would undoubtedly follow this action and the costs which he would incur.

Mr. Trites further pointed out that, although the lease does not so stipulate, the Department should be responsible for removing all partitions, etc. put in the large barns when these were remodelled for Japanese Housing and for restoring these buildings to their previous condition. He understands that the Government has followed this practice when returning similar premises to their owners. He also clarified some of the items in his previous claim and presented his argument in support of the figures submitted. We have incorporated these points in the memorandum commenting on his revised claim, copy attached.

An alternative method of settlement of Mr. Trites' claim was developed and Mr. Trites has stated that he is willing to accept settlement on the basis set out below. Since we could not make any commitment as to whether the Department and Treasury Board would be prepared to settle on this basis and because his lawyer had to leave to attend the opening of the B. C. Legislature, he was not prepared to make a definite proposal in writing. However, we are satisfied that he will settle on the basis set out.

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1. The Department is to pay Mr. Trites now for fuel and saw logs cut from the property, the amount of $6,896.25

2. The Department is to determine who is responsible for payment for fuel and saw logs cut from land designated as Right of Way for the Hope-Princeton Highway, within the boundaries of the Ranch, and to recommend payment (or to pay if it is responsible) of the amount of 4,866.72

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In view of Mr. Trites' arguments, we feel that the proposal made is reasonable and just and recommend that settlement be made accordingly.

We are forwarding herewith memorandum setting out particulars of Mr. Trites' revised claim together with our comments. Copies of the appraisals of the War Assets Corporation giving the salvage value of the buildings and power plant are also enclosed. Our estimate of the cost of doing the various jobs is based on what it would cost Mr. Trites to do the work or to have it done. The cost to a Government Department or Organization would undoubtedly run considerably higher. Our experience with Christina Lake has demonstrated that the minor items of work to be done in cleaning up a property can, in the aggregate, run into a very heavy expenditure. This is one of our reasons for recommending that a settlement be made, if at all possible.

Mr. Trites understands that, if the Department is not prepared to accept his claim, the buildings will be declared surplus immediately. In this event we would further recommend that we pay Mr. Trites now for his claims for wood and saw logs cut on the property, as set out in Nos. 1 and 2 above. We understand from previous correspondence, exchanged at the time it was proposed that the matter go to arbitration, that this payment can be made without reference to Treasury Board. We are suggesting settlement without taking to arbitration because a physical survey could not be made until April at the earliest and because it would then be necessary to use arbitrary figures for a considerable part of the area involved, this due to the fact that the ground (and stumps) has been torn up in the process of building the new highway. We feel that the advantages of getting this portion of the matter settled now outweigh the possibility of reductions which might be made in our figures. Also, there is a definite chance that the percentage of logs allocated to saw-log valuation might be considerably increased, which would result in a considerably higher settlement. If agreeable, we will endeavour to ascertain through the Department of Public Works, of British Columbia, which Government is responsible for the "Road Allowance" wood.

If it is decided to recommend to Treasury Board acceptance of Mr. Trites' proposal, would appreciate your advice as to whether Surplus Declaration Forms should be completed on the basis of excluding the buildings, etc., which would be turned over to him, or whether we should continue to hold here pending decision of Treasury Board.

J. F. MacKinnon

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P.S. The meeting referred to was held before Mr. MacKinnon left for New Denver and he is in full accord with the recommendations we have made on Mr. Trites' proposal.

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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Ottawa, February 13, 1947

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

In reply to yours of February 11 re the hospital at Tashme Camp, I am advised that in terminating the lease of the Tashme Camp property the Department of Labour is negotiating with the lessors for a final settlement of all claims of the lessors under the lease. It is expected that this settlement will be completed shortly.

The buildings which were erected by the Department on the Tashme property are involved in the negotiations for settlement, and until the settlement is finally made the Department is not in a position to say whether or not the hospital building will be available for purchase and removal from its present site. If under the terms of the settlement, the hospital building is available for sale and removal this will be handled by War Assets Corporation. On the other hand, if the building is left on the premises as part of the settlement with the lessors, arrangements for purchase and removal would have to be made with the lessors, namely, the owners of the property.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

OTTAWA, February 13, 1947.

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A. H. Brown.

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February 12, 1947.

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Re: Tashme Buildings & Equipment

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19 Poles	380.00
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Wire, Insulators, Cross Arms, Brackets, etc.,	500.00
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Yours very truly,

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(A.W.Sparling)

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   $ 6,050.50

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Settlement as outlined above:

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COMMENTS ON REVISED CLAIM OF FOURTEEN MILE RANCH COMPANY MADE BY MR. S. TRITES VERBALLY IN CONFERENCES ON FEBRUARY 10th & 11th, 1947

Item No. as per Claim of Dec. 3/46		Amount Claimed $	Revised Estimate of our Liability $
9.	Replacing Fences at Barns to their original state Our obligation under the Lease is to leave the premises in good state of repair, "reasonable wear and tear" excepted. Claims presumably refer to approximately 1,650 ft. of fencing torn down adjacent to Buildings A,B, & D - (approx) 5' fence 8" x 8" Cedar Posts, 3 Tier Plank 2" x 8", material costs in today's markets in excess of $525.00 - plus some 10 gates, etc., and labour. Tearing down of this fence not directly connected with erection of buildings, permitted under Lease. Recommend acceptance in full.....	500.00	500.00
10.	Replacing Corrals to their original state Presumably refers to corral at back of Slaughter House (Butcher Shop), torn down by us - some 800 ft. of Pole Fencing, plus Chutes and Runway (boarded & painted). Our responsibility (See 9 above) Amount very reasonable.....	300.00	300.00
11.	Fumigating all Fourteen Mile Ranch Buildings This is our responsibility - definitely necessary - amount reasonable (We paid $967.50 to Service Fumigating Co. to do Buildings A,B,C, & D in July 1945).....	1,000.00	1,000.00
12.	Painting Buildings This is not our responsibility, as constitutes part of landlord's obligations under "reasonable wear and tear" clause.	1,500.00	Nil
13.	Rope taken from barns - 900 ft. Not on Inventory with Lease, but known that considerable quantity there. A matter of physical check when property returned. If missing, will accept equivalent Department material.	120.00	
14.	Removing pile of planer shavings from old barn:- Our responsibility. Amount claimed far less than cost of moving. Constitutes fire hazard to barns and bridge.....	100.00	100.00
19.	General cleanup of property, such as bark and chips from wood piles, sawdust piles, etc. Our responsibility - amount claimed is reasonable	500.00	500.00
25	Removing sawdust pile from Millsite Our responsibility but can see no need to remove. Most already moved or covered in building of highway	500.00	Nil

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		$	$
16	Restoring fields for agricultural purposes - We contend that fields other than those affected by construction (item 7) are in good condition, as called for in Lease	2,500.00	Nil
24.	Replacing large barn doors, if destroyed - Refers to doors off barn which we used for other buildings. Our responsibility, one door missing - Amount reasonable.....	100.00	100.00
22.	Tearing down partitions in two large barns and feed shed and closing up windows - Lease gave us right to re-model these buildings and did not require their return to original condition. Also, this was the intent of the Agreement. (Mr. A. C. Taylor has confirmed our stand on this point). We will, however, presumably be obligated to leave in the buildings, all items built in, in our construction program, including heating units.	1,500.00	Nil
18.	Replacing pens in stock barns, including cement work and overhead lines - Same remarks as (item 22 above), except that we would be responsible for returning - but not installing - any missing lines, stanchions, etc.	500.00	Nil
20.	Repairing roofs to barns where stove pipe holes have been cut. - Same remarks as item 22 above.	100.00	Nil
26.	Removing floor in warehouse, so as to restore manure shed and sump, replace carrier lines - Work would be done in process of tearing down our buildings.	250.00	Nil
23.	Removing built in portion between large barn and feeding shed and replacing large doors. - Same remarks as No. 22.	500.00	Nil
7.	Loss of alfalfa crop on 20 acres for 5 years, time estimated to get land back in production, based on 120 tons per year @ $15.00 per ton. - Refers to field on which the Japanese housing was erected - depends on legality of claim of Ranch Company that the Lease has expired and buildings erected by the Department cannot be removed. If they are correct, then we cannot also be expected to pay for cleanup of property on which the buildings are constructed. However we maintain that our buildings can be removed, which would make us liable, for cleanup and for rehabilitation of land. (Estimates ✓checked with a representative of a Feed Company).	9,000.00	
	Estimated cost of Alfalfa(fob Ranch - $30.00 per ton Cost of cutting, raking & baling 6.50 " " Net value 23.50 " " Cost of cultivating not deducted as this work will have to be done to get the land in condition. Crop Loss - 2 yrs.- 27 acres @ 6 tons per acre 324 Tons @ $23.50		✓ 7,614.00

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Item No. as per Claim of Dec. 3746		Amount Claimed	Revised Estimate of our Liability
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	Our estimate - Figures obtained from Mr. W. Hartley, former Supervisor (ex Road Construction Contractor) on basis of using Cat and Carryall. 600 hrs. work @ $10.00 per hour - 6,000.00 Deep ploughing preliminary to ordinary cultivation 500.00		6,500.00
17.	Filling in some 85 Cesspools The work on those in Japanese villages would be done in process of tearing up roads - See No. 15 - Some 5 large pits beside barns, Staff House, etc. would have to be done as separate job - Estimate	2,125.00	1,500.00
8.	Replacing fox ranch to its original state - Torn down to permit construction of buildings for Japanese Housing. See remarks under No. 7, re legal position. Amount appears reasonable	3,000.00	3,000.00
		$44,095.00 ✓	$21,114.00 ✓

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

SUMMARY

(Items relating to Wood Cutting Excluded).

Revised Claim of Fourteen Mile Ranch Co. Ltd. - As above	$44,095.00

Alternative Settlement

Buildings and fixtures erected on property and to be quit claimed to the Ranch Co.	
Estimated Salvage Value as per appraisal of War Assets Corporation - January 15/47	21,615.00
Estimated Salvage Value of Power Plant as per appraisal of War Assets Corporation - February 12/47	8,920.00
Total Value to Crown of Items suggested in settlement --	$30,535.00

If Settlement Not Made

Out Estimate of Minimum Cost of Rehabilitating premises - As set out above	21,114.00
Rental payable during period work is being done April 1st - October 31st, 1947 - 7 mos.	3,500.00
To which will have to be added cost of Guards, Caretakers and Supervision by War Assets Staff for at least 7 months; also cost of legal action if Ranch Company carry out intention to take steps to endeavour to prevent removal of buildings	?
Total cost to Crown	?

N.B. Item No. 15 of Claim - Mr. Trites has promised to obtain a written report from his engineer. If his contention is correct, our liability under this item would be considerably increased.

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February 12, 1947.

COMMENTS ON REVISED CLAIM OF FOURTEEN MILE RANCH COMPANY MADE BY MR. S. TRITES VERBALLY IN CONFERENCES ON FEBRUARY 10th & 11th, 1947

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Ms. Brown

Will you let the Minister have something to tell our pugnacious friend

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, February 11th, 1947.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchel,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mitchel,

Re: Tashme Hospital
Tashme Camp.

Not having heard further from you regarding the above since July 11th, 1946, I would like to point out that the Hospital Committee of the village of Hope at that time made application to purchase this building under their priority rights, and as yet have heard nothing further, although they have the site purchased and prepared. I would appreciate any information you can give me in this matter.

This village is now called upon to provide hospital facilities for loggers, operating in the district to the extent of a million feet per day, and due to the rate of accidents in the logging industry and the dire need of timber, I believe the matter should be given every consideration immediately.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank,
Member for Fraser Valley.

THE MINISTER WISHES TO
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WAR ASSETS CORPORATION
Vancouver, Canada

404 West Hastings, St,

January 15, 1947

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
369 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr J.F. MacKinnon

Dear Sir,

Re: Buildings at Japanese Camp, Tashme, B. C.

As requested I attach hereto, our appraisal of the buildings in this Camp from the point of view of their value for sale on site and for removal. We arrive at our appraisal by taking into consideration the original cost of the building, the amount represented in this original cost for wages, the cost of dismantling and restoration of site and the value of probable recovered material.

Trusting the foregoing may be of some help to you.

Yours very truly

WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

(sgd) J.B. Hardinge.

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BUILDINGS AT JAPANESE CAMP, TASHME, B.C.

CAAC: 223-25D-53A(1); Ser.23987

Regarding Lease between Fourteen Mile Ranch Company, Lessor, and B.C. Security Commission, Lessee, for Trites Ranch - rental at $500.00 a month dated July 7, 1942, with supplementary agreements March 3, 1943, and January 2, 1946.

Item No.	Quantity	Details	Original cost	Estimated present value (for removal)	Remarks
1	308	Japanese cabins @ $192.00 ea.	$59,136.00	$ 7,650.00	306 only.
2	18	Japanese cabins @ $350.00 ea.	6,300.00	630.00	
3	1	Cottage House No.9A	400.00	40.00	
4	1	Pickle Factory	100.00	5.00	
5	1	Dry Kiln	1,000.00	100.00	
6	1	Oil House	600.00	50.00	
7	1	Slaughter House	100.00	10.00	
8	1	Root House	5,000.00	400.00	
9	1	Tool House	100.00	10.00	
10	1	Apartment Building No.F	6,000.00	750.00	
11	1	Barber shop & Shoe Repair Bldg	200.00	50.00	
12	1	Post Office Building	250.00	50.00	
13	1	R.C.M.P. Building	250.00	50.00	
14	1	Fire Hall Building	500.00	200.00	
15	1	Power House Building	1,580.00	175.00	
16	1	Bake Shop Building	250.00	50.00	
17	1	Hospital Building	30,000.00	3,500.00	
17 18	1	Boiler room and Laundry for Hospital including Heating plant rads, etc.	6,700.00	650.00	
18 19	1	Morgue	200.00	25.00	
19 20	1	Doctor's residence	1,350.00	150.00	
20 21	1	Two-car Garage	150.00	15.00	
21 22	1	Staff House Building, including heating plant	25,000.00	3,250.00	
22 23	1	School House	6,400.00	500.00	
23 24	1	Sawdust shed	1,152.00	100.00	
24 25	1	Mess House	1,500.00	200.00	
25 26	1	Japanese Bunk House	192.00	25.00	
26 27	1	Boy Scout Building	242.00	25.00	
27 28	1	Apartment Building "E"	2,274.00	250.00	

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32	1	Japanese Bath Houses Total cost	1,500.00	150.00	
33	1	Improvements on Implement Shed belonging to Lessor	100.00	NIL	
34	1	Crematorium	800.00	75.00	
35	1	Boiler room for "B" Building	125.00	20.00	
36	1	Boiler room for "D" Building	125.00	20.00	
37	1	Warehouse and improvements	3,460.00	350.00	
38	1	Store Building	6,916.00	750.00	
39	1	Office Building	3,203.00	350.00	
40	1	Sawmill Yard House	100.00	10.00	
41	1	Sawmill Oil House	150.00	10.00	
42	1	Water Tank for Sawmill	200.00	40.00	
43	1	Sawmill Millwright Shop	125.00	10.00	
44	1	Sawmill Boiler House	792.00	150.00	
45	1	Lath & Shingle Mill Bldg	2,400.00		Out
46	1	Sawmill Engine Room	50.00		Out
47	1	Planer Mill and Engine Room	2,764.00		Out
48	1	First Aid Building	125.00	10.00	
49	1	Sawmill Tool House	100.00	10.00	
50	1	Incinerator Building	2,000.00	200.00	
51	1	School and Apartment Building "A" owned by Lessor, Improvements and fixtures thereto	956.00	NIL	
52	1	Apartment Building "B" owned by Lessor, Improvements and fixtures thereto	2,956.00	NIL	
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			$199,038.00	$21,615.00	

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Ottawa, January 8, 1947.

The Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Cross index with 23-2-8-2 file

Attention Mr. D. W. Simmons

Re: Tashme Property

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Ro[redacted] 7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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H.T. Pammett.

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Corr. re
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MacDougall, Morrison & Jestley
Barristers & Solicitors

Marine Building
355 Burrard Street
VANCOUVER, B. C.

December 3, 1946.

D. W. Simmons, Esq.,
Comptroller & Administrative Assistant,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir:

Re: Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited - Our File No. 645.

Further to the various interviews which Mr. S. B. Trites and the writer have had with you in connection with the claim of Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited, we now enclose a statement of the various items and amounts comprising such claim, subject, however, to further items which may not yet have come to Mr. Trites' notice. In addition to the foregoing, there is also a claim for damage to, and missing pieces of, farm machinery left on loan. The amounts of these have still to be checked.

Our client may be interested in acquiring a power plant and pipe line so that we should be glad if you would let us know what re-imbursement you should have for this.

We are,

Yours very truly,
MacDOUGALL, MORRISON & JESTLEY,
Per: "A. R. Macd"

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STATEMENT OF CLAIMS FROM FOURTEEN MILE RANCH COMPANY LIMITED TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

ITEM NO.			
1	5,000	cords fine wood (unauthorized by lease) @ $2.00	$10,000.00
2	2,000	fence posts @ 10¢	200.00
3	50,000	feet logs piled at mill office @ $10.00	500.00
4	225,000	feet logs cut from property to October, 1942 @ $2.00	450.00
5	15,000	cedar shakes @ $10.00	150.00
6	50,000	feet cedar logs from 8 piles at cedar grove prior to October 31, 1942, @ $10.00	500.00
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Statement

20	Repairing roofs of barns where stove pipe holes have been cut	100.00
21	Value of logs (in addition to those already specified) cut on property to end of 1943	10,000.00
22	Tearing down partitions in two large barns and feed shed and closing up windows	1,500.00
23	Removing built-in portion between large barn and feeding shed and replacing large doors	500.00
24	If large doors have been destroyed, to replacing same	100.00
25	Removing sawdust pile from millsite	500.00
26	Removing floor in warehouse so as to restore manure shed and sump, replace carrier lines	250.00

November 29, 1946.

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December 17th 1946

TO: Mr F. J. MacKinnon

FROM: Mr D. W. Simmons

COMMENTS ON CLAIM OF FOURTEEN MILE RANCH COMPANY OF DECEMBER 3RD 1946

Item No:		Claimed	Arbitary Estimate of liability
1.	5,000 Cords Fire Wood @ $2.00	10,000.00	
	The quantity is reasonably correct, insofar as can now be ascertained from our records, but we maintain that it was agreed with representatives of the Lessor that a part or all of the cutting was to be without charge. A physical survey will be necessary - copies of correspondence, etc., attached. Price charged is excessive. The Forestry charged 25¢ per cord Stumpage and 35¢ Royalty for wood cut on the Timber Sale behind the Ranch. Arbitrary estimate of our liability, 75% of quantity:-		
	3,750 Cords @ 70¢		2,625.00
2.	2,000 Fence Posts @ 10¢	$200.00	
	Inventory attached to Lease shows 1,900 pcs. Split Cedar 8'. These were listed on adjustment invoice of July 10/42 with price and amount marked "------". Considered to be of no commercial value.		
3.	50,000 ft Logs piled at Mill Office @ $10.00	$500.00	
	Our records show that this quantity OK. Value of logs including Owners' Stumpage is reasonable		500.00
4.	225 M Ft Logs cut from property to October 1942 @ $2.00	$450.00	
	Our records show 222,822 ft to November 30th @ $2.00		446.00
21.	Value of Logs, in addition to those already specified cut on property to end of 1943:-	$10,000.00	
	(Have written requesting more details on this item) Our records show approximately 322 M ft cut between December 1st 1942 and June 30th 1943. In addition some 85M was cut off proposed Highway Road, some areas then designated as Road Allowance were not included in final road. Arbitrary Division, 1/2 of this Allowance.		
	365 M @ $2.00 per M as per agreement ...		730.00
	(See also item No.4)		
5.	15,000 Cedar S hakes @ $10.00	150.00	
	Records show 10,500 shakes(pieces) cut to October 31st. May have been some subsequently. Would require some 20 cords of Good Cedar - reasonable allowance;-		
	20 cords @ $1.00 per cord		20.00
	(being stumpage rate charged by Forestry Department in area behind the Ranch).		

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Item No:		Claimed	Arbitary Estimate of liability
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	Item mentioned in Supplementary Agreement of March 3rd 1943-5(A). At time adjustment was made with Ranch Co., Mr Johnson agreed that these had no market value. We have no record of quantity. Logs were old and quantity of merchantable material does not appear high.		
	Recommend allowance @ 50%		250.00
9.	Replacing Fences at Barns to their original state.	$500.00	
	Our obligation under the Lease is to "leave the premises in good state of repair, reasonable wear and tear ---excepted". Claims presumably refer to approximately 1,650 ft of fencing torn down adjacent to Buildings A,B, & D -(approx) 5' fence 8" x 8" Cedar Posts, 3 Tier Plank 2" x 8", materials costs in today's markets in excess of $525.00 - plus some 10 gates, etc., and labour. Tearing down of this fence not directly connected with erection of buildings, permitted under lease.		
	Recommend acceptance in full		500.00
10.	Replacing Corrals to their original state	$300.00	
	Presumably refers to corral at back of Slaughter House(Butcher Shop), torn down by us - some 800 ft of Pole Fencing, plus Chutes and Runway(boarded & painted). Our responsibility (See 9 above)		
	Amount very reasonable		300.00
11.	Fumigating all Fourteen Mile Ranch Buildings.	$1,000.00	
	This is our responsibility - definitely necessary - amount reasonable.(We paid $967.50 to Service Fumigating Company to do Buildings A,B,C & D in July 1945).....		1,000.00
12.	Painting Buildings	$1,500.00	Nil
	This is not our responsibility, as constitutes part of landlord(s obligations under "reasonable wear and tear" clause.		
13.	Rope taken from barns - 900 ft	$120.00	
	Not on Inventory with Lease, but known that considerable quantity there. A matter of physical check when property returned(included for purpose of estimating totals).....		120.00
14.	Removing pile of planer shavings from old barn:-	$100.00	
	Our responsibility. Amount claimed far less than cost of moving. Constitutes fire hazard to barns and bridge.....		100.00
19.	General cleanup of property, such as bark and chips from wood piles, sawdust piles etc.,	$500.00	
	Our responsibility - amount claimed is reasonable		500.00

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16.	Restoring fields for agricultural purposes:- We contend that fields other than those affected by construction (item 7) are in good condition, as called for in Lease	$2,500.00	Nil
24.	If large doors have been destroyed - to replacing 100 - refers to doors off barn which we used for other buildings. Our responsibility, amount reasonable		100.00
22.	Tearing down partitions in two large barns and feed shed and closing up windows. Lease gave us right to re-model these buildings and did not require their return to original condition. Also, this was the intent of the Agreement.(Mr A.C.Taylor has confirmed our stand on this point) We will, however, presumably be obligated to leawe in the buildings, all items built in, in our construction program, includingheating units, but not the boilers to which they are attached, since these boilers are in separate buildings erected by the Department, and only attached to the main buildings through the connecting pipes. (The Surplus Declaration Forms have been prepared on the above assumptions).	$1,500.00	Nil
18.	Replacing pens in stock barns, including cement work and overhead lines. Same remarks as item 22 above, except that we would be responsible for returning - but not installing - any missing lines, stantions etc.,	$500.00	Nil
20.	Repairing roofs to barns where stove pipe holes (~~cut 100~~) have been cut. Same remarks as item 22 above.	$100.00	Nil
26.	Removing floor in warehouse, so as to restors manure shed and sump, replace carrier lines:- Work would be done in process of tearing down our buildings.	$250.00	Nil
23.	Removing built in portion between large barn and feeding shet and replacing large doors. Same remarks as No.22.	$500.00	Nil
7.	Loss of alfalfa crop on 20 acres for 5 years, time estimated to get land back in production, based on 120 tons per year @ $15.00 per ton. Possibly refers to field on which the Japanese housing erected - depends on legality of claim of Ranch Company that the Lease has expired and buildings erected by the Department cannot be removed. If they are correct, then cannot see howwe can also be expected to pay for cleanup of property on which	$9,000.00	Nil

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15.	Tearing up roads in Japanese village, removing rocks and gravel - [redacted] Remarks as for No.7 above. Arbitrary estimate for general calculations only - 600 hours for Bulldozer and Driver @ $6.70 per hour	$10,000.00	4,020.00
17.	Filling in some 85 cesspools. This work would be done in process of tearing up roads - see No.15.	$2,125.00	Nil
8.	Replacing fox? ranch to its original state (Have written for verification of this word). Torn down to permit construction of buildings for Japanese Housing. Remarks as for No.7 above. Arbitrary estimate for general calculations only.....	$3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTALS	$55,895.00	$19,071.00

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Water installation:
Cost $7058.25. Arbitrary estimate of present value,15% $1,058.75

Power Plant:
Cost $17,837.72. Arbitrary estimate of present value,25% 4,459.43 5,518.18

Net Liability of Department(according to their claim) and they retain right to increase. $50,376.82

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR:

We claim right to remove all buildingserected by us on the property. Estimated salvage value $179,716.94 @ 15%.. $26,957.50

Less amount due to Ranch Company(as above estimated) 19,071.00

Net Recovery of Government $7,886.50

(From which will have to be deducted several months rent @ $500.00 per month) whilst buildings are being removed, also cost of guards, supervising staff etc.,)

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room [redacted], Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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H.T. Pammett.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIR MAIL

31st December 1946

Attention: Mr. A. H. Brown.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Further to ours of December 20th, we are attaching hereto copy of letter received today from Messrs. MacDougall, Morrison & Jestley with further regard to the claim of the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company. As we had anticipated, they are trying to find ways and means of increasing the claim.

for J. F. MacKINNON.

Enc.

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COPY

MacDougall, Morrison & Jestley
Barristers & Solicitors

Marine Building,

355 Burrard Street,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

December 30, 1946

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

D. W. Simmons, Esq.,
Comptroller and Administrative Assistant,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fourteen Mile Ranch Company
Limited - Our File 645.

We have discussed with Mr. S. B. Trites the contents of your letter to us of the 7th instant.

We are instructed to say that it is possible some of the logs in question were cut after the end of 1943, and that our client is now of the opinion that the sum of $10,000.00 mentioned in the claim is too low. In the meantime Mr. Trites is now pursuing his investigations and endeavouring to follow up certain sources of information.

The pipe-line is that running from Fifteen Mile Creek into the townsite.

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, the word "fix" is obviously a typographical error and should be "fox".

Our client notes that blowers for circulating heat in the barn have been removed, and is of the opinion that these should be restored. It seems to us that the blowers, as well as boilers and other parts of heating units, should be considered as fixtures to be left by the Department when quitting the premises.

We are,

Yours very truly,
MacDOUGALL, MORRISON & JESTLEY
Per: "A.R. MacD"

ARM:W.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
December 20th 1946

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention Mr A. H. Brown

Re: Tashme

Following receipt of your letter of November 1st we held a meeting with Mr S. Trites, the owner of the 14 Mile Ranch, and his lawyer, Mr MacDougall, at which time the contention of the Department with regard to the buildings was explained. Mr Trites indicated that he was not prepared to accept this interpretation. We suggested that, in order that matters would not be stalemated, they submit a statement of their claims, without prejudice.

A preliminary letter was received under date of December 3rd - copy attached. It is to be noted that they have left the way open for the submitting of further claims for damages. Following receipt of this letter we suggested verbally that they advise, without prejudice, as to what buildings, if any, they would be interested in acquiring. We also asked for a clarification of certain items in their claims etc., No further advice has been received from them as yet.

I am also enclosing a memorandum commenting on each item of the claim as submitted, in which has been incorporated an estimate of our liability based on the stand that the buildings remain our property: also a summary comparing the liability on the basis of the 14 Mile Ranch Company's claim and the net recovery to the Government based on our contentions - all figures are, of course, arbitrary.

Mr Simmons has recommended to me that we endeavour to obtain clearance from the 14 Mile Ranch Company on the basis of their accepting all the buildings, together with the fixed equipment, the power plant, and perhaps a few other minor items of equipment, in full settlement for all claims. I would appreciate your comments on this suggestion before we proceed further with the matter.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Roo[redacted]7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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H.T. Pammett,

P.A.

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Please send to this office

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Ottawa, Ontario,
December 16, 1946.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Mr. J. L. Terry

I have your letter of December 12th. You better reply to Terry over your own signature and say something like this:-

"We have your letter of December 6th. We again repeat that there never was an acceptance by this Department of any offer made by you for logs or timber at Tashme. We have made two efforts to return to you the cheque which you sent in to the Department with your offer, and which you now state, on legal advice, you are returning to the Department after the cheque had been returned to you by the Department.

"In the circumstances, the cheque is held here on your behalf pending your instructions as to what you wish done with the same."

A good part of these difficulties would no doubt have been avoided if the arrangement under which the cheque from Terry was accepted had been confirmed in writing by Mr. Simmons at the time. However, hindsight is always better than foresight.

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A. H. Brown.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 12, 1946.

A. H. Brown, Esq.,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Mr. J. L. Torry

In ours of November 18th, 1946, reporting the incident involving the above, we stated that the cheque in the amount of $500.00 which had been delivered to this office by Mr. Torry had been returned to him on November 13th. The letter enclosing the cheque was addressed to 2940 West 8th Ave., Vancouver, being the only address known to us. The envelope was returned with the notation "Return to - Does not live at this address -S". We noted that Mr. MacNamara's letter of November 29th to Mr. Torry was directed to this same address, and we accordingly sent the cheque out again on December 2nd.

We have now received another letter from Mr. Torry under date of December 6th, returning the cheque to us. We are attaching a copy of this letter, and would appreciate advice as to how our reply should be worded.

As far as we are concerned, no transaction was ever entered into with Mr. Torry. Further, with regard to his inquiry regarding the uncut timber on the claim, we would advise that as far as the Forestry Records show, there is now no merchantable timber left.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner

P.S. Since the above was dictated, we have received a letter from yourself and Mr. Pammett under date of December 9th with further reference to this matter. We will reply to these letters within the next day or two.

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1125 West 10th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 6, 1946.

Mr. D. Simmons,
Comptroller,
Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
Dick Building,
Homer Street,
City:-

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to 2940 West 8th Avenue, forwarded to the above address, and on advise of my lawyer, I herewith return my check for which you accepted for payment of logs purchased and confirmed by you, and for which I have received several Statutory Declarations under the Canada Evidence Act supporting this sale. I now insist on delivery of the said logs in question, otherwise legal action will be taken for fulfillment of contract.

In your letter of November received also in today's mail, you state this check was left with a verbal offer of Timber Sale at Tashme, (a Timber Sale is a sale of standing timber) I was not offered the timber on the lease, and nothing is mentioned in your tender sheet about the sale of the standing timber. I was asked to but the logs out by the Japanese on which you had no offer, and you said on the Phone if I wished to purchase these logs to bring in my marked check for same, which I did, and when you took this check there was one proviso only, that they were subject to prior sale at Tashme, as you said Hartley was also dealing on them at his end, that day you tried to get on the phone but the line was down, but you did confer with Hartley, and he confirmed with you that he had no sale at his end on the logs, and you confirmed with him the sale of the logs to me, and when I phoned you confirmed the sale to me.

I am given to understand that there was six million feet on this claim, and four million feet has been cut, leaving two million on the timber sale, if the timber is for sale by the Commission or the War Assets I would be pleased to tender on the same.

Yours truly,

J. L. Torry.

P.S. Consulting the Forestry Department a timber sale is known as a sale of standing timber, a log sale is known as a sale of logs cut in the woods or in the water.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 2, 1946.

Mr. J. L. Torry,
2940 West 8th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are again returning herewith your cheque in the amount of $500.00, which was left with us in connection with bid you were making for certain logs at Tashme. This cheque was addressed to you at 2940 West 8th Avenue, on November 13th, and returned with the notation on the envelope "Return to - Does not live at this address - S". We have noted however, from other correspondence that you have since given this address, and we trust this will now reach you.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant.

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Original envelope with cheque enclosed.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
November 13, 1946.

Registered Letter

Mr. J. L. Torry,
2940 West 8th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are returning herewith your certified cheque dated October 30th for $500.00 which was left with us with the verbal offer of Timber Sale at Tashme.

As advised at that time, we were also negotiating with another party, and the deal has now been closed with them.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

R. Spruston
Accountant.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
December 16, 1946.

Mr. C. N. Senior,
Office of the Minister,
Department of Veterans Affairs,
Daly Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Senior:

Mr. Greene has referred to me your letter of December 4th with enclosures in the form of a letter received by your Minister from Mr. J. L. Torry of Vancouver. This enclosure is returned herewith.

Mr. Torry put in a bid on the request for tender made by the Department in respect to logs left over following the close-down of woods operations by the Department at Tashme, B.C. Mr. Torry claims that his offer was accepted--the responsible officers of this Department who were in charge of this matter state that Mr. Torry's offer, if made, was never accepted, and that a higher tender submitted by another party was accepted.

We have obtained full reports from our officers on the matter and are quite satisfied to accept and act upon their report. We have advised Mr. Torry accordingly.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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Air Mail

Ottawa, Ontario.
December 18, 1946.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
560 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Timber Sale and
J. L. Torry

Thanks very much for your letter of December 16th on the above and the precise summary which Mr. Simmons has prepared.

This matter, if it is pushed to the point of litigation, will resolve itself into a straight matter of fact and the Court may find it necessary to determine whose statements he is prepared to accept—those of the departmental officers or those of Torry and his witnesses. Knowing both Mr. Simmons and Mr. Baird, we are quite satisfied to stand on the statements they have made and we have no intention of making any settlement with Torry.

I have no doubt that you will be careful in any further correspondence with Torry not to make any admissions or statements which might be useful to him by way of admissions or otherwise in any action he may take.

A. H. Brown.

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360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
December 17th 1946

Mr J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner.

Re: 14 Mile Ranch Company Claim

I am attaching itemized copy of the claim from the 14 Mile Ranch Company on which the items have been numbered for reference, together with my comments on each of the items and an arbitary estimate of liability based on the best information now available.

If settlement is to be made in cash with the 14 Mile Ranch Company, experts' reports will have to be obtained on a number of these items.

I am also enclosing a summary of their claim and of our position.

It would appear that insofar as the buildings and fixed equipment are concerned the Crown will make very little or no recovery. In view of this, and in view of the apparent uncertainty of our contention with regard to the right to remove these buildings and fixed equipment, I would recommend that we endeavour to obtain a clearance from the 14 Mile Ranch Company on the basis of our turning over to them all buildings and fixed equipment on the property, including the power plant, water system, boilers etc., If this offer is acceptable we can then arrange to have all the automotive and moveable equipment and the supplies taken out by the War Assets Corporation for disposition.

D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant.

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MacDougall, Morrison & Jestley
Barristers & Solicitors

Marine Building
355 Burrard Street
VANCOUVER, B. C.

December 3, 1946.

D. W. Simmons, Esq.,
Comptroller & Administrative Assistant,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir:

Re: Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited - Our File No. 645.

Further to the various interviews which Mr. S. B. Trites and the writer have had with you in connection with the claim of Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited, we now enclose a statement of the various items and amounts comprising such claim, subject, however, to further items which may not yet have come to Mr. Trites' notice. In addition to the foregoing, there is also a claim for damage to, and missing pieces of, farm machinery left on loan. The amounts of these have still to be checked.

Our client may be interested in acquiring a power plant and pipe line so that we should be glad if you would let us know what re-imbursement you should have for this.

We are,

Yours very truly,
MacDOUGALL, MORRISON & JESTLEY,
Per: "A. R. Macd"

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STATEMENT OF CLAIMS FROM FOURTEEN MILE RANCH COMPANY LIMITED TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

ITEM NO.			
1	5,000	cords fine wood (unauthorized by lease) @ $2.00	$10,000.00
2	2,000	fence posts @ 10¢	200.00
3	50,000	feet logs piled at mill office @ $10.00	500.00
4	225,000	feet logs cut from property to October, 1942 @ $2.00	450.00
5	15,000	cedar shakes @ $10.00	150.00
6	50,000	feet cedar logs from 8 piles at cedar grove prior to October 31, 1942, @ $10.00	500.00
7		Loss of alfalfa crop on 20 acres for 5 years, time estimated to get land back in production based on 120 tons per year @ $15.00 per ton	9,000.00
8		Replacing fix ranch to its original state	3,000.00
9		Replacing fences at Barns to their original state	500.00
10		Replacing corrals to their original state	300.00
11		Fumigating all Fourteen Mile Ranch bldgs.	1,000.00
12		Painting buildings	1,500.00
13		Rope taken from barns, 900 feet	120.00
14		Removing pile of planer shavings from old barn	100.00
15		Tearing up roads in Japanese Village, removing rocks and gravel	10,000.00
16		Restoring fields for agricultural purposes	2,500.00
17		Filling in some 85 cess pools	2,125.00
18		Replacing pens in stock barns including cement work and overhead lines	500.00
19		General cleanup of property, such as bark and chips from wood piles, sawdust piles, etc.	500.00

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Statement

20	Repairing roofs of barns where stove pipe holes have been cut	100.00
21	Value of logs (in addition to those already specified) cut on property to end of 1943	10,000.00
22	Tearing down partitions in two large barns and feed shed and closing up windows	1,500.00
23	Removing built-in portion between large barn and feeding shed and replacing large doors	500.00
24	If large doors have been destroyed, to replacing same	100.00
25	Removing sawdust pile from millsite	500.00
26	Removing floor in warehouse so as to restore manure shed and sump, replace carrier lines	250.00

November 29, 1946.

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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIR MAIL

17th December 1946

Attention: Mr. A. H. Brown.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Re: Mr. J. L. Torry

With further reference to the above-mentioned matter, concerning which I wrote you at length yesterday, I now enclose copy of letter received from Mr. Hartley denying that he had given a statutory declaration to Mr. Torry. This is certainly a further reflection on Mr. Torry's veracity.

J. F. MacKINNON.

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Dec. 16 1946

Hope, B. C.

Mr. J. F. Mackinnon,
Commissioner.
Dept of Labor
Japanese Division
360 Homer St.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Dec. 13th to hand with reference to Logs at Tashme. The writer is not aware of the sourse of information given to you and I wish to advise you that at no time have I given a statutary declaration to Mr. Torry or any one else pertaining to the above matter.

I may advise you that I have been served with legal papers, but I have no intention of signing them. I trust that this is the information that you desire. I wish to remain,

Yours Truly,

"Walter Hartley"
Walter Hartley

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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

17th December 1946

Mr. Walter Hartley,

HOPE, B. C.

Dear Mr. Hartley,

I was very much pleased to have your letter of December 16th assuring me that at no time had you given a statubory declaration to Mr. Torry or any one else with reference to logs at Tashme.

As I intimated in my letter, I found it extremely difficult to believe the direct allegation that had been made to us.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. F. MacKINNON,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 16, 1946.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

I have yours of December 9th enclosing a letter from Mr. Torry to the Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs, together with a copy of certain affidavits, which Mr. Torry claims to have in his possession. I also have letter signed by Mr. H. T. Pammett enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Torry to Mr. MacNamara, under date of November 30th and December 3rd.

We have already given you a brief report on the circumstances surrounding our dealings with Mr. Torry, as per our letter of November 18th.

I have obtained statements from Mr. Simmons and Mr. Baird covering dealings which they have had with Mr. Torry. We have not obtained a statement from Mr. Hartley, as he was not empowered to make a sale to Mr. Torry. Mr. Torry has admitted in his letters that he was aware that Mr. Hartley lacked this authority. Further, it would appear from the Declaration given by Mr. Hartley, which is probably a contravention of his official oath of office, that he is not now favourably disposed towards this Department. In this connection I have written Mr. Hartley, as per copy attached.

In addition to what I have previously submitted in connection with this particular case, I would like to comment on a few of the points raised by Mr. Torry:

Letter, November 27th to Hon. Ian MacKenzie - second paragraph - last sentence.

"He confirmed to me by phone the sale of the logs and timber".

It is not possible to be sure whether the "he" refers to Mr. Hartley or Mr. Simmons. If it is Mr. Hartley, who is referred to, he was speaking without any authorization or full knowledge of the facts. Mr. Hartley does not refer to such a call in the affidavit quoted by Mr. Torry. If it is Mr. Simmons, who is referred to, he too was speaking without my authorization, as his authority extended only to the handling of the negotiations. Mr. Simmons is prepared to take a declaration that he did not at any time advise Mr. Torry, either in personal discussion, or on the telephone, that his (Mr. Torry's) offer for the logs had been accepted.

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It is strange that Mr. Torry made no reference to this phone call in his letter of November 18th to me.

Fourth Paragraph:

Mr. Simmons is willing to affirm that he did not discuss the logs with Mr. Torry while in Tashme on November 6th.

Fifth Paragraph:

"The other sale he made" - The "he" presumably refers to Mr. Simmons. This statement is incorrect. I concluded the sale personally with Mr. Bain, the details pertaining to the transaction being discussed by Mr. Simmons with Mr. Bain in my office. I cannot see that the ownership of the Princeton Trail Sawmills or Mr. Bains' reputation as a shrewd businessman, has any bearing on the issue. As to the Japanese employed at the Mill, these persons have been self-supporting for several years and in conformity with the policy of the Department, were permitted to move their families out of Tashme before the Project closed and to take up their residence adjacent to the mill.

Eighth Paragraph:

I received Mr. Torry's letter of November 18th, but since he did not give his address, and since mail addressed to him at his daughter's home (2940 West 8th Avenue) had been returned, the letter was noted and filed. The unjust attack Mr. Torry makes on Mr. Simmons personally, is in my opinion, a reflection on Mr. Torry and not on Mr. Simmons.

Re Statutory Declarations stated to be held by Mr. Torry:

Mr. Stanley Trites: - Mr. Trites could not have interviewed Mr. Simmons on November 7th, as Mr. Simmons was in Tashme on the 5th and 6th and the morning of the 7th, and did not arrive in Vancouver until about 4 P. M. Mr. Trites probably refers to a meeting in my office on the morning of the 9th, at which he, his lawyer, Mr. McDougal, and Mr. Simmons were present. In general discussion, Mr. Trites asked Mr. Simmons concerning our dealings with Mr. Torry - Mr. Simmons replied that "speaking legally we do not "know" Mr. Torry - we have no deal with him". Mr. Simmons has explained in his report the discussion regarding the logs behind the hospital.

It is obvious that this affidavit is incorrect.

Mr. Walter Hartley: Mr. Simmons is prepared to affirm that he did not make any such statement to Mr. Hartley, rather that he said we would probably be selling to Mr. Torry; further that on November 5th or 6th in Mr. Hartley's office in Tashme, Mr. Hartley discussed with Mr. Simmons the sale of the logs. Mr. Hartley warned Mr. Simmons to be careful in setting the terms of sale, and Mr. Simmons stated that he certainly would and that if Mr. Torry was the purchaser, he could not be permitted to cold-deck on the property.

It would appear to me that Mr. Hartley's affidavit is a violation of his Oath of Secrecy as a Civil Servant.

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Mr. Bert Wilkes: Stated that Mr. Torry had contracted to make delivery commencing on November 15th, and yet as late as November 5th, Mr. Torry had not discussed with us arrangements as to delivery of the logs he thought he had bought. This point is particularly important in that Mr. Torry knew that our Tashme Camp was being "closed" on November 6th.

I can see no reason for thinking that we have not acted in a straightforward businesslike manner in dealing with this transaction. The only point upon which we might be subject to criticism, is our accepting Mr. Torry's cheque without a covering letter setting out the circumstances under which it was accepted. This was probably due to the fact that Mr. Torry, as an ex-employee, was well known to our officers and was in the habit of calling at the office irregularly over the past four years.

I return the correspondence herewith as requested.

J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner.

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360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 14, 1946.

TO: J. F. MacKinnon, Esq.,
Commissioner

FROM: Mr. D. W. Simmons

Re: Timber Sale X 35383 - Tashme

Report on Negotiations for Dipsosition of Logs left on above:

1. A quantity of logs were left on the "Sale" after operations were shut down. Since we would be liable to the B. C. Forestry Service for penalties on the commercial portion of this material, I had been most anxious to arrange a sale. (These penalties would probably exceed $2,000.00.)

2. On September 16th, we issued a "Request for Tender" - Bids to be accepted up to September 26th. No bids were received.

3. Subsequently a representative of the Princeton Trail Sawmills Ltd. called on Mr. Hartley and inspected the property. He stated that we would be advised later as to what they were prepared to do.

4. About October 10th, Mr. Torry called at the office several times seeking information regarding the Sawmill at Tashme, which, he stated, he had rented from Mr. Trites (Fourteen Mile Ranch Co.). I suggested that if this was the case, he might be able to use our logs and that he should look them over and give us an offer. Subsequently he asked me, obviously as a feeler, if they were worth Two Hundred Dollars and I replied by asking him if he was joking. He certainly did not make an offer of this amount.

5. On October 17th, 1946, Mr. Torry called at this office with a Mr. and Mrs. Hyland to complete arrangements, started at Tashme, relative to the purchase by Mrs. Hyland, of two teams of horses, and harness. The deal was completed by Mrs. Hyland giving us a deposit of $50.00, the balance of $450.00 to be paid prior to delivery of the horses.

On October 25th, I left a message with Mr. Torry's daughter, that I wanted to speak to him as soon as possible. He called me the next morning from Princeton, and I told him it was essential that the horses be paid for and taken out of Tashme immediately. I also suggested that, if he was serious with regard to the logs, he should give us a definite offer, with a deposit to prove his good intentions.

6. On October 30th, Mr. Torry brought in a cheque for $450.00 to complete payment for the horses, also his $500.00 cheque as offer, in full, for the logs left on the Timber Sale. I advised Mr. Torry we could not issue a receipt or confirm the sale, as Mr. Hartley had told me that another party (a representative of the Hope Princeton Sawmills) had, or was going to inspect the logs and that he was expecting to receive an offer. The phone line to Tashme was "out" at this time, and it was not possible to confer immediately with Mr. Hartley.

Mr. Torry told me that the completion of his deal to rent the mill from Mr. Trites was held up pending clarification of the responsibility for moving the buildings and equipment off the right-of-way of the Hope-Princeton Highway, and the obtaining of permission from us to set up on another part of the Ranch, held under Lease, it being his intention to cold-deck the logs at this site.

I advised him that the status of the Lease on the Ranch, as between the Department and the War Assets Corporation, was in doubt.

For the above reasons, it would not then have been possible to discuss the terms of a Sale, and I certainly would not have accepted an offer without first determining the conditions under which the buyer could secure the material purchased.

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Further, I would, of course, not have confirmed any deal without first obtaining your approval, particularly in this case where there were so many "angles". Instead, I advised you, verbally, that we had received a verbal offer from Mr. Torry, and were holding his cheque.

7. Mr. Hartley was advised of this deposit by phone and by memorandum of November 1st, 1946, copy attached, and yet Mr. Torry claims that on Monday (i. e., November 4th), Mr. Hartley told him that his (Mr. Torry's) offer had been accepted. If any such statement were made, it was on Mr. Hartley's assumption that because he himself had not yet received other bids, Mr. Torry's bid was acceptable. Mr. Hartley had no basis for making this assumption or for advising Mr. Torry, or anyone else, that their bid was acceptable. Further, Mr. Torry, in his letter of November 30th to the Hon. Ian MacKenzie, has admitted that he knew Mr. Hartley had no authority to close the deal.

8. Mr. Torry's quotation of a conversation on November 7th with Mr. Trites, in which the latter stated to have just returned from a conversation with me in my office, is obviously incorrect, as I was at Tashme until about 11 A. M. that day. Mr. Baird drove me back to Vancouver. We arrived in the city after office hours, and I did not report at the office until the morning of the 8th.

9. Mr. Trites was in the office Saturday, the 9th, at which time I told him, in your presence, that we had no deal with Mr. Torry. It is to be noted that at this mee ting Mr. Trites stated that he had no intention of setting up his sawmill again, after moving off the right-of-way, whereas Mr. Torry had informed Mr. Baird, the writer, and others, that he had rented this mill, and that he wanted our logs to cut in the mill.

During the meeting, but while you were out of the office, Mr. Trites asked me if we could leave any fuelwood for him. I replied that all the cordwood was sold, but that, while we could make no commitment, there would probably be plenty of wood left. For one thing, the wood logs in the cold deck had not yet been sold and probably would not be.

On Saturday, November 9th, Mr. P. Bain called to see us relative to bidding on the mill, and on Tuesday, the 12th, the deal was completed by you with Mr. Bain, representing the Princeton Trail Sawmills. It was (and still is) my opinion that these negotiations with Mr. Bain constituted the completion of the negotiations with this firm, which were started by the inspection of the property by their representative, prior to the receipt of Mr. Torry's cheque on October 30th. The fact that Mr. Hartley had received no advice from the Company prior to his leaving Tashme on November 6th, is no proof that the negotiations had been broken off. Mr. Torry has admitted that I advised him at the time he delivered the cheque that negotiations were going on with another firm.

10. On November 24th, after I learned that Mr. Torry wanted the logs for use as pulp, rather than for a mill, I phoned him to suggest that he might be able to deliver the some 150 M. ft. of Wood Logs in the Project against his contract. This in an endeavour to help him out. There was no suggestion that we would give him the logs.

11. References to "Logs" and "Timber Sale":

It was originally the intention to sell only the fallen logs on the Timber Sale, on the basis of their being taken out before snow conditions prevented. We would then have been able to obtain a clearance from the Forestry Branch (and refund of our Deposit on the Timber Sale) before the Department had turned over the property to the War Assets Corporation.

After the closing of Tashme Camp, it was obvious that in view of the very bad weather conditions -- and of the condition of the Hope-Princeton Highway, it would not be possible for a purchaser

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to get the logs (or lumber, if cut on the sale) off the property for several months.

It was therefore more advantageous to us to "sell" the Timber Sale, rather than the logs only. There are, according to the Forestry Department, no standing Commercial Trees left on the area, and a buyer would not be receiving any additional material by buying the "Sale", instead of the logs only.

D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant.

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HEAD OFFICE

Mr. D. W. Simmons

Mr. Walter Hartley, Supervisor,
Tashme, B. C.

November 1st, 1946

This will confirm telephone message in which we advised that Mr. Torry had deposited $500.00 certified cheque with us, being his offer in full to take over our timber sale and all logs thereon. We are awaiting advice from you as to the status of your negotiations with other purchasers before accepting or rejecting Mr. Torry's offer. Please advise by return or by phone.

D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
November 20th, 1946.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon, Commissioner.

Re: Mr. J.L.Torry's letter of
November 18/46.

The writer took Mr. Torry, at his request, to see the logs and timber.

Mr. Torry, after viewing the logs as cold decked and lying in the woods, asked for my personal opinion of them. I gave the opinion that I considered them low grade.

Mr. Torry then asked what I considered the value of them would be where they lay. I stated if he got them for $4.50 per M he would be safe.

I further pointed out that though the logs had considerable defect this factor would be taken care of by the scaler when scaling the timber.

If any lump sum was mentioned by the writer, it would be merely a mental calculation based on Mr. Torry's idea of footage. The writer's experience in the trade is that buying on a per M basis is the ~~safer~~ general practice. TCB.

At a later date, the writer met Mr. Torry at Tashme, and during the conversation asked him if he had done anything further regarding the logs. Mr. Torry said he had bought them and had deposited a marked cheque for $500.00. I made the remark that he had got them as a gift.

I then suggested that if he had the logs he would do well to procure the spar tree which was standing on the setting. The spar tree was of no value to the Department except for the two (2) blocks that were on it. The blocks were probably worth $100.00 and if Mr. Simmons was content to let him have the spar tree on payment for same Mr. Torry would benefit greatly.

Mr. Hartley was not present during this conversation.

T. C. Baird

T. C. BAIRD
WOOD FUEL SUPERVISOR

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360 Homer Street,
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13th December 1946

Mr. Walter Hartley,

Hope, B. C.

Dear Mr. Hartley:

It has recently been reported to us that you have given to a Mr. J. L. Torry a statutory declaration pertaining to a proposed sale of logs at Tashme.

We are loath to believe that you have given any such declaration to Mr. Torry or to any one else other than ourselves. Disclosing confidential information to Mr. Torry or giving him a statutory declaration in connection therewith would be a direct contravention of the Oath of Allegiance and of Office which you took as an employee of the Government.

It is requested that you advise us by return mail whether or not you gave Mr. Torry the statutory declaration referred to above and also whether or not you gave him any information which you had in connection with this proposed sale of logs which might or might not be in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Government.

Yours very truly,

J. F. MacKINNON
COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT.

Enc. Oath of Allegiance and of Office.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, December 9, 1946

Honourable J.W.De B. Farris, K.C.,
Farris, McAlpine, Stultz, Bull & Farris,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Suite 1508 Standard Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Senator Farris:

In reply to your letter of December 2 concerning our correspondence with Mr. J. L. Torry, I would advise that in his letter of November 21, concerning dispute over purchase of logs at Teshme Camp, he stated, "As to my reliability, I can refer you to the Manager of the Bank of Toronto, Senator Farris, Senator McGeer, or Mr. Howard Green, as well as the Hon. Ian Mackenzie, who have known me for over thirty years".

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

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Air Mail

Ottawa, Ontario.
December 9, 1946.

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mac:

Herewith some further correspondence which was received by the Minister of Veterans Affairs from Mr. Torry of Vancouver.

I thought that when you were replying, in respect to the earlier correspondence received by this office from Mr. Torry, you could also look at the attached correspondence. Please return when it has served your purpose.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Brown.

Atts.

re dispute over sale of logs at Taslane.

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Ottawa, December 9, 1946

Dear Mr. Senior:

I acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant and original letter to your Minister from J. L. Torry of Vancouver which was attached.

I have given the matter into the hands of Mr. A. MacNamara who, I am sure, will see that an expeditious inquiry is made into Mr. Torry's complaint.

Yours very truly,

Geo. G. Greene
Private Secretary.

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Mr. C. N. Senior,
Executive Assistant to the
Minister of Veterans Affairs,
Ottawa.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, December 9, 1946

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

I enclose copies of two letters dated November 30 and December 3 received from J. L. Torry concerning the dispute over sale of logs at Tashme.

I would appreciate your comments on Mr. Torry's further representations in these letters. You will note that he claims to have Statutory Declarations from Messrs. Trites and Hartley.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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HTP/LM

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Deliver to: ~~A. H. Brown~~ .....

Room: .....

From: A MacNamara .....

Room: .....

Remarks:

pls send this out
confidence
and to Mc Kinnie
for comment

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2 copies

2940 West 8th, Avenue.
Vancouver, B.C.
December 3rd. 1946.

Mr A. MacNamara.
Deputy Minister.
Department of Labour.
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir;

I have for reply you airmail of November 29th, received to-day in which you state Mr MacKinnone the Commissioner agreed to hold my Check representing an offer for the logs, and no acceptance was made by the Department, in the first place I was phoned and asked if I wanted the logs to bring in my check for five hundered dollars to pay for them, in the second place Mr Simmons confirmed the sale to me on the Phone, thirdly when I was in Tashme Nov., 6th. Simmons asked Hartley for the papers so he could complete the sale when he returned to Vancouver.

If they were still open for a sale why did they not allow Mr Trites or Mr Wilson make a bid for the timber and logs, they asked Simmons one week before that was Nov. 4th and 7th, they were told it was already sold to me, both by Mr Hartley and Mr Simmons. the following is a Statutory Declaration, taken by him. Jon Torry

1. That I know Mr J.L. Torry and have know him since the year 1942.

2. That on or about the 4th, day of November A.D. 1946 I called on Mr Walter Hartley the Supervisor of Tashme with reference to a quantity of logs that had been on the market for sale, and Mr Hartley had informed me that the logs in question had been purchased by J. L. Torry.

3. That I was in Vancouver on the 7th day of November A.D. 1946 and interviewed a Mr Simmons at the department of Labour in connection with the return of my sawmill located at Tashme.

4. That I asked Mr Simmons if the logs and timber were sold and Mr Simmons informed me that Mr Torry had purchased the acquired logs.

5. That I asked him about the wood logs behind the Hospital at Tashme, and he informed me I could have the logs in question.

The sale of the timber and logs to Peter Bain was made on November 12th, at the office here My lawyer says he cannot see how the Commission can get over this evidence, of the Statutory Declarations

Mr Walter Hartley of the Town of Hope British Columbia.

1. That I was supervisor of the Japanese Camp at Tashme British Columbia.

2. That on or about the month of November A.D. 1946 or prior thereto Mr Don Simmons Conferred with me, and informed me that Mr J. L. Torry had purchased all logs cut by the Japanese in or about or adjacent to Tashme British Columbia.

I have six of these Statutory Declarations, which all confirm that Mr Simmions had confirmed and sold me the logs to me, prior to the second sale. and the department have still got my checks for the horses and logs, but have not received a bill of sale on either.

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When the Commissioner says there has been no discrimination, shown in the deal I feel quite sure he does not know the real fact of the case, having the supporting evidence on the deal, and Mr Bain Lawyer knows that if he starts moving these logs we will take a injunction against him, and he knows we have the proof of the sale prior to his one, and informed Mr Simmons at the time he better not close any other deal, until this one was properly investigated, and if he would tell the truth, he knows he also made the sale, as I have have right to insist on the delivery of the logs, so I can make delivery to my buyer.

Awaiting your reply. I remain.

Yours very truly.

J. L. Torry

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2940 West 8th, Avenue.
Vancouver, B.C.
November 30th, 1946

Private & Confidental

Mr A. MacNamara.
Deputy Minister.
Department of Labour.
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,

With furthur reference to my letter of November 21st, I have just returned from my Camp on the Hope Princeton Highway, when I arrived at Chilliwack Mr & Mrs Hartley Mr & Mrs Stan Trites, and Mr & Mrs George Cruickshanks M.P. for the riding were all at the Empress Hotel at some affair.

Discussing the matter of the logs with Mr Hartley, says he cannot understand what Simmons is trying to pull, as two days after he got my checkin October, he talked with him on the Phone, and Simmons asked if he had got a sale for the logs, he told him he had not, he than told him the logs and timber are sold to Torry, and Mr Hartley says he immediately confirmed this with his Assistant Mr Frank Cameron and Mr Clarkson, when accepted my check there was one proviso only, subject to prior sale, as he said Hartley was also dealing with them at Tashme and he would have to confer with him.

Now I would like to clear up one point, when I was asked to purchase the logs there was nothing said about the standing timber on the lease, which they state is two million feet, there is nothing on the tender sheet about this, but just shows the logs, on N vember the 12th, Mr Simmons sales the timber as well as the logs, I never was asked to purchase the timber, I would also have paid the one ~~del~~ dollar per thousand that the other buyer paid for it, I bought the logs and he confirmed the sale to me on the phone and five other men, for which my Lawyer has secured Statutory Declarations under the Canada evidence act.

Mr Simmons Phonedd my sons House at 11 a.m. Sunday November 24th, when I arrived I called him, and he asked me if I would accept the one hundered and fifty thousand feet of logs behind the Hospital to compensate me for any loss I sustained, I told him I have already bought these along with the others, and also reminded him he had given them to Mr Stan Trites, to compensate him for the wood they used of his when they took over his ranch.

When I called on Mr MacKinnon he said he did not know much about the deal that Simmons was handling the matter, I phoned Mr Simmons to arrange a meeting and I would bring my witnesses and if he would stop lie-ing about the deal I could confirm what he told me and these witnesses.

Now Mr MacNamara I was with the B.C. Security Commission as Manager of the Hastings Park clearing Station from March until it closed in October 1942. they had another fellow named Eastwood when he made a mistake he would try and lie himself out of it, as I attended an great many meetings in the Marine Building with the Commission, and when something would backfire, I would hear one of the Commissoners say admit your mistake Eastwood, dont blame anyone else.

When I took over at Hastings Park there was two men ahead of me in less than a month, they could not take it, but it had the longest hours of any job I was ever on from seven in the morning to nine to eleven at night, Sunday included Martin Brown of the head office was there them he knows, trains going out trains boats and busses come in at all hours, and help was hard to get, until we got some of the younger Japanese trained for the job, to help to look after their own people.

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Knowing nearly everyone at the head office Mr Brown was a Bank Manager of the Royal Bank in Cuba before he returned to B.C. he was then head of the Provincial relief department in Vancouver until he went with the commission, Mr Wolfenden was a retired partner of one of the large wholesale paper houses, Mr Fisher a retired dispatcher from the C.P.R. they all know about this deal, but cannot express their views openly, they all say that it was a sale and plainly figure I got the double cross from Simmons, who was a eightyfive dollars a month clerk in a grain office before going with the commission, he certainly has got a lot to learn about business dealings.

As stated before I sold the logs, after he phoned me conformation of the sale, and have paid out a great deal of money, buying boom chains boom sticks, and renting booming grounds, over fifteen hundered dollars,

When they sold the four foot wood at Tashme at one dollar and fifty cents per cord a week later along comes someone and offers three dollars, the cedar pole were sold for one hundered and seventy dollars, along comes some one and offers there hundered but the first buyers got delivery in each case. two weeks later after the logs were sold along comes a buyer and offers the same, but takes the timber for two thousand dollars which I never was asked to bid on, but he now says they both went in one lot, I have been in business long enough to know when I purchase something or tender on same, not having an reply to my letter I presume your are having this sale properly investigated.

Yours very truly.

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December 2,1946.

Department of Labour
DEC 9 1946
To:.....
DRAFT LETTER
YOU HANDLE
YOUR COMMENTS
SEE ME PLEASE
NOTE & RETURN
GET FILE FOR ME
A. McN.

Mr. A. McNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 29th enclosing copy of letter written to Mr. J.L. Torry, of 2940 West 8th Avenue. I note you state that Mr. Torry has mentioned my name in connection with his complaint.

I do not think I know Mr. Torry and he has no right to bring my name into his communication. Perhaps you would be good enough to indicate what reference he made.

Yours truly,

J W de B Farris

JWdeBF/EA.

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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H.T. Pammett.

P.A. B.F.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, November 29, 1946.

Mr. G. A. Cruickshank, M.P.,
Clayburn,
British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Cruickshank:

I am sending you the attached copy of letter as Mr. Torry mentions your name in his communication to me.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

SAME LETTER SENT TO: Senator Farris,
Attorney General Wismer
Mr. Cruickshank, M.P.,
Mr. Green, M.P.,
Hon.(Senator) McGeer
Copy to: Mr. J. F. MacKinnon

Encl. Our letter to Torry of Nov. 29/46.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, November 29, 1946.

Mr. J. L. Torry,
2940 West 6th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Torry:

I have your private and confidential letter of November 21st.

I may say that I had previously received a full report on the sale of the logs at "Tashme" from Mr. MacKinnon and my advice from the Commissioner, Mr. MacKinnon, is that while it was agreed to hold your cheque as representing the amount of your offer for the logs, you were definitely advised that there was no acceptance by the Department of your offer.

If a definite tender invitation had been advertised and a definite date had been set for the closing of the tenders and this was understood by all concerned, and yours was the top offer filed before the date of closure you would have a good case. On the other hand, when the Commission was out to find a purchaser at the highest figure it could obtain, I would think the only question is whether the Commission sold at a higher figure than you offered, and I believe such is the case.

I understand you were advised just as soon as possible after the highest offer was accepted and your cheque was returned on November 13th to you.

The Commissioner assures me that no discrimination was shown in dealing with the matter, and I am very sorry you feel that you have been unfairly dealt with.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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Ottawa, November 27, 1946.

Mr. J. L. Torry,
2940 West 8th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your private and confidential letter of November 21st.

I may say that I had previously received a full report on the sale of the logs at Tashme from Mr. MacKinnon and my advice from the Commissioner, Mr. MacKinnon, is that while it was agreed to hold your cheque as representing the amount of your offer for the logs, you were definitely advised that there was no acceptance by the Department of your offer. The final offer accepted by the Commissioner on behalf of the Department was a better offer than that made by you and you were advised verbally on November 12th that your offer would not be accepted and your cheque was returned to you under date of November 13th.

The Commissioner assures me that no discrimination of any kind was shown in dealing with this matter.

I regret if there has been any misunderstanding in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

Copy for Mr. MacKinnon

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Deliver to: A. H. Brown

Room: .....

From: A. MacNamara

Room: .....

Remarks: Do you think I ought to reply to Mr. Torry's letter?

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA, November 25 19 46.

MEMORANDUM to Mr. MacNamara.

Mr. MacKinnon has already written in connection with this Torry case and his letter is attached and, I think, clears the matter up.

Torry, who worked for this Department, was fired by us after getting in a row with the Supervisor at Tashme and will make trouble if he can.

A. H. Brown.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL

November 18th, 1946

Attention: Mr. A. H. Brown.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Some trouble has arisen in connection with the sale of the balance of the logs left on our Timber Sale at Tashme. Threats have been made that the matter would be referred to "Ottawa". We, therefore, consider it advisable to set out the circumstances at this time in order that you will have the particulars available if required.

At the time our sawmill operations were discontinued at Tashme, on July 15th, a considerable quantity of logs were left on the Timber Sale, cut but not picked up. Subsequently, some work was done, as time permitted, in assembling these logs to facilitate later disposal. On September 16th we issued a request for tender, as per copy attached. This was posted in the Post Office at Hope, and copies sent to various parties who we thought might be interested in purchasing. No tenders were received.

We have been anxious to get these logs taken out, as otherwise the Department would have been subject to penalty charges by the B. C. Forest Branch, which charges would probably have exceeded $4,000.00. The principal parties interested were the Princeton Trail Sawmills Limited, whose mill is located some four miles below Tashme, and who employ a number of self-supporting Japanese, and a Mr. James Torry. Mr. Torry was the Department's first operating Supervisor at Tashme, and was discharged for cause. You are probably acquainted with the general circumstances surrounding this discharge.

Late in October, it was suggested to Mr. Torry that if he was definitely interested in purchasing the logs or having the Timber Sale transferred to him, he should make a definite offer to us, supported by a cheque as evidence of his good faith. On October 30th, he brought in a cheque in favour of the Receiver General of Canada, in the amount of $500.00. He stated that this was intended to be the full amount which he was offering for the logs. He did not give us a letter to cover, and we agreed to hold his cheque but not to give him a receipt for same, as at the same time the representatives of the Princeton Trail Sawmills were known to be again inspecting the property with the idea of making a bid. He was definitely advised that our acceptance of this cheque did not constitute the acceptance of his offer.

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In any case, we were not then in a position to work out details of the terms under which logging operations could be conducted on the Timber Sale, as these could not be determined until we knew definitely our standing with the War Assets Corporation and the owners of the Fourteen Mile Ranch. During the next two weeks, Mr. Torry was in constant touch with this office and also with Tashme, with reference to certain horses which had been purchased by parties working with or for him, and other matters. During this time he was not advised by any officer having authority so to state that his offer had been accepted.

Then, on November 9th, Mr. P. Bain, representing Princeton Trail Sawmills, called at this office, and on November 12th we concluded negotiations with him whereby the Timber Sale, together with all rights to the logs, was transferred to his Company on a stumpage basis. The deal made was, in my opinion, substantially better than that offered by Mr. Torry. Further, we had the advantage of working with a well established and reputable firm. Also, employment was thereby insured by the Japanese employees of this Company, whom it was stated would otherwise have been without work during the months when snow conditions prevented operations in areas immediately adjacent to their mill.

Mr. Torry was advised verbally on November 12th that his offer was not acceptable, and his cheque was returned to him under date of November 13th.

Mr. Torry has now stated that he understood that his offer had been accepted and that he had proceeded to make arrangements to have the logs taken out and had sold them. I cannot see that Mr. Torry was at any time given any information by an authorized officer of the Department to lead him to form such an opinion, and I cannot see that he has any claim whatsoever.

J. F. MacKINNON.

Enc.

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Sept. 16, 1946.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Saw Logs and Wood Logs - Fallen and Bucked

On Timber Sale X 35383 - Tashme, B. C.

700 M Log Scale (more or less)

Mixed Saw Logs (Fir, Hemlock, Larch and Cedar)

Of this quantity 170 M is Cold Decked, most of balance bunched.

Plus
400 M Log Scale (more or less)

Wood Logs - Mixed in with above

All within reach of spar tree, alongside road. Seller does not accept responsibility for condition of road during time buyer is operating.

Purchaser will be allowed to use rigging now in place on spar tree, same to be returned in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

At Tashme "Townsite"

150 M Log Scale (more or less)

Hemlock Wood Logs

In Cold Deck ("behind hospital")

Both

To be sold "as is and where is."

Purchaser to be responsible for picking up and loading on his own trucks. All operations to be carried out in accordance with Forestry Regulations.

Scaling to be done by Registered Scaler supplied by seller.

Seller will pay Forestry stumpage and royalty.

Delivery to be taken by Nov. 30, 1946.

Deposit guarantee for fulfillment of contract and return of rigging in good condition, $1500.00.

Payment due at time of loading, settlement to be made in cash for each 100 M unit as delivered.

Bids will be accepted up to and including Sept. 26th. Must be accompanied by marked cheque for $250.00.

The successful tenderer will be required to pay balance of deposit guarantee ($1,250.00) before commencing operations.

J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese P...

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Ottawa, November 21, 1946.

O/

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Thanks for your letter of November 18 on the matter of Tashme timber sales.

Torrey is a trouble maker.

Am glad to have the facts in order to deal with any complaint.

A. H. Brown.

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Deliver to: A.H.Brown

Room: Room 119

From: A. MacNamara

Room:

Remarks:

If Mr. Torry's story is correct there is something screwy about this deal -- In any case we want to try to clear it up before H.ofC. meets. Do you know anything about it?

A. MacNamara.

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2940 West 8th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.
November 21st, 1946.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter to Mr. McKinnon, which gives you the full details of the matter I am writing you about.

After purchasing these pulp logs I sold them and have a solicitor from the buyer demanding delivery or action will be started against me for damages.

Being a personal friend of the Attorney-General of this Province, whom I saw in Victoria last week, he said that your Department would not stand for this kind of a deal and advised me to write you the full details, and if I did not secure satisfactory results at this end, as he liked to see these matters settled amicably,without resorting to the law courts, but said, "You have an excellent case with reliable officials of the department at Tashme willing to testify as to the facts of the case."

When I took this matter up with Mr. MacKinnon, he said he did not know much about it, that Simmons was handling it and he was off sick with the flu. When Mr. Simmons returned on Monday I phoned him to get an appointment with himself and Mr. MacKinnon. He said he had taken the matter up with Mr. MacKinnon and said it was closed as far as they were concerned.

When Mr. Simmons confirmed the sale of the logs to me on the phone, and he accepted the marked check for the logs, there was only one proviso and that was that Hartley was also dealing with them at Tashme and would have to confer with him. Having just finished a phone conversation with Mr. Hartley and he said when Simmons got in touch with him, he had no bids on the logs and he then confirmed with him the sale of the logs to me. The Department still has my check covering the sale. I also gave him a check for two teams of horses at the same time, but up to the present have not received a bill of sale from Simmons.

I have also interviewed Mr. George Cruickshanks, the Federal Member for the Riding, and he says the department would not stand for a double-cross, which he said this was. He has known me personally for a good many years.

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On advice to write you before taking any further action, I would be glad if you would review the matter, as Simmons made a definite sale of these logs cut by the Japanese. There was no mention made of the timber limit, which I am given to understand has been sold along with the logs to Peter Bain.

You can confer with Mr. Hartley, Supervisor at Tashme, Mr. Cameron, his assistant, or Mr. Stan Trites. They are all willing to take an affidavit that Mr. Simmons confirmed the sale of the logs to me.

I certainly know if my friend George Collins had been here, he would never have stood for this kind of a deal. I consider he was by far the best man the Department had out here.

As to my reliability, I can refer you to the Manager of the Bank of Toronto, Senator Farris, Senator McGeer, or Mr. Howard Green, M.P., as well as the Hon. Ian MacKenzie, who have known me for over thirty years.

Thanking you if prompt action can be taken in this matter, -- it would be greatly appreciated, so I can give some satisfaction to my buyer as to what is being done.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Torry.

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Vancouver, B. C.

November 18th, 1946.

Mr. MacKinnon,
Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
Dock Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re Logs at Tashme

Dear Sir:

When I called on Mr. Simmons on September about my conversation with Mr. Stan Trites regarding the leasing of his mill to cut the timber I had secured on the new Highway, he stated the mill had not been returned to him yet, but that he had been dealing with Mr. Harry Anderson of the Provincial Public Works and would advise me later about same.

He stated to me then that the Department had logs for sale, and showed me a sheet of paper with the various amounts of logs that were falled and bucked by the Japanese. Although the expired date to bid on them was past, he said he was still open for a sale. I told him I was taking MacMillan's buyer up to look at some large peeler logs too large for Trites' mill, but would look at the logs at Tashme at the same time. When I returned the following day I called on him and stated what MacMillan's buyer said, that there were no good logs in them, they had all been milled -- nothing but the hollow and rotten centre logs left. I made him an offer of two hundred dollars. He said they ought to bring more. Mr. Hyland, who had taken a contract with me to buck and cold-deck logs for me at Mile 20 on the Highway, wanted me to purchase him some horses. Mr. Baird, who was at Tashme at that time, said they had horses for sale. I drove Mr. Hyland up to Tashme early in October and purchased two teams, then asked Mr. Baird to take us up to the log pile. After going over same, I said, "Mr. Baird, you are a timber man -- What do you say the logs are worth?" and he said "You would get out all right at five hundred dollars." When I called on Mr. Simmons next day I told him what Mr. Baird had said the logs were worth. I was out of town for ten days. When I returned Mr. Simmons had left a message with my daughter to phone him when I got back. I phoned him the following day and he stated they wanted to get the horses out of Tashme, and for me to bring the check on for the balance owing on them. He also stated if I wanted the logs to bring the check on for the five hundred dollars at the same time, as I had to be in Westminster that day, I told him I would get the checks marked and bring them in the morning. He handed them to a man outside his office, to hold the check for payment of the logs until he conferred with Mr. Hartley, who also was dealing on the logs at Tashme. He stated the phone line was out, but would get him later, as they would be subject to prior sale. Mr. Hartley informs me that he got in touch with him about a week before I saw him and confirmed the sale of the logs to me.

I went up to my camp at Mile 20 on Saturday and called in noon Monday at Mile 14, Tashme. Mr. Hartley said then, "You have the logs and

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timber. They're not much good. You were the only bidder. Mr. Baird, "You'd better buy the gin pole seeing you have the logs." I said, "How much?" He said, "One hundred dollars." All, I said I would take it.

Thursday, November 7th, I had lunch at the club with Mr. Trites, the owner of the ranch, and Mr. G. F. Gibson, who is handling Senator A.D. McRae's affairs. Mr. Trites said he had just returned from Mr. Simmons's office. He asked him who had bought the logs. He said, "Torry has got the logs and timber." He then asked him what about the wood logs on his property. He said he could have these.

Monday being a holiday I did not see Mr. Simmons until Tuesday afternoon. He said he had sold the logs to the Princeton Trail Sawmills (Japanese). He repudiated the sale made to me and re-sold them.

I called at your office on Wednesday afternoon. You stated Mr. Simmons was off sick and would be pleased to sit in on a discussion of the same upon his return. Mr. Simmons now informs me that there will be no further discussion.

November 14th I had a message to call and see Mr. Trites at the Hotel Vancouver, who had informed me he had to come to town as he had a letter from his solicitors stating that Mr. Peter Bain had made an application to get rights to take the lumber over his property, as he had got the logs and was going to move the mill up on the property next summer. "Torry," I cannot understand this, Simmons definitely said that he had sold them to you." Mr. Trites went to Victoria by plane that afternoon to see the Minister of Lands to advise him he would not grant permission to go over his property.

Having my marked cheque for the payment of these logs and the information given to me that the logs were mine, knowing that there would be 60 to 70% waste in the milling of same, I got in touch with a log broker and sold the logs to him, which were to be shipped out as pulp logs. Had made arrangements for booming grounds at Hope while there. Had the boom chains sent up to Hope and trucks engaged to move the same out, commencing November 18th, as there was a narrow by-pass on the road the contractors said to wait until that date. It would have taken me about two weeks to move these logs.

Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hartley's assistant who recommended the trucking men to me at Hope phoned me Sunday afternoon and said that the truck men were trying to get in touch with me at Hope and had phoned him stating they were all ready to go in with their trucks. When I informed himabout the deal and advised them not to go up on Sunday night -- by taking my hauling contract they said they had lost another one. Mr. Cameron then said that Mr. Simmons told him while he was at Tashme a week ago that I had the logs and they were paid for them. That was the reason he recommended these trucking men to see me.

I feel quite sure the facts of the case have not been put before you. I was not asked to make a tender, as the date for tendering on same had already expired before I came into the picture, with no bids. I was asked to bring my cheque in for payment of the logs for the value placed on them by Mr. Baird.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Torry.

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Sept. 16, 1946.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Saw logs and Wood Logs - Fallen and Bucked.

On Timber Sale X 35383 - Tashme, B.C.

700 M. Log Scale (more or less)

Mixed Saw Logs (Fir, Hemlock, Larch, and Cedar).

Of this quantity 170 M. is Cold-decked, most of balance bunched.

Plus
400 M. Log Scale (more or less)

Wood Logs - Mixed in with above.

All within reach of spar tree, alongside road. Seller does not accept responsibility for condition of road during time buyer is operating.

Purchaser will be allowed to use rigging now in place on spar tree, same to be returned in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

At Tashme "Townsite"

150 M. Log Scale (more or less)

Hemlock Wood Logs.

In Cold Deck ("behind hospital")

Both

To be sold "as is and where is."

Purchaser to be responsible for picking up and loading on his own trucks. All operations to be carried out in accordance with Forestry Regulations.

Scaling to be done by Registered Scaler supplied by seller.

Seller will pay Forestry stumpage and royalty.

Delivery to be taken by Nov. 30, 1946.

Deposit guarantees for fulfillment of contract and return of rigging in good condition, $1500.00.
Payment due attime of loading, settlemnt to be made in cash for each 100 M. unit as delivered.

Bids will be accepted up to and including Sept. 26. Must be accompanied by marked cheque for $250.00.

The successful tenderer will be requireed to pay balance of deposit guarantee ($1,250.00) before commencing operations.

(Signed) J. F. MacKinnon,

Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, October 2, 1946

Mr. J.F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 26 returning our copy of the Tashme Declaration. The Crown Assets Allocation Committee has returned to us two copies of the Declaration with covering Transfer, and I am enclosing one copy for your file.

In view of the fact that the Tashme Camp has been allocated to War Assets Corporation, whose local representative has no doubt been notified by now, any required arrangements can be made locally with him.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

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O t t a w a, September 21, 1946.

Mr. E. E. Thompson,
Executive Secretary,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee,
Department of Reconstruction and Supply,
No. 4 Temporary Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I sent you over this morning by hand a Declaration and supporting data concerning the Tashme Japanese camp which we desire to declare surplus to our needs.

Since that time we have received a letter from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement on this subject which contains the following:

"We wish to make it clear that our operations at Tashme have not yet actually been completed, and will not be for some two months at least, depending on the availability of work crews. Mr. Hartley is presently proceeding with the picking up of the stoves, blankets, etc. left by the Japanese. These, and our other stores, our mobile equipment, etc., have to be checked over and inventoried in conformity with War Assets Corporation procedure. Also, of course, a considerable number of items are still being shipped from Tashme to other Projects. We have sold the balance of the cordwood and stove length wood left in the Project, and this is now being picked up by the purchasers. We are endeavouring to dispose of a quantity of fallen and bucked logs left on the Timber Sale behind the Tashme buildings. This particular operation will probably take until November 30th. These particular sales are being made under the heading of "Wood Fuel Operations". Mr. Hartley is also faced with the necessity of spending a considerable amount of time on preparations for arbitration with Mr. Trites in connection with the wood cut on the Ranch property during the early days of our occupancy, and with checking claims made by the Forestry Department for trespass stumpage.

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In addition to all of the above, we may be faced with the necessity of moving the sawmill and sawmill equipment at any time, as the construction company on the Hope-Princeton Highway are anxious to complete the portion of the road which passes through the site of the mill!

We had not realized that the work necessary in closing the camp would take so long, but it is presumed that by consultation between the War Assets Corporation Representative in British Columbia and the Commissioner of Japanese Placement there will be no difficulty in terminating the lease at a time satisfactory to both.

You will note the emphasis placed by the Commissioner upon the fact that the sawmill and sawmill equipment at Tashme must be moved at once to permit construction of the road by the province.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HFP:MS

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O t t a w a,
September 21, 1946.

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 18 concerning closing out Tashme operations.

I have sent forward this morning copy of our letter and Declaration to Crown Assets Allocation Committee on this matter.

We did not realize that closing out our operations at Tashme would take an additional two months, and we are advising the Crown Assets Allocation Committee further of this fact.

You can, no doubt, arrange with the War Assets Corporation Representative at Vancouver upon a mutually satisfactory date for the cancellation of the Tashme lease which will give both Departments ample time to remove buildings, fixtures and equipment.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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to Mr. MacNamara.

With reference to your memo of September 14th on Colonel Davidson's report, there was never anything self-supporting about the Tashme Camp--we lost more money on operations in this settlement than any other settlement we operated in B.C. This applied to both woods operations and farming operations.

Insofar as the educational facilities at Neys are concerned, we are providing public school facilities there in co-operation with the Province of Ontario. We are also co-operating with woods companies and with the Ontario Government to see that similar facilities are provided in such settlements as are established by the woods companies. One of the undertakings given to the Japanese in moving from the settlements in British Columbia to the hostels in the East was that the Department would see that the necessary public school facilities were provided.

Apart from having given the above assurance to the Japanese on leaving B.C., I would not consider that the Department could defend itself against failure to make arrangements whereby the children, while they are in the hostels, would be able to pursue their education.

A. H. Brown.

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Department of Labour
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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

26th August 1946

A.H. Brown Esq.,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: TRANSPORTATION TO JAPAN FOR REIZO MAKIOKU.

We have not heard definitely yet as to whether the shipment of Japanese on the MARINE FALCON scheduled for September 17th has been cancelled or not. Indications are however, that this possibility will not materialise.

Should this shipment not be cancelled, we will be able to provide space for the above-mentioned. In any event, we will see that space is reserved for him on the next boat.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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Department of Labour
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

DRAFT LETTER
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OUR FILE NO. C 315-36-3.

OTTAWA. August 12, 1946.

YOUR FILE NO. _____

Attention: Japanese Division.

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa. Forwarded for your information.

TO: The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A.

For Officer i/c Special Section.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "F" | DIVISION FILE No. INT-R-142 | SUB-DIVISION Regina | DETACHMENT Moose Jaw | PROVINCE Saskatchewan | DATE August 5th. 1946.

FILE REFS. RE: Japanese Relocation Camp, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Conducting Japanese to Vancouver for Repatriation.

HEADQUARTERS

C 3129-1-8

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

1. Acting on instructions received the writer left Moose Jaw on Sunday July 28th. at 9:15 p.m. with twenty Japanese released Internees. These Japanese had expressed the wish to return to Japan and were conducted to Vancouver awaiting the repatriate ship.

2. On arrival at Vancouver at 10:30 a.m. July 30th. the Japanese were held at the Immigration building awaiting the arrival of the boat. The writer was instructed to remain in Vancouver to assist with the loading of 1400 repatriates. The boat was loaded on the night of August 1st. and sailed at 7:00 a.m. August 2nd.1946. The writer left Vancouver at 8:45 p.m. August 2nd. arriving in Moose Jaw at 9:30 a.m. August 4th. 1946.

3. Permits covering the 20 Japanese have been forwarded for record purposes.

CONCLUDED.
Expenses shown on F.93 Period July 16/31.

Sgd. Cst.
A/Sgt. (W.R.Cooper)Reg.No.14248.
(A.A.M.) Moose Jaw Japanese Relocation Camp.
5-8-46.

O. C. "F" DIVISION, REGINA,
FORWARDED.
AUG 6 -1946
INSPR. FOR A/O/C
O.COMD'G. REGINA 3) DIVISION.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Canada.

1. Forwarded. The Travel Permits covering the 20 Japanese who proceeded to Vancouver for repatriation to Japan were forwarded to the O.C., "E" Division. This report is forwarded for your record purposes, and further progress reports in this connection will be forwarded from time to time.

S.U.I.

REGINA
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W. Mortimer, Supt.,
In charge - C.I.B.

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OTTAWA, August 6, 1946.

Mr. Angus MacInnis, M.P.,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. MacInnis:

I have received a report on the cases of Messrs. Takasaki and Hashimoto of Tashme, B.C., about whom you wrote on July 29 and 30.

Takasaki was included in a group which left Tashme for Moose Jaw on July 30, and at last report he is still there.

Hashimoto and family left voluntarily for Japan on August 2, on the SS General Meigs.

Yours very truly,

HTP:FD

A. MacNamara.

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Department of Labour

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL. 6th August 1946

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: Sukeji TAKASAKI, No. 11302.

Further to my letter of August 2nd concerning the above-mentioned, and telegram of August 6th, I would like to offer a little more explanation about this particular case.

I did not know on August 2nd that this man was included in the shipment from Tashme July 30th for transfer to Moose Jaw. It was not until the Group Movement Sheet came in to the office from Tashme that we knew that he had been transferred to Moose Jaw.

For several weeks this man had been requesting that we make arrangements for his transfer to London, Ontario, so that he might engage in Salvation Army work. Mr. Mactavish and Mr. Trueman in Toronto went to a good deal of trouble to complete arrangements for this transfer to London. When they finally succeeded, this man then decided that he was not quite so interested in the Salvation Army and seemed to favour Moose Jaw. As suggested in my letter of August 2nd, Moose Jaw was soon filled to capacity after it was opened. Therefore, there was some difficulty in obtaining accommodation for this man at Moose Jaw and when this became available his transfer to that hostel was effected.

In our relocation programme, we are trying just so far as possible to move the people to particular areas or provinces where they are interested in relocating. The exception to this is Southern Alberta where we already have a fairly large concentration of people of Japanese origin. You and Mr. Brown consider that no more placements should be made in Southern Alberta, with the possible exception of a few cases where there are special circumstances. We certainly agree with this view.

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T.B. PICKERSGILL - Commissioner.

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=RETEL TAKASAKI WHEN WRITING LETTER AUGUST SECOND DID NOT KNOW THAT TAKASAKI WAS INCLUDED IN SPECIAL SHIPMENT TO MOOSE JAW LEAVING TASHME JULY THIRTIETH STOP TAKASAKI NOW IN MOOSE JAW=

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
Veuillez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Ottawa, August 6, 1946.

RE YOUR LETTER AUGUST 2 CONCERNING S TAKASAKI OF TASHME PLEASE ADVISE RETURN WIRE WHERE THIS MAN IS NOW LOCATED AND WHETHER MOOSE JAW ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE FOLLOWING DEPARTURES FOR REPATRIATION AND RELOCATION

Charge Dept. of Labour

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY

(OPERATING ITS OWN LINES AND THOSE OF THE GREAT NORTH WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS). HEREINAFTER CALLED THE COMPANY.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH TELEGRAPH AND CABLE MESSAGES SHALL BE TRANSMITTED ARE PRESCRIBED BY ORDER NO. 49274, DATED DECEMBER 5TH, 1932, OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA AND PUBLISHED IN THE CANADA GAZETTE.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE SENDER OF THE MESSAGE ON THE FACE OF THIS FORM AND THIS COMPANY THAT THIS COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM FAILURE TO TRANSMIT OR DELIVER, OR FOR ANY ERROR IN THE TRANSMISSION OR DELIVERY OF, ANY UNREPEATED TELEGRAM, WHETHER HAPPENING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF ITS SERVANTS OR OTHERWISE, OR FOR DELAYS FROM INTERRUPTIONS IN THE WORKING OF ITS LINES, FOR ERRORS IN CIPHER OR OBSCURE MESSAGES, OR FOR ERRORS FROM ILLEGIBLE WRITING, BEYOND THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SENDING THE SAME.

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THIS COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE ACT OR OMISSION OF ANY OTHER COMPANY, BUT WILL ENDEAVOR TO FORWARD THE TELEGRAM BY ANY OTHER TELEGRAPH COMPANY NECESSARY TO REACHING ITS DESTINATION, BUT ONLY AS THE AGENT OF THE SENDER AND WITHOUT LIABILITY THEREFOR. THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MESSAGES UNTIL THE SAME ARE PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED AT ONE OF ITS TRANSMITTING OFFICES; IF A MESSAGE IS SENT TO SUCH OFFICE BY ONE OF THE COMPANY'S MESSENGERS, HE ACTS FOR THAT PURPOSE AS THE SENDER'S AGENT; IF BY TELEPHONE, THE PERSON RECEIVING THE MESSAGE ACTS THEREIN AS AGENT OF THE SENDER, BEING AUTHORIZED TO ASSENT TO THESE CONDITIONS FOR THE SENDER. THIS COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY CASE FOR DAMAGES, UNLESS THE SAME BE CLAIMED, IN WRITING, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THE COMPANY SHALL VARY THE FOREGOING.

LA "CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY"

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LES CLAUSES ET CONDITIONS SUIVANT LESQUELLES LES DÉPÊCHES PAR TÉLÉGRAPHE ET PAR CÂBLE SERONT TRANSMISES SONT PRÉSCRITES PAR L'ORDONNANCE NO. 49274 DE LA COMMISSION DES TRANSPORTS DU CANADA EN DATE DU 5 DÉCEMBRE 1932 ET PUBLIÉE DANS LA GAZETTE OFFICIELLE DU CANADA, AINSI QUE PAR L'ORDONNANCE NO. 57471 EN DATE DU 22 MAI 1939.

IL EST CONVENU ENTRE L'EXPÉDITEUR DE LA DÉPÊCHE AU RECTO ET LA COMPAGNIE, QUE LA DITE COMPAGNIE NE SERA PAS RESPONSABLE DES DOMMAGES POUVANT RÉSULTER DU DÉFAUT D'EXPÉDITION OU DE LIVRAISON, OU D'UNE ERREUR DANS L'EXPÉDITION OU LA LIVRAISON D'UNE DÉPÊCHE NON-RÉPÉTÉE, POUR UN MONTANT EXCÉDANT LE PRIX PAYÉ POUR L'ENVOI DE LA DITE DÉPÊCHE, QUE CES DOMMAGES SOIENT DUS OU NON À LA NÉGLIGENCE DES EMPLOYÉS DE LA DITE COMPAGNIE, OU AUTREMENT, OU À DES RETARDS CAUSÉS PAR L'ARRÊT DU FONCTIONNEMENT DES APPAREILS TÉLÉGRAPHIQUES, OU À TOUTE ERREUR DANS UNE DÉPÊCHE DUE À SES CHIFFRES ET À SES TERMES OBSCURS OU À UNE ÉCRITURE ILLISIBLE.

POUR ÉVITER TOUTE ERREUR LA COMPAGNIE RÉPÉTERA UNE DÉPÊCHE MOYENNANT UN PAIEMENT ADDITIONNEL DE LA MOITIÉ DU TAUX RÉGULIER, ET DANS CE CAS LA RESPONSABILITÉ DE LA COMPAGNIE SERA LIMITÉE À $200.00 S'IL Y A DANS L'EXPÉDITION OU LA LIVRAISON DE LA DITE DÉPÊCHE ERREUR OU RETARD RÉSULTANT DE LA NÉGLIGENCE DE LA COMPAGNIE.

LA RESPONSABILITÉ DE L'EXPÉDITION ET DE LA LIVRAISON PARFAITE D'UNE DÉPÊCHE S'ASSURE PAR CONTRAT ÉCRIT DANS LEQUEL EST STIPULÉ LE MONTANT DU RISQUE ET SUR PAIEMENT, EN PLUS DU TAUX POUR LES DÉPÊCHES RÉPÉTÉES, D'UN SUPPLÉMENT CALCULÉ SUR LA BASE SUIVANTE: UN POUR CENT POUR UNE DISTANCE N'EXCÉDANT PAS 1,000 MILLES ET DEUX POUR CENT POUR UNE PLUS LONGUE DISTANCE.

LA DITE COMPAGNIE NE SERA PAS RESPONSABLE DU FAIT OU DE L'OMISSION D'UNE AUTRE COMPAGNIE, MAIS S'EFFORCERA TOUJOURS DE FAIRE PARVENIR LES DÉPÊCHES À DESTINATION EN SE SERVANT DE CETTE AUTRE COMPAGNIE LORSQUE NÉCESSAIRE. DANS CE CAS ELLE NE SERA CONSIDÉRÉE QUE COMME MANDATAIRE DE L'EXPÉDITEUR ET N'ENCOURRA AUCUNE RESPONSABILITÉ PERSONNELLE. LA RESPONSABILITÉ DE LA DITE COMPAGNIE COMMENCERA SEULEMENT QUAND LES DÉPÊCHES AURONT ÉTÉ PRÉSENTÉES ET ACCEPTÉES À UN DE SES BUREAUX D'EXPÉDITION. LORSQU'UNE DÉPÊCHE EST APPORTÉE À UN DES BUREAUX DE LA COMPAGNIE PAR UN DE SES MESSAGERS CE MESSAGER EST CONSIDÉRÉ COMME MANDATAIRE DE L'EXPÉDITEUR. LORSQU'UNE DÉPÊCHE EST COMMUNIQUÉE AU BUREAU DE LA COMPAGNIE PAR TÉLÉPHONE, LA PERSONNE QUI REÇOIT CETTE DÉPÊCHE EST CONSIDÉRÉE COMME MANDATAIRE DE L'EXPÉDITEUR ET EST CENSÉE AVOIR TOUTE AUTORITÉ POUR CONSENTIR, AU NOM DE L'EXPÉDITEUR À CES CONDITIONS. DANS AUCUN CAS LA COMPAGNIE NE SERA RESPONSABLE POUR DOMMAGES À MOINS QUE DEMANDE N'EN SOIT FAITE PAR ÉCRIT DANS LES SOIXANTE JOURS QUI SUIVENT LA REMISE DE LA DÉPÊCHE À LA DITE COMPAGNIE.

AUCUN EMPLOYÉ DE LA COMPAGNIE N'A LE DROIT DE CHANGER CES RÈGLEMENTS. LA VERSION ANGLAISE DES PRÉSENTES CONDITIONS PRÉVAUDRA.

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Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Ottawa, August 6, 1946.

RE YOUR LETTER AUGUST 2 CONCERNING S TAKASAKI OF TASHME PLEASE ADVISE RETURN WIRE WHERE THIS MAN IS NOW LOCATED AND WHETHER MOOSE JAW ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE FOLLOWING DEPARTURES FOR REPATRIATION AND RELOCATION

Charge Dept. of Labour

A. MacNamara

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

25-2-17-2

AIRMAIL.

2nd August 1946

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: COMPLAINTS FROM MR. ANGUS MACINNIS, M.P.

I have received your letter of July 31st attaching copies of letters from Mr. Angus MacInnis and copy of letter to Mr. MacInnis from S. Takasaki of Tashme.

Mr. Takasaki is apparently complaining because he has not been permitted to transfer to the Moose Jaw Hostel. If Mr. Takasaki had made his decision to relocate in time, there would have been no question whatsoever about his transfer to Moose Jaw. As you know, we now have the Moose Jaw hostel filled to capacity and there is just not any additional accommodation until Mr. Dawson has succeeded in the further relocation of some of the families presently in the Moose Jaw hostel.

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So far as the complaint about Mr. Hashimoto is concerned, you can advise Mr. MacInnis that Mr. Hashimoto and family left voluntarily for Japan this-morning on the S.S. GENERAL MEIGS.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Ottawa, July 31, 1946

Mr. Angus MacInnis, M.P.,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. MacInnis:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 29 concerning T. Hashimoto and letter of July 30 concerning S. Takaeki, both of Tashme, B.C.

The Tashme Housing Project is being closed down shortly, but all employable persons therein are being given a choice of available employment.

I am having particulars sent from Vancouver immediately on the two cases above mentioned, and will advise you just as soon as I receive them.

Yours very truly,

RTP/LM

A. MacNamara.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, July 31, 1946

O

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

I enclose copies of letters received from Mr. Angus MacInnis, M.P., concerning Messrs. S. Takaseki, 11302, and T. Hashimoto, 09787, of Teshme, B.C.

You will note that Takaseki is said to prefer transfer to Moose Jaw, and Hashimoto would like to remain at his employment as bricklayer at the Princeton-Trail sawmill.

I would be obliged if you would send us information on these cases which will enable us to make a suitable reply to Mr. MacInnis.

Yours very truly,

HTP/LM

A. MacNamara.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario
July 30, 1946.

Mr. H. T. Pammett,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Pammett:

Re: Sukeji Takasaki
Reg. # 11302, Tashme, B.C.

I have a letter from the above, who, I am informed, signed for return to Japan but who has since asked that his application for repatriation be cancelled.

He tells me that the Placement Division wish to send him to St. Thomas or Montreal but that he prefers to settle in Moose Jaw. He claims that he has experience as a painter, restaurant worker, fishing, house work, elevator oiler in a paper mill, saw mill as well as farm experience.

I would be glad if you would give consideration to meeting this man's wishes if possible.

Yours sincerely,

Angus MacInnis.

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Copy sent to Mr. J. B. Pickersgill 31-7-46

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario
July 29, 1946.

Mr. H. T. Pammett,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Pammett:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from a correspondent at Tashme, B. C.

The grammatical construction leaves much to be desired but I think you will understand the point he wishes to make. If Mr. Hashimoto can remain and can be employed where he is now, I hope your Department can find the means of allowing him to stay there.

Yours sincerely,

Angus MacInnis.

AM-T
Encl.

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COPY

Honourable M. P. CCF,
Angus MacInnis.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to write that I want to have your best favour regarding a Japanese family. The family head name is Mr. Tomizo Hashimoto, Reg. 09787 wife 09709 one boy, one girl under 16 years old. He was working as bricklayer at Princton trail saw mill.
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Re place movement give him annoyance - no want to move east, decide to go Japan.

Today, we exchange speak the matter that in Japan no waiting there. People come back to Japan and can get happy as we have small happy in Canada and advised him to stay Canada and work as bricklayer at Princton saw mill and not move to east if you decide to stay in Canada.

We try out best effort to your fiture happy through a man of honourable gentleman and he thank you from his heart bottom and say I thank all my friends advice. I will follow to the advice and hope your best effort for my benefit if I can stay as bricklayer in Princton saw mill.

We have very glad to have his answer and write hastily to you to have your best kindly for him.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) S. Takasaki

Tashme, B. C.

22nd July, 1946.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Department of Labour
JUL 26 1946
DRAFT LETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. [redacted]

OTTAWA, July 25, 1946.

YOUR FILE NO. .....

Attention: Japanese Section.

Referred by direction of the Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa. Attached reports re Francis MAGAMI forwarded for your information and record purposes.

TO: The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A.

For Officer i/c Special Section.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE No. 46R. 1066-56

DIVISION "F" [redacted] SUB-DIVISION SWIFT CURRENT. DETACHMENT MORSE.

PROVINCE SASK. DATE July 10th, 1946.

FILE REFS. RE: Francis MAGAMI (Japanese) - Order in Council PC 946, Tashme, British Columbia.

HEADQUARTERS

1. Referring to the above and F.264B of even date Re: Francis MAGAMI (Japanese) - Vagrancy 238(a), C.C.C., Morse, Sask., the above named was apprehended at Morse, Sask., charged with Vagrancy on 5-7-46 and pursuant to instructions the charge was withdrawn on 6-7-46 as arrangements has been made for the return of this man to B.C., under Order in Council PC946.

SUB-DIVISION

2. MAGAMI was held at Morse until the late p.m., of 8-7-46 when he was handed over to Cst. J.R.YOUNG of Vancouver Det., for escort to Tashme, B.C. Receipt obtained for prisoner is held on file here. Extra copies attached.

DETACHMENT

H.O.D.C. ("E" Div.)
EXPENSES shown on F.93.

P.C.R.

A.M.Erskine. Cst. #12075,
1/c Morse detachment.

24/7/46

Officer in Charge.
C.I.B. "F" Division
R.C.M. Police.
REGINA. Sask.

A. R. V. No.

1. Forwarded. This has reference to telephone conversation with S/Sgt. Hinton on the 5-7-46 wherein attention was drawn to B.C. Police Circular #96-45 and advising of the arrest of this subject at Morse.
2. Disposition was made in accordance with instructions contained in your memo. dated 6-7-46 under the caption - Francis Magami, Vagrancy, Morse, Sask. Regina File 46R-620-201.
3. Extra copies herewith for "E" Division.

RSM/AC.

A.C.Williams, Sgt. for O/C. A.S.D
Commanding Swift Current Sub-Division
(11-7-46)

DIARY DATE

SET FOR----------

The O.C.,R.C.M.P.,"E" Div.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

1. Forwarded. This is forwarded for your records and for the information of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

Copies to the Commissioner.

REGINA
15-7-46.

W. Mortimer, Supt.,
In Charge C.I.B.

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Re: Francis MAGAMI (Japanese) - Order in Council P.C. 946
Tashme, B.C.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Canada.

1. Forwarded. MAGAMI has been returned to Tashme, B.C., under escort, and this file is being closed here.

CASE CONCLUDED.

REGINA
15-7-46.

W. Mortimer, Supt.,
In charge - C.I.B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE No. 44 E 1190/2-87

DIVISION "E" SUB-DIVISION Vancouver DETACHMENT Special Section

PROVINCE British Columbia DATE July 12th 1946.

FILE REFS.

RE: Francis MAGAMI - Tashme, B.C. Japanese.

Escorting from Morse, Sask. to Vancouver, B.C.

HEADQUARTERS

1. With reference to the above and on instructions received, the writer left Vancouver, B.C. via C.P.R. train No. 8 at 7.45 P.M. of the 6-7-46 arriving at Morse, Sask. at 8 A.M. of the 8-7-46.

SUB-DIVISION

2. The prisoner Francis MAGAMI and his personal effects were handed over to the writer by the Cst. i/c R.C.M.P. Detachment, Morse, Sask. and we entrained for Calgary, Alta. via C.P.R. train No. 3 at 1040 P.M. of the 8-7-46 and arrived in Calgary at 9.45 A.M. of the 9-7-46.

DETACHMENT

3. On arrival in Calgary the prisoner was escorted to the R.C.M. Police Guard Room where he was detained whilst the escort obtained rest. Leaving Calgary at 11.55 P.M. of the 10-7-46 for Vancouver.

P.C.R.

4. At Tashme, B.C. the writer was met by Cst. Duggan, J.M. and the prisoner and his personal effects were handed over to him. Receipt being obtained for same. Time of arrival in Tashme, B.C. was 9.15 P.M. 11-7-46.

5. No trouble was experienced by the writer whilst on route from Morse, Sask. to Vancouver, B.C. and the prisoner showed no signs of being in a mental state.

Expenses shown
July 1-15. F93

A. R. V. No.

(J. R. Young) #14653 3/Cst.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P. - Ottawa.

FORWARDED: The above noted individual has been the subject of previous reports from this Office, and again left the Interior Housing Project at Tashme, B.C., without permission. He was subsequently located at Morse, Sask., where he was picked up and held on a Vagrancy charge. This Office was advised by wire, and, at the request of the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, he was held awaiting the arrival of an escort.

2. As this individual has requested repatriation, the Commissioner of Japanese Placement does not wish a prosecution for an infraction of the Travel Order, but he will be included in the list of Japanese to be repatriated on August 2nd. The Commissioner's decision was also influenced by the fact that MAGAMI is a mental case. The receipts referred to above held on file at this Office.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

Vancouver.
13-7-46.

SGD.
(M.F.E. ANTHONY) Insp.
i/c. "E" Divn. C.I.B.

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Re; Francis MAGAMI - Vagrancy 238 (a) CCC.
Morse, Saskatchewan (MORSE DETACHMENT CASE)

Officer in Charge.
C.I.B. "F" Division.
R.C.M. Police.
REGINA. Sask.

1. Forwarded. Further to your memo. of the 6-7-46 F.264B. covering the Withdrawal of the Vagrancy Charge will follow, together with particulars of the handing over of this subject to the escort from Vancouver. B.C.

2. Extra copies herewith.

RSM/AG.

A.C.Williams, Sgt. for O/C. A.O.D.
Commanding Swift Current Sub-Division.
(8-7-46.

The O. C. "E" Division, R.C.M.Police, Vancouver.

1. Forwarded in triplicate and further to my telegram advising of the apprehension of this displaced Japanese. A copy of this report has not been forwarded to the Commissioner of the B.C. Security Commission.

11-7-46
REGINA

W. Mortimer, Supt.,
In Charge, C.I.B.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.Police, Ottawa.

1. Forwarded in duplicate for your information. The O.C. "E" Division was advised of the apprehension of this subject and a telegram was received on July 5th, to the following effect:

"RETEL FRANCIS MAGAMI STOP COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT UNDER AUTHORITY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL PC 946 DESIRES THIS MAN RETURNED TO VANCOUVER NO FORM OF WRITTEN AUTHORITY REQUIRED FOR THIS PROCEDURE CAN YOU ARRANGE ESCORT OR DO YOU WISH THIS DIVISION TO ATTEND."

W. Mortimer, Supt.,
In Charge, C.I.B.

11-7-46
REGINA

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE No. 46R.

DIVISION "F" SUB-DIVISION SWIFT CURRENT. DETACHMENT MORSE.

PROVINCE SASK. DATE July 5th, 1946.

FILE REFS. RE: Francis MAGAMI - Vagrancy 238(a) CCC., Morse, Saskatchewan. (MORSE DET. CASE)

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R. 1st.

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 20-7-46.

(4-7-46)

1. Referring to the above, I wish to report that this late p.m., the above named was found walking east on No. 1 highway from Morse. Checking MAGAMI he was found to be without money, his only means of identification was a 1946 B.C. Liquor Permit No. 451341. He stated he was from the Interior Housing Project (for Japanese) at Tashme, B.C., and left there above June 15th. His Liquor Permit reveals that he made his last purchase of Liquor at Hope, B.C., on June 15th, 46. MAGAMI states that he left Hope after making this liquor purchase and was intoxicated when leaving. He claims that one night at Nelson B.C., while sleeping in a Box-car his wallet containing $20.00, and his Pat. Reg. Cert. were stolen.

2. The Officer Commanding Swift Current Sub-div., was advised. Following is a description of Francis MAGAMI: Can. Born Japanese, age 32, 5 ft. 2 in. 115 lbs, brown eyes, dark complexion (sickly appearance), black hair, operation scar on (left) back of head, and scar on left shin. Wearing grey ski style cap, grey checked suit coat, light wool royal blue sweater with zipper front, brown trousers, brown oxfords and green socks.

(5-7-46)

3. Referring to telephone conversation with Sgt. WILLIAMS S/Current S/Div., this a.m., and reference B.C.P. Police Cir. Memo., No. 96-45, MAGAMI admitted that he had absconded from Tashme, B.C., about a year ago and was apprehended at Moosomin, Sask., and returned to B.C. He also admits having stolen a bicycle at that time and on return to B.C., was sentenced to three months in Oakella.

4. Pursuant to instructions MAGAMI was charged with Vagrancy before F.R.BOLIN, J.P., Morse, Sask., and has been remanded in custody, Regina Gaol, until 2.00 p.m., July 13th, 1946. CHARGE reads as follows: did not having any visible means of subsistance, was found wandering abroad, thereby being a loose, idle or disorderly person or vagrant, contrary to section 238(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

5. Prisoner will be escorted to Regina this p.m. His finger prints have been forwarded to Ottawa via Air Mail. As this Japanese was travelling without travel permit and as being remanded on this charge instructions will be awaited as to what further action herein is desired. Extra copies of this report attached.

PROSECUTION ENTERED.
CARRIED FORWARD.
EXPENSES shown on P.93.

A.M.Erskine. Cst. #12075,
1/c Morse detachment.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, July 20, 1946.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have noted your exchange of correspondence with Mr. H. Woods of Hope, British Columbia, concerning bus transportation from Tashme to Hope, and consider that your reply in this matter should be conclusive. We are glad to have this information in case the question is raised at this end.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/BC

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Department of Labour
JUL 20 1946
DRAFT LETTER
YOU HANDLE
YOUR COMMENTS
SEE ME
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

18th July 1946

AIRMAIL.

Attention: Mr. Brown.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: COMPLAINT FROM HOPE, B.C.

23/7/46

I am enclosing copy of telegram received from Mr. Woods of Hope, B.C., and a copy of my reply to him.

Mr. Woods telephoned me from Hope stating that he was sending this telegram to us here, and also one to Ottawa. Therefore, I thought you would be interested in our explanation.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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C O P Y of telegram received from Mr. Woods, Hope, dated 16th July 1946.

YOUR CONDUCT REMOVING JAPANESE TASHME TO HOPE SHOWS SHAMEFUL AND MALICIOUS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE A.P. STAGES THE NUMBER JAPS BEING MOVED THE STAGE PURCHASED FOR THAT RUN HOPE TO TASHME TODAY TWO BUSES GALLAGHER TRANSPORTATION DELIVERED ABOUT EIGHTY JAPS THE REGULAR BUS NONE NOR WERE THEY ADVISED OR REQUESTED A.P. STAGES HOLDS CHARTER FOR TWO RUNS DAILY ALSO CHARTER TRIPS PLEASE MAKE ENQUIRIES

HERBERT L. WOODS

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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

18th July 1946

Mr. Herbert L. Woods,

HOPE, B.C.

Dear Sir,

We received your telegram of July 16th complaining that the A.P. Stages of Hope were not receiving a fair share of the business of transporting Japanese from Tashme to Hope.

We do not consider that your complaint is justified by the facts. We made a check to determine the number of people that have moved from Tashme since June 1st, and the number of those who were transported from Tashme to Hope by the A.P. Stages. Our record shows that of 546 people moved from Tashme since June 1st, 413 have been transported by the A.P. Stages. The remaining number have been moved by the Gallagher Transportation Company.

Furthermore, you stated in your telegram that on the move of some eighty Japanese from Tashme Tuesday last, none of this business was given to the A.P. Stages. Mr. Hartley advises me that of the eighty Japanese moved from Tashme on Tuesday, the A.P. Stages transported between thirty-five and forty of these people.

On these large moves from Tashme, it is essential, in order for us to assure ourselves of necessary transportation, to arrange this with a firm which has sufficient buses for the job. My information is that apart from these large moves, the A.P. Stages have certainly been favoured with the business of Tashme.

I trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you, and that you will agree that your strongly worded telegram was not quite warranted by the facts.

Yours truly,

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

c.c. A. MacNamara Esq., OTTAWA
Mr. Walter Hartley, TASHME

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

DATE June 28/46

SUBJECT:

Telegrams from & to Pickersgill re Japanese transfers from Tashme

CORRESPONDENCE RE THE ABOVE ON FILE 23-2-2-3

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(C o p y)

AIRMAIL

Ottawa, June 11, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Closing of Tashme, B.C.

I have your letter of June 7th on the above.

I would not think for a moment of establishing Angler as a second relocation centre in Northern Ontario. This is a very poor Camp and I should think it would be impracticable for winter use for family placements. Besides it is in the same section of Northern Ontario as Neys. I should think that if we have to establish another hostel, it would be much more practicable to consider the conversion of the Mines and Resources' Camp at Schreiber.

I am quite interested in the view of your estimate of the additional number of voluntary repatriates who may wish to go from Tashme.

A. H. Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
Japanese Division

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

7th June 1946.

A.H. Brown Esq.,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: CLOSING OF TASHME, B.C.

We have your memorandum of June 4th and agree completely that the Tashme settlement should be closed at the earliest possible date.

Every indication at the moment is that we will succeed in having Tashme closed by early fall. Mr. MacKinnon and Mrs. Booth have just spent two days in Tashme and have made arrangements so that all our operations in that settlement will close by June 15th except the minimum of effort required to maintain the camp. All logging and lumbering operations will cease by June 15th.

This announcement to the Japanese at Tashme was not unexpected. They have known for several weeks that this was going to be done and apparently have been making their plans accordingly. A special committee is beginning immediately to take the names of all those who want to relocate to Neys, and of all those that want to go to Moose Jaw.

While we have not yet received the actual list of names, there is also being prepared at Tashme another list of those desiring repatriation to Japan as soon as we can make arrangements. This number is expected to be from 350 to 500.

Just as soon as the second boat gets away, we plan that Mr. MacKinnon and Mrs. Booth will visit the other settlements and proceed as they did at Tashme the last two days. If our relocation plans materialise, as it seems that they might at the moment, do you think there is a possibility that we could acquire the equipment and buildings at the Angler Camp, similar to that which we have at Neys?

T.B. Pickersgill, Commissioner.

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Ottawa, June 4, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Relocation

We believe that you should plan to close Tashme settlement during the course of the next three or four months if possible and that without making a formal announcement along that line, word might be circulated to that effect in this settlement. It is costing us more than any other settlement to run--it is close to the coastal area, the chances of surrounding employment are poor and the closing of this settlement would be beneficial not only in the matter of relocation but also from the point of view of public sentiment in the Province.

We would be glad to have your comments on this.

A. H. Brown.

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Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
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Ottawa, May 31, 1946.

Mr. Angus MacInnis, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. MacInnis:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 27, concerning certain charges made by Mr. C.W. Vogler, a former employee of the Japanese Division, re an alleged shortage in lumber produced at the Tashme Japanese Project while he was employed there as a scaler.

A number of letters are on file from this man to various officials ranging from 1942 to 1946, and making a wide variety of abusive irresponsible charges against most of his superior officers. The general line in these letters was to the effect that most of his superiors, from the local supervisory staff to the Commissioners, were incompetent, ignorant, and corrupt, and that they persecuted him because he was the opposite. For example, "From the first drunken Superintendent at Hastings Park to the last Jehovah Witness here, I'm sure Canada has nothing to brag about." There is also evidence in his letters that he stirred up trouble among the Japanese against the local supervisors.

A Treasury Officer has been employed at Tashme Project from the beginning, and has checked on all receipts and expenditures. Our own Comptroller at Vancouver has also maintained careful supervision of the financial and other phases of the operations at Tashme. Commissioner Pickersgill and his Assistant, the late Mr. J.M. Lister, made an impartial investigation of Mr. Vogler's charges a couple of months ago and reported that they were "absolutely unsubstantiated".

Yours sincerely,

HTP/BC

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

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answered

Copies on Vogler's file

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario
May 27, 1946.

Department of Labour,
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MAY 28 ..
Secretary to Minister.

Honorable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Some little time ago, C. W. Volger, who was at one time employed by the B. C. Security Commission, wrote me to the effect that there was a shortage of 146,407 feet of lumber in the lumber produced and scaled at or near Tashme Camp in British Columbia. I did not pay much attention to it at the time but since then he has written to me enclosing a letter he received from Wm. Byers, Supervisor of Scalers for B. C. From Mr. Byers' letter, I gather that he was quite satisfied with Volger's work as official scaler for the mill at Tashme. There was one paragraph in his letter which I noted particularly. It said "When you are through scaling at Tashme, please see that all scaling made by you are forwarded to this office by yourself and not left to your successor to send in."

I would be glad to know if this matter has been brought to your attention, if investigation has been made and what was the result of such investigation.

I had thought of putting questions on the Order Paper and indeed went so far as to draft them, but thinking it over, I thought it better to write you before giving any publicity to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Angus MacInnis.

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Ottawa, May 22, 1946

Sgt. G. S. Howard,
Editor,
R.C.M.P. Quarterly,
Justice Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Sgt. Howard:

I wish to thank you for the return of our Japanese pictures and your kindness in sending me two copies of your April, 1946, issue containing the article on the Tashme Segregation Centre.

The article is presented in a comprehensive and factual manner and is full of interesting information for your readers. It is well up to the high standard which is evident throughout the Quarterly. I would be obliged if you would send a couple of copies to R.C.M.P. Divisional Headquarters at Vancouver to be given to the Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

If any previous articles on Japanese have appeared in the Quarterly during the war years, I would appreciate a copy of any such issue for our information and record.

Yours very truly,

H. T. Pammett.

HTP/LM

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s.15(1)

Your File [redacted] Ottawa, April 17, 1946

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.Police,
Justice Building,
O t t a w a.

Re: Sidney Zentaro Shin, Haney, B.C.,
War Measures Act

Dear Sir:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of March 15 on the above subject which has been occasioned by the necessity of getting a report on the alleged transaction.

According to Mr. Hartley's statement, Mr. Shin is intending to relocate in eastern Canada, and knowing that he could not take these guns with him, offered them to Mr. Hartley who agreed to purchase them. The price was to be set by an uninterested appraiser.

In the past it has been an unwritten ruling of B.C. Security Commission and the Japanese Division that no employee would purchase goods of any kind from Japanese residing in our Housing Projects. It would appear that Mr. Hartley entered into these negotiations with no thought of applying any pressure to Mr. Shin regarding the price to be obtained for the guns, and with no idea that he was transgressing the above-mentioned understanding.

In view of the above, the Vancouver Office has recommended that under the circumstances the guns might be released to Mr. Hartley under the conditions above mentioned.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 11th 1946

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention Mr A. Brown

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of March 18th re the proposed purchase of firearms by Mr Hartley from Mr S. Z. Shin of Tashme, we contacted Mr Hartley regarding this particular purchase, and according to his statement Mr Shin, who is intending to relocate in eastern Canada, and knowing that he could not take these guns with him, offered them to Mr Hartley who agreed to purchase them. The price was to be set by an uninterested appraiser.

In the past it has been an unwritten ruling of the Department that none of our employees would purchase goods from Japanese who were in our Interior Housing Camps. This is the first instance we have had of this unwritten ruling being broken.

It would appear from our conversation with Mr Hartley that he entered into this sale with no thought of applying any pressure to Mr Shin regarding the price to be obtained for these guns. Our recommendation would be that, considering the circumstances, these guns should be released to Mr Hartley.

We return to you, as requested, the attached correspondence in regard to this deal.

Yours truly,

J. N. LISTER.

enc.

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THE COMMISSIONER.
R. C. M. POLICE.
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

Department of Labour
CANADA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. [redacted]

OTTAWA, March 15, 1946.

s.15(1)

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Att'n: Japanese Section.

Re: Sidney Zentard Shin, Haney, B. C.,
War Measures Act.

Enclosed is copy of a letter dated the 9th instant received from Mr. Walter Hartley of your Department who is apparently stationed at Tashme, B.C., in connection with Japanese placement. A copy of enclosure from S.Z. Shin, a Japanese, is also enclosed.

2. In this connection it is pointed out that while this Force would have no objection to issuing the necessary authority to our Officer Commanding at Vancouver for the release of the firearms in question for the purpose of sale to Mr. Hartley, it would be appreciated if we could be advised whether or not your Department would have any objection having in mind the fact that Mr. Hartley is apparently officially connected with the administration of Japanese in the immediate vicinity.

for Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
Japanese Division

Tashme, B.C.,

March 9th, 1946.

R. C. M. P.,

OTTAWA, Ontario.

COMMISSIONER
ATTENTION: MR. S. T. WOODS

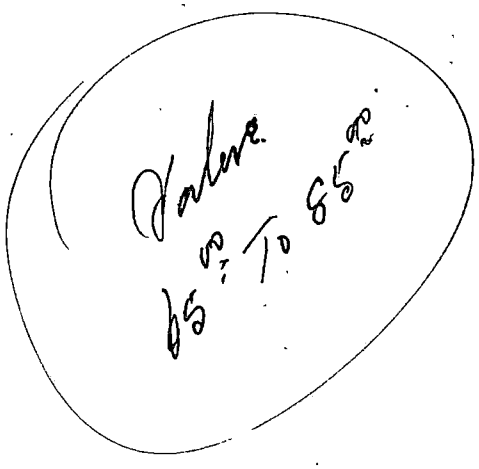
Sir:

The writer wishes to apply to you for permission to purchase from a Japanese person to wit, Sidney Zentard SHIN, one automatic rifle .22 calibre, No. 81656, and one devil barrelled shotgun, make Fred Williams, 12 guage, No. 141159. These are at present held in custody under receipt numbers 2446 and 2447.

Kindly advise on this matter.

Yours very truly,

(sgd)
WALTER HARTLEY



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Tashme, B.C.

March 9, 1946

R. C. M. P.

OTTAWA, Canada.

COMMISSIONER
ATTENTION: MR. S. T. WOODS

Sir:

Please be advised that I am quite willing to dispose of my rifle, .22 calibre No. 81656, and shotgun, 12 guage No. 141159, to Mr. Walter Hartley.

Would you kindly give me permission to do so.

Yours truly,

(sgd)
S.Z. SHIN

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Ottawa, April 10, 1946

AIR MAIL

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

I would refer to our letter of March 18 enclosing correspondence from the R.C.M. Police re a proposed purchase of firearms from Mr. Hartley at Tashme from a Japanese.

I would be obliged if you would return the correspondence with your comments as soon as convenient.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, April 2, 1946.

Mrs. Sumiko Hamasaki,
Apartment C-1,
TASHME, B.C.

Dear Madam:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 27 concerning your status as the wife of a Japanese National.

If you were born in Canada, as you state, you will be permitted to remain in this country if you so desire, and will also be permitted to move East for resettlement.

Yours very truly,

NTP/RS

A. MacNamara.

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OTTAWA, March 18th, 1946.

AIR MAIL

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner, Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer St., Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:-

We enclose herewith correspondence from the R.C.M.P. with reference to a proposed purchase of firearms by Mr. Hartley from Japanese S.Z. Shin at Tashme, B.C. There is no reason why Mr. Hartley should not purchase what weapons the R.C.M.P. are prepared to give him permission to buy. The only question involved here is, presumably, to ensure that there is no danger of Mr. Hartley having taken advantage of his position to buy something from the Japanese at an unfair price.

Would you return the correspondence with any comments you want to make in reference thereto.

Yours sincerely,

A. MacNamara.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, February 26, 1946

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

The enclosed letter was received from Miss M. Wakabayashi of Tashme, who states that her birth certificate was taken away from her at New Denver (by whom she does not say) and that she has been unable to obtain it again.

Would you please see whether the R.C.M. Police can trace down this document, and have it returned to her if possible.

Yours very truly,

re birth certificate
for M Wakabayashi

A. MacNamara.

NTP/LM

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, February 5, 1946

The Secretary,
Hospital Committee,
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Honourable Mr. Mitchell has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 28 concerning the possibility of securing the hospital building and equipment now in use at the Tashme segregation centre under the jurisdiction of this Department.

I would point out that, at such time in the future as the Tashme Camp is closed and any buildings or equipment there declared surplus, it is necessary that such surplus materials be turned over to the War Assets Corporation for disposal in line with its priority regulations.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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Ottawa, February 2, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Claim

We have yours of January 31st.

On the point raised by you, on further consideration, I believe that it will be in order actually to accept an invoice from the Ranch Company for the amount agreed on provided that, as you say, the same is made up in accordance with the terms of the lease. In other words, as long as the settlement is made in accordance with the terms of the existing lease, which has already been made under proper authority, Treasury Board Order will not be necessary.

A. H. Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
January 31st, 1946.

Mr. A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Claim

We have yours of January 28th, 1946, with further reference to this matter and enclosing a letter from Mr. Collins.

We agree with Mr. Collins' suggestion in this matter. We take it from your letter that you are considering this matter in the light of a true claim, and as such, subject to Treasury Board approval before settlement. For our future guidance, we would appreciate advice whether this is necessary in a case of this kind where we have not yet vacated the premises. We were under the impression that in this event we could accept an invoice from the Ranch Co. for an amount as agreed, subject of course to same being in accordance with the terms of the lease.

There will probably be several other items to settle with the Ranch Co. before we finally vacate and you therefore may not wish to obtain specific authority for this one item only at this time.

We are withholding discussion on the matter with the Representatives of the 14 Mile Ranch Company until you advise as to the power which will be given to the Committee.

T. B. PICKERSGILL
COMMISSIONER

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Ottawa, January 28, 1946.

PERSONAL

Mr. George Collins,
Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works,
Parliament Buildings,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear George: Re: Tashme Claim

Thanks very much for your letter of January 25th.

I think your suggestion is a very practical method of dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Brown.

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Ottawa, January 28, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Claim

Following receipt of your letter of January 7th on this matter, we wrote to George Collins to get his views on the matter forwarding your correspondence for his information for the reason that he was a party to the original discussions.

We now enclose a copy of his reply in which you will note his suggestion that the adjustment of this matter be delayed until spring and that a committee representing the Trites estate and the Department with an independent member, be set up to make a physical examination of the site and that Mr. Baird (Sr.) of Slocan City, might be the departmental representative.

If you agree that this proposal seems to be a fair and practical one, we could then consider whether it would be necessary to obtain preliminary authority from Treasury Board to agree to the arbitration of the matter in this manner or whether, in the alternative, an arbitration committee should be set up and then have the committee's recommendations submitted to the Treasury Board for approval with respect to any payments which might be recommended by that committee.

Enc.

A. H. Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE
WINNIPEG

January 25th, 1945

A. H. Brown, Esq.,
Assistant to Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Art:

Received your letter of January 18th, 1946, and attachments.

While I look back on my relationship with the Japanese as a nice experience, I often wonder what will be the eventual solution to the whole business.

In respect to the Tashme claim, I will give you my candid opinion and suggestions.

When I first visited Tashme, I found three thousand men, women and children crowded into single ply shacks, made out of green wet lumber, and about two feet of snow all up the valley. There was absolutely no reserve supply of fuel, and no logging or road building equipment (except what we could borrow from Mines and Resources). It was obvious that wood had to be obtained along the trails wherever it could be loaded on trucks.

As far as I could determine, Mr. Trites was agreeable to the Commission cutting any type of timber without charge on arable land which would be considered as clearing. It was evident, when spring came and the snow disappeared, that a considerable amount had been cut on highledges which could never be broken or cultivated. I believe this is the tract that is in dispute.

I suggest that the matter be delayed until next spring, and that a committee representing the Trites estate and the Commission, with an independent member, be set up to make a physical examination of the site. I further suggest that Mr. Baird, (Sr.) of Slocan City, be the Commission's representative.

From the examination, the Committee can determine from the stumpage, what trees were sound and had commercial value, also

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the F. B. M. can be estimated from this stumpage survey. This survey would apply to Para 4, Sections (d) and (e) of the Supplementary Agreement signed by A. B. Trites and myself in March, 1943.

I trust you will not feel that the foregoing is simply a glibe way of getting out, because it is exactly what I had planned to do if the claim had not been stayed pending negotiation of the purchase of the ranch by the Government.

Best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Collins.

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Ottawa, January 18, 1946.

PERSONAL

Mr. George Collins,
Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works,
Parliament Buildings,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear George:

I don't like to disturb your concentration upon your present activities by reference to Japanese, however, Tom Pickersgill has forwarded to me some correspondence relating to a claim for wood-cutting operations on the Tashme property submitted on behalf of the owners of the property. I am enclosing the correspondence which I received and which covers the matter I think.

I would appreciate it if you would let me have the benefit of your views as to how this should best be handled.

As you will note by the press, we are having an interesting time on repatriation. There are a remarkable number of people who apparently don't want the Japanese to leave Canada, none of them are willing to have them as next door neighbors unfortunately.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Brown.

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O t t a w a,
January 19, 1946.

Mrs. Ann R. Gray,
President,
Women's Missionary Society,
Kirk Hill United Church,
R. R. 1,
Dalkeith, Ontario.

Dear Madam:-

The Honourable Mr. Mitchell has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 16 concerning the Japanese at Tashme, B. C. who are being repatriated to Japan. I would assure you that your views on this matter will receive careful consideration.

I might point out that all Japanese sixteen years of age or over at Tashme Repatriation Centre signed voluntary Declarations expressing their desire to go to Japan. Further, Canadian-born Japanese who wish to cancel their applications and remain in Canada are being allowed to do so, as well as Naturalized Canadians who revoked their applications before September 1, 1945, the date of the Japanese surrender.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL. 12th January 1946.

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: REPATRIATION OF JAPANESE AT TASHME.

We have received your memorandum of January 7th enclosing petitions requesting revocation of repatriation requests signed by Japanese nationals, naturalized Canadians and Canadian-born at Tashme.

We have already been supplied with copies of these petitions and have taken what action is required. The Canadian-born Japanese signing the petitions would of course not have their names included in the nominal rolls listing those to be repatriated.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

Department of Labour

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
January 7, 1946.

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Tashme Claim

We would like to submit to you for guidance, claim which has been made by Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard, representing the 14 Mile Ranch Company, Lessors of the Property, on which our Tashme Project is located.

The claim is for Stumpage on timber cut on the property, under our Supplementary Agreement with the Ranch Co., which requires that we pay $2.00 per M. feet for timber cut and used as Saw Logs (4-(D)). However, we were entitled to "Thin" certain stands for firewood without charge (4-(e)). The cutting in question was done during the winter of 1942-43, shortly after the Project was started and most of the logs used for fuel. As you probably recall, this was a very bad winter and since we had no reserve stock of fuel, cutting had to be done under adverse weather conditions and adjacent to established highways. No record was kept of the logging, and the quantities, etc. can only be determined now by a physical survey, which could not be made until April or May, depending on weather conditions. At the time this particular cutting was going on, Mr. S. Trites, nephew of the late Mr. A. B. Trites, who was the owner of the 14 Mile Ranch Co., and who acted as his representative in various transactions, visited the ranch and advised our Wood Fuel Foreman, Mr. Vogler and our Supervisor, Mr. Torry, that he would like us to clear completely a certain area of the ranch, and that no charge would be made for wood cut on this particular piece. Mr. Eastwood wrote the Company on December 1st, 1942, copy attached, stating that the cutting being done at that time was to be without charge. This letter was written in an endeavour to obtain written verification of the

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instructions from the Company. They never replied to this letter, and we thought it fair to assume that they had accepted our position as outlined.

Mr. Vogler has since been discharged, and it is not possible to obtain any sort of a statement from him. Mr. Torry has a clear recollection of the matter and agreed to sign a letter outlining same (copy attached). His signature will be obtained as soon as he returns to the City.

The Company opened the matter in July, 1944, at the time the proposed purchase was being discussed, and it was then decided to leave it in abeyance (letters of July 7, 18, and 20th, 1944, enclosed).

They again reopened the matter in October of this year together with several other points. These other points have been satisfactorily cleaned up, We are withholding reply to their latest letter pending receipt of advice from you.

We are also attaching for your information copy of the Supplementary Lease. We believe that you already have a copy of the Lease itself in your files. In any case, same does not contain any reference to cutting of fuel.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

T. B. Pickersgill
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

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Vancouver, B.C.,

December 8th, 1945.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour - Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Wood Cutting - Tashme

I hereby certify that in the Fall of 1942, whilst I was Supervisor for the British Columbia Security Commission at Tashme, Mr. S.Trites, representing the Fourteen Mile Ranch Company, verbally requested us to clear the triangle lying between the Hope-Princeton Highway and the Ranch road on the South East Quarter of Section (12), Township (4), Range (25) West of the 6th Meridian.

It was definitely understood that there would be no charge for the wood cut off this area, as Mr. Trites desired to have same cleared.

J. L. Torry

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LOCK[redacted], LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD

703 Rogers Building

Vancouver, B. C.

November 30th, 1945.

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Lease Fourteen Mile Ranch

We refer to your letter of the 12th of October last. Mr. Stanley Trites who lives at Chilliwack does not come in to Vancouver very often however we had an interview with him today. As to items 1 and 2 in your letter we understand that settlement has been made for same. As to item 3 we are quite sure you are not correct with respect to payment for the cutting of timber on the property under that portion of the lease which reads as follows:

> "The commission is to have the right in future to cut, remove and deal with or dispose of as its own timber from areas designated by the Lessor paying the Lessor therefor $2.00 per thousand feet mill run."

No settlement has ever been made for timber cut under this clause and as matter of fact we understand that cutting was done regardless of the provision that areas had to be designated by the Lessor.

The following is extract from our letter to B. C. Security Commission dated July, 7, 1944:

> "By the way we have been informed that the Commission since taking possession has cut and removed considerable quantities of timber. The Commission had the right to do this from areas designated by the lessor. Apparently the Commission has ignored this provision of the lease and has also failed to account for timber cut which has to be paid for at the rate of $2.00 per thousand mill run.
> The commission also had the right to thin out certain areas of standing timber as designated by the lessor and to use wood cut therefrom for

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fire wood purposes free of charge. Apparently the commission has ignored the lessor and has cut timber not designated which has been used for fire wood purposes and we understand further that this has spoiled the general appearance of the ranch. Apart from the question as to the purchase of the ranch please write us as to the matters referred to in the last two paragraphs."

Attached hereto is copy of letter which we received dated July 18th which refers to the question of payment for merchantable timber and fuel removed. Copy of our reply dated July 20th, 1944 is also attached. At the time Mr. Collins the Vancouver commissioner had it in mind the the Government might purchase the ranch and therefore it was not considered advisable to pursue the question as to payment under the above extract from the lease and in telephone conversation which the writer had with Mr. Collins, Mr. Collins stated that a record was being kept as to all timber cut under above quoted clause and that payment would be made for same later on.

Our idea at the time was that if the Government was interested in purchasing the ranch any claim for the cutting of timber would be abandoned but inasmuch as the Government was not interested in purchasing the ranch the lessor has a claim for timber cut. We would ask you to refer to your records and advise as to quantities and etc. as we consider this matter should now be dealt with and disposed of. If it is necessary for the matter to be gone into on the site we will appoint someone to act for the company so that this can be done. With regard to the letter of December 1, 1942, copy of which is attached to your letter of October 12th, 1945, Mr. Johnson states quite emphatically that at no time was the company's claim for timber cut within the meaning of the above quoted clause waived by him and in any event he had no authority to make any arrangement which involved a change in the lease.

Yours truly,

LOCKE LANE GUILD & SHEPPARD

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360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER B.C.
October 12th, 1945.

Locke,Lane,Guild & Sheppard,
Barristers & Solicitors,
703 Rogers Building.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sirs:- RE LEASE- Fourteen Mile Ranch Co.

We have for acknowledgment your of October 5, stating that you are acting for the above.

With regard to the matters raised by you we would point out:-

1. That settlement was made for 72,350 feet of Lumber as listed on invoice from the Fourteen Mile Ranch Co. on the date of July 10, 1942 by Treasury Cheque #44819 of December 31, 1942. This quantity included the seventeen thousand feet of shiplap and other lumber stored in the barns etc.

2. It was verbally agreed between the writer and Mr. Johnson, representing Fourteen Mile Ranch Company, that the Cedar Logs in question had no commercial value and that no repayment would be required with [redacted]me.

3. All cuttings o[redacted]perty have been done in accordan[redacted]ission from Mr. S. Trites and under Section 4E of the supplementary agreement. We attach hereto for your information copy of letter from Mr. W.A. Eastwood.,then General Manager of the Commission to Fourteen Mile Ranch Company under date of December 1, 1942.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR-JAPANESE DIVISION

D.W.Simmons,
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant.

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LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD.
703 Rogers Building
VANCOUVER B.C.
October 5th, 1945.

Department of Labour,
Jap. Division,
360 Homer Street,
TASHME, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

We are acting for Fourteen Mile Ranch Company. This company by lease dated the 7th day of July, 1942, leased property known as the Fourteen Mile Ranch containing approximately 1500 acres to the Commission and this lease supplemented by agreement of the same date between the commission and the company which supplementary agreement relates to crops and etc. and which supplementary agreement contained the following clause on page 2:

> "The commission agrees to purchase approximately seventeen thousand feet of shiplap and other lumber stored in the barns and on the farm at prices as agreed upon between the parties.
>
> The commission is to have the right to purchase a quantity of old cut logs located at the Cedar Grove at the price agreed upon between the parties.
>
> The Commission is to have the right in future to cut, remove and deal with or dispose of as its own timber from areas designated by the Lessor, paying the Lessor therefor $2.00 per 1,000 feet, mill run.

It would appear from the company's records that no settlement has been made with regard to the items above referred to since the Commission entered into possession. We had a communication with Mr. Collins at one time with regard to cutting timber and we were given to understand by him that the commission was keeping records as to timber cut which had to be paid off.

Would you please have this matter checked up and settled and pay the amount which is owing to the company. We should be furnished with particulars of timber cut under the last mentioned clause.

Yours truly,

LOCKE LANE GUILD & SHEPPARD.

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LOCKE,LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD.

July, 20th, 1944.

British Columbia Security Commission
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Attention Mr. Collins:

Re: Amos Bliss Trites Estate and re
14 Mile Ranch Company.

We note contents of your letter of the 18th inst. with regard to the above. We also note your reference to merchantable timber and fuel wood which has been cut. It seems to us that the advisable thing to do is to let this last mentioned item stand until some definite decision is made as to whether the property is to be purchased or not. If the Commission is not interested in purchasing the property the Company will necessarily expect to be paid for merchantable timber and fuel wood removed.

We hope you will be able to communicate with us further in the near future.

Yours truly

LOCKE LANE GUILD & SHEPPARD.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

July 18th, 1944.

Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild
& Sheppard,
Barristers &c.,
703 Rogers Bldg.,
VANCOUVER B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 7th instant. I have submitted your enquiry to Ottawa along with a brief outline of the facilities which are available on this ranch for consideration and advice.

In regard to the last two paragraphs of your letter dealing with merchantable timber and fuelwood this matter on the site with any party you care to appoint to act in your interests.

Thanking you for your enquiry as to the Government's intention, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

GEORGE COLLINS
Commissioner.

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LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD

Vancouver, B. C.,

July 7th, 1944.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Estate of Amos Bliss Trites and
re. Fourteen Mile Ranch, Tashme, B. C.

This ranch which is now under lease to the B. C. Security Commission has an area of 1292 acres (not 1500 acres as stated in the lease.) The property is registered in the name of Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited.

By the way we have been informed that the Commission since taking possession has cut and removed considerable quantities of timber. The Commission had the right to do this from areas designated by the lessor. Apparently the Commission has ignored this provision of the lease and has also failed to account for timber cut which has to be paid for at the rate of $2.00 per thousand mill run.

The commission also had the right to thin out certain areas of standing timber as designated by the lessor and to use wood cut therefrom for fire weed purposes free of charge. Apparently the Commission has ignored the lessor and has cut timber not designated which has been used for fire wood purposes and we understand further that this has spoiled the general appearance of the ranch. Apart from the question as to the purchase of the ranch please write us as to the matters referred to in the last two paragraphs.

Yours truly,

LOCKE LANE GUILD & SHEPPARD

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December 1, 1942.

Fourteen Mile Ranch Company,
608 Pacific Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Cutting of Firewood

This will confirm conversation between our Chief Accountant, Mr. D. W. Simmons, and your Accountant, Mr. Johnson, with reference to the above subject.

It is our understanding that all wood cutting done by us on your property has been in areas designated by Mr. B. Trites, and that we are not liable for payment of any charges in respect to same.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

W. A. Eastwood,
General Manager.

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT to Lease dated July 7th, 1942, between the British Columbia Security Commission and Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited.

1. The Commission agrees to bale and remove all the Lessor's hay stored on the demised premises, and to provide labour to cut, bale and remove hay crop of 1942 as required, at the price agreed upon between the parties.

2. The Commission agrees to purchase from the Lessor:-

(a) Pigs - 7 sows @ $20.00 each; 1 boar @25.00; 76 young pigs @ $7.00 each.

(b) Chickens -

Approximately 200 two months' chickens (50% roosters, 50% hens) at 30¢ each.

Approximately 100 laying chickens @ $1.00 each.

3. (a) The Commission agrees to purchase from the Lessor all equipment presently located in the Cook House for $25.00.

(b) The Commission agrees to purchase the Lessor's groceries on hand at cost price.

(c) The Commission agrees to purchase the Lessor's stump, powder caps and fuses at cost price.

(d) The Lessor agrees to leave all fire fighting equipment for use of the Commission.

(e) The Lessor agrees to leave certain farming equipment for use of the Commission (as per inventory to be made), including inter alia:-

Team of horses, harness and wagon
Plough, disc cultivator
Common garden tools.

(f) The Commission agrees to cut a fire lane in the area designated by the Lessor, and to clear such lane, including the removal of approximately six to twelve large stumps therefrom. The Lessee agrees to use its best endeavour to keep the acreage surrounding any cultivated lands resonably free of weeds.

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4. Timber

(a) The Commission agrees to purchase approximately 55,000 b.f.m. of rough cut lumber at the mill at a price agreed upon between the parties.

(b) The Commission agrees to purchase approximately 17,000 feet of ship-lap and other lumber stored in the barns and on the farm at prices as agreed upon between the parties.

(c) The Commission is to have the right to purchase quantity of old cut cedar logs located at "The Cedar Grove" at the price agreed upon between the parties.

(d) The Commission is to have the right in future to cut, remove and deal with or dispose of as its own timber from areas designated by the Lessor, paying the Lessor therefor $2.00 per 1,000 feet, mill run.

(e) The Commission is to have the right to thin out certain areas of standing timber as designated by the Lessor and to use wood cut therefrom for firewood purposes free of charge.

5. The Commission grants to the Lessor the option of purchasing the electric light plant installed on the demised premises by the Commission at the termination of the lease at a price fixed by an appraiser jointly chosen by the parties hereto as being its then value, this option to be null and void unless notice is given in writing by the Lessor to the Commission within a period of one month after said Commission signifies its intention to the Lessor of vacating the premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this 3rd day of March 1943

Witnessed:

"W.W.Folfenden"
"D.W.Simmons"

"A.B. Frites, Pres"
"G.F. Johnson, Secy"
Fourteen Mile Ranch Company Limited

"Geo. Collins"
British Columbia Security Commission.

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O t t a w a,
January 7, 1946.

AIR MAIL

REGISTERED

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing three original Petitions concerning revocation of repatriation by Japanese Nationals, Naturalized Canadians, and Canadian-born at Tashme, B.C. These have not been acknowledged and are being sent forward so that notation can be made on the individual files of the persons concerned.

Yours very truly,

Encls. A. MacNamara.

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C O P Y

Ottawa, January 2, 1946.

Mr. N. A. Robertson,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We have yours of December 27th with enclosure.

We doubt if it is advisable to deal with individual requests for information of this nature through the Swiss Consul.

Our administration in British Columbia will be in direct contact with persons in the settlements in British Columbia who are interested in repatriation and will advise them of the conditions of repatriation.

We will be glad to supply the Consul with copies of whatever written instructions or statements are furnished in this connection to the Japanese in the settlements. In the meantime, I am sending on to Vancouver, copy of the correspondence which you enclosed addressed to the Swiss Consul General in order that our administration may deal directly with the Japanese writers of the letter.

We trust that you are in agreement on the above.

Yours very truly,

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Jap corresp.

A. MacNamara.

Copy for Mr. T. B. Pickersgill.

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C O P Y

Department of External Affairs
Canada

Ottawa, 27th December, 1945.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the movement of persons of Japanese origin from Canada to Japan, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a dispatch from the Consul General of Switzerland, together with a copy of its enclosure, in which certain enquiries are made concerning the procedure that will be followed with regard to certain of the persons to be deported or repatriated.

In view of the fact that the questions asked come from women who are apparently unofficial representatives for certain of the internee families, and are not official enquiries by or on behalf of the Japanese government, there is probably no strict obligation to give complete answers, but it might be desirable to give such information as is now available to these people, who must be wondering what will be done about the persons who are to be moved.

No reply will be sent to the Consul General until further word is received from you.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. Robertson (signed)

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

Arthur MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa.

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C O P Y

CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND
IN CANADA

IN CHARGE OF JAPANESE INTERESTS

Montreal, P. Q.
December 22, 1945.

File No. 27/6 D

Sir:

I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by the women representatives of internee families resident in Tashme, B. C., asking certain questions relative to the impending deportation of Japanese internees and their families from Canada.

I should be most obliged if you would be good enough to provide me with answers and any supplementary information available on as many as possible of the enquiries contained in the above-mentioned letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General of Switzerland.

The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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C O P Y

Tashme, B. C.
December 16, 1945.

Hon. Gaston Jaccard,
Consul General of Switzerland,
1521 Sun Life Bldg.,
Montreal 2, P. Q.

Dear Sir:

We are writing on behalf of the Tashme families who are worried about their interned fathers and husbands. We would appreciate it greatly if you could clarify us on the following points:

1. What attitude is the Dominion Government of Canada taking towards the Internees?

2. Of the interned men at Angler, could you please tell us how many there wish to go to Japan, and how many wish to remain in Canada? If possible, could you send us a list or the men and their intentions?

3. In regards to Canadian-born and Naturalized, are they to be treated in the same manner as the Japanese Nationals? If so, how will the deportation be carried out?

4. Are the Internees to be deported collectively? If so, how will thefamilies of these men be treated?

5. We would like those in the internment camp to be released as soon as possible.

6. We would like interned men who have requested passage to Japan to be allowed to join their families here, and consequently go to Japan together.

7. We would like the censorship of correspondence between the Internment Camp and families to be made less strict so that they will know each other's intentions.

Therefore we, as representatives of the thirty-two Internee families, submit this letter and ask for your co-operation and assistance in the above matters.

Yours respectfully,

(SIGNED) KIZUE TANAKA
YAENO TANAKA
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AIR MAIL

O t t a w a, December 7, 1945.

Miss Sachiko Ikeda,
House # B-80,
Tashme, B.C.

Dear Miss Ikeda:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 29 concerning the possibility of taking your piano with you to Japan.

Arrangements concerning the transportation of baggage and household belongings for the people going to Japan have not yet been completed. The Commissioner of Japanese Placement at Vancouver will issue full particulars as soon as possible and these will be made known in all the settlements concerned.

Yours very truly,

HTP:MS

A. MacNamara.

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Ottawa, December 3, 1945.

Mr. M. Worshof,
Special Section,
Department of External Affairs,
East Block,
Ottawa.

Re: Sukeji Takasaki /11302

Dear Sir:

I wrote to you on November 24 concerning the above-mentioned Japanese National, who petitioned the Swiss authorities re his desire to be transferred to an Old Men's Home. We have now been advised by our Vancouver Office that Takasaki has been issued a permit and instructed to proceed to Tashme Repatriation Centre where accommodation has been arranged.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

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19th October 1945.

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AIRMAIL.

Attention: Mr. Brown.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re; PUBLIC MEETINGS AT TASHME, B.C.

You will recall my recent memorandum informing you about the public meeting held at Tashme at which Dr. Arnup, Moderator of the United Church, was present.

I am enclosing copies of two reports to the Officer Commanding "E" Division, R.C.M.P., made to him by the Tashme Detachment.

After learning of the meeting which Dr. Arnup attended and addressed at Tashme, I issued instructions to Mr. Hartley, the Supervisor, that no permission was to be given to people not resident at Tashme to interview people of Japanese origin, either individually or collectively, without authority from this office.

I am enclosing copy of my memorandum to Mr. Hartley.

Constable Cooper, who is in charge of the Detachment at Tashme, was in the office today and told me about the requests made which resulted in his two reports.

We will be glad to discuss this question with Reverend Judd should he call here, but a complaint may be made directly to Ottawa and I thought you should be informed as to what has been done.

I realise that there may be danger of criticism at interfering with public discussions at Tashme, but I think we are quite justified in such interference when the visitors have not discussed with us beforehand the purpose of their proposed meetings.

I hope that you will approve the instructions that I issued to Mr. Hartley.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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C O P Y.

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

9th October 1945.

Mr. Walter Hartley, TASHME, B.C.

Re: INTERVIEWING JAPANESE INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY AT TASHME.

Further to our discussion the other day, I would like to set forth in a memorandum what procedure I would like followed in the future concerning people not resident at Tashme being given permission to interview people of Japanese origin, either individually or collectively.

Before any person or persons are given permission to visit Tashme for the purpose of holding discussions with Japanese, either individually or collectively, I would like the names of these submitted to me for approval. When a request for such permission is made to you, I would like you to obtain a statement as to the object of the interview or meeting so that this object may be considered. It is understood of course that this ruling does not apply to those who are conducting routine business through your office, such as truck drivers, mail carriers etc.

It was agreed also, during our discussion, that you would inform the Japanese Committee at Tashme that before any functions are held in the recreational hall, "D" Building, apart from those already approved and posted on a list, that you will have to approve the use of the building for any other purpose.

I believe this summarizes the conclusions we arrived at during my last visit to Tashme.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "E", Tashme Detachment, British Columbia.

October 15th, 1945.

Re: REV. W.W. JUDD, Toronto, Ontario.

1. The above named Anglican clergyman reported at this office at 2.30 p.m. today with Rev. Gale, local Anglican Minister. Ref. Judd told the Special Constable on duty the purpose of his visit was to visit with Rev. Gale.

2. A few minutes later it was learned that Rev. Judd was going to address a gathering of Canadian-born Japanese in the high school. In the absence of Mr. Hartley, Dept. of Labour Supervisor, this was reported to Mr. Clarkson, the Chief Clerk, who would not allow Rev. Judd to address the gathering without permission from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement at Vancouver.

3. This was pointed out to Rev. Gale and Rev. Judd at which time they cancelled the meeting and left the camp. They were not perturbed but intimated the matter would be taken up with Mr. Pickersgill at Vancouver. Rev. Judd was told he could communicate with Vancouver for permission to hold the meeting but did not wish to do this.

4. Rev. Judd wanted the writer's opinion concerning the Japanese at which time he was told that I would rather not comment on the situation. He stated that the address he had anticipated giving dealt with Repatriation.

("W.R. COOPER") Cst. Reg. No. 14248
I/C Tashme Detachment.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "E", Tashme Detachment, British Columbia.

October 15th, 1945.

Re: YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP, TASHME, B.C.

1. On Sunday Octob er 14th, 1945, a party of Army Personnel visited this camp requesting permission to visit with Japanese. Special Constable R. Gordon, who was on duty at the time had the party sign the visitors' book but would not allow them to go about the camp. He 'phoned Mr. W. Hartley, Dept. of Labour Supervisor, who was also not in favour of the visit. This party arrived at 1.50 p.m. via Army Truck and on being refused permission to visit in the camp left at 2.30 p.m. Major A.S. Larke was in charge of the party which is associated with the Unit ed Church. The party consisted of the following:

A.A. Larke	A/C C.E.T.C.
Ed. Smallwood	Vancouver, B.C.
A.S. Porritt	Vancouver, B.C.
K.B. Halpin	Vancouver, B.C.
Spr. Genest, L.J.	Chilliwack, B.C.
Rev. A.J. Grant	Vancouver, B.C.
D.B. Ricketts	Vancouver, B.C.
D.G. Brown	Vancouver, B.C.

2. S/Cst. Gordon was courteous to the party and explained that they would have to receive permis sion from Vanco uver to visit in the camp.

3. The above group held a camp meeting at nine mile point which is five miles from Tashme on Saturday afternoon October 14th, and again on Sunday afternoon when refused admittance to the camp for that purpose. Japanese from here were transported to the meeting by M. KOJIMA #15878, truck driver for S. Stein whose truck is hired by the Dept. of Labour.

4. Enquiries have been made as to the nature of the meetings held and it has been learned that the Japanese present were divided into small groups for discussion purposes. Several topic s were discussed among which was repatriation. The writer has been told that this group informed the Japanese that Canadian born Japanese would not have to return to Japan even if they had already signed for r epatriati on.

5. Attached is a letter from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement which is the result of a recent visit by Dr. J.H. Arnup to this camp.

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Ottawa, October 17, 1945.

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for corresp.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Claims - Teshmo
Your File No. 751.

We have your letter of October 13th re the above.

In order to pay this claim, we will have to get authority from Treasury Board and it is quite probable that Treasury Board would want to refer the case to the Department of Justice for opinion before it was finally disposed of, even if it was disposed of on other than a basis of purely legal merit.

We don't believe that the statement contained in your letter is sufficiently complete to enable us to consider the matter fully or to discuss it with Treasury Board officers. We would like to have more information. Firstly, with respect to your statement that, as a licenced trapper, Mr. Jamieson is entitled to have a cabin on this land -- what is his basis for entitlement or what is his status arising out of the issue of his trapper's licence and secondly, what is the extent of our rights on the premises; thirdly, what are the details relating to the setting of the fire; fourthly, do you know of any statutory provisions relating to the matter of damages from forest fires which would have a bearing on this case?

As you will appreciate, we haven't any background on this case, therefore, I think we will need to have you fill in the information and knowledge which we lack.

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A. W. Brown

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Ottawa, October 16, 1945.

Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear George:

Upon receiving your letter of October 1, concerning the trucking into Tashme Japanese Segregation Centre from Hope, British Columbia, I obtained a report on this matter from the Commission of Japanese Placement at Vancouver.

Quoted below the main portions of Mr. Pickersgill's report:

> "At the present time, perishable merchandise, emergency requirements and other items which are classified as "High category" by the railways, are transferred by truck from Vancouver to Tashme. This trucking is done by the Consolidated Truck Lines, Vancouver. The portion of the journey from Hope to Tashme is handled by Johnston Brothers at Hope, through a working arrangement with Consolidated Truck Lines.
>
> All other camp and canteen supplies are shipped by rail to Hope and by truck from there into Tashme. Practically all of this particular trucking is done by Johnston Brothers, a firm which was owned until recently by Gallagher Transportation. We consider that this business has been well earned by this firm because during the days when the road conditions were very bad from Hope to Tashme, this was the only firm from which we could get service. Now that the road has been considerably improved, competitors have become interested.
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> The Vankerspek firm has, in our judgment, received a fair share of the transport business between Tashme and Hope. Until a couple of months ago, this firm operated a stage line and had the mail contract, carried

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all express both in and out, and all Japanese passengers travelling between the two points. Approximately two months ago, the Vanderspek firm sold this part of the business.

This firm has also purchased large supplies of lumber from Tashme, and this has been hauled by its own trucks. We have considered that the profit from this hauling could reasonably be interpreted as a portion of the transportation business originating in Tashme.

In respect to the arrangement with the Consolidated Truck Lines, they operate a very efficient daily pick-up service at Vancouver and run daily trips to Tashme, whereas this is not assured by the Vanderspek firm."

I might add for your confidential information that our information indicates that on many occasions Mr. Vanderspek's attitude has been quite uncooperative with the Officials of the Japanese Administration who are doing their best to administer a difficult matter fairly.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

George G. Greene,
Private Secretary.

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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL. 11th October 1945.

George Cruickshank Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of October 4th commenting on a complaint which you have received from the Vanderspek Lumber Yards at Hope, that this firm is not receiving its fair share of the lumber cut by our mill at Tashme, nor is it receiving a fair allocation of the trucking business originating in Tashme.

The statement by Mr. Vanderspek to you that he was supposed to secure a quota of 50% of the lumber cut at Tashme is not correct. In September, 1943, a quota was established allocating certain percentages of lumber cut at Tashme to the local dealers at Hope, but only from the quantity available for local sale. The percentage to be obtained by the Woods Lumber Yard at Hope, which has since been purchased by the Vanderspek Lumber Yards, was 50%. The quantity available for local sale never represented the total cut at Tashme, as it was necessary for us to take care of camp maintenance, providing extra buildings where required, taking care of the needs of the Department of Mines and Resources Road Camps, requirements of the Provincial Department of Public Works and other special requirements filled by special request of the Timber Controller.

Since Mr. Vanderspek purchased the Woods Lumber Yards at Hope in July, 1944, he has received 69% of the lumber which was available for local sale. Therefore his statement to you that he has only received 25% is untrue. Mr. Vanderspek's purchases from our mill could have been considerably larger, but on many occasions when lumber was offered to him or was available, he was not in a position to accept delivery.

Mr. Vanderspek's suggestion that there is an unnecessary supply of shiplap or any other kind of lumber at Tashme is not correct. We do not follow the practice of accumulating lumber at Tashme which is not required, nor are we erecting any buildings that are not needed or doing maintenance work which is unnecessary.

With reference to Mr. Vanderspek's complaint about not obtaining a share of the trucking, we note that you

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have already written to the Minister of Labour registering this complaint. We have received a letter from Mr. MacNamara bringing this complaint to our attention and asking us for a full report. We have provided Mr. MacNamara with full particulars about this and no doubt a complete explanation will be sent to you from the Minister's office.

Yours very truly,

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. A. MacNamara, OTTAWA
Mr. Hartley, TASHME
Mr. Simmons

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JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

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AIRMAIL. 11th October 1945.

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: COMPLAINT FROM MR. CRUICKSHANK, M.P.

We have your memorandum of October 5th quoting paragraph from a letter which was written recently by Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P., to the Minister's Secretary. We have also had a letter from Mr. Cruickshank, copy of which is attached, and also copy of our reply. You will note that we have replied to Mr. Cruickshank's criticism about the allocation of lumber cut by our mill at Tashme, but as to his complaint about the trucking, we have merely stated that a full report on this has been sent to you, and he will undoubtedly receive an explanation from you.

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We feel that Mr. Cruickshank should also be advised that on many occasions Mr. Vanderspek's attitude has been very unco-operative.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, October 5, 1945.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
560 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

Mr. G. Cruickshank, M.P., has written to the Minister's Secretary as follows:

"I have had a complaint from Vanderspek's Lumber Yards, Hope, B.C., who operate a truck line, that they have never received any share of the trucking to the Tashme camp. If this is correct, I believe it should be rectified as I want each one of the firms to have a portion of the trucking business."

I would appreciate information on present trucking arrangements for Tashme and your comments on Mr. Cruickshank's request.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/BC

12/10/45

Complaint from Vanderspek's Lumber re their share of the trucking to the Tashme camp.

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C O P Y.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Canada.

OTTAWA, October 4th, 1945.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
B.C. Security Commission,
Dick Building,
Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill,

Re: TASHME CAMP.

Vanderspek's Lumber Yards, Hope, B.C., complain they were supposed to secure a quota of 50 percent of the lumber from the sawmill at the above camp and that they now only receive 25 percent. I do not know how these quotas were set in the first place but if this protest is correct, would appreciate an adjustment.

As you are aware, a large logging operation is about to commence at Hope and lumber is badly needed to build houses for the loggers there in order that we may increase the output of badly needed timber.

It has been suggested to me that an excessive amount of lumber is being used daily for maintenance and additional buildings at Tashme and that there is an unnecessary supply of Shiplap, etc., being held at the mill. If this is correct or not I do not know but if so, believe action should be taken.

Might I suggest also that the trucking to the camp be shared with the various trucking companies at Hope rather than it all being given to one concern.

Yours very truly,

"GEORGE CRUICKSHANK" M.P.
Fraser Valley.

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MEMORANDUM Mr. A. MacNamara

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OTTAWA, October 2, 1945

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Ottawa, October 2, 1945.

Mr. George Cruickshank, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear George:

I have your letter of October 1 about the Vanderspek's Lumber Yards getting a share in the trucking to the Tashme Camp under our Japanese Administration, and have passed the word along to the Deputy Minister.

Yours sincerely,

George G. Greene,
Private Secretary.

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House of Commons
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October 1st, 1945.

Mr. George Greene,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Labour,
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Department of Labour,
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Secretary to Minister.

Dear Mr. Greene,

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Department of Labour

DRAFT LETTER
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for your information

AIRMAIL.

29th September 1945.

A.H. Brown Esq.,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: REQUEST OF VANCOUVER PROVINCE TO VISIT TASHME.

I gathered from your memorandum of September 25th that we guessed wrong in suggesting that it might be a good idea for the newspapers to interview Japanese signing for repatriation.

Yesterday I saw the Executive Editor of the Vancouver Province, and he has very graciously agreed to withdraw the request. He did say that a similar request might be made once all policies concerning repatriation had been finally decided and announced. He assured me however, that no interview of this kind would take place until the question had been discussed with us.

T.B. Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

9/10/45

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Ottawa, August 29, 1945.

Mr. Max Wershof,
Special Section,
Department of External Affairs,
New Post Office Building,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wershof:

Several weeks ago you inquired concerning housing accommodation in the various Settlements, particularly certain cases at Tashme where two families resided in one house.

We have obtained a full report on the housing situation in this connection, and I am enclosing two copies for your information. You may wish to pass one copy on to the International Red Cross Delegate, in connection with his recent inspection of these Settlements.

Yours very truly,

H. T. Pammett.

HTP/VM
Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL

22nd August 1945.

Attention: Mr. A.H. Brown.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS.

In replying to your memorandum of July 30th, I stated that we were securing a report from each of our supervisors, describing the extent to which two or more families reside in one house without any partition separating them.

We have now had replies from all of our supervisors, and the following is a summary of these replies.

1. At TASHME there are at present 133 families living in 62 houses that are not separated with partitions. The report advises however, that well over half of these families are related and from whom there has been no complaint. Every effort is being made to make adjustments with the balance, so that individual families may have a little more privacy. As pointed out however in my reply of August 1st, the erecting of partitions would result in more crowding as additional kitchen facilities would have to be provided which would take up more space. The population at Tashme is considerably lower now than it was a few months ago, and I am sure we can do much to alleviate this condition without any new construction.

2. The report from GREENWOOD states there is not one case where two families are residing in one room or one house without being partitioned. The observation is also made that where there are grown children an effort has been made to give more privacy by providing additional sleeping quarters for some members of the family.

3. The report from LEMON CREEK states that whenever a case has developed where two or more families had to be accommodated in the same house, this condition was remedied as quickly as possible. The report does state however, that individual families who are related, such as married children living with parents, may occupy the same house, but partitions have been installed in order to provide adequate privacy.

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4. From NEW DENVER we learn that up to the time of segregation there were no cases where two or more families occupied the same house without a partition. As in Lemon Creek there have been instances however, where two families who are related occupy the same house as a family unit. Since the segregation started, the Supervisor states that there are about seven houses where two or more families are living together without partitions, but these cases are being remedied as rapidly as possible.

5. From KASLO the Supervisor writes that he has no instances where two or more families reside together without adequate partitioning.

6. The report from SLOCAN states that the Supervisor does not know of a single instance in his project where two or more families live together without adequate partitioning. The report does state however, that there are cases where related families live together in one house as a family unit.

As you may remember, the original housing plan for the majority of the settlements was to provide for the construction of many two family houses where there would be a common kitchen. The condition which Mr. Wershof reported to you is not new but has existed since the establishment of the settlements, but through changes in population some of the projects have been able to provide private accommodation for individual families more rapidly than others.

(Sgd.) T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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OTTAWA, AUGUST 17, 1945

MR. T. PICKERSGILL,
COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR,
360 HOMER STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PLEASE SEND NEXT MAIL TWO COPIES LATEST ANNUAL BALANCE SHEETS TASHME CANTEEN

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ALSO RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

A. MACNAMARA
DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR

CHG. DEPT. LABOUR
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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AIR MAIL

Attention Mr. A. H. Brown.

1st August 1945.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Housing Accommodation in Settlements

I have received your memorandum of July 30th and will be glad to secure a report from each of our Supervisors indicating the extent to which two or more families are living together without any partitions separating them.

I know that this condition does exist in a number of cases and has existed since the settlements were established. In many of the houses where two Japanese families live if a partition were installed to divide the house into two parts the occupants would be more crowded than they are at present because additional kitchen facilities would have to be provided. It would be necessary to supply an additional cook stove and this would use up a good deal of the space available. Other necessary kitchen fixtures would also take up additional space.

If we decided to provide additional accommodation so that this condition would be eliminated completely I am afraid that we would have to construct a large amount of extra housing. It seems to me that every effort should be made to avoid additional housing construction in our settlements at this time, particularly when the general housing situation is so critical throughout the country.

I do think, however, that this situation will improve considerably in the next few months as a result of the relocation and segregation programme which we are now carrying out. Actually the population in the settlements is likely to decline considerably. For instance, we now have at Tashme about 300 less people than we had a few months ago. I know that every effort is being made in our settlements by our Supervisors to reduce to the minimum excessive crowding in the houses.

We have also had a number of cases where the Supervisors have offered certain families living together in the same house additional accommodation in another part of the settlement. Many of these offers have been turned down because the families receiving the offer of additional accommodation refuse to move because they did not want to live in another part of the settlement.

We will advise you further on this question when we receive the reports from our Supervisors.

T. B. Pickersgill

T. B. PICKERSGILL
Commissioner

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Ottawa, July 30th, 1945.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tashme Camp

In talking to Mr. Wershof of External Affairs following his return from the coast, he made reference to the fact that in Tashme Camp there were a number of instances of two or more families living together in one hut without any partitions separating the two families as is the case in other settlements. This is the first time that we were aware that a situation of this kind existed.

Is there any reason why we cannot provide the necessary partitions or in the alternative, should we not put up additional accommodation? We don't like the idea of families living for an indefinite period of time together without privacy.

A. H. Brown.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
July, 16, 1945.

MR. T.B. PICKERSGILL,
COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT,
360 HOMER ST.?
VANCOUVER.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION OF ELEVENTH INSTANT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FOR TASHME APPROVED.

A. MACNAMARA.

CHG.
DEPT. OF LABOUR.

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RETEL FOURTEENTH GO AHEAD WITH TACHME WATER PROJECT

A MacNamara

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AUCUN EMPLOYÉ DE LA COMPAGNIE N'A LE DROIT DE CHANGER CES RÈGLEMENTS. LA VERSION ANGLAISE DES PRÉSENTES CONDITIONS PRÉVAUDRA.

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T B PICKERSGILL COMMISSIONER.

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Hon Mr Mitchell

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
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AIRMAIL.

11th July 1945.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: PROVISION OF AUXILIARY WATER SUPPLY AT TASHME.

Each year about the middle of August the regular source of water to supply the camp at Tashme drops to a dangerously low level. The period through which the water supply is seriously short is from about the middle of August to the middle of October, when the rains commence to fall.

Last year the water supply got so short that it was necessary to augment the supply from a creek draining a lake where the water has a very high salt content. This resulted in considerable sickness among the Japanese.

We have been giving a good deal of attention to this question during the past two or three weeks. The only remedy which we can see is to tap another source of water about seven thousand feet from the project.

Mr. Hartley has estimated what materials would be required and the amount of labour necessary, and the cost would likely be between $10,000.00 and $11,000.00. As you know, the last few weeks at the coast have been very dry and forest fires are prevalent. We are very much worried over the danger of fire if we do not have an adequate water supply at Tashme.

I am going to Tashme on Friday to go over this very carefully with Mr. Hartley, but in the meantime if you would let us know whether you could approve of such an expenditure, so that we would be assured of having sufficient water during the next two or three months, I would be grateful.

An early reply will be very much appreciated.

Recommended a MacNamara
approved:- H.M. Minister

T B Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

Mr MacNamara
I recommend we approve the above. Our fire hazard situation is bad enough in any event at Tashme. We may be there another two years.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 14th, 1945.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

RE: Tashme Results Repatriation

The R. C. M. Police Detachment completed its work at Tashme at 9 o'clock Friday evening. Members of the Detachment arrived back in Vancouver this morning and will leave for Kaslo Sunday night.

The following tabulation shows results at Tashme. Further check will be necessary to ensure complete accounting for every individual at Tashme, but the total shown in the table is about fourteen more than the actual population.

JAPANESE NATIONALS

Number Signing for Repatriation	Number not wishing to sign	Number failing to report
555	219	6
Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Nationals	Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Nationals	
553	207	
Totals involved		
1108	426	6

NATURALIZED CANADIANS

Number Signing for Repatriation	Number not wishing to sign	Number failing to report
146	118	10
Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Naturalized	Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Naturalized	Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Naturalized
80	34	10
Totals involved		
226	152	20

CANADIAN BORN

Number Signing for Repatriation	Number not wishing to sign	Number failing to report
250	172	10

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Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Canadian Born	Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Canadian Born	Number of children under sixteen whose parents are Canadian Born	
64	29	1	
Totals involved			
314	201	11	
GRAND TOTALS			
1648	779	37	2464
PERCENTAGES			
66.8%	31.6%	1.6%	100%

(It is to be noted that the total for Tashme Camp, 2464, includes 104 employed at two Department of Mines & Resources Road Camps, 11 Mile and 15 Mile, and the Princeton-Trail Sawmills at 12 Mile Point)

(Sgd.) T.B. Pickersgill
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

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Ottawa, February 13, 1945.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
O t t a w a.

We have your letter of February 10th. Please go ahead with your plans for replacement of the Diesel engine, in accordance with your recommendations.

With respect to the situation in Lethbridge, arising out of the question of high school fees, our view is that we should be prepared to allow some of the Japanese who have children attending high school to move East, particularly if they are willing to take farm placements in the East. We think this would have a beneficial effect in two ways--firstly, it would help to ease the complaint which the Japanese in the Lethbridge area have that they are being "frozen" on farms in that area to an unnecessary extent; secondly, it would thin out a number of Japanese families in some of the municipalities where they are too closely settled. We also think it would probably result in an improved attitude on the part of growers in the area in making reasonable concessions to the Japanese. At the present time, the attitude of these people is to use the Japanese labour to their own advantage and they are not in any way interested in the problems of the Japanese themselves or in the problems of relocation.

A. MacNamara.

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DEPARTMENT OF
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,

AIRMAIL. VANCOUVER, B.C.

10th February 1945.

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A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Mr. Collins left last Sunday to return to Winnipeg and since then I have been gradually and cautiously getting my feet dampened. Mr. Lister left on Tuesday evening on a trip through the interior housing projects and was planning to go as far as Lethbridge.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among some of the Japanese in the Lethbridge area over the high school situation. Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Lister seem to be of the opinion that we may have to allow some of the Japanese families who have children attending high school to move East if they so desire. The high school fees make substantial inroads into their earnings.

I was called by both newspapers the other day, stating that they had a despatch from Portage la Prairie saying the Council of that city was also objecting to the high school situation and intended to make representations with the object of securing some financial contribution from us for Japanese attending high school. I have asked Mr. Ernst, our representative at Winnipeg, to investigate the complaint and to explain to the Council our policy respecting high school education.

We have run into a difficulty at Tashme and I trust that you will consider we are using good judgment in dealing with it.

On Monday last the Diesel engine which runs the electric generator threw a crank shaft which has resulted in the engine being rendered almost completely useless. Mr. Hartley came to Vancouver and spent a day and a half shopping around for an engine to replace the one at Tashme.

The engine which was at Tashme was a high speed Diesel which apparently had to run steadily to keep the plant going. Our advice is that this type of engine, running steadily, is only good for about five thousand hours (ten months) when it has to be taken down for a complete overhaul, necessitating a delay of about three to four weeks. The engine which burnt out at Tashme has already had a $1,700.00 overhaul done on it.

We could obtain two or three high speed Diesel engines second-hand to replace the one at Tashme. If we do we will be faced with a repetition of what happened last Monday and in any event they would have to be overhauled every ten months. Their cost ranges from about $4,000.00 to $7,000.00.

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Mr. Hartley came across a complete second-hand lighting plant operated by a slow speed, two cylinder Diesel engine which we could buy for $12,500.00 with a substantial trade-in allowance, estimate $1,500.00, for our equipment at Tashme. This plant would assure us a satisfactory service for several years and the best advice we can get is that it would be readily saleable when we are through with it.

We have employed the services of a professional Diesel engineer, who has done considerable work for the Departments of Transport and Munitions and Supply, to examine this equipment thoroughly and give us a report on it. He has already conducted his examination and is of the opinion that the equipment is in excellent order and we would be getting a good deal. He is going up to Tashme with me tomorrow to examine our equipment there, to advise us on what its trade-in value would be.

We have discussed with Mr. Coburn, the chief Treasury Officer here, the question of trading in our equipment at Tashme on this new plant and he has concurred from the Treasury point of view.

We must get this equipment replaced at Tashme as quickly as possible as they are having great difficulty in getting along with the power which can be produced on the auxiliary equipment they have.

If our expert engineer's advice is fully satisfactory after he completes his investigation, I think we should proceed with this deal. For the next year or two, so far as we can see now, activities at Tashme are likely to expand, not contract, and this equipment will provide for more power than we have yet had at Tashme, will likely cause no trouble and will be readily saleable after we are through with it.

We are busy making plans now, preparing to close down the project at Kaslo. I am having an analysis made of the people who are there so that we can decide who should go where and when. This will have to be a gradual process but there are a considerable number who could begin to move immediately and I feel that we should get started just as soon as possible. What we expect is that we will not be able to move families with children at school for some months. There are many others who can go.

T.B. Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, February 6, 1945

Personal

Mrs. Cleo Booth,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Booth:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 1 concerning the educational system, and I assure you that I have frequently thought of the progress of the Commission schools, even though I have not had an opportunity of inspecting them in a year and a half.

I agree with you that little can be done with teachers whose inclinations are pro-Japanese, except to keep them under constant check and warn them not to deviate from the regular teaching curriculum. It was a surprise to me to learn that about half of them are nationalistic, but I presume family influence has more than counteracted the summer sessions and other Canadianizing influences to which they have been subject from time to time.

As soon as we can start our all-out segregation programme, the teachers who have any intention of going back to Japan will have to be transferred immediately to Tasnme, and only the best pro-Canadian teachers retained in the other settlements when relocation speeds up.

I understand the difficulties of administering the settlements and trying to get any people moving East under present conditions, and I assure you that we are just as impatient as you at the Coast to get the segregation relocation policy definitely outlined by higher quarters and into operation. With the wind blowing toward an election, however, this may be delayed further.

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February 6, 1945

I hope to be able to come out to Vancouver in March or April and spend some time in the larger settlements looking over the schools among other things, and seeing what changes will be needed when the new programme gets rolling.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) H.T. Pammett.

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360 Homer Street,

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A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

With reference to your letter of January 27th with attached copy of a censored letter, I beg to advise you that I do not think there is anything very serious in the statement made by "Hazel".

We have coal oil street lamps at the head of each street in the village and the administration section at Tashme is illuminated by electric street lights. Unfortunately the capacity of the plant at Tashme does not permit us to put street lights in the village section.

T B Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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"Tashme General Hospital"

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Ottawa, January 27, 1945

AIR MAIL

Mr. George Collins,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
560 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

The attached copy of an intercepted letter from "Hazel" of the Tashme Hospital staff indicates a situation at that Centre which will undoubtedly increase in seriousness as more of the "hard characters" among the Japanese are directed to the Tashme Segregation Centre.

I would be obliged if you would confer with the Officer Commanding, R.C.M.P. at Vancouver, and see what steps should be taken to forestall any trouble of this nature at Tashme. The provision of more night watchmen and street lights would help to improve conditions for the time being. Perhaps

Please let me have your comments in due course.

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

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FROM:	TO:
Hazel, Tashme General Hospital, Tashme, B.C.	Mrs. Tammy Moriyama, P.O. Box 283, Raymond, Alta.
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Letter from one Japanese evacuee to her friend complaining of panicky conditons existing in Tashme.

Excerpt:

"Oh Grace, Tashme is getting to be a heck of a place, of all the men, that went to prison are sent here and really they're good for nothing robberies and what nots, so the girls are scared to go out at nights even in bunch.

Poor night watchman has to take the night shift girls that works at the hospital home, nothing hasn't happened so far, but when one gets scared all do. Especially my niece when she sees any of them even in the daytime, she runs to beat the band.

There's a man that came from Alberta, and we know him at the fish cannery at West Vancouver, he came to see me, gosh I even got scared and the words won't come out of my mouth and my legs were shivering. I heard he came on account of sexual case, so come to hear of that it makes anyone scare, he has that sly look and big googly eyes. Oh, what a sight, Grace."

Rest of letter is of no interest.

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Tashme, B.C.

TO: Mrs. C. Nobeta,
Bayfarm,
Slocan, B.C.

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Regarding the assembling of Internees and their families at Tashme.

Letter to friend.

"According to local talk the families of the internees are to assemble at Tashme. The house is ready. I do not know whether this is true or not. Those who were interned had noble ideas and who remained out are together forgetting their old obligations are just thinking of themselves are satisfied. Looking on at such people my tears drop on the earth of Tashme. This place may be an exception but the world has changed. When I was in Kaslo I noticed the same thing."

Rest of letter of no interest.

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Following excerpt from above correspondence between relatives, is [redacted].

"Ten single men were transferred here from Kaslo. Three undesirable men are also here from other district. The first one had been in jail six months for sex maniac. The second man had been in jail for robbery. The third one is inclined to steal. All of them were sent to Tashme and they were treated as if they were put into Internment Camp."

Rest of letter of no interest.

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COMMENTS

BUILDINGS GOING UP IN TASHME

Letter to husband. Excerpt is translated:-

"Sandon having been already closed and according to the local talk Greenwood, Slocan and Kaslo will be the next ones to be closed. In Tashme on the contrary the population is on the increase. On all sides around here buildings are going up. From all over people are to be sent here and also the internees. Anyway there are many buildings going up."

Rest of letter of no interest.

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per a. Bryson

Ottawa,
October 11, 1944

(Via Air Mail)

Mr. George Collins,
Commissioner, B.C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Collins,

In the matter of our conversations relative to Japanese when I was in the West, the following has occurred:

We have had discussions with External Affairs in regard to the appointment of the Commission and we have had discussions in regard to the question of issuing a statement of policy which might be more extended than that made by the Prime Minister.

We have also discussed the matter of an immediate or early conference with you and other officials. I have discussed with the Minister the idea of making Tashme the place at which we will assemble Japanese who are destined for Japan.

The Minister agrees with me that the plan of gradually moving families out of Tashme who may not be going to Japan and placing in Tashme families which we feel will be going to Japan should be proceeded with. We are also of the opinion that there is no particular need for delay and that we should start this right away.

I will be glad if you will let me know your views after you have had an opportunity of thinking the whole situation over carefully.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

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