

Ottawa, August 3, 1951.

Mr. E. W. Griffith,
Deputy Minister of Welfare,
Department of Health and Welfare,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Griffith:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 31 regarding the disposition of a Canteen Fund accumulated at Hastings Park, Vancouver, during the Japanese evacuation in 1942, and requesting clarification as to the status of certain stores.

The question of transferring the fund to the Province for the welfare of Japanese in New Denver was referred to the Department of Finance and the matter was discussed with the Department of Justice, who ruled that in circumstances such as this there would be no legal authority to do as the Department recommended and that the fund should be deposited to the credit of Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada. This has been so done.

Regarding the stores, which you state were left at New Denver, it is my understanding that these are all expendable items and, therefore, were transferred to the Province in conjunction with the taking over of administration of the project.

With reference to capital equipment, this was transferred to the Province by Order in Council P.C. 2516 of May 24, 1951, to which reference is made in my Minister's letter to the Honourable Byron I. Johnson dated June 9, 1951.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE
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July 31, 1951

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

With reference to your letter to me of December 17th, 1949, regarding disposition of a Canteen Fund of approximately \$2215.00 accumulated at Hastings Park, Vancouver, during the Japanese evacuation in 1942, I replied to you on January 16th, 1950, but there has been no further communication in this regard.

The Supervisor of the Japanese Project at New Denver is now enquiring as to whether or not this Fund or part of it could be made available for use of the Sanatorium and Pavilion Japanese patients at New Denver.

Under date of June 9th, 1951, Honourable Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Labour, forwarded to Honourable B.I. Johnson, Premier, certificates of title to the parcels of land comprising the New Denver Japanese Project and our Supervisor is now enquiring as to whether the transfer includes the stores which were left at New Denver by your Department and from which we have been making withdrawals as required.

I would appreciate clarification as to the status of the stores and also as to the availability of Canteen Funds.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
E.W. GRIFFITH

Deputy Minister of Welfare

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Japanese Division

640 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.
July 9, 1950.

Mr. P. R. Parent,
Director,
Administrative Services,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Parent:

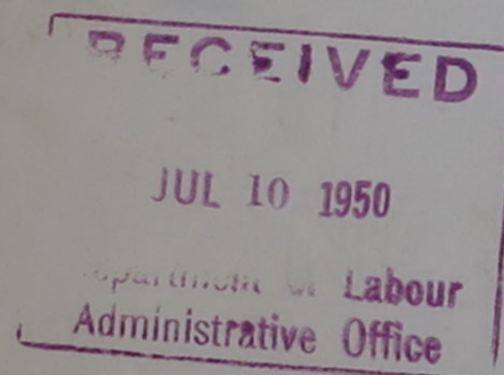
Re: Hastings Park Canteen Fund

We have your letter of June 30 and I have advised the Treasury here that the transfer of the Canteen Fund account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund may be completed any time.

I am pleased to note that it will be possible for you to reopen this matter should there be any representations made by the Province of British Columbia or by the Japanese organizations.

Yours very truly,

C. V. Booth
C. V. Booth.
Japanese Division
Department of Labour.



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June 30, 1950.

to: Mr. T. R. Russell,
Chief Treasury Officer.

Re: Hastings Park Canteen Fund.

With reference to our exchange of memoranda on the subject of the Japanese Hastings Park Canteen Fund and to the ruling made by the Comptroller of the Treasury that any credit balance must be deposited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Department does not propose taking any further action in this matter at the present time.

You will recall that I mentioned to you it was originally proposed that this fund might be used to supply comforts to Japanese patients in the New Denver Sanatorium, and if this contravenes the ruling of the Comptroller of the Treasury, special authority from Treasury Board might be sought. However, as stated above, we do not propose to proceed along these lines at this time. If further representations are made by the Province of British Columbia or by Japanese organizations, the Department may have to open up the question again.

In the meantime, I am advising Mrs. Booth that the account may be transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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P. R. Parent,
Director, Administrative Services.

cc to: Mrs. C.V. Booth.

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May 22, 1950.

to: Mr. A. MacNamara.

Re: Hastings Park Canteen Fund

You will recall the exchange of correspondence regarding disposal of monies which have accrued in the Hastings Park Canteen Fund. It was thought that this money could be usefully spent in providing comforts to Japanese patients in the New Denver sanatorium. When this decision was made, advice was sent to Mrs. Booth in order that expenditures might be made from the fund for this purpose, and she was asked to consult with the local Treasury Officer, Mr. F. G. Coburn, in order to devise an administrative procedure which might be followed to have cheques issued against the fund.

I am now in receipt of the attached communication from the Chief Treasury Officer of the Department, advising that any such bank balances are to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Apparently the Deputy Minister of Justice ruled to this effect on December 2, 1947.

For your information.

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P. R. Parent.

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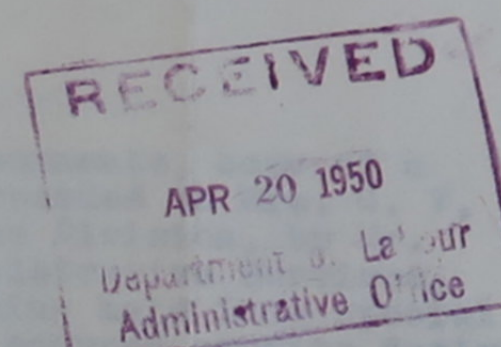
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Japanese Division

640 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
April 18, 1950.

Mr. P. R. Parent,
Director,
Administrative Services,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 4 re Canteen Fund, I would advise that Mr. Coburn has written to the Treasury Department in Ottawa on this matter and it is presumed that they will get in touch with you direct.

Although I think the expenditure of this money for the comfort of the indigent, aged, and hospitalized Japanese, as recommended by the B.C. Government Department of Health & Welfare, is a very good use to make of the Canteen Fund, I would suggest that help to certain self-supporting families might leave the agencies concerned open to criticism. These cases are hard to decide and it does not seem to be quite within the present field of the Provincial Government.

Also, we spent a number of years persuading the Japanese that every advantage would be theirs in moving to provinces other than B.C. and therefore it does not appear right to me that any greater assistance should be given to self-supporting families here than would be available to them in other provinces. This might also be the view of the Japanese in Eastern Canada, particularly such an organization as the J.C.C.A. which as you know was very anxious to get this money as funds for their Association.

Yours truly,

Japanese Division.
Department of Labour.

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CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:
84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

January 24, 1950.

Deputy Minister of Labour

JAN 25 1950

Referred: _____

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Upon receiving your letter of December 17th regarding the Hastings Park Canteen Fund amounting to approximately \$2,215.00 and your Department's consideration as to the most equitable disposition of these funds in the interest of the Japanese Canadians, to expend this money in providing special comforts for the Japanese patients in the New Denver Sanatorium, I have the following reply in answer to your Department's question:

Our Association, after having given careful consideration to this matter, is of the opinion that the most practical use that could be made for this fund would be to accept your Department's suggestion for its use to provide special comforts for Japanese patients in the New Denver Sanatorium.

In order to report fully to the Japanese Canadian people on the use to which this fund is to be put, our Association desires to know the nature of these special comforts which will be given to Japanese Canadian patients which ordinarily would not be provided by your Department in the ordinary course of administration of the Sanatorium for the patients. Our Association desires this information in order to make known to the Japanese Canadian people the nature of these special comforts so that they may know of the good use to which these funds are being put.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND WELFARE

Deputy Minister of Labour

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE
VICTORIA

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January 16, 1950

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

In reply to your letter of the 17th ultimo and further to my letter of the 29th ultimo, I am attaching copy of recommendation made by Regional Administrator J.W. Smith in his letter of the 12th instant.

The Pavilion, which is part of the Sanatorium layout, is being re-opened to take care of chronic cases. There are several evacuee Japanese who are presently being cared for in general hospitals in that area but who do not require active treatment and these can more conveniently be given such nursing care as they may require through the facilities of the Pavilion.

I feel that part of the Trust Fund could quite properly be used for the purchase of a radio, a record player, and other comforts for the Japanese patients. As the amount needed for this purpose would be quite limited, I think Mr. Adams' suggestion that the balance be used for rehabilitation purposes is a good one.

It seems to me that if you approve in principle, instructions could be issued to Mrs. Booth, or other appropriate officials, to make payment out of the Canteen Fund for purchases of equipment for the comfort and convenience of aged Japanese and that any requests for other forms of aid, such as suggested by Mr. Adams, could be forwarded to Ottawa for departmental approval.

Yours very truly,

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Deputy Minister of Welfare

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Box 470,
Nelson, B.C.
Jan. 12, 1950

Mr. E.W. Griffith,
Deputy Minister of Welfare,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Griffith:

Re: Canteen Fund

The above-noted subject and the use of the fund could be put to, has been discussed with Mr. Adams and the matron of the Sanatorium. It appears that cases in the Sanatorium itself are well supplied with radios, record players and other comforts as they have received money from various Nisei Associations in the east.

However, with the opening of the Pavilion, we feel it would be a good idea to allocate a portion of this money for the purchase of such things as a radio, record player and possibly some other comforts for aged Japanese.

Mr. Adams has suggested that it would be a very good idea if the balance of this money could be held in trust for the purpose of rehabilitating a family that might be burned out or possibly in helping some self-supporting Japanese who runs against heavy doctors' bills or possibly funeral expenses. This, of course, to apply to any part of the Province.

We look upon this fund as belonging to all the Japanese people and feel that, as far as possible after the indigent Japanese are taken care of, it should be available to those who run into unfortunate circumstances.

Yours very truly

"J.W. Smith"

Regional Administrator

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TO: Mr. H. Pammett

What we should do with this money is to turn it over for use of patients at the Sanatorium and I think that it might be a wise idea for us to write to Mr. Griffith and ask him if there are any special comforts the patients in the Sanatorium could use. Then, we could write to the Japanese Nationalist Organization and ask if such action would meet with their acquiescence. Please draft letters accordingly.

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A. MacNamara.

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Shelburne Park Community Centre

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA, November 10, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. P. R. Parent

We'll put this file away and you might remind me to discuss it with Mr. MacKinnon when he is in Ottawa around Christmas-time. He should be here about the 16th of December.

I am still reluctant to give this money to any Committee purporting to represent the Canadian Japanese because I do not think any such Association should be encouraged or do I think that the Association can be said to represent any more than a very small clique.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA, November 7, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. P. R. Parent

It seems to me that we are taking a chance by turning over this \$2,000 to a dying organization. I would rather set up a trusteeship of our own consisting of Smelts, Eaton and a Japanese, and have them use the money for helping Japanese through universities or in some other such way, or for helping them to go to vocational schools. What do you think of this idea?

There is a great deal in what MacKinnon says in regard to giving any encouragement to the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association which is nothing more or less than a Nationalistic organization.

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Ottawa, November 4, 1949.

Mr. George Tanaka,
National Executive Secretary,
Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,
84 Gerrard Street, East,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Further to your letter of September 21st regarding the Hastings Park Canteen Fund, I am now in a position to submit the following proposal:-

There is a balance in the fund of approximately \$2,200 and this Department is prepared to recommend that the fund be transferred to the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association on condition that the fund will be handled as trust money to provide bursaries for needy Japanese-Canadian students on educational pursuits, and that you will name a board of trustees who will be responsible for the approval of disbursements. The regulations formulated by the trustees covering the administration of the fund is to be submitted to this Department for approval before any action towards transfer is effected.

It is thought, for example, four bursaries for \$100 each could be awarded each year for five years to students in the first and second year at universities, or in senior matriculation years who are in need of special assistance to continue their education.

However, if your Association is prepared to meet the conditions as above outlined, I shall be pleased to receive from the trustees your Association may name any special recommendations. Before taking any steps to supplement the Department's recommendation for the transfer of these funds, I would like to receive from you an indication of acceptance of the conditions outlined and also a copy of the regulations which the trustees propose to follow in the administration of the fund.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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AIR
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:
SACKVILLE HOUSE
40 PICCADILLY
LONDON W. 1. ENGLAND

31st October 1949

Dear Mr. Parent:

re: Hastings Park Canteen Fund

As requested in your letter of October 22nd, I am returning herewith file covering the above-mentioned subject.

I am in accord with Mr. Brown's views on the disposition of this Fund - that we turn over the Fund to the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association with the proviso that the fund will be handled as a Trust Fund to provide bursaries for needy Japanese-Canadian students on educational purposes and that the Association would name a Board of Trustees who would be responsible for the approval of the disbursement. Further, that the regulations formulated by the Trustees covering the disbursement of funds receive the approval of the Department before the cash is released.

For your information, my recommendation to the Department in connection with the disbursement of this Fund was made following a full discussion with ^{Mr. Tom Shoyama} leading Japanese-Canadian Mr. Tom Shoyama, who has recently been taking his Degree at McGill University on a Dominion Provincial Scholarship that has had something to do with Housing. Mr. Shoyama is a former employee of the Saskatchewan Government. He was one of the early editors of the "New Canadian" and he is highly regarded by Japanese-Canadians.

I do not agree that we should turn over this Fund to the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association for any purpose they see fit because, in my opinion, it is high time that the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association disbanded and became assimilated in the general life of the Canadian community, without any

its membership on principles of good citizenship. The organization has also assisted the Japanese Canadian evacuees in becoming resettled in their respective communities throughout Canada to the extent that they are now fully conscious of their equality of citizenship status and of the opportunity that is presented to them in the activities of their local communities as good citizens.

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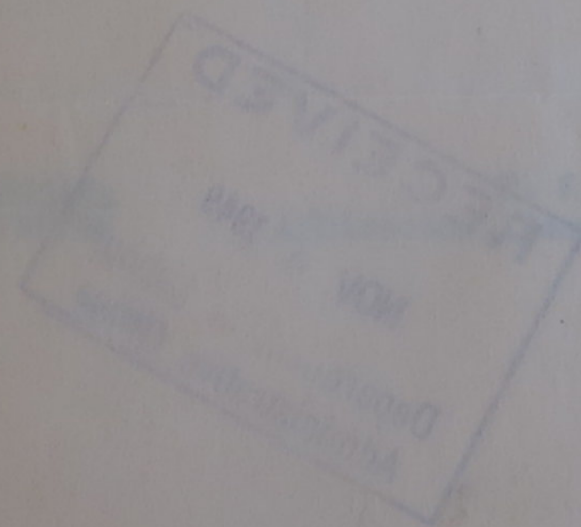
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hyphenated restriction. I would, however, as stated above, have no objection to the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association naming the Committee to administrate the Fund, as long as we stipulate that it is to be used in bursaries

Yours very truly,

J. F. MacKinnon
United Kingdom Representative.



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October 19, 1949.

to: Mr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister.

Regarding the letter attached from the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, requesting to have transferred to them monies on deposit in the Hastings Park Canteen Fund, the following facts have been determined:-

1. The money on deposit is in the Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver, and the balance as at May 31, 1949, was \$2,214.59.
2. The money can be withdrawn by departmental requisition through the Chief Treasury Officer at Vancouver.
3. Since the fund is made up of profits realized from canteen operations with Japanese capital, it is not considered public monies and, therefore, disbursements therefrom can be made by the administration. It is my view, however, that if any transfer in the administration of the fund is contemplated, it would be as well to have Treasury Board approval for the proposed action.
4. In July of 1948, Mr. MacKinnon recommended that the money be transferred to a Special Bursary Fund for persons of Japanese origin and have the fund administered by a committee. This was agreed to in principle, but the committee was apparently never established, since the Department was hesitant at that time to rush the transfer of money into the hands of the committee.

You will note from the attached that I have sought Mr. Brown's views on the disposition of the fund, and personally I am inclined to agree with his suggestion that we turn over the fund to the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, with the proviso that the fund will be handled as a trust fund to provide bursaries for needy Japanese-Canadian students on educational purposes, and that the Association would name a board of trustees who would be responsible for the approval of the disbursement. Further, that the regulations formulated by the trustees covering the disbursements of funds receive the approval of the Department before the cash is released.

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If you approve of this proposal and also the fact that we should first seek Treasury Board consent, will you please advise me so that I can proceed accordingly.

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P. R. Parent,
A/Director, Administrative Services.

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SEP 22 1949

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:
84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

September 21, 1949.

Deputy Minister of Labour

SEP 22 1949

Referred:

Mr. Arthur J. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you with reference to certain funds which I understand were accumulated by Japanese Canadians while living in the Hastings Park Clearing Centre in Vancouver, B. C., during the time of the Evacuation of these citizens from Coastal British Columbia in 1942 and 1943.

While I was in Vancouver, B. C., under a special Labour Department permit working in my capacity as the executive officer of the organization making representations to the Government of British Columbia against the continued existence of legislative discrimination in that Province, in 1947 - '48, I met with Mr. J. F. MacKinnon in charge of the Japanese Division in Vancouver and was informed that a substantial sum of money representing balances from the former Japanese Canadian Canteen Fund of the Hastings Park Clearing Centre existed and that it was possible that these funds might be transferred to our organization, the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, to be used in continuing the welfare work of the organization for the Japanese Canadians.

While our organization has not previously submitted any application to your Department, either directly to your office or through Mr. MacKinnon, with reference to this sum of money, and while we have no knowledge as to the Department responsible for these funds, we presume that your Department has knowledge of it and we are therefore appealing to you for consideration of our application for the funds.

The National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association which has as its fundamental aim to work for the welfare of all Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry, was organized in Toronto, September 1, 1947, as a national organization in conference with attending delegates from the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. It has now been in existence for two years and has been in operation through membership fees and donations received from Japanese Canadians living throughout Canada. This national organization has held two national conferences and is about to hold its third national conference in Lethbridge, Alberta, in November of this year with representative delegates from six Provinces.

During the past two years, the organization has accomplished numerous advances for its members. It has worked against the continuance of discriminatory legislation, has contributed towards the gaining of the British Columbia Provincial Franchise for Japanese Canadians through its representation made to the British Columbia Government, has encouraged and assisted Japanese Nationals domiciled in Canada in obtaining Canadian Citizenship, and has carried out an intensive educational programme amongst its membership on principles of good citizenship. The organization has also assisted the Japanese Canadian evacuees in becoming resettled in their respective communities throughout Canada to the extent that they are now fully conscious of their equality of citizenship status and of the opportunity that is presented to them in the activities of their local communities as good citizens.

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Mr J. MacNamara,
Minister of Labour, Ottawa -
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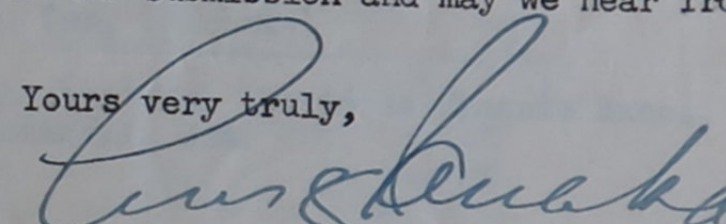
These accomplishments of the organization have been achieved due to the fact our organization has been set up on a national scale with a national headquarters in Toronto and with Provincial chapters in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, with local supporting chapters in each Province. The activities of the organization are, in the main, carried out through the voluntary contribution in time and effort of the various individual executives and members throughout the various Provinces. A full-time national office is maintained in Toronto with a full-time paid Executive Secretary and Office Secretary. The work of the national office is under the supervision of the National Executive Committee which meets monthly in Toronto and is comprised of 20 members who are appointed by the National Council which, in turn, is composed of representative delegates from six Provinces who meet annually.

If the aforementioned former Japanese Canadian Canteen Fund of the Hastings Park Clearing Centre is held in trust by your Department, we wish to submit an application on behalf of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association for these funds in order that they may be used in connection with the work of the organization for the benefit of all Japanese Canadians.

We enclose the following stated documents which we believe would afford you background information on the work of the organization, some of its past record, and operating expenses: (1) Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 1948; (2) 2 copies of the Constitution of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Assoc.; (3) Report of the first National Conference Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, 1947; (4) Report to the Second National Conference from the Office of the Executive Secretary.

May we receive your kind consideration to our submission and may we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,



GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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