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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

*Major-General the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, one of His Majesty's Personal Aides-de-Camp.*

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA



**Report of a Committee of the Privy Council ON MATTERS  
OF STATE.**

**PRESENT**

The HONOURABLE

I. A. MACKENZIE  
C. G. POWER  
C. D. HOWE  
A. L. MACDONALD  
J. T. THORSON  
L. S. ST. LAURENT

APPROVED.  
14 APRIL 1942

*May it please Your Excellency*





The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 7th April, 1942, from the Minister of Labour, representing as follows,-

The Chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission reports that it was urgently necessary to acquire immediately suitable temporary accommodation in the City of Vancouver for personnel of Japanese origin who are in the course of being removed from the Coastal Protected area, and that under authority of Order in Council dated March 16, 1942, P.C. 1968, and in accordance with arrangements made between the Minister of Labour and the Minister of National Defence, the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence entered into negotiations with the Vancouver Exhibition Association with a view of leasing from the Association two buildings situated in the Exhibition Grounds of Hastings Park, Vancouver, and known as the Livestock Building and the Women's Building, in accordance with terms set out in the said Order in Council P.C. 1968.

Subsequent to the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence having reached a satisfactory arrangement with the Exhibition Association with respect to the two buildings aforesaid it developed that the requirements of the British Columbia Security Commission were much greater than had been anticipated and that it would be necessary to acquire for the use of the Commission all the lands and buildings of the Exhibition Association known as Hastings Park, other than the Golf Course and the Race Track adjacent thereto. The Real Estate Adviser thereupon endeavoured to negotiate reasonable terms with the Vancouver Exhibition Association with regard to the use of all its lands and buildings as mentioned but he reports that his endeavours in this respect were unsuccessful.

Due to the urgency of the situation the Minister of Labour instructed the Real Estate Adviser to take such steps as might be necessary to acquire the larger accommodation which was required and accordingly the said Real Estate Adviser had an appropriate plan and description of the said property, duly signed by a qualified Provincial land surveyor as prescribed by the Expropriation Act, deposited in the Land Registry Office at Vancouver, B.C., under which a limited interest, for a period commencing March 28th, 1942, and terminating at midnight on 31st December, 1942, was taken by His Majesty in respect of the lands and premises in question.

The said plan and description were filed in the office of the Registrar of Titles at Vancouver, B.C., under No. 34048,

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The Minister, therefore, recommends,-

1. That the action taken in expropriating the lands and buildings, in accordance with documents filed No. 34048, be approved and that the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence be authorized to continue negotiations with the Vancouver Exhibition Association with a view to arriving at reasonable compensation satisfactory to the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence and subject to final approval by the Minister of Labour, and that, should the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence fail to be able to arrange compensation on terms which he considers fair and reasonable, the matter of compensation be judicially determined under the provisions of the Expropriation Act.
2. That, as the Crown took possession of two buildings, namely the Livestock Building and the Women's Building, within the Exhibition Grounds on the 1st day of March, 1942, the Real Estate Adviser of the Department of National Defence be empowered to include in his negotiations, referred to above, satisfactory compensation covering the Crown's occupancy between the 1st day of March, 1942, and the date of filing documents No. 34048, namely the 28th day of March, 1942.
3. That, as the plan deposited with the Registrar of Titles bears a note setting out that the property has been expropriated by His Majesty the King for the use of his Department of National Defence, the control and administration of the interest in the lands and premises so expropriated be hereby transferred to the Minister of Labour, and that the said Order in Council dated March 16, 1942, P.C. 1968, be construed as if the foregoing was an amendment thereto.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations and submit the same for approval.

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