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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

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APPROVED.

18 AUGUST 1912

May it please Your Excellency



The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee
of the Privy Council held on the eighteenth day of
August, 1942, contained in this Report, comprising

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are submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

Approved
H. G. Duff

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL

Submitted for Your Excellency's Information.

18.8.42

P.C. 7365

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 18th August, 1942, from the Minister of Labour stating that the British Columbia Security Commission now functioning under Orders in Council dated Mar 4, 1942 (P.C. 1665 and 1666) has submitted to him under regulation 10 of said P.C. 1665 further details in the progressive developments of plans for evacuation of enemy aliens from the protected area of British Columbia; said plans having been outlined in and approved by Orders in Council P.C. 2616, dated April 1, 1942, P.C. 5633, dated June 29, 1942 and P.C. 5965, dated July 10, 1942, all of which Orders in Council authorized the British Columbia Security Commission to extend a total sum not in excess of \$205,000.00 in evacuating persons of the Japanese race from the protected areas of British Columbia to abandoned Mining Camp towns, villages and settlements in the interior of British Columbia, such as Slocan, Kaslo, Sandon, Greenwood and other points. These Orders in Council included the necessary authority to acquire and/or provide necessary year-round accommodation in such places to adequately house and protect the aforesaid groups and to recondition such housing so acquired, and also the purchase of one thousand tents;

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That it was found impossible to maintain the number of men in work camps as was originally planned owing to the fact that the camps were located close to railways over which were transported large amounts of war material, and that in addition, it develops that the placement of enemy alien families of Japanese origin on farms in the western provinces and Ontario will take some time because the aforementioned people have developed an apathetic attitude towards securing employment and are taking little interest in obtaining work, preferring to live in communities amongst their own people.

The Minister further states that the British Columbia Security Commission requests that authority be given to undertake the following:--

1. The building of approximately nine hundred small houses, in addition to the two hundred already built, which will cost approximately \$350.00 each.
2. The provision of hospital facilities.
3. To provide other improvements, such as staff accommodation, sidewalks, toilet facilities, bathing facilities, recreation centres, etc.

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4. The development of some plan for educating approximately five thousand children.
5. The opening of trading stores at these settlements, for the purpose of receiving surplus farm products produced by persons of the Japanese race and disposing of same, and conducting a general store business for these people.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that authority be granted under the War Measures Act, Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, to charge any cost incurred by the British Columbia Security Commission in the development of plans outlined herein approved of by the Minister of Labour, not in excess of \$550,000.00, in carrying out all or any of the above purposes referred to above, to moneys allotted from the War Appropriation 1942-43 for the evacuation from the protected areas in the Province of British Columbia of persons of the Japanese race, and that said sum be in addition to the amounts authorized by Orders in Council P.C. 2616 of the 1st April, 1942, P.C. 5533 of the 29th June, 1942, and P.C. 5965 of the 10th July, 1942.

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

J. Malton

Approved

H. Duff

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL

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