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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 RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

THE HONOURABLE

T. A. CRERAR

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N. A. McLARTY

APPROVED.
24 OCTOBER 1942

May it please Your Excellency



Appointment of Judge J.C.A. Cameron, Belleville, Ont., a Commissioner under Part I of the Inquiries Act, to inquire into certain charges, allegations &c appearing in the Vancouver News Herald.

Minister of Justice, representing:-

That the newspaper "Vancouver News Herald" in its issues of the 26th September, 1942, and 9th October, 1942, published articles referring to a 'Japanese Fascist-like gang' as being directly affiliated with the 'Black Dragon Society of Japan' and to Etsuji Morii as being connected therewith;

That the said articles contained charges, allegations and statements and asked questions which cast reflections on the British Columbia Security Commission, the administration of the Defence of Canada Regulations, as well as upon the said Morii and others; and

That in the opinion of the Minister of Justice it is expedient, in the public interest, that a full, complete and impartial inquiry be made into the matters referred to in these articles.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, advise that His Honour Judge John Charles Alexander Cameron of the City of Belleville, in the Province of Ontario, be appointed a Commissioner under Part I of the Inquiries Act, chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, to inquire into and report upon the charges, allegations, statements and questions contained in articles on page one of the Vancouver News Herald of Vancouver, British Columbia, dated 26th September, 1942, under the heading, "Nippon Black Dragon Operates within B.C.", and on page four under the heading "Black Dragon in B.C.", and in the issue of the same paper dated 9th October, 1942, on page one under the heading "Reporters find Japs are loath to go to 'Morii Camp'".

The Committee further advise that the Commissioner be authorized to engage the services of such clerks, reporters and assistants as he may deem necessary and advisable.

The Committee also advise that the Commissioner be paid a travelling allowance, in addition to moving or transportation expenses, of twenty dollars per diem for each day actually engaged on the Inquiry, the expenditure to be paid out of the War Appropriation Vote.

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

President.

PRIVY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Ottawa, ^{24th} October, 19 ⁴².

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