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TO HIS EXCELLENCY



*Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp General.*

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

J. A. MACKINNON  
E. BERTRAND  
J. JEAN  
M. F. GREGG

APPROVED

17 FEBRUARY 1948

*May it please Your Excellency*

*The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee  
of the Privy Council held on the      seventeen      day of  
February      1948 , contained in this Report, comprising  
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*are submitted for Your Excellency's approval.*

*Approved*

*Alexander of Tunis.*

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The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 9th February, 1948, from the Minister of Labour, submitting:

That by agreements entered into between the British Columbia Security Commission and the Province of Alberta under dates of September 1, 1942 and December 1, 1942, the said Commission agreed to make contributions toward the relief of indigent persons of the Japanese race who were evacuated from the protected areas of British Columbia and were temporarily relocated in the Province of Alberta pursuant to an agreement between the British Columbia Security Commission and the Province of Alberta, and to pay to the Province of Alberta a yearly contribution toward the cost of education for each child of such persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the protected area of British Columbia and temporarily relocated in the Province of Alberta as aforesaid;

That by Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5, 1943, the obligations of the British Columbia Security Commission under the aforesaid agreements were assumed by His Majesty in the right of Canada;

That negotiations have been under way between the Government of the Province of Alberta and the Minister of Labour with a view to terminating the agreements aforesaid; and

That an agreement has been arrived at in this respect which is contained in a letter from the Minister of Labour to the Honourable E.C. Manning, Premier of the Province of Alberta, dated January 15, 1948, and a reply from the Honourable Mr. E.C. Manning, dated January 31, 1948, copies of which correspondence are marked as Schedule I hereto.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour, advise that Your Excellency may be pleased to approve the terms of settlement outlined in the correspondence marked as Schedule I hereto and to authorize the Minister of Labour to carry out the terms of settlement as therein provided; such sums as may be necessary to carry out the terms thereof to be paid out of the Annual Appropriation, Department of Labour, for Japanese Administration.

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Approved

Alexander of Tunis *[Signature]*

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Schedule I

Ottawa, January 15, 1948.

Honourable E. C. Manning,  
Premier,  
Province of Alberta,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Manning:

Following upon our earlier correspondence and the recent discussion which my Deputy, Mr. MacNamara, had with you relating to the status of persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the coastal area of British Columbia and who were brought in to the Province of Alberta pursuant to agreements entered into between the Province and the British Columbia Security Commission on behalf of the Dominion Government in 1942, I am now authorized to submit to you, on behalf of the Government, the following proposals for the termination of the agreements referred to above and for the winding up of the administration which this Department has carried on in Alberta for the maintenance and welfare of persons of the Japanese race in the Province:

1. That the Dominion and the Province will share equally on a dollar for dollar basis the expenditures with respect to education and welfare assistance for Japanese evacuees in Alberta which the Dominion has heretofore been responsible for under the terms of the agreements between the Province and the Dominion represented by the British Columbia Security Commission and that this provision for sharing of costs will run for a two-year period from March 31, 1948. At the expiration of this two-year period, the Dominion contribution will cease.
2. That the Province will continue to be responsible for the administration of all matters relating to education and welfare for the Japanese evacuees from British Columbia in the Province and will appoint a Provincial Officer who will work with the representative of the Department of Labour and the Commissioner of Japanese Placement in matters of joint Dominion-Provincial interest relating to the Japanese during the two-year period of joint responsibility
3. That all persons of the Japanese race in Alberta will, after March 31, 1948, be accorded the same status and treatment by the Province as other residents of the Province.

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I should also like to advise that, as a result of discussions with the Province of British Columbia, the Province has advised me that in the case of Japanese who were moved into your Province as temporary residents, and who may claim old age pensions, the residential period in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of the Old Age Pensions Act will not be considered to start to run until April 1, 1948.

I trust that the foregoing proposals will be acceptable to your Government and will be glad to have your advice on the matter when you have had the opportunity to consider the same.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Humphrey Mitchell.

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SCHEDULE I

Office of the Premier  
Alberta

Edmonton,  
January 31, 1948.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Re - Japanese Evacuees

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant outlining your proposals with respect to persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the Coastal area of British Columbia under agreements entered into between this Province and the British Columbia Security Commission on behalf of the Dominion Government, in 1942.

The proposals outlined in your communication are acceptable to the Government of this Province.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Ernest C. Manning  
Premier.

The Honourable Mr. Humphrey Mitchell,  
Minister of Labour,  
OTTAWA, Canada.