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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
COLIN GIBSON
A. FOURNIER
J. JEAN
L. CHEVRIER
J.J. McCANN
M.F. GREGG

APPROVED.

6 MARCH 1948

May it please Your Excellency

*The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee
of the Privy Council held on the fifth day of
March, 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 27th February, 1948 from the Minister of Labour, representing:

That by Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943, the Minister of Labour was authorized to make provision for the maintenance, welfare and relocation of persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the coastal area of British Columbia in 1942;

That the Minister of Labour has temporarily, during the period of evacuation and relocation of persons of the Japanese race, provided for the maintenance and welfare, including hospitalization of indigent persons of the Japanese race, who have been resident in the Province of British Columbia since the date of evacuation;

That negotiations have been under way between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Minister of Labour with a view to the assumption by the Province of the maintenance and welfare of the said persons of the Japanese race resident in the Province of British Columbia;

That the proposals to this end, which are contained in a letter from the Minister of Labour to the Honourable G. S. Pearson, Minister of Health and Welfare for the Province of British Columbia, dated January 15th, 1948, have been accepted on behalf of the Government of the Province of British Columbia by letter from the Minister of Health and Welfare to the Minister of Labour under date of February 23rd, 1948.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour, advise that Your Excellency may be pleased to approve and confirm the terms of the agreement contained in the said correspondence, of which a copy is hereto attached marked Schedule I, and to authorize the Minister of Labour to take necessary steps to carry out the terms of the said agreement; such sums as may be necessary to carry out the agreement to be paid out of the Annual Appropriation, Department of Labour for Japanese Administration.

Approved

Alexander of Tunis

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SCHEDULE I *P.C. 958.0*
Government of the Province of British Columbia

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

VICTORIA

February 23, 1948

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I regret my reply to your letter of the 15th ultimo has been unavoidably delayed.

The proposals made on behalf of your Government are acceptable to the Province of British Columbia and I wish to comment on the numbered paragraphs as follows:

3. I assume that under the arrangement the buildings presently owned by the Dominion in the New Denver project will be maintained and repaired on a dollar-per-dollar basis.

4. We welcome the appointment of the Commissioner of Japanese Administration to be your representative on the joint administration committee. We nominate Mr. J.W. Smith, Regional Administrator, Social Welfare Branch, Nelson, as our representative on the Committee and if you consider it desirable to do so we may suggest the name of an official who will be responsible for social welfare services in the area as a third Member of the Committee. As far as they may be required we will transfer employees of the Japanese Division Staff, Department of Labour, on April 1st, 1948, wages and salaries not to be inconsistent with those paid for like work in the Provincial Service; all such expenditures to come under the provisions of paragraph 1.

In respect to the present staff, I am sure you will appreciate the fact that we cannot guarantee continuity of employment because we do not wish to perpetuate the New Denver project as a Social Welfare Community. It is our hope that those who cannot be rehabilitated may be settled in areas where there are substantial numbers of Japanese living on a self-supporting basis.

I will be glad if you will ask the Commissioner of Japanese Placement to interview Mr. E.W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare, preliminary to contacting Mr. J.W. Smith, Regional Administrator of Nelson.

It is noted that you have confirmed the arrangement in respect to Japanese old age pensioners and applicants living outside of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Geo. S. Pearson (signed)

MINISTER

P.B. 958-6
Minister of Labour

Ottawa, Ontario,
January 15, 1948.

Honourable G. S. Pearson,
Minister of Health and Welfare,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The programme which the Dominion Government undertook for the relocation of persons of the Japanese race who were evacuated from the Coastal area of British Columbia has for all practical purposes been completed. The Government is anxious to wind up the administration which was established by the Department of Labour in British Columbia to provide for the maintenance and welfare of these Japanese during the period of evacuation and relocation by arrangement which will be mutually satisfactory to the Dominion and the Province.

Proposals to this end have been discussed very recently by my Deputy, Mr. MacNamara, with you at Victoria.

I am now authorized, on behalf of the Government, to submit the following proposals to you for the consideration of your Government:

1. From and after March 31, 1948, expenditures for maintenance and welfare of Japanese in the Province of British Columbia who were evacuated from the Coastal area, including maintenance, illness and the administrative costs in connection therewith, to be shared by the Province and the Dominion on a dollar-per-dollar basis.
2. The provincial authorities will assume responsibility for administration of welfare and maintenance of Japanese as above, but will set up a joint Administrative Committee in connection therewith on which the Dominion will be represented.
3. The buildings presently owned by the Dominion in the New Denver project, which have been utilized in connection with the housing, welfare and treatment of Japanese, will continue to be made available by the Dominion to the Province for the care, housing and treatment of Japanese as required for that purpose.

4. The Commissioner of Japanese Administration of the Department of Labour to be the Dominion representative on the joint Administration Committee. This Department will continue to be responsible to pay his remuneration. Other employees on the Japanese Division staff, Department of Labour, who are engaged in the administration and care of Japanese indigent and invalid cases in British Columbia, as far as they may be required, to be taken over by the Province and transferred to the provincial payroll as from April 1, 1948.

5. The foregoing arrangement for Dominion financial contribution to continue in effect until March 31, 1950, after which date the Dominion financial contribution provided for under this arrangement will cease.

I trust that the proposals will be acceptable. If acceptable, I will ask the Commissioner of Japanese Placement to meet with your officers and work out such further details as may be required to implement the agreement arrived at.

I also take this opportunity to confirm the arrangement which has been agreed to between us, that in the case of Japanese evacuated from the Coastal area who have moved outside of British Columbia and who claim Old Age Pensions, the residential period in the Province where they have taken up their new residence shall not start until April 1, 1948, for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Humphrey Mitchell