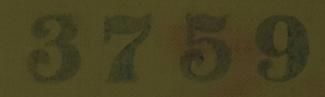


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TO HIS EXCELLENCY



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

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MARCH 1948

The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee day of of the Privy Council held on the fifth 1948, contained in this Report, comprising March, items numbered:

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Court Lederen hisiri on saginal P.B.958-a I will be glad if you will ask the Commissioner I 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

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. Which was established by the Department of Labour in 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.

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.

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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