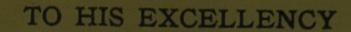


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GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Report of a Committee of the Privy Council ON MATTERS OF STATE.

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

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97 10 Ruigh P.C. 3197 The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 9th July, 1948, from the Minister of Labour, submitting: That by agreement entered into by correspondence between the British Columbia Security Commission and the Province of Manitoba, the said Commission agreed to make contributions for the maintenance and welfare 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 Manitoba in accordance with arrangements made between the British Columbia Security Commission and the Province of Manitoba; That by Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943, the obligations of the British Columbia Security Commission in relation to the foregoing commitments inter alia were assumed by His Majesty in right of Canada; That negotiations have been under way between the Province of Manitoba and the Minister of Labour with a view to terminating the agreement 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 S.S. Garson, Premier of the Province of Manitoba, dated January 16th, 1948, and a letter by way of acceptance from the said Honourable S.S. Garson, dated July 2nd, 1948, and a further letter from the Minister of Labour to the Honourable S.S. Garson dated July 8th, 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. approved Thupen BEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL

P.C. 3197-2 SCHEDULE I Ottawa, July 8, 1948. Honourable Stuart S. Garson, Premier of Manitoba, Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dear Premier Garson: Re: Persons of the Japanese Race brought to Manitoba by the Dominion Government. I have your letter of July 2nd on the above matter for which I am very much obliged. The qualification which you set forth in your letter of June 15th and quoted in your letter of July 2nd is understood and is acceptable here. Thanking you again for your assistance in this matter, Yours sincerely, S.O.R. 11-8-48.

It appears that the Dominion Government has granted the Alberta Government assistance towards the costs of the education of Japanese children because of the fact that in Alberta a large number of Japanese were brought into a relatively small area with the result that additional school facilities had to be provided specifically for the use of the Japanese. Under those circumstances we are prepared to agree that this additional assistance to Alberta need not be made available to Manitoba and we are therefore prepared to accept the proposal as set forth in your letter of January 16th, with the qualification that I set forth in my letter of June 15, namely that "if any arrangement is worked out with regard to welfare and assistance with any other province under conditions, which, if applied to Manitoba, would result in a cost to Manitoba lower than the cost to Manitoba which will arise under the proposal outlined in your letter of January 16th, then Manitoba will have the right to accept the arrangement which is offered the other Provinces".

I can assure you that the Dominion Government and Mr. J.F. Mackinnon, your Commissioner of Japanese Placement, will receive the utmost co-operation from this Government with regard to the administrative arrangements necessary to carry out the agreement.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) Stuart Garson

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Ottawa, January 16, 1948.

Honourable Stuart S. Garson, K.C., Minister of Dominion-Provincial Relations, Province of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Garson:

Following upon earlier correspondence and recent discussions which my Deputy, Mr. MacNamara, has 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 Manitoba during the war years under arrangements between the Dominion and the Province, I submit, for your consideration, the following proposals for the termination of the arrangements so made and the winding up of our own departmental administrative arrangements relating to the maintenance and welfare of these persons of the Japanese race:

- The Dominion and the Province will share equally on a dollar for dollar basis the expenditures with reference to welfare and assistance for the Japanese evacuees in Manitoba for which the Dominion has heretofore been responsible under the arrangement which has been in effect between the Province and the Dominion. 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.
- The Province will be responsible for the administration of all matters relating to maintenance and welfare of the Japanese in the Province and will designate a Provincial Officer who will work with the representative of the Department of Labour of joint Dominion-Provincial interest relating to the Japanese in the Province during the two-year period.

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

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to you, I will ask for confirmation of the same by Cabinet.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL