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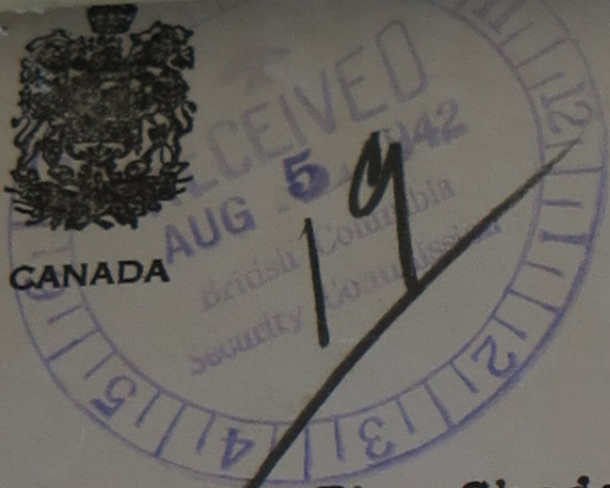
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IMMIGRATION SHED
VANCOUVER - DAMAGE
TO PROPERTY, 1942



Department of National Defence

- Army -
Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C., 4th August 1942

The Chairman,
B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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\$ 1145.00
M D Y O C x

JAPANESE INTERNEES

Dear Sir:-

The sum of \$2,332.26 was collected from certain Japanese Internees while they were held in custody in the Immigration Building Vancouver.

2. Individual receipts were given in each case and the whole of the money placed in the Bank of Montreal in trust account. The matter was referred to National Defence Headquarters and advice has now been received that this money be handed to the custodian of enemy property but it's disposition rests with you. It is requested advice now be forwarded as to whom this money should be paid to.

3. Attention is also drawn to the fact that there are bills for some \$1,200.00 account to contractors and covering repairs which were necessitated through damage done to the Immigration Building by a later detachment of Internees. As these repairs were authorized by this department it is requested that steps may be taken to liquidate the contractor's accounts as soon as possible.

Bill O'Keefe
Cheque not yet sent.
Jm.

Yours truly,

Hugh Allan

Lieut.-Colonel for

(R.G. Whitelaw) Brigadier,
Brigadier i/c Administration,
Pacific Command.

/h.

AIR MAIL

August 5, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Enclosed is copy of letter from the Department of National Defence under date of August 4th with reference to monies collected from Japanese internees while in the custody of the Immigration Building, Vancouver.

I presume this money should be forwarded to the Department responsible for the internees. However, we would appreciate your instructions.

Sincerely,

Austin G. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

ACT/JM
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

SECRET

ARMY
Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C., 11, August 1942...

The Chairman,
B.C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our conversation on the subject of money collected from Japanese Internees.

2. Definite advice has been received from National Defence Headquarters to the effect that the custodian of alien ^{ENEMY} money property states that the cash and securities held personally by Japanese within the restricted area remains the property of the individual and that they are, therefore, entitled to retain these funds.

3. It is requested that advice ~~will~~ be received as to the disposition to be made of the funds, now lying in trust account in the Bank of Montreal, Vancouver, which funds were taken from Japanese who were being held in custody in the Immigration Building, Vancouver.

Yours truly,

Hugh Allaw

Lieut.-Colonel for
(R.G. Whitelaw) Brigadier,
Brigadier i/c Administration,
Pacific Command.

/h.

August 17, 1942.

Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Allan,
Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
City.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the money collected from Japanese
Internees as mentioned in your letter of August 11th, we have
written Ottawa asking for instructions and will communicate
with you upon receipt of same.

Yours very truly,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

ACT/JM

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY
Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C. 16, August 1942.

Secret

The Chairman,
B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to this Headquarters letter dated 11th August.

2. It has now been definitely stated by the Officer Commanding Vancouver Defences that the money collected from Japanese held in custody in the Immigration Building, and which was deposited in a credit trust account, Bank of Montreal, represents funds belonging to the same group of Japanese that were responsible for the damage to the building which, presumably, would allow the payment of the Contractor accounts.

3. As the Dominion Government District Resident Architect has again written pressing for payment it would be appreciated if some immediate action can be taken and advice forwarded here so that the contractors accounts will be protected.

Hugh Allan

Lieut.-Colonel for

(R.G. Whitelaw) Brigadier,
Brigadier i/c Administration,
Pacific Command.

/h.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
Marine Building
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Room 142,
Justice Building,
OTTAWA, August 12, 1942.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant regarding monies collected from Japanese detained in the Immigration Building, Vancouver, at the request of the British Columbia Security Commission:

It is my opinion that as this money is the property of the individual Japanese from whom it was taken it should be returned to them and I cannot see how we would be justified in taking any other course. It should, therefore, be forwarded to the Department of the Secretary of State for distribution to the individual Japanese, if and when they are released. In my opinion it would be improper to deduct the amount of \$1,200.00 for repairs to the Immigration Building from money such as this. It would cause no end of trouble later on as those that are innocent would not be willing to share the responsibility with those who are guilty.

It is noted that individual receipts have been given for each amount taken.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. J. Mead
(F. J. Mead)
Commissioner,
British Columbia Security Commission.

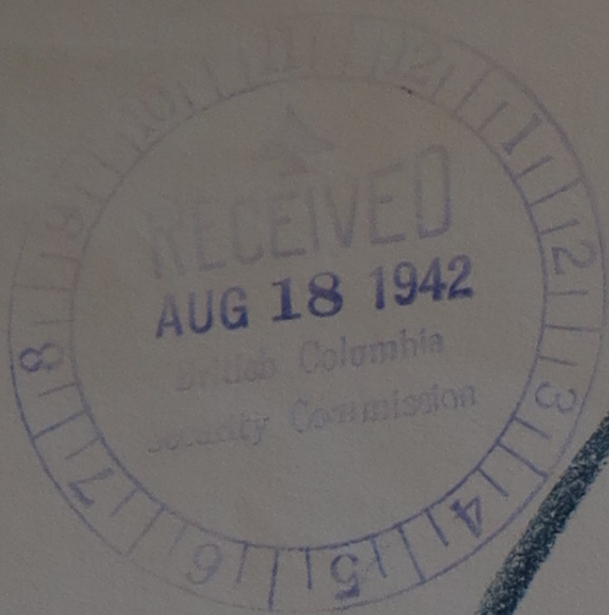
A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

FJM/MD

DEPUTY MINISTER
OF LABOUR



Ottawa, August 14, 1942.



Dear Mr. Taylor:

Please note the attached from
Mr. F. J. Mead, Commissioner.

I endorse Mr. Mead's views and
would suggest that arrangements be made accordingly.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. MacNamara".

Associate Deputy Minister
(A. MacNamara)

Encl.

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman,
B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

August 18, 1942.

Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Allan,
Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
City.

Dear Sir:

With reference to our previous correspondence re monies collected from certain Japanese internees while they were held in the Immigration Building in Vancouver, I now enclose copy of letter from Mr. MacNamara, Associate Deputy Minister of Labor, Ottawa, together with copy of a letter from F. J. Mead, Assistant Commissioner, R. C. M. P., Ottawa, both of which you will find self-explanatory.

Trusting this is the information you requested, I am

Yours very truly,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

ACT/JM
Enc's.

MORANDUM

From the desk of

Mr. Simmons

To

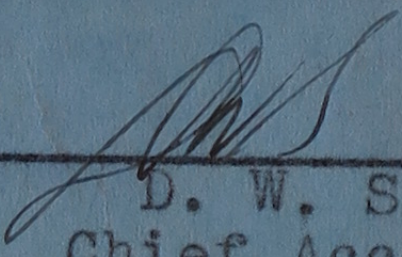
Mr. Hawkins

(Mrs. Hammett)

Subject:

Re: Damage to Immigration Hall, Vancouver

We understand from the C. I. B. that a collection was made from the internees at this hall to cover damage done by them to the building. We presume that this refers to the damage which was repaired at the expense of our Commission. This is the only information we have on the matter.


D. W. Simmons,
Chief Accountant.

DWS:MF

ACT/JM
Enc's.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

VANCOUVER, B.C., May 18th, 1942.

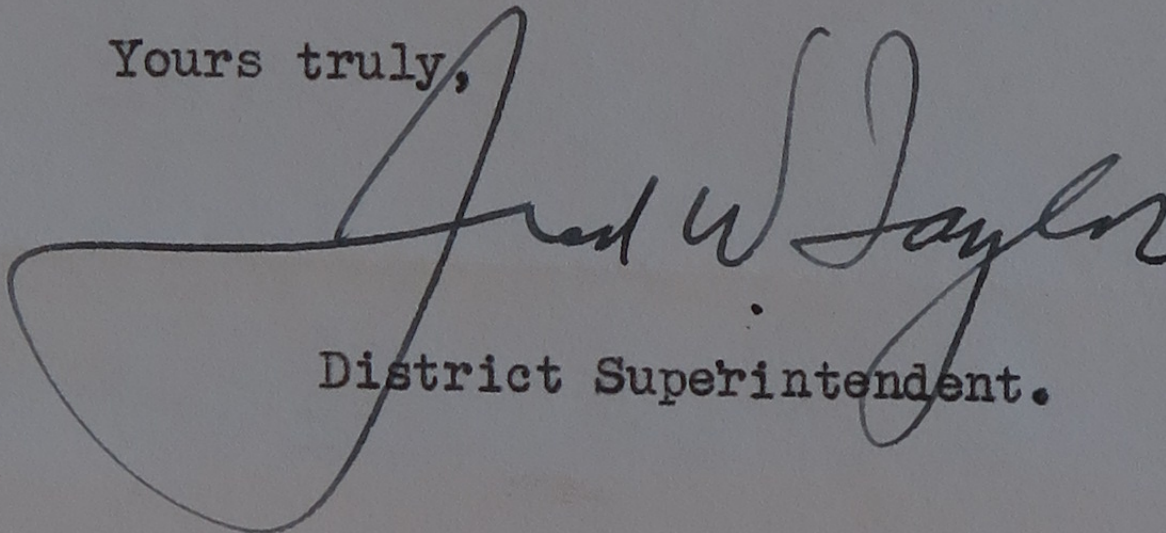
Dear Sir:-

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You are no doubt aware of the rather exciting time we had last week with one hundred and fifty odd Japanese being housed here, at which time they did considerable damage to our Building.

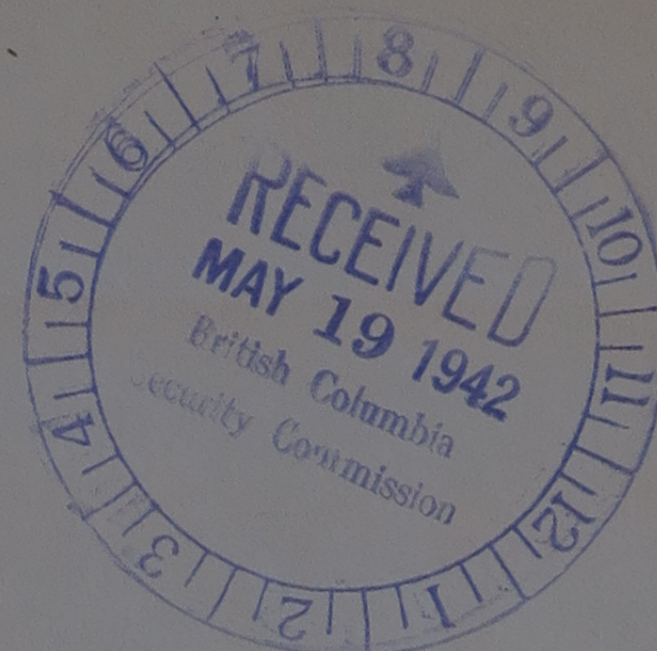
According to the Public Works Officials it will take some \$1,200.00 to repair our walls, plumbing, replacing of windows and bars and you might let me know if we will look to your office for payment of all this or just which Department of the Government Service is responsible.

Yours truly,



District Superintendent.

Major Austin C. Taylor, ✓
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.



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May 19, 1942.

Mr. Fred W. Taylor,
District Superintendent,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Your letter of May 16th has been forwarded to Ottawa
requesting instructions.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

ACT/JM

AIR MAIL

May 19, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, CANADA

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Enclosed is copy of letter received today from the District Superintendent, Fred W. Taylor, Department of Mines and Resources, Vancouver, which you will find self-explanatory. I am of the opinion that the \$1200.00 reported is excessively high. However, disposition of the account is what they requested, therefore your advice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

ACT/JM
ENC.



Ottawa, May 22, 1942

Dear Major Taylor: ✓

I have your letter of the 19th in connection with account submitted by Mr. Fred Taylor. In my opinion, a suitable reply would be that any account in this connection might be cleared through the Labour Department at Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

A. MacNamara
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.



May 26, 1942.

Mr. Fred W. Taylor,
District Superintendent,
Immigration Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of May 18th re
damage by Japanese to Immigration Building, in this connection
I would advise that this account be cleared through the Labour
Department at Ottawa.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

ACT/JM



Ottawa, July 22, 1942

Received
JUL 27 1942
Major Austin C. Taylor,[✓]
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Major Taylor:

I am enclosing herewith account in triplicate, together with a letter from the Allan & Viner Construction Company, Ltd., with respect to repairs to the Immigration Building, Vancouver, B. C.

I would appreciate if you would arrange for the payment of this account if you consider it correct.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara
Associate Deputy Minister of Labour
(A. MacNamara)

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MEMORANDUM

From the desk of

Mr. Simmons

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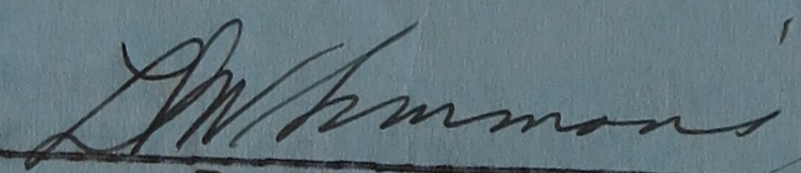
The Chairman

(Mrs. Hammett)

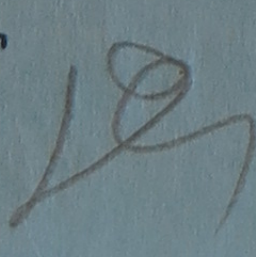
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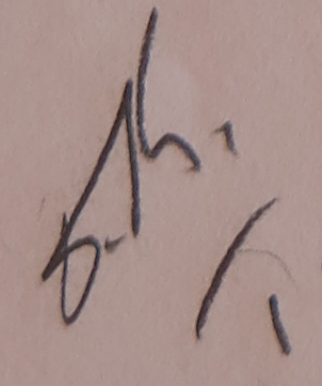
Re: Repairs to Immigration Building,
Vancouver

In view of the fact that the account from Allan & Viner Construction Company, Ltd. has been approved by Mr. C. F. Dawson, Resident District Engineer, Federal Department of Public Works, Victoria, our Treasury Department are satisfied to pay same, providing you approve the bill as being for our account. File attached.


D. W. Simmons,
Chief Accountant.

DWS:MF





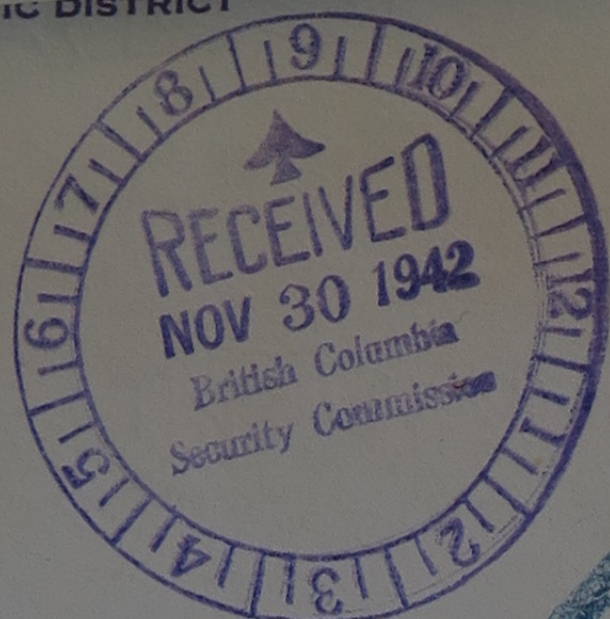
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 1158/23

IMMIGRATION
BRANCH



DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

VANCOUVER, B.C., November 28, 1942.



Dear Sir:-

With reference to my communication addressed to your office under date of May 18th, 1942 re the damage that was caused by the Japanese who rioted while under detention here, I would state for your information that the following equipment was destroyed and to date has not been replaced:-

4 garbage cans	\$24.00
2 hair brooms	8.10
3 double deck beds	28.50
1 table - 14' long	14.00
1 chair	2.00
Chains missing from other beds in the room	15.00
	<u>91.60</u>

I would, therefore, appreciate if you would advise me as to what can be done with a view to having this equipment supplied through your Department.

Yours truly,

Fred W. Taylor
District Superintendent.

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am
Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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November 30th, 1942.

Mr. F. W. Taylor,
District Superintendent,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Immigration Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Replying to your letter of November 28th,
if you will refer to our reply of May 26th to your letter
of May 18th, you will note that it was suggested by Ottawa
that the account you refer to be cleared through the
Department of Labour.

It is my understanding that the main damage
was repaired and the charges have since been paid.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor
Chairman.

ACT:GT

November 30th, 1942.

Mr. F. W. Taylor,
District Superintendent,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Immigration Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Replying to your letter of November 28th,
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of May 18th, you will note that it was suggested by Ottawa
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It is my understanding that the main damage
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Yours sincerely,

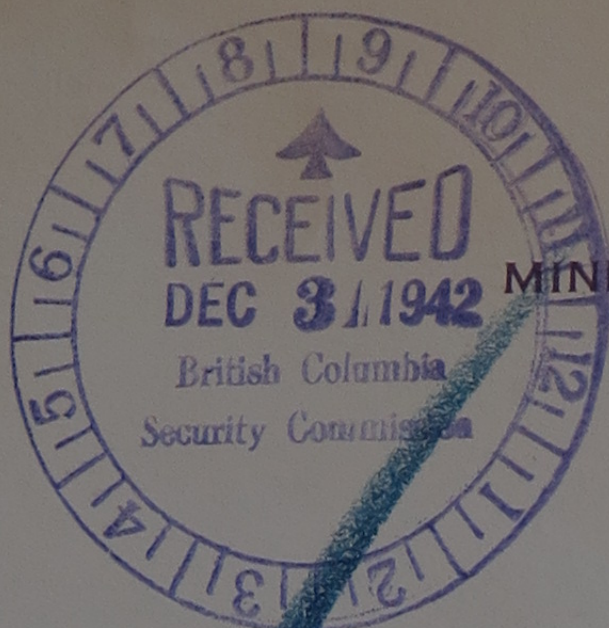
Austin C. Taylor
Chairman.

ACT:GT

ADDRESS
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
PACIFIC DISTRICT



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. **1158/23**
IMMIGRATION
BRANCH



DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

VANCOUVER, B.C., December 2, 1942.

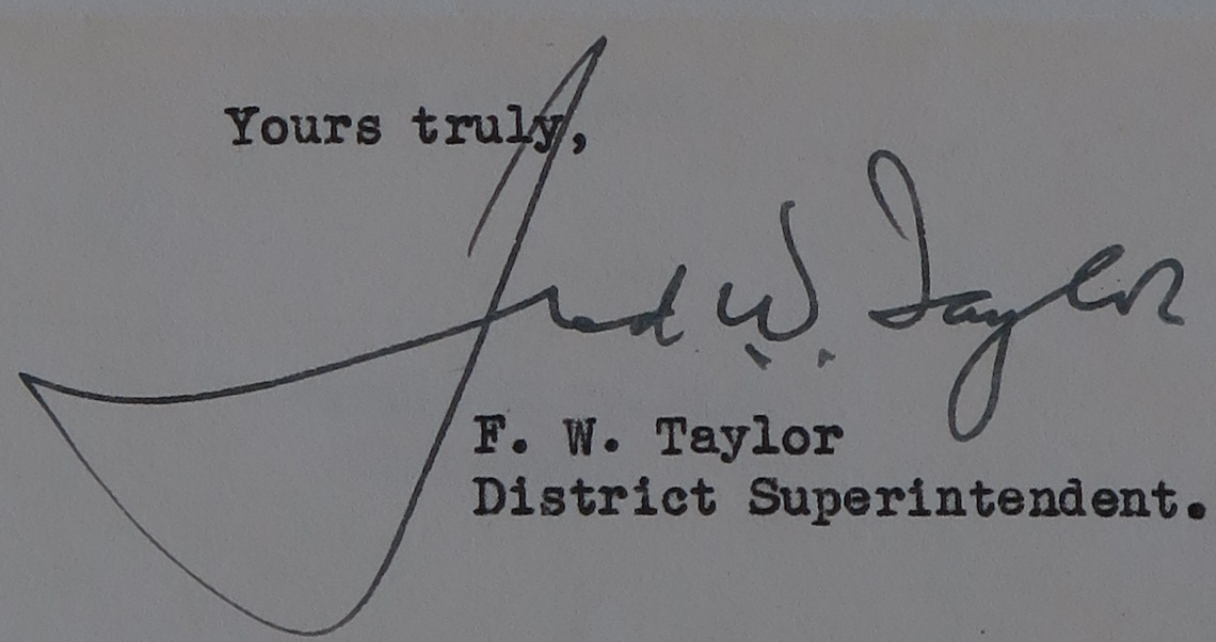
Dear Mr. Taylor:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 30th in reply to mine of November 28th and I regret to have to advise you that no action has been taken in accordance with your letter of May 26th last to replace the equipment that was destroyed in this Building at the time of the riot by the Japanese.

This equipment as outlined in my letter of November 28th should be replaced and I shall appreciate if you will exercise your good offices to see what might be done with a view to having same supplied here.

Thanking you for any action you may be able to take,

Yours truly,


F. W. Taylor
District Superintendent.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.