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It is the solemn wish of both the Canadian born and the Naturalized Japanese to be placed under your protection. Although they are actually Canadian Citizens, they are accorded the same treatments and rights as the Japanese Nationals. Therefore the Canadian-born Japanese and the Naturalized appeal to you to protect their rights, their lives, and their properties, as you do those of the Japanese Nationals.

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Rosebery, B. C.

1. Prisoner-of-war mail is greatly delayed in arriving at the destination. We therefore wish to know if some steps cannot be taken to hasten the censorship.
2. All mails addressed to Japanese are censored and delays caused therefrom. Can this delay in any way be reduced?
3. A large number of the evacuees paid their transportation and freight costs from the point of their evacuation to Vancouver. Although a certain percentage of them have been reimbursed for these expenses, there are still some who have not received the refunds.
4. Can any financial aid be given by the Spanish Consul to a Naturalized Japanese Canadian, who is unable to work due to wounds and shock suffered while fighting in the last Russo-Japanese War.
5. What will be the result if we refused to obey an order of the B. C. Security Commission or the Canadian Government compelling us to move out of the ghost-towns.
6. It has been stated that all properties of the Japanese entrusted to the Custodian will be sold and the fund so raised be used for the maintenance of the Japanese people. Is it within the rights of International Law to do so?
7. Has the Spanish Consul the right and authority to protect the lives and the properties of the Japanese people.
8. In cases where the government seizes and confiscates goods belonging to the Japanese, can anything be done?
9. The schools here in Rosebery were opened on December 16th and then closed on January 20th due to the weather and also on account of the shortage of fuel. It is our wish that the schools be opened again as soon as possible.
10. If the Japanese were deprived of any means of financial income through the discontinuance of relief or of employment, will the Spanish Consul be responsible for our financial aid.
11. As we have not the power to demand anything from the Commission, if our requests are refused there is nothing further we can do. It is therefore our sincere wish that you will do everything within your power in order that we be granted and be able to realize the many requests we have asked of you.

Feb 12/43

Rosebery, B. C.

1. MAINTENANCE RATES - The maintenance rates are much too low if the people are expected to eat properly balanced meals, and we feel that the rates should be increased. Inasmuch as the amount of relief is insufficient and intended to cover food costs only, a special provision should be made whereby they may be able to purchase other necessities outside of their nutriment. As the expense in upbringing older grown-up children is greater than for small children and babies, families with older children should be given a larger per capita maintenance.
 - (a) We in Rosebery, living within the same earnings and maintenance as the Japanese in other ghost-towns, have to pay a higher price for the necessary food commodities. This is in all probability due to the fact that there is only one store here and therefore without any competition whatever. Commodity prices in all the towns should be equalized.
 - (b) The Security Commission should provide the Japanese with land suitable for cultivation, giving them the necessary seeds, fertilizers, and farming tools and implements.
2. IMPROVEMENT OF LABOR CONDITIONS
 - (a) Increase in Wages - The standard of wages at present are twenty-five and thirty cents per hour, and from this two and one-half cents per hour is deducted as rental. In view of the rise in the cost of living, these wages should be increased.
 - (b) Rental - Because of the low wages and the extreme difficulty in living within the earnings, the deductions of two and one-half cents per hour as rental is unwarranted and should be discontinued.
 - (c) Supplemental Allowances - Regardless of a person's earnings being high or low, each and every one should receive the same proportionate supplemental allowance.
3. HOUSING CONDITIONS - In a large number of cases, the dampness in the houses are severe, and some steps should be taken to alleviate this distressing condition.
 - (a) Walls and ceilings should be completely boarded up.
 - (b) Each and every house should be provided with heaters. A refund should be made to those persons who purchased their own heaters.

FUEL

4. Fuel - At times there has existed great shortages of fuel. Owing to the fact that there is no truck for our community's use, and our being dependent on New Denver for our fuel supply, we have not been able to adequately rely on the distribution and availability of our fuel.

(a) Truck - A truck is urgently needed, and especially to safeguard our fuel supply.

(b) Tools - Because of the shortage in the proper tools, our oil logging operations have been very inefficient and the output very low.

5. Medical - It has been brought to our attention that there exists a difference in the conditions of the various camps, conditions in other places, being superior to those in this area. It is our desire to have the Commission provide for the betterment of our living conditions.

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(b) Fuel in most camps have been plentiful, whereas in this camp there has been a shortage.

(c) Living conditions here are poorer than most of the other camps.

V. MEDICAL

(a) Physical examinations should be held periodically. The supervisor of a doctor in order to safeguard the health of the children, also a program for vaccination and anti-toxin injections be held.

(b) As there is no dentist in this camp, the Commission should have a dentist visit the community every week, or every second week for the purpose of an examination. Due to the lack of transportation from here to New Denver, it is impossible for the parents to take their children to the dentist.

(c) The food served to the patients at the Elbow Community Hospital is not sufficient.

4. FUEL - At times there has existed great shortages of fuel-wood. Owing to the fact that there is no truck for our community's use, and our being dependent on New Denver for our fuel supply, we have not been able to absolutely rely on the distribution and availability of our fuel.
- (a) Truck - A truck is urgently needed, and especially to safeguard our fuel supply.
 - (b) Tools - Because of the shortage in the proper tools, our own logging operations have been very inefficient and the output very low.
5. EMPLOYMENT FOR GIRLS - There are a number of grown-up girls who are seeking employment, and they would like to have the Commission provide them with occupations whereby they can earn something for themselves.
6. DISCRIMINATION - It has been brought to our attention that there exists a difference in the conditions of the various camps, conditions in other places being superior.
- (a) In other ghost-towns, numerous services are provided such as wood choppers, chimney sweepers, etc.
 - (b) Fuel in most centres have been plentiful, whereas in Rosebery there has been a shortage.
 - (c) Living conditions here are poorer than most of the other ghost-towns.
7. MEDICAL -
- (a) Physical examinations should be held periodically under the supervision of a doctor in order to safeguard the health of the children. Also a program for vaccinations and anti-toxin injections be held.
 - (b) As there is no dentist in Rosebery, the Commission should have a dentist visit the community every week, or every second week for the purpose of an examination. Due to the lack of transportation from here to New Denver, it is impossible for the parents to take their children to the dentist.
 - (c) The food served to the patients at the Slocan Community Hospital is not sufficient.

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- (d) In a community of over four hundred people, there is always the possibility of an emergency, and the need of a passenger car is urgent. As we have not even got a truck here, this need is ever more important.

8. EDUCATIONAL -

- (a) As there are a large number of young children, there is need for a kindergarten in our community. In other ghost towns the kindergartens are sponsored by the various church organizations. We would like to have the Commission approach the churches that they may be induced to start a kindergarten here.
- (b) A number of young persons have expressed their desire to take the High School Correspondence Courses. However due to the limited earnings of their parents and also the fact that a number of them are on relief, the cost of over twenty dollars for the course is prohibitive. This cost should, partially if not all, be borne by the Commission.
- (c) The school accommodations are very poor; ordinary houses are being used as school houses. The heating system, the ventilation, the lighting, are not designed to meet the proper school needs. Proper school buildings should be built.

9. SUPERVISORS - It is the sincere wish of all the people to obey the laws and orders of the Canadian Government and to cooperate with them in any way possible. However to do so, we must first have the sympathy, understanding, and cooperation of the Supervisors. Due to the war, we were compelled to leave our homes and our land, deprived of the comforts and our normal mode of living. We have to live under very adverse conditions; in poorly constructed homes, in an extremely cold climatic region, and within the limited and insufficient earnings and maintenance. This has caused a number of the people to become touchy, nervous, and irritable. If in spite of our desire to cooperate, we fail to do so because of the attitude of the supervisor - that of enmity, we believe the fault lies in the supervisor and not in us. We therefore wish to have you explain this matter to the Canadian Government.