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3544 Prince Edward Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
July 10th, 1936.

Rt. Hon. R.B. Bennett, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Bennett:-

It is said that falsehood and slander travel faster than truth and kind words. I am afraid it is true. I am, therefore, taking the liberty to assist a few kind words in their flight.

I have just received a long and very interesting letter from Dr. E.C. Banno, one of the Japanese delegates who visited Ottawa last May in regard to the matter of the franchise for Canadians of Oriental origin. Dr. Banno, in relating his impressions of the people and things which impressed them on their visit to Ottawa, has this to say in regard to yourself:

"I must confess that we were all impressed a great deal with the personality of Mr. Bennett and I felt that we were shown, at least some, of the reasons why he has risen to present prominence in Canada."

I was glad to note in the press that you enjoyed your visit to our city.

Yours sincerely,



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O t t a w a,  
27th February 1936

T. Umezuki, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Camp and Mill Workers Union,  
544 Powell Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Umezuki,

I have your letter of February 15th,  
and wish to thank you for the sentiments expressed.

My resolution came up for discussion  
in Parliament on Thursday, February 20th. The  
debate on it is not yet finished. I will try to  
get you a copy of Hansard for that date, and should  
there be any further discussion I will try to get  
you the record also.

You can understand my reason for  
moving the resolution in the terms in which I did.  
You will also note that the Prime Minister suggested  
that the matter of Oriental franchise could be dis-  
cussed in the committee that is to be appointed  
during the present Session.

I have advised Professor Angus of the  
University of B.C., and also Mr. Iwashita of this  
statement by the Prime Minister, and suggested to  
them that it might be advisable to have representa-  
tives appear here on behalf of the Orientals in  
British Columbia. I feel satisfied that the resolu-  
tion can only be productive of good results.



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February 15th, 1936.

Mr. Angus MacInnis,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

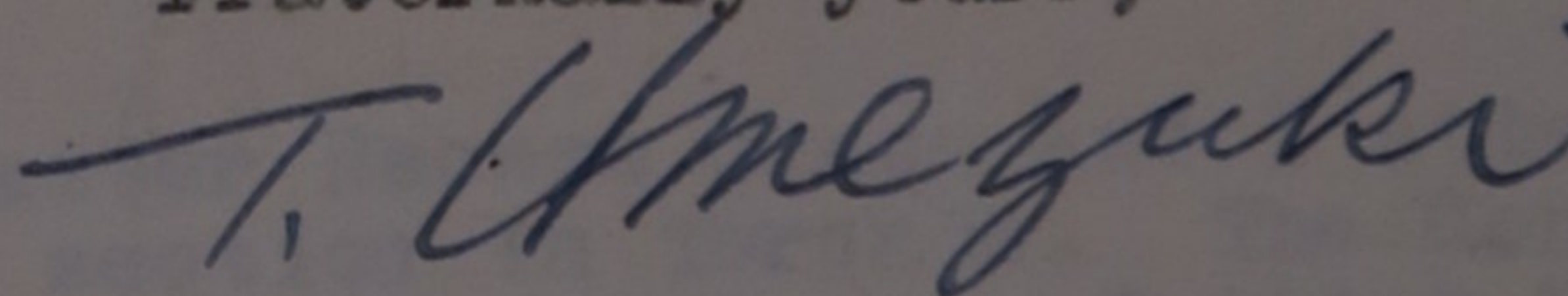
Dear Sir:-

Please accept our sincere appreciation  
and thanks for your intended move to have the Dominion  
Franchise Act amended.

We are very grateful for the wonderful  
work you are doing for us and hope that we may justify  
your ambitions for us in the future.

Thanking you again we are,

Fraternally yours,



T. Umezuki,  
Secretary,  
Camp and Mill Workers'  
Federal Labor Union No. 31  
Vancouver and Vicinity.

P. S. I also take this opportunity to express  
my thanks to you and Mrs. MacInnis for your  
very encouraging New Year's message.