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DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF  
MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY  
OTTAWA, CANADA

June 29, 1940.

GKS:MO'G.

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

This will acknowledge your two letters of

June 27.

I quite agree with your memo re use of air mail and have given instruction that all letters going to you are to be sent in this way.

I note you expect to be in Ottawa on July 4 and 5 and possibly a day or two longer. When you are here, will you please plan to hold sufficient time open to attend a meeting of Controllers of various industries, such as steel, oil, timber, etc. for the purpose of setting up what we are calling a War-time Industries Control Board. I am advising the other Controllers that you will be here on the dates mentioned, and will endeavour to line up such a meeting at a time reasonably convenient to all.

With further reference to recent correspondence regarding aeroplane hangars, I am attaching a copy of another memo which I have just received from the Director of Construction of this Department. I trust you will find this information useful.

It will be noted that we are not yet able to give you the dates by which the various hangars referred to are required to be ready. Although we have been pressing the Air Service for this information for the last week or ten days, we have not yet received it.

Yours sincerely,

H.R. MacMillan, Esq.,  
MacMillan Export Company, Limited,  
837, West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.



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Ottawa, June 28th, 1940.

Memorandum re Hangars.

At a meeting in my office on June 28th attended by Messrs. Andres, Browne, Murphy, and myself, the following conclusions were reached.

(1) The hangars remaining to be ordered after and not including Brantford are as follows:

79 Double Hangars 224 x 160  
17 Single Hangars 112 x 160  
18 Single Hangars 112 x 128  
2 Single Hangars 86 x 104

(2) Of the above, 25 Double Hangars 224 x 160 will be steel, the remainder will be wood.

(3) Of the wooden hangars there remain to be ordered frames for 15 double hangars and 2 single hangars.

(4) For the roof decking there will be required 6 million F. B. M. at  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" to 8" widths, T. & G., random lengths, dry fir or hemlock or spruce, No. 1 Common with 25%, No. 2 Common allowed.

(5) For purlins there will be required  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million F.B.M. at 4" x 10" x 16' No. 1 Common fir or Western hemlock.

(6) For sheathing--dry ship lap, fir cedar or western hemlock, No. 1 Common with 25%, No. 2 Common allowed will be permissible in addition to the grades specified by the Forest Products Laboratories.

D. Stairs,  
Director of Construction.

s.s. to Major Andrews  
Lorne Browne Esq. -





OFFICE OF  
THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY  
OTTAWA, CANADA

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Answered \_\_\_\_\_

June 28th, 1940.

Dear Sir:

The present is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram Number Nine, and following your request we wired Northern Wood Preservers Limited, Port Arthur, Ontario, as follows:

"Telegraph to H. R. MacMillan, Timber Controller, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, the number of single and double hangars for which you have received orders through contractors. Do not include orders placed direct with you from this Department."

If there is any further information we can procure for you, I shall be glad to hear from you.

With regard to the complete list of hangars and the latest completion date, I am sorry to advise this is not yet available from the Department of National Defence, Air Service, but as soon as it comes to me it will be forwarded to you without delay.

Yours very truly,

*G. H. Shields*  
Deputy Minister.

Mr. H. R. MacMillan,  
Timber Controller,  
837 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.



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June 27th, 1940.

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Dear Mr. MacMillan,

I am attaching copy of communication just received from one of the officers of this Department with reference to a visit of Mr. W. F. Oliver of the Oliver Hardwood Export Company, Toronto. Mr. Oliver's office is located in Room 1314 Bank of Hamilton Building, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto.

If you wish me to make an appointment for you to see Mr. Oliver when next you come East I will be glad to do so on receipt of your advice.

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Shearer

Mr. H. R. MacMillan,  
c/o Export Company Limited,  
837 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY

TO: Mr. G. K. Sheils

FROM: Mr. J. P. Pettigrew.

Ottawa, June 25th, 1940.

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Re: Timber Controller

I had a visit today from Mr. W. F. Oliver of the Oliver Hardwood Export Company, Toronto, as per card attached.

This party called to see Mr. McMillan to discuss the timber situation in a general way with him, and at the same time offer any assistance he could to Mr. McMillan as concerns hardwood.

Mr. Oliver expressed the hope that if Mr. McMillan should be in Toronto in the near future he would like very much to see him to discuss matters, as they apparently operate in the Campbellton district of New Brunswick and have for years shipped large quantities of lumber to England.

I am passing this information along so that you can hand it to Mr. McMillan when he is next here, or so you may write to Vancouver if you so desire.

Company Limited,  
West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

JPP/ET

in Scrapbook  
date of - (H.C. 2716)  
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June 27th, 1940.

(12)

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

\* As promised you a few days ago, I now enclose copy of the Order-in-Council covering your appointment as Timber Controller.

Yours very truly,

*G. H. Heiler*

H. R. MacMillan, Esq.,  
Export Company Limited,  
837 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

\* filed in scrapbook  
under date of -  
June 24th 1940 (#P.C. 2716)





OFFICE OF  
THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY  
OTTAWA, CANADA

AIR MAIL

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Answered

June 24th, 1940.

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

I have your telegram Number Six and in reply have pleasure in sending you with the present letter complete specifications of the grades of lumber that may be used in the construction of temporary buildings for the Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

I am also sending you a typical specification of the carpentry work governing the construction of said buildings.

Yours very truly,

*G. H. Heiler*  
Deputy Minister.

H. R. MacMillan, Esq.,  
Timber Controller,  
Vancouver, B. C.

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Answered \_\_\_\_\_

June 24th, 1940.

(A)

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

Re: White Spruce Lumber

I am attaching for your information and any necessary action a copy of a letter which I have just received from Henry Borden, K. C., General Counsel for this Department, with reference to the above-noted matter and the offer of the Porcupine Lumber Company Limited to sell a certain quantity of this lumber to the Government at cost.

I should be glad to learn what action, if any, you decide should be taken in this connection.

Your very truly,

*G. H. Shearer*

H. R. MacMillan, Esq.,  
Timber Controller,  
c/o Export Company Ltd.,  
837 West Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

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June 21st, 1940.

Honourable C. D. Howe,  
Minister of Munitions and Supply,  
Parliament Buildings,  
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. Howe:

Porcupine Lumber Company Limited has beside the Railroad at Pelly, Saskatchewan, approximately two and a quarter million feet of undressed white spruce. I am told that it is excellent lumber. The Company has no idea whether this lumber would be needed by the Government nor has it any idea what the market price of this lumber is or what the Government would have to pay elsewhere for it. The Company tells me that its cost in connection with getting the lumber from its limits to Pelly has been approximately \$19. or \$20. per thousand feet. The Company, through me, is offering this lumber to the Government at cost if the Government cares to have it or any portion of it, the cost to be determined by an auditor named by the Government. The Company does not know what price the Government has been paying for timber if any has been purchased by it, nor does it know the cost to other producers but if the lumber can be made use of by the Crown it may have it at cost.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Sheils and suggesting to him that possibly the timber Comptroller might be interested.



Honourable C. D. Howe.

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In the meantime if you should care to communicate with the offeror I suggest that you write to Mr. A. E. Maylor, Traders Finance Corporation Limited, 320 Bay Street, Toronto, and give full particulars to him as he is the individual who requested me to transmit the offer.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Henry Borden



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H R MACMILLAN

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BRANCH OFFICE  
GRAIN EXCHANGE SEY. 3271  
AFTER 6 P.M. CALL SEY. 1671  
JUN 19 1940 6 T NDC

HON F W PIRIE MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES OF NEWBRUNSWICK ADVISE  
CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN THAT PROVINCE IN OBTAINING A SUPPLY OF  
PITPROPS AND BIRCH LOGS FOR VENEER OWING TO PREFERENCE OF LOCAL  
OPERATORS TO CUT PULPWOOD SUGGEST YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE  
EXERCISE AUTHORITY OF TIMBER CONTROLLER IN THAT AREA TO ENSURE  
SUPPLY NEEDED FOR GREAT-BRITAIN STOP PIRIE WILL COOPERATE IN EVERY  
WAY

C D HOWE

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837 West Hastings Street,  
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Y H R MacMILLAN  
VANBC

HON F W PIRIE MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES OF NEW BRUNSWICK ADVISE  
CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN THAT PROVINCE IN OBTAINING A SUPPLY OF  
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DEPUTY MINISTER  
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OTTAWA, CANADA

June 18th, 1940.

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Answered \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. MacMillan,

June 17th.

This will acknowledge your telegram of

The Order-in-Council covering your appointment as Timber Controller has not yet been finalized by our Legal Department. Just as soon as this has been done and the Order-in-Council has been passed I shall be pleased to send you by Air Mail a copy of the same.

I have asked the Director of our Aircraft Division to forward to you by Air Mail as soon as possible the information requested in the body of your telegram.

I note you are arranging to obtain similar data from Mr. Gattie, the purchasing agent for Aeroplane Spruce on behalf of the United Kingdom.

Yours very truly,

Mr. H. R. MacMillan,  
c/o H. R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd.,  
837 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.



July 3, 1940.

Letter No. 7

Mr. G.K. Sheills,  
Deputy Minister, Department of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Sheills:

I have just received information from the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers Association to the effect that Mr. L.R. Andrews (on behalf of the sawmills by whom he is employed) on June 28th, at the request of the Department of Munitions and Supply, arranged a division of aeroplane hangers between wood and steel.

In view of this, you would be surprised to receive my telegram of June 29th to the effect that I considered that lumber could be supplied in sufficient time for these hangers, and that I was informed that wood would be cheaper.

I had no means of knowing what Mr. Andrews had recommended and only today learned of this recommendation; therefore I am writing this to explain to you the circumstances under which my telegram was sent on June 29th.

As soon as the office of Timber Controller is organized, I shall try to make arrangements whereby recommendations that come in from the different interested persons in the lumber industry have to be referred to the Timber Controller's office before they are acted upon by your Department or by other departments.

I shall take the opportunity of discussing this with you when I am in Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

H.M. DD  
AIR MAIL



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G K SHELLS  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM SIXTEEN ALL LAMENA FOR ANSON PROGRAMME COMING FROM SITKA SPRUCE  
MILL VANCOUVER AM NOW HAVING THIS OPERATION EXAMINED BY COMPETENT EXPERIENCED

MANUFACTURER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER CAN DEPEND UPON IT FOR TOTAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND WHAT OBSTRUCTIONS IF ANY SHOULD BE REMOVED EXAMINATION NOT COMPLETE BUT

ALREADY EVIDENT REQUIRE FOR FEW DAYS FOR TRAINING AND COORDINATION  
PURPOSES COMPETENT INSPECTOR STOP MOST HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPEARS BE

G R BAGELEY OF A V ROE & COMPANY NOW SOMEWHERE IN CANADA CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS SPARE HIM FOR SOME DAYS WILL DISCUSS THIS TOMORROW

HRM DD  
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G K SHEILS

DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

JULY 2 1940

TELEGRAM FIFTEEN RECEIVED TELEGRAM SIGNED J C RUSE DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
SHOWING AEROPLANE SPRUCE REQUIREMENTS BY THREE MONTHS PERIODS STOP WHEN I PROCEEDED  
TODAY TO STUDY OUR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN RELATION TO THESE REQUIREMENTS STANLEY BURKE  
OF BOEING AIRCRAFT INFORMED ME ESTIMATES SUBMITTED BY RUSE WERE APPARENTLY BASED  
UPON PROGRAMME ADOPTED SOME MONTHS AGO AND DO NOT CONFORM WITH PROGRAMME FOR  
LAMENA NOW ADOPTED BY MASSEY HARRIS AND BEING STOP THE DISCREPANCY SEEMS SERIOUS  
THEREFORE COULD YOU PLEASE HAVE SITUATION CHECKED AND ADVISE ME

HRM 55

NIGHTLETTER...COLLECT.

MacMILLAN

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July 2, 1940.

Letter No. 6.

G.K. Sheils, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Sheils:

Mr. MacMillan has asked me to thank

you for your letter to him of June 27th en-

closing copy of the Order-in-Council covering

his appointment as Timber Controller for  
Canada.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Mr. MacMillan.



July 2, 1940.

Letter No. 5.

G.K. Sheils, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Sheils:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 29th and shall be very pleased to attend a meeting of the Controllers at any time you may desire to call it after the arrival of the plane, which is due to arrive in Ottawa from Vancouver Thursday noon.

I shall be in Ottawa all day Friday and expect to be there on Saturday and perhaps longer. I have no further plans except that I desire to stay in Ottawa long enough to acquaint myself with my proposed duties and to make such arrangements as are necessary to perform them.

I have promised to go to New Brunswick to meet Mr. Pirie, the Minister of Lands, respecting some problems there and while in Ottawa I shall communicate with him respecting the date most convenient to him.

I wish to assure you that my time is entirely at your disposal.

I wish to thank you for the information which you have sent respecting aeroplane hangars and also for the support which you have given which has resulted in the working out of arrangements to use wood in a manner resulting in reducing the cost of these hangars, conserving the supply of American dollars, and modifying the specifications so that construction will be more rapid and material can be furnished more readily.

Yours sincerely,

HEM DD.



July 2, 1940.

Letter No. 4.

G.K. Shells, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions and Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Shells:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 28th.

For your information, the Northern Wood Pressers Limited have not yet given me the information which you instructed them to telegraph to me respecting the number of hangers for which they had received orders from the contractors.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD.



July 2, 1940.

Letter No. 3.

G.K. Sheils, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Sheils:

I have your letter of June 24th with enclosed copy of letter from Mr. Henry Borden, K.C., regarding some timber owned by the Porcupine Lumber Company Limited.

I had already received a copy of this letter and had written making suggestions respecting the disposal of the lumber.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD.



July 2, 1940.

Letter No. 2.

G.K. Sheells, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Sheells:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 27th with enclosure from Mr. W.F. Oliver.

I expect to arrive in Ottawa on Thursday of this week, after which I shall make arrangements to meet Mr. Oliver.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD.



June 29, 1940.  
(Dictated June 28, 1940.)

Letter No. 1

G.K. Shiels, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister, Department of Munitions & Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Shiels:

I propose hereafter to number my letters serially, this being letter No. 1.

Some questions may be asked respecting the arrangements I have made in British Columbia to deal with such duties as may arise in the office of Timber Controller; therefore for the Minister's information I enclose copy of a letter addressed to Mr. J.G. Robson, president of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association, which is self-explanatory.

All the persons mentioned in this letter have said that they will be very pleased to contribute their time and advice whenever called upon and without expense to the Department.

You will see from this letter that the names of those who have consented to serve are representative of the most experienced and best qualified leaders of all sections of the lumber industry in British Columbia.

I also enclose copy of a letter received by me from the Honourable the Minister of Lands for British Columbia, and copy of a letter received by me from the Premier of British Columbia, both of which indicate that the Province of British Columbia will be very pleased to assist in every way within its power.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD  
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G K SHIELDS

DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM THIRTEEN REFER MY TELEGRAM TWELVE RESPECTING SHIPMENT AEROPLANE  
SPRUCE AUSTRALIA LINER AORANGI SAILING FROM HERE AUGUST FOURTH WILL

REACH SYDNEY BEFORE FREIGHT VESSEL SAILING JULY EIGHTEENTH THEREFORE  
SHIPMENT DIVERTED FROM FREIGHT VESSEL TO AORANGI IN ORDER GIVE QUICKER  
DELIVERY TO FACTORY STOP SHIPMENT WILL CONSIST OF MINIMUM OF TEN  
THOUSAND FEET MAY REACH MAXIMUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND

HRM DD

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JUNE 28 1940

TELEGRAM TWELVE RESPECTING MINISTERS DESIRE THAT ON SIR WILLIAM GLASGOWS REQUEST SHIPMENTS TO AUSTRALIA BE EXPEDITED FIRST SHIPMENT IS NOW PROMISED JULY EIGHTEENTH STOP COULD YOU PLEASE ASCERTAIN FROM AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ALSO FROM OTHER EMPIRE DESTINATIONS OTHER THAN UNITED KINGDOM THEIR PROBABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR AEROPLANE SPRUCE FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR THE SIX MONTHS REMAINING IN THIS YEAR AND FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS NEXT YEAR

MacMILLAN

HRM DD

DAYLETTER...COLLECT...PLEASE RUSH.



G.K. Shields, Esq.,

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G K SHIELDS

DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM ELEVEN PLEASE PASS ALONG TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL REPORT THAT  
BEATTY BROS FERGUS ONTARIO APPARENTLY WORKING ON CONTRACT FOR DEPARTMENT  
ARE PURCHASING FOR SEATS CLEAR CEDAR LUMBER CUT TO SPECIAL SIZES IN SIX FOOT  
LENGTHS STOP THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PURCHASING VERY HIGH COST CLEAR FIR  
FOR SAME PURPOSE STOP I WISH POINT OUT BOTH CLEAR FIR AND CLEAR CEDAR  
INVOLVED CAN BE READILY SOLD AT HIGHER PRICES TO UNITED STATES DESTINATIONS  
IN AMERICAN FUNDS ASSISTING OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION AND THE TRADE  
HERE CANNOT IMAGINE WHY TIGHT-KNOTTED GRADES OF SPRUCE OR PINE CANNOT BE  
USED FOR ANY SEATS REQUIRED FOR ANY MILITARY PURPOSE AT PROBABLY ONE-THIRD  
COST STOP POSSIBLY I AM WRONG IF SO I WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT THE IMPRESSION

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G. K. Shiels, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister

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THAT MONEY IS BEING WASTED AND EXPORTABLE GOODS ARE BEING DIVERTED TO DOMESTIC USES WHERE SHEEP SUBSTITUTES SATISFACTORY

MacMILLAN

HRM DD

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JUNE 27 1940

G K SHIELDS  
DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM TEN BEFORE LEAVING HERE FOR OTTAWA NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING WOULD  
LIKE IF POSSIBLE RECEIVE WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS

CAN SEND ME RESPECTING PROBABLE CANADIAN DEMAND FOR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AIRCRAFT  
BIRCH PLYWOOD AND ALSO THEIR OPINION OF APPARENT RELATION OF SUPPLY

TO DEMAND FROM STANDPOINT OF VOLUME AND TIME

MacMILLAN

HRM DD  
COLLECT...STRAIGHT WIRE...RUSH



June 26, 1940.

G.K. Shiels, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Munitions and Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Shiels:

It occurs to me to suggest that the great distance from Ottawa to Vancouver sometimes results in ordinary letters requiring about five days from the time of dictation to the time of receipt - when one reckons with the occasional Sunday and holiday - whereas airmail dispatched from Ottawa in the evening is received here at lunch time the following day, the benefit of which generously compensates one for the extra postage.

Yours sincerely,

HEM DD  
AIR MAIL







June 21, 1940

PERSONAL

Honourable C.D. Howe,  
Minister of Munitions and Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Howe:

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JUNE 24 1940

G K SHIELDS

DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM SEVEN WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR AIRCRAFT SUPPLY DEPARTMENT  
BREAKDOWN THE ESTIMATE GIVEN ME RESPECTING PROSPECTIVE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

AEROPLANE SPRUCE TO SHOW QUANTITY REQUIRED EACH THREE MONTHS BEGINNING JULY FIRST  
THIS YEAR STOP I ASSUME AEROPLANE PROGRAMME MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED TO

PERMIT SUCH ESTIMATE BEING MADE UPON REASONABLY ACCURATE BASIS STOP PLEASE  
HAVE THEM MAIL ALSO GRADING AND OTHER SPECIFICATIONS UPON WHICH THESE ESTIMATES  
BASED

HEM DD

NIGHTLETTER..COLLECT.

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June 21, 1940

PERSONAL

Honourable C.D. Howe,  
Minister of Munitions and Supply,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Howe:

I enclose copies of telegrams which I have addressed to the Deputy Minister rather than to you because I thought such procedure would result in only the necessary matters being brought before you, the others being passed along through ordinary official channels without taking your time.

I have not received acknowledgment of or reply to any of these telegrams, except that in reply to my request for a statement of Canada's aeroplane spruce requirements, I have a letter from Mr. G.T. Dickson saying that 2,750,000 board feet will be required within the next 24 months, without giving any indication when or at what rate within the 24 months it will be required, and without giving any description or indication whatever of the sizes or quality.

I telephoned the Deputy Minister this morning to ask him how I should go about getting an answer to some of these things or to secure other information, and I was told on the telephone that he was too busy to talk to me today. Perhaps I have been following the wrong procedure, a continuance of which is going to place this appointment in a very embarrassing position with the trades concerned here and with others from whom one desires complete confidence and expedition in the performance of work, and therefore I am troubling you with this letter.

I am going to Vancouver Island at noon today and will be back in Vancouver on Sunday night. I might mention that my arrangements with Long Distance are such that I can at any time be found somewhere within a very short time.

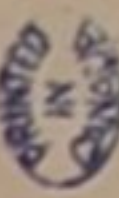
Yours sincerely,

HEM DD

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W. D. NEIL, General Manager of Communications, Montreal

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CHARLES B SHIELDS  
DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS & SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

TELEGRAM SIX AM INFORMED THAT BUILDINGS FOR YOUR AIR TRAINING SCHEME AND OTHER PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE LARGE QUANTITIES BUILDING ROOFING AND SHEATHING LUMBER FOR WHICH SPECIFICATIONS AS NOW DRAWN REQUIRE DRY LUMBER WHICH APPARENTLY DOES NOT EXIST AND REQUIRES SPECIAL GRADES AND SIZES WHICH CAN BE PRODUCED ONLY AT EXTRA EXPENSE STOP APPARENTLY SPECIFICATIONS ARE BEING DRAWN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO TRADE MANUFACTURING CUSTOMS AND GRADING PRACTICES WHICH IF TRUE WOULD GREATLY INCREASE COST TO GOVERNMENT STOP INDUSTRY HERE HAVE BROUGHT THIS PROBLEM TO ME AND PROPOSE HOLDING MEETING FOR DISCUSSION THEREOF EARLY NEXT WEEK THEREFORE PLEASE INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO AIRMAIL COPIES SPECIFICATIONS AND GRADING REQUIREMENTS  
HRM DD  
COLLECT..DAYLETTER.

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CHARLES B SHIELDS  
DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

JUNE 18 1940

MY TELEGRAM ONE STOP FOLLOWING INTERIM REPORT SPRUCE SITUATION FIRSTLY AT MY REQUEST ROBSON PRESIDENT B C LUMBER ASSOCIATION STUART SECRETARY B C LOGGERS ASSOCIATION IN ABSENCE HIS PRESIDENT AND VANDUSEN PRESIDENT WESTERN LUMBER ASSOCIATION HAVE AGREED TO GIVE ME ADVICE ON ANY PROBLEMS CONCERNED WHICH SHOULD INSURE SMOOTH COOPERATIVE WORKING WITH VARIOUS BRANCHES ORGANIZED TIMBER TRADE SECONDLY VISITED VICTORIA MONDAY EVENING PREMIER PATULLO AND PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF LANDS WELLS GRAY HAVE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF YOUR METHOD APPROACHING PROBLEM AND HAVE CONSENTED THAT CHIEF FORESTER MANNING WHO IS THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH SITUATION AND WHO HAS FULL ADVANTAGE FIELD OFFICERS AND OFFICES STRATEGICALLY LOCATED SHOULD ACT AS MY ASSISTANT DEALING WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM AEROPLANE SPRUCE REQUIREMENTS STOP THE WORK DONE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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FOREST SERVICE WILL SO FAR AS CAN BE SEEN UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS BE WITHOUT COST TO YOUR DEPARTMENT THIRDLY DISCUSSED SITUATION TODAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SPRUCE TIMBER HOLDERS SPRUCE LOGGERS AND AEROPLANE SPRUCE MANUFACTURERS WHOSE OPERATIONS GENERALLY SEEM PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY FOURTHLY HAVE ASCERTAINED PRESENT ESTIMATED BRITISH PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS FROM CANADA THIS YEAR WHICH PROBABLY CAN BE PROVIDED BY COMMERCIAL SOURCES NOW OPERATING FIFTHLY HAVE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF IMPASSE OCCASIONED BY MORGAN LOGGING COMPANY BEING UNABLE PURCHASE AEROPLANE SPRUCE CUTTING RIGHTS FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTE TIMBER COMPANY WITH RESULT LOGGING ON THIS TRACT WAS ORDERED TO BEGIN TODAY STOP THIS SETTLEMENT INVOLVED NO LIABILITIES YOUR DEPARTMENT STOP SIXTHLY HAVE NOT RECEIVED PROMISED INFORMATION FROM AERONAUTICAL SUPPLIES SECTION RESPECTING PROSPECTIVE CANADIAN AEROPLANE SPRUCE REQUIREMENTS

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NIGHTLETTER...COLLECT.  
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CHARLES B SHIELDS  
DEPUTY MINISTER DEPARTMENT MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY  
OTTAWA CANADA

PLEASE SEND AIRMAIL COPY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL AS SOON AS SIGNED STOP  
PLEASE ASK YOUR AERONAUTICAL SUPPLIES DIVISION TO AIRMAIL ME EARLIEST

POSSIBLE DETAILS THEIR PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS AEROPLANE SPRUCE STOP  
HAVE ASKED GATTIE WHO IS BRITISH AEROPLANE SPRUCE PURCHASING AGENT

HERE FOR HIS PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS AEROPLANE SPRUCE

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