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National Archives Research: Things to do

Notes to myself:

- immediately after arriving check with Sec State staff re material from the files on the NAJC and the NJCCA, and any other JC groups, e.g. Toronto JCCA, JC Centennial Society

- days to research: wednesday, thursday, friday
    - wednesday: look at EQUALITY NOW files; also the RCMP files
    - thursday: continue with RCMP files; begin going through the BC Security Commission files
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EQUALITY NOW report:

1. see what submissions were made for recommendations on jc redress

SECRETARY OF STATE files:

1. check with the Secretary of State, for all material on jcs and the najc.

RCMP files:

1. check through the RCMP files, for any material on the nmeg

BC SECURITY COMMISSION FILES

1. material on the nmeg groun

2. material on angler

3. check out "self-support" sites

4. files for manitoba

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR files:

1. check out photos taken at Slocan

JCCA files:

1. look at material from JCCD, especially their property losses survey

2. check out JCCA material related to the Bird Commission
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note on the opening chapter of redress book:
i could focus on the the various failed attempts to achieve some kind of fair compensation for the losses caused by the uprooting:
1. jccd and their property losses survey in toronto? sources of reseach: the njcca files at nac

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2. the japanese property owners association? formed i think at slocan? how did they organize? how did they attempto to sue? what happened? try to find material in nac - the bcsc files, dept of labour

3. the bird commission - make use of kunio hidaka's files

4. tie the whole together via the nmeg group - trying to portray how the community was torn apart by the uprooting - the bitterness remaining

5. the repatriation issue also tore the community apart - could mention the documents in the archives re the planned "loyalty survey" which never materialized but which was in the works to segregate jcs into two groups, the loyal and the supposed disloyal

- how could "loyalty" be determined?? if you resisted the injustices you were branded disloyal; if you complied you were cooperating but perhaps complying with racism and the breakdown of democratic principles - this could be an interesting theme - then i could tie in the attempts to organize, via the jccd and the j property owners assoc

- end with the bird commission - and the bitterness remaining from that - information about which i hope is available in kunio h's files in montreal

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BC COMMISSION FILES

RG 36/27, VOL 9:

-contains files on uprooting from and to various areas; policy, general

file 203, "policy - general 1948"
- interesting letter from beaurocrat on the policy of forced assimilation - photocopy
file 204, "evac fr haney district"
-found our family listed in group that left haney, on may 19, 1942;serial number, 450A, for 5 family members; being sent to Dufrost Farm

file 130, "self-supporting: bridge river, 1942-47"
- papers show how the communities at bridge river and minto were set up - BCSC worked with Morii, Nishio, Nishiguchi, the three guy were on the J Liaison Cte. they rented the townsites at 500 for each, or 1000 per month for both. being done in may 1942.

file 203, "policy - general, 1942-44"

starts with letter involving meeting with delegation from southern alberta sugar beet companies, re family to be sent there. dated march 11/42

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RG 36/27, volume 3

file 66: "Japanese Canadian Citizens' League"
- very little in this file
- contains an interesting government analysis of "kibei" - which i will photocopy
- also a few things on NMEG - but a thin file as a whole

file 59: "Nisei Mass Evacuation Group"

- contains numerous form letters, hand-written, dated July 5, 1942, from nisei in the Immigration Building; addressed to Commissioner Mead, the BC SC, Marine Building, Van BC. the letters all says the same thing, e.g from Hiroshi Yonekura:

"Sir:
I, Hiroshi Yonekura, herewith agree to the terms stated by the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group, and I request my release from the Immigration Detention Building, in order that I may co-operate with the government in Mass Evacuation.

Respectfully yours,
Hiroshi Yonekura

- file contains 70 of these letters; and nothing else

file 100: "Advisory Committee, BCSC"
- contains info on the advisary committee; not much of value, except that i will photocopy minutes of two meetings which gives some sense of policy

file 79: "Evacuation--Coast Area, BC, 1942"
- a fat file of general things re uprooting

file 53A: "Internees, Angler Ont 1946"

- contains lots of material on "repatriation" of angler people.
- "results of reinterviewing persons of j origin interned at angler" - a two page letter which describes those interned at the time, dated 30 jan 46

- interesting document: 13 November 1946, covering letter for list of people who are now at Moose Jaw, with a description of their attitudes, whether they're cooperative or not.
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February 28, 1991: day two in NAC

RG 36/27, Box 20

file 637: "deportation orders: 1946"
file 639: "briefs 1946"

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- contains a report on wives of j nationals, those whose husbands signed for rep but who themselves didn't - these reports would have been used to determine loyalty, had the supreme court not ruled that wives of j nationals, those who didn't sign, could not be deported - nothing else in this file

file 640: "British Nationality Cancellation: Revokes 1946"

-note: box 20 also contains large files on tashme, new denver

Box 22:

file 800: "Slocan: General 1942-42, 1945-48"

- box 22 contains files on slocan, reports of activities in sask, ont, que, alberta - but not for man
- didn't examine this material closely - tho one could return to the files on slocan for a documentary on one camp - contains a lot of daily details of life in the camps - how things developed etc

Box 6:
- contains only two files, one for minto and the other christina lake, both self-supporting sites
- didn't go through this one - no time

Box 10:
- contains extensive files for education in the camps:
e.g. file 501: is devoted to "Education: Hide Hyoko, School Principla, 1943; this file is a gold mine of information for anyone who wants to understand education in the camps - lists teachers, texts used, problems of setting the school, the operation of the schools - with many letters between hide hyoko (HAH) and CV Booth, from the Education Department
- contains files on welfare, leases, policy, and education in general
- not of much use for my current research

Box 34:

file 2202: "Cabinet Committee on Japanese Problems"
- a fascinating file for info on govt policy after the war - the Cabinet Cte dealt with such things as the status of J nationals and Cdn born, Commission for property loss, and also mentions community facilities that still haven't been liquidated the minutes of a meeting held Jan 10, 1947 - still the same by Sept 1947

- Minutes, Cabinet Committee on Japanese Questions, meeting held on Sept 3, 1947. One section deals with "Liquidation--Properties of Japanese Associations or Societies"; apparently the order in council vesting authority in the Custodian over the properties of individual JCs did not apply to properties owned by associations or societies. Also that "the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945 does not authorize the Governor in Council to make an order or regulation vesting the property of these associations in

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the the Custodian." The Cte decided to hold this question for a "period of six months" and "that the situation be analyzed with a view of contemplating possible legislative action".
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RG 14, 1990-91/119, Box 175-182
- contains submissions for the EQUALITY NOW report
- box 178 contains submission by George Imai, for the Human Rights Committee of the NAJC - to photocopy - submitted October 5, 1983
- last two boxes contain correspondence - didn't find anything from najc or from george imai
- ordered for photocopy:
1. imai's submission: RG 14, Box 178, Wallet 13, File 766. this is a bit confusing because he is submitting it under the japanes businessmen's organization - which is where it is listed in the report itself - so it's not tied to rec 33 - imai is listed as the co-ordinator for various groups, including the human rights committee of the najc and the toronto jcca - actually the reference to "redress" is very light, more an expectation that he hopes the government does something to resolve the injustices but with no direct recommendation

2. letter from Roy S. Nishidera, from Japan, supporting compensation for jcs - says he's a repatriate still in japan
3. letter from Shiego Matsushita, from Japan, supporting compensation; says he's a repatriate; supports compensation; no return address

note: correspondence file also contains a letter from Marvin Greenblatt, from Calgary, criticizing Trudeau for his comments against redress; supports redress for jcs

note: correspondence list records a letter from Bohdan Krucko, from winnipeg, which apparently contains a background paper on the "evacuation" of jcs during ww II, but i couldn't locate his letter in the appropriate file

no other materials, such as working notes, minutes of hearings, transcriptions of things that may have been said orally at the hearings, govt documents establishing the committee

Box 40: of no consequence; contains copies of THE NEW CANADIAN
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Day 3, March 1, 1991:

Volume 2 (Box 2) [use volume for bib entry]

file 45: "Ian Mackenzie 1942"
- not much material - but there is the initial telegram from mackenzie to taylor, responding to a no of queries taylor had made via separate telegrams. mackenzie answers the queries by number in his telegram. what's interesting is that, as early as feb 28, taylor has already established the bcsc - only two days after the uprooting notice of feb 26.
- mack in his telegram of feb 28 says "that Manitoba has consented

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to take five hundred" - which is much earlier than i had thought previously [no further info given by mack] -

- mar 1 telegram, taylor to mack, taylor lists members of the Advisory Committee of the bcsc; mack confirms list in a return telegram also dated mar 1 - "will confirm tomorrow soon as order in council passed"

- in telegram of mar 3 mack sends draft of order in c to establish the bcsc. one section is interesting, re suing the sc: 6.2 says: "The Commission may sue, and, with the consent of the Attorney General of Canada, be sued in its own name, in respect of its own acts, but such proceedings shall only be taken in the Exchequer Court of Canada"

- telegram from mack to taylor, mar 5, recommending the stopping of ind jcs from moving from the coast; also the rounding up of male jcs to immediate removal; photocopy this

file 31: "Austin Talyor Chairman, BC Security Commission, 1942-44"

- telegram to a number of people, from taylor, outlining some of the problems the sc is having, dated mar 4; photocopy this

file 40: "A. MacNamara: 1942-45"
- he was Associate Deputy Minister, Dept of Labour

- mar 9, letter from JL Ralston, Minister of Defense?, to Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, agreeing to expropriation of buildings at PNE for use - "as accommodation for personnel of Japanese origin"

- from april 4 [see NEW CDN of that date] a conflict erupted between mack and taylor because of some remarks mack made at a city council meeting. taylor responded with a press statement, and mack responded to taylor's press statement apologizing for making "misleading" remarks. there's also reference to articles in the vancouver SUN and the PROVINCE, april 4 - which i should check out. i think there was some reference by mackenzie about jcs not being allowed to return to the coast and his desire that they be repatriated after the war [?].

- report, aug 18, 1943, on "alberta and manitoba sugar beet project", sent by JN Lister, to George E. Collins, Commissioner of Japanese Placement, of Dept of Labour; two pages; next is a report from Collins, to A MacNamara, Deputy Ministerof Labour, using Lister's report and himself reporting on the sugar beet projects in alberta and manitoba; photocopy both reports

file 40: "Citizens' Defense Committee, 1942"
- this Committee consisted of quite influential people - some members of which eventually became members of the Advisory Cte to the bcsc. taylor became chair. before the order for mass uprooting they lobbied for the removal of all jcs regardless of citizenship.

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- chair of the cte was MC Robinson, who sent a telegram under his name calling for mass removal, dated feb 23, just before the government's order. file contains many responses to his telegram from govt people, including Louis St Laurent, Minister of Justice; Ian Mackenzie

file 53: "Detention and Internment, 1942, 1944"
- this is a fat file which begins mar 27/42, a letter from A MacNamara to taylor, re the jcs in the immigration building who are refusing to comply to sc orders - talks abt the possibility of internments camps being set up in bc
- telegram from macnamara to taylor, mar 28, saying that arrangements have been made to "take three hundred at petawawa
- taylor's order to "intern", 27 mar
- apr 10 memo from taylor, to TB Caulkin, JH Jenkins, Grant MacNeil
- i think all of the sc? "At the time of writing there are fifty six persons of the Japanese race in detention at the Immigration Building Vancouver for refusing to obey the orders of the Commission to evacuate the protected area. Representations have been made to the Commission that in a few cases there are extenuating circumstances.

The Commission has decided that a Board of Enquiry consisting of T.B. Caulkin, J.H. Jenkins and Mr. G. MacNeil will investigate all cases with the view of determining whether or not there was wilful disobedience on the part of those under detention.

It is not the wish of the Commission to detain any persons who through a mistake or misunderstanding did not comply with instructions [sic] at the same time, the Commission does not intend to further tolerate wilful disobedience of its orders by those ordered to leave the protected area
- an april 10 report from Hill to Mead indicates that 35 jcs have been detained in the Immigration Building, along with a handful of j nationals
- C.H. Hill, A/Comm'r, Commanding E Division, RCMP, to The BCSC, attention Commissioner Mead, april 11: "On April 10th, we received information that there was a gathering of Japanese people at the home of Mr. Miura, 1264 West 11th Ave., this City, and consequently a patrol was sent to that address to see whether or not any of our delinquents were to be found there. Several delinquents were found and were apprehended. Reports regarding these individuals are being submitted to you separately." Hill mentioned that Miura was "Chancellor for the Japanese Consul" - and says at the end of his letter: "It is curious to see that Canadian born subjects would seek advice from a credited official of the Imperial Japanese Government. However, this is in keeping with their present mood and is borne out by information received from confidential sources today that the Canadian born Japanese here are considering surrendering their birth certificates to the proper authorities so that they will automatically become Japanese Nationals."
- apr 11, hill to mead, 5 more cdn born in Immigration Detention Shed
- apr 13, 5 more cdn born "were apprehended and placed in custody at the Immigration Detention Shed, pending disposition" - hill to mead - include Kojiro Ebisuzaki

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- an interesting bit of correspondence re the internment of cdn born; begins with letter from lawyer advising against setting up an advisory cte - also mentioned that jcs have the right to apply for Habeau Corpus but probably wont; this is followed by a statement by taylor on what's going to be done about disobeying jcs; good for understanding policy of the bcsc at this time
- apr 15, 2 more cdn born apprehended; apr 16, 2 more; apr 18, 5 more
- in april, the minister of justice, ordered the internment of can born; apprently these people had the right to object to their detention within 30 days; they were to be given an objection form which is contained in a letter, apr 22, from DC Saul, inspector RCMP, to the Officer Commanding, RCMP, E Division, Van - was this ever offered to every jc apprehended?
-apr 22, 13 more cdn born and naturalized apprehended; apr 23, 3 more
- apr 25, mead to Officer Commanding, RCMP, Van - re the difference between detention and internment - a key letter; which is accompaned by a position paper on the terms, offered by lawyer AM Harper
- apr 28, from hill to commanding officer: "On April 25th a meeting of Canadian-born and Naturalized Canadians of Japanese racial origin was held in the Japanese section of this town, as a result of which a large number of Nisei decided that sooner than go out of the Protected Area, as required to do so, they would surrender themselves for internment." then describes how they appeared at Immigration building and were taken into custody - a good letter to use in the book, maybe even reproduce it
- may 6, 5 more apprehended; may 8, 10 more; may 13, 26 more; may 13, 6 more
- memo note, from WA Eastwood: "The Commission wishes us to pass the word out that when the war is over all Japanese who have been sent to detention and internment camps will be sent back to Japan.
This thought has been brought about by the actions of certain Japanese individuals in the Immigration Hall in Vancouver on May 13th." addressed to Comm Shirras and a few others
- may 19, 7 more placed in custody; may 19, 5 more; may 21, 8 more; may 22, 13 more; may 23, 9 more nat and cdn born; may 26, 11 more; may 28, 27 more; may 28, 44 more cdn born and nat - includes Tameo Kambara [sic] and Yukio Shimoda; these "surrendered for internment, stating they refused to leave the protected area under any circumstances." letter to BCSC, from J Fripps, D/Inspector, RCMP, dated 29 may 1942.
- may 28, telegram from taylor to A MacNamara: "JAPANESE DETAINED HERE FILLING IMMIGRATION HALL TO CAPACITY WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO HAVE THESE MEN REMOVED AT ONCE OTHERWISE AM AFRAID WE WILL HAVE SERIOUS TROUBLE."
- june 5, 5 more surrendered themselves
- teleg, mead to macnamara, june 5: "WE HAVE ONE HUNDRED AND 73 READY FOR TRANSFER STOP CANNOT GUARANTEE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO ARREST SUFFICIENT DELIQUENTS WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE USE OF TWO TRAINS STOP COULD YOU GIVE US AN IDEA HOW MANY CAN BE CARRIED ON EACH TRAIN"
- june 5, macnamara to mead, says that the internment camp wont be

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ready until june 17th - total capacity of 600 by then
- june 11, 2 more placed in custody; june 11, 8 more; june 13, 2 more; june 16, 3 more; june 18, 6 more; june 25, 5 more
- july 9, mead to taylor, telegram: "AM ADVISED HERE SPECIAL TRAIN WILL COMMENCE MOVEMENT INTERNEES WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS MILITARY ADVISED TO THIS EFFECT FEW MINUTES AGO"
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Volume 8: contains property purchased; internal stuff for bcsc; doesnt seem relevant for my research at this time

file 199: "Immigration Shed Vancouver--Damage to Property, 1942"
- material on damage caused by the riot in the immigration building, relaed to nmeg - photocopy
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RG 27 [Departement of Labour Files]

volume 169:

file 614.02:11 volume 1 "Japanese Placement, Policy and Plans"
- july 17, 1942: petition to delegate of the International Red Cross, from Kaizo Tsuyuki, rep of J nationals living at Camp no.14, Hope - part of a larger package of things included in a report by the spanish consul after his tour of canada - photocopy the whole of this package, about 35 pages
- privy council, order in council, pc 946, to set up dept of labour as authority to handle jcs, after the bcsc finished its job; dated, feb 5, 1943 - i should be able to get this in vancouver - note the power of the dept in prosecuting jcs who do not obey
- feb 8, 1943, memo to A MacNamara, re "program for reallocation of Japanese" - an interesting document that shows that the government had no intention of letting jcs return to the coast. it's only a year after the uprooting began and the government is planning strategy to force jcs away from the coast and to have them settle in eastern canada - another example of the "myth" of national security; photocopy this - 6 pages
- feb 17, 1943: from taylor to A MacNamara, deputy minister of labour, responding to the plan to attract jcs to sugar beet farms on the prairies - letter is significant for taylor's comments on the poor treatment of jcs - photocopy this - 2 pages
- feb 22, 1943, memo from h.t. pammett, from the dept of labour - this too gives an insight into the way jcs were coerced to go to eastern canada - the memo ends, talking to jcs: "By your own words and actions you can do more to solve "The Japanese Problem" in Canada than any other group can do. That is your most important task at the present time." - photocopy this - 3 pages
- feb 24, 1943: memo, by h.t. pammett, re disciplining those who refuse to go east to work - pcopy 1 page
- apr 15/43: from A MacNamara to George Collins, bcsc commissioner, re tom shoyama: "It has been suggested that Mr. Tom Shoyama, the editor of the "New Canadian", be brought on an inspection trip of a couple of weeks through the Japanese Settlements of Alberta,

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Manitoba and Ontario, at Government expense.

Shoyama has shown himself fair-minded and impartial in his newspaper, and plainly realizes the necessity of reallocation for the improvement of the conditions of the Japanese in Canada. He is somewhat of a spokesman for the Canadian-born Japanese and apparently has considerable influence over them. A series of articles in his newspaper might be helpful to the movement of Japanese East this season.

Please give me your comments on the advisiability of the above at this time." [no response in file found]

- note: from the start of 1943, when the dept of labour took over the administration of jcs, there was a concerted effort to get jcs out of the camps in bc and to scatter them across canada. the dispersal policy was formulated at this time - which is a clear indication that the government never ever thought of allowing jcs to return to the coast. they wanted to permanently destroy the jc community. there is some concern that the the US government is beginning to recognize the rights of j americans as citizens - a court case at this time? a future study could delve into this much more thoroughly, and then this file will be very useful. i have to start skimming the material from around april 1943 on, at this time, because of the limits of my research time here.
- jun 30/43: "Japanese activity and placements throughout Canada", report for period ending june 30, submitted to MacNamara from Eastwood - 11 pages
- oct/43: an interesting memo to MacNamara, re policy on jcs in light of the changes in US policy - US moving to allow jas to join the armed forced, to return to the coast, to sign a loyalty oath

file 614.02:11 volume 2. Japanese Placement Policy and Plans"
- contains some interesting info on the awareness of the canadian government re the changes in US policy. there is a lengthy commentary by someone called A.H. Brown (he appears in other memos in this file, but is not identified; probably a policy adviser for the department of labour. it seems that the questions and recommendations in brown's memo were never taken serious - but it's obvious that macNamara was aware of the difference between cdn and US policies as early as december 1943; in a memo to Brown, he begins: "I have been neglecting your memorandum in regard to Japanese Placement Policy." [dated dec 21/43]

- note: file of photos from the Dept of Labour fileSs. RG 27, volume 169, file: 614.02: 11 volume 3, "Proposed Japanese Settlement-Pictures" - 53 sheets - most with a single photo; others with many photos

list: one section with black & white photos pasted on a sheet with captions at top and bottom:

1. "Proposed Japanese Settlement Fourteen Miles Beyond Hope" [at top] and [at bottom] "Trite Farm showing one of the best barns in Canada."
2. "Houses for Japanese at Tashme, BC, August 42

Photos on construction of Slocan City and Tashme - can see on the backs of the photos a caption, signed by Walter Hartley, so he's

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probably the photographer. the photos were probably then pasted up on the sheet and the captions, using Hartley's comments, were placed on them - to be sent to Ottawa office
- at the end of this file there are 4 sheets [with 4 photos on each] with the heading, "Pictures of the Ghost Town of Brule" - they appear to be taken by someone else - no name attached

photos ordered:
1. "Jap. Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [at bottom] "Building no. 4 showing workmen preparing it for a residence" - building with 2 men with their backs to the camera cutting wood, no 3 on window before them, on far right a women walking by carrying two bags
2. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Slocan City Main Street looking north towards the lake. Note the construction work." two kids playing on the street, foregrounded
3. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Building no. 1. Showing fire escape. Build by the Commission for Japanese protection. building with a few people standing outside; stairway prominent
4. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Swings and sand boxes provided for the entertainment of the children." swings with three children
5. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Building no. 2 under repairs. Note the Japanese Children playing." construction work with children using a plank as a see-saw
6. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Building no. 6 under repairs." building being repaired with pieces of lumber leaned up against the front; figure in front of stack of lumber
7. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Japanese just off the train, showing the lake and passenger train." shot of people with train, "Canadian Pacific" in background; cant see lake
8. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Close-up view of Japanese just unloaded off the train." just that, a close up view, with lake visible in the background
9. "Jap Evacuation, Slocan City" [top] and [bottom] "Building no. 11 known as the 'Two Friends' is full of happy Japanese."
10. "Lemon Creek, Jan/43" - photo of shack with ice

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RG 36/27, volume 16

file 610: "Japanese spokesmen & lists of Japanese Nationals 1942" - lists from various places, of j nationals, and the name of a representative - this list came about from a request from the S of State for External Affairs - apparently when the Protecting Power, the Spanish Consul General, went thru the camps he met with some jcs who were not nationals, but were either nat or cdn born
- note: a letter saying the spokesman for nationals in manitoba is Kankichi Onagi, aged 52 - appointed at a meeting of representatives from various parts of manitoba on aug 23/42

file 612: "Japanese Liaison Committee, 1942"
- contains list of names of people on the committee, list dated may 1/42

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file 613: "Japanese Committees, 1942
- to photocopy

file 614: "Nationalized [sic; Naturalized] Canadian Citizens' League"

file 615: "Japanese Canadian Citizens' League 1942"

-note: file 622, in three parts, contains extensive material on repatriation, and would be something to return to if and when i do anything on this topic; it's called "Tribunal & Prov. Advisory Committee, April 1945; May-October 1945; 1944" - so the title is misleading. a good place to understand the policy on repatriation as well as the whole scheme.
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volume 7:

file 144: "Interior Housing Projects, 1942-1943"
- contains an interesting report on the interior camps, by G. Lyall Hodgins, MD - who was on the Advisory Cte of the bcsc - 3 pages - photocopy
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volume 31
- this volume contains files for sugar beet farm projects in alberta and manitoba; it's the manitoba ones that i'm interested in.
- file 1708: "Manitoba: Agreements, 1942"
- starts march 18 with telegram from Honourable John Bracken, saying that Man should be symnpathetic to some j males coming out by the bcsc to work in the province; he was the Premier of Man
- in subsequent correspondence bracken says that man is willing to help by having jcs come out as sugar beet workers
- agreement - set up in may - the terms made official
- bracken, june 23, to taylor, says the prov doesnt need an agreement; will simply make the arrangements etc
- hospital agreement, between bcsc and grace hospital; also one with general hospital
- file 1708 is 62 pages

file 1721: "Manitoba: Sugar Beets, 1942"
-"Instructions, Evacuation of Japanese Farmers to Albert and Manitoba" - contains info that would be useful for my children's book - especially to understand the process of uprooting; includes the provision: "AN ALLOWANCE OF TWO DOLLARS PER HEAD WILL BE ALLOWED FOR FOOD EN ROUTE TO ALBERTA OR MANITOBA."
- file 1721 is 81 pages

file 1765: "Arrangements with Prov. Government - Manitoba 1949-50"
- mostly form letters re welfare agreement between man govt and bcsc - doesnt appear to be useful for anything - could let this one go? 26 pages

file 1703: "Manitoba: Policy 1942-43"

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- 49 pages - related to policy

file 1713: "Manitoba: Reports 1942-1944, 1947"
- the biggest and most important file - containe lots of information about jcs going to manitoba - lists of names - brief descriptions of families - a map of locations - regular reports on marriages, births, illnessnes, deaths etc - also some rcmp reports - the rcmp collection of reports ends dec 10, 1947 - at which time they were still watching jcs - "None of the reports received contain any information that the Japanese harbour any unfriendly sentiments towards this country. There is no indication that they presence is resented by the local residents." this gathering of reports begins jan 7, 1947

- found a list "Number leaving the region for settlement elsewhere" where we're listed as moving to North Kildonan from Ste Agathe - no date at top but it looks like it's from the september 1944 report so we probably moved in august 1944

- file contains lists of people moving, done monthly, with briefs reports of things going on

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volume 14:

file 600: "Department of External Affairs - Spanish and Swiss Consuls"
- contains material pertaining to activities of the Spanish Consul, as Protecting Power

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RG 27, Office Files of Raymond Ranger

volume 3026
file: "Cabinet Committee on Japanese Questions, Agenda and Minutes of Meetings, 1945-48"
- this Cabinet Committee on Japanese Questions was est on apr 17, 1947; it is a "reconstruction of two Cabinet Committees -- Japanese Problems (Cabinet Sept.5, 1945) and Japanese Evacuees (Cabinet, March 10, 1947)
terms of reference: "To consider and report upon problems relating to the repatriation and relocation of persons of Japanese race; to consider and report upon the general lines along which claims would be dealt with, including such matters as the treatment of chattels and the question of recognition or otherwise of the principle of economic loss and in particular the establishment of a Commission to deal with claims of Japanese wartime evacuees and the terms of reference of such a Commission."
- Chairman: Minister of Labour
- Members: Minister of Veterans Affairs
Minister of Justice (Soliciter General as alternate)
Secretary of State
Minister of Mines and Resources
Minister of Fisheries
Minister of Finanace
Secretary: Raymond Ranger, Privy Council Office, Local 7974

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R.G.Robertson, PM's office, usually attends meetings

- dates of meetings:
sept 12/45
nov 5/45
dec 7/45
feb 27/46
dec 13/46
jan 10/47
apr 17/47
apr 21/47
sept 3/47
nov 25/47
jan 15/48
[these are the dates at the front of ranger's file - a four-ring loose-leaf binder with tabs for the numbers of the meetings

- Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour
- Ian A Mackenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs
- A. MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labour
- i should just photocopy the whole file

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RG 18, RCMP

volume 3568
file: C 3129-1-5 Detention of Japanese Under P.C. 1665
- begins with letter to St Laurent from RCMP re the jcs who refuesed to go to schreiber, mar 27/42
- govt was worried about the disobedience - initial plan was to set up a "detention camp" for these jcs - who were British subjects - see telegram, from ST Wood, RCMP, to Mead, RCMP: "MACNAMARA HAS RECOMMENDED SETTING UP A DETENTION CAMP IN THE INTERIOR TO BE GUARDED BY THIS FORCE. I CONSIDER THIS THE DUTY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN ORDIN IN COUNCIL PC ONE SIX SIX FIVE AND WISH TO OPPOSE ABOVE SUGGESTION. STOP. NOTE THOSE DETTAINED ARE IN CUSTODY OF MILITARY AUTHORITY IN IMMIGRATION SHED. I WOULD SUGGEST COMMISSION OBTAIN SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO ORDER INTERNMENTS PART FROM PROCEDURE LAID OUT UNDER SECTION TWENTY-ONE DOCR [?]. STOP. INTERNMENT OPERATIONS ADVISE THAT THEY CAN TAKE THREE HUNDRED JAPANESE PETAWAWA INTERNMENT CAMP." dated, march 28/42

file: C 3129-1-1- Interdepartmental Minutes Re-Reallocation, Repatriation and Segregation
- contains revealing info on the development of govt policy during 1945, including the proposed loyalty tribunal, restrictions on movement, repatriation etc
- i've ordered photocopies of a lot of stuff from this file

file C 3129-1-5 Detention of Japanese under P.C. 1665
- contains important information on "detention" process and policies
- i've asked that this whole file be photocopied; 35 pages

note: there are two files, file C 3129-1-8 vol 1, and C 3129-1-8

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vole 2, which are titled "Enforcement of BCSC Orders; these may contain important documents for my study, and if i have time in the future i could perhaps return to these; but at a cursory glance through i wasn't grabbed by anything compelling, at least in relation to what i've already found.
volume 3563
- contains files on italians who were interned
file: C-11-19-2-9 (vol. 1) Removal of Enemy Aliens
- begins jan 26/42 with uprooting of j nationals
- pc 365 was passed on january 16/42. in this file there's a memo, unsigned, but most likely by macnamara because he is sending it to mead in a covering letter. this memo is revealing: there was a meeting of ian mackenzie, humphrey mitchell, macnamara, january 27, at which time they decided to uproot Canadian nationals of j ancestry
- rcmp telegram, feb 2, says "SPECIAL CONSTABLE UPTON WILL CONDUCT FIRST PARTY JAPANESE NATIONALS TO WESTERN ONTARIO"
- feb 23/42, ian mackenzie material -
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RG 27 Lacelle Files, Department of Labour

volume 170
- contains two big files with material on jcs moving to manitoba
file 614.02:11, vol.1, Transfer of Japanese from British Columbia to Manitoba
- begins feb 11/42; ends nov 24/42 - approx 186 pages

file 614.02: 11, vol. 2, Transfer of Japanese from British Columbia to Manitoba
- begins nov 27/42; ends june 1944
- some duplication here with bcsc files, especially the monthly reports and lists of names - approx 110 pages

RG 36/27

Volume 34:

file 2202: "Cabinet Committee on Japanese Problems - Notices of Meetings"
- an extremely important file - contains documents related to cabinet decisions on policies etc - can see the formation of policy and who was influence in proposing what
- i've ordered for photocopy numerous items from this file
- contains original copies of the two notices - for repatriation and dispersal
- oct 30/45, from TB Pickersgill to MacNamara, "Proposed Statement which might be used by the Minister" - a draft of a statement to be used to explain dispersal/repatriation
- may 14, from A. Brown to A MacNamara, memo, re allowing vets to get lands from the VLA - 2 pp
- jan 14, from FW Jackson, to Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, a copy of the Royal Commission to "investigate the welfare of Japanese in the Interior Settlements of British Columbia."

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- notice for dispersal, repatriation, form for relinquishing citizenship
- report, "Repatriation of Japanese", marked "top secret" - 11 pg
- memorandum, "Memorandum to the Cabinet Committee on Japanese Problems" - a paper, marked "Ref. Document JAP 3", which would have been used at the meeting - this one is "RE: Questions of Consular protection and assistance in Japan for Canadian citizens of Japanese origin and the re-entry into Canada of such persons and Japanese nationals retaining Canadian domicile." this document would be useful for the Red Advisory Cte, to understand how difficult it might have been to get back to canada after the war.

file 2201: "General Correspondence Re Cabinet Committee on Japanese"

in fold markded Correspondence I:
- apr 23/47, KW Wright, to Ranger, material on proposed claims commission which is being send to the Under Secretary of State, from the Deputy Minister of Justice - about 20 pages of stuff in this flag
- copy of "An Act to provide for the Repatriation or Resettlement of Displaced Persons of the Japanese Race" -
- jan 14/47, memo from Ranger to MacNamara, re "problems relating to fishing licenses"
- jan 9/47, copy of Order in Council PC 5355
- july 9/47, RG Robertson to MacNamara, re: petitions being received from jcs for claims against the government for losses; an example of one is attached with a claims sheet -

in folder marked Correspondence II:
- jun 16/47, brief from the University of Toronto Liberal Association objecting to the mistreatment of jcs - 10 pgs
- nov 18/47, from Milton F. Gregg, Ministerof Fisheries, to Raymond Ranger, Secretary, Cabinet Cte on J Questions, on fishing licenses for jcs
- nov 24/47, from Joan B. Kennedy, private secretary to Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs, to Raymond Ranger, re holding on the meeting to consider changes to orders in council until he can attend
- some miscellaneous stuff, jan 15/48, ADP Heeney to Humphrey Mitchell;jan 14/48, KW Wright, Counsel to the Custodian, to Ranger;
- feb 1/47, memo to MacNamara, from AH Brown, "Re: Travel Restrictions on Japanese" - 5 pgs of stuff
- feb 6/47, CAL Murchison, Chairman, National War Labour Board, to MacNamara, "Re: Restrictions on Japanese" - plus some misc stuff, including a group of documents for a vet who wants to enter the protected area to get property
- apr 11/47, from KW Wright, Councsel to the Custodian, to Raymond Ranger, "Re: Japanese Associations & Societies" - a covering letter to enclose correspondence from Mr. Varcoe, Deputy Minister of Justice, dated jan 10/47; and a copy of the letter which was sent to Varcoe

Wright to Varcoe, jan 10/47:

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"You will recall that Orders in Council P.C. 1665, dated March 4, 1942, as amended by P.C. 2483, dated March 27, 1942, and P.C. 469, dated January 19, 1943, empowered the Custodian to administer assets of persons of the Japanese Race evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia.

"Mr. F.G. Shears, Director of the Custodian's Office in Vancouver, has submitted a list of properties owned by Japanese Organizations, which are situated in the Protected Area of British Columbia, and the question of the application of the above Orders to such Japanese Associations and Societies is a matter upon which the Custodian would appreciate your advice.

"The Director indicates that it is desirable to proceed with the liquidation of approximately 20 parcels, registered as aforesaid, but states that Mr. Sheppard of the firm of Messrs. Locke, Lana, Guild & Sheppard of Vancouver, is of opinion that the Orders in Council are not wide enough and should be amended by extending authority to a Japanese Company, Association or Society. It does not appear that under the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act (1945) we may do more than continue or discontinue measures adopted during the war, which leaves us in the position of having to rely on the Orders in Council as they now stand.

"You will note from the enclosed that the properties listed are owned by Japanese.

"Will you be kind enough to let us have your opinion as early as convenient.

"Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,
KW Wright

FP Varcoe, Deputy Minister of Justice, to KW Wright"
"Re: Japanese Associations and Societies, Your file No. J-71"

"I acknowledge your letter of January 10th and the enclosure therein mentioned.

"I understand from you that, with the exception of the first, third and seventh parcels listed by you, in all cases the property is vested in an association or other body that is incorporated. I am of opinion that Order in Council P.C. 1665, of March 4, 1942, as amended, is not applicable to vest the property of these associations in the Custodian.

"I am further of opinion that the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945, does not authorize the Governor in Council to make an order or regulation vesting the property of these associations in the Custodian.

"With reference to the first, third and seventh parcels referred to by you, I note that these are vested in trustees who are persons of the Japanese race. I am of opinion that the titles held by the Japanese trustees are vested in the Custodian subject to the interests of the beneficiaries under the trusts therein.

FP Varcoe

- apr 28/47, Varcoe to Ranger, about deportation policy

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RG 36/27, BC Security Commission files

volume 42
- contains a sheaf of documents related to education in the camps - early letters, setting up the schools, memos and letters by CV Booth etc - ends apr/43
- contains many newsletters and yearbooks from schools in the camps, including THE BREEZE, from Pine Crescent School. one issue has a story by Hideo Mimoto called "Adventures of Rough Lock" - which may be the source of the character by the same name in OBASAN; joy went to this school
- file 2506: "Japanese High Schools - Calendars, Yearbooks, etc"
- has news clipping of jcs beging deported,taken in Vancouver; from the MONTREAL STANDARD, jun 1/46
- also has gross ad, "Japan is a tough nut to crack," issued by the Wartime Information Board, and designed by the National Film Board, Ottawa
- from THE BREEZE, the Pine Crescent School Annual, 1943-44; the school song
"School Song"

Slocan, get on your toes,
We are, as everyone knows
The school with spirit high!
We all do our best,
And never, never rest,
Till we with triumph cry--Rah, rah, rah!

Work with all your might,
Come on rise up and fight,
And never give up hope--
the banner we will hold with pride,
As to victory--we stride!

volume 13
- no time to go through but the files appear to contain relevant documents on education in the camps; eg file on education policy, plus two files of reports on education to ottawa

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notes on Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians

formed in june 1943 from two groups meeting through the ywca and ymca -- to help jcs get settled in toronto. Chair of the ywca group was Emma Kaufman.

two subcommittees of jcs were formed in this first Co-operative C., one for women and one for men. These two later formed the JCCD, then later, the NJCCA (which subsequently became the NAJC, the current national organization of JCs).

Connections with Dr. Norman Black, head of the Consultative Committee of Vancouver. Led to publication of Dr. Black's "A Challenge to Patriotism and Statesmanship," a pamphlet describing the treatment of JCs. 10,000 copies circulated during summer of 1944.

Note on Bill 135, in summer of 1944: "The Bill provided amendments to the Dominion Elections Act in preparation for the forthcoming federal election. Tacked on to it was a clause (Section 5) which disqualified persons of Japanese race who moved from B.C. unless they had served in the Canadian armed forces. This clause apparently escaped notice in the House of Commons until the bill had been passed, but by the time it reached the Senate widespread protests were being heard. The Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy sent a brief opposing the

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Bill, and the National Interchurch Advisory Committee on the Resettlement of Japanese Canadians launched a vigorous campaign to get the clause removed. Because of this unexpected expression of public sentiment, the Senate sent the Bill back to the House, where it was amended to permit anyone who voted in the last federal election to vote in the next one. Even this amendment, however, disfranchised the majority of Japanese Canadians, because at the time of the last election they were living in B.C. where they could not vote."

In the deportation issue, the CC took legal action to challenge the government's authority to deport JCs. The case went to the Supreme Court. Campaign begun to raise money and get support for their appeal. January 10 meeting held at Javis Collegiate, Toronto. Resolution passed opposing deportation.

Feb. 20, 1946, Supreme Court decision was announced.

In 1947, the deportation orders were rescinded by PM King.

In 1947, the property claims question was initiated--compensation for property and income loss. CC joined with JCCD in 1947 to carry out a survey of losses. Completed in Toronto early in 1947, with 200 forms turned in, showing a "total loss of one and half million dollars."

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March 2, 1947, summary of the economic loss survey was presented to Colin Gibson, Secretary of State. "A month passed without further news."

April, debate on Bill 22 (To Continue the Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, 1943). Because of property losses, the subject was refereed to the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons for investigation. CC sent a delegation (includes G. Tanaka) asking for a commission "with broad enough powers to deal with all losses arising out of the evacuation."

Report of Public Accounts Committee on June 17 included a recom. for a commission to look at losses -- stipulation that only losses due to sales below market value.

July 18, 1947: Order-in-Council P.C. 1810, commission set up with Justice Henry Irvine Bird of B.C., appointed commissioner under the Public Inquires Act.

Most claims completed by Jan 1948. Hearing in 1948 and early 1949. Then things had to be speeded up. "Accordingly it was agreed to adopt a formula by which, one the general evidence already presented, the commissioner would recommend a general percentage allowance for each category of claim, with the provision that evidence could be presented in special casesto secure a higher award.....Finally, in the spring of 1950 Mr.

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Justice Bird completed the hearings and submitted his report to the government."

June 14, 1950: report was made public. Payment of 1,222,929 made.

Fall of 1951, when work on claims was finished, the CC decided to dissolve as a separate organization.

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During 1942 and 1943, as JCs began to resettle in Toronto, there was a need for an JC organization to provide social assistance and a unifying association. The JCCD came into existence in 1943 to do this, plus to seek equal rights for JCs, to protect and futher their rights, and to est. contact with other JCs across Canada. In May 1945, instigated by the repatriation survey, the JCCD joined with some 20 Caucasian organizations to form the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians to protest the treatment of JCs. It was this group that lauched a massive protest when the government pushed forth its deportation program in the fall of 1945.

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