

Lands To War Veterans

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Property In Fraser Valley Will Now Be Taken Over

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OTTAWA, June 19.—Veterans of the present war will have opportunity to farm many of the Fraser Valley properties formerly owned by Japanese. Another step in this direction has been completed with the transfer of 769 parcels of land in Fraser Valley now with the custodian's office in Vancouver to provincial supervisor under the Veterans' Land Act (1942).

The transaction was announced by the Secretary of State in a statement, G. Murchison, director of the Veterans' Land Act, said.

"Not all the parcels thus far acquired are of themselves suitable for veteran settlement. In some cases subdivision may be undertaken. In others it may be advisable to consolidate two or more parcels into one unit.

NEED ALTERATIONS.

"In many cases it will be necessary to undertake extensive alterations to existing building or the erection of new homes of modest size but of enduring construction. The scarcity of building materials and expert labor at the present time are factors which make it necessary to postpone such a building program until conditions are more favorable.

"In the meantime the local administration of these lands will come under I. T. Barnet, provincial superintendent of the Veterans' Land Act and Soldier Settlement at Vancouver. Annual taxes levied by the local authorities will be paid in accordance with the provision of the Veterans' Land Act.

"I should like to emphasize that it is the intention to hold these lands for veteran rehabilitation purposes, and for this reason it is useless for any one to seek to establish a preferred position in this regard.

"Disposition of these lands is a matter upon which the men from British Columbia who are

at present scattered around the world on the fighting fronts will be given an opportunity to compete on equitable terms so far as it may be within the authority of the director and his representatives.

"I am confident that this policy will commend itself to and receive full support from the public at large."

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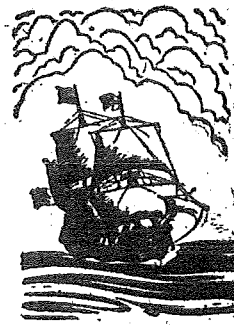
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Ottawa Announces Plan To Transfer

Debate Fuel, Rats

JUNIOR BOARDS MEETING OPENS

Delegates to the seventh annual B. C. regional conference of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada meeting in Vancouver today will propose steps to deal with "the menace of rats in this province."

Calling attention to the existence of a large number of rats, which is creating a definite menace to health, the conference will discuss a resolution urging the provincial department of health and other authorities to undertake a program to eliminate rats and publicize methods and plans for this purpose.

POST-WAR PLANS.

The conference will also discuss a resolution urging the Federal Government to declare a state of national emergency in the production of wood fuels.

The government will also be urged to establish councils to discuss post-war problems.

Delegates to the conference from 11 British Columbia cities were welcomed by Earl M. Bennett, executive director, and Al. Russell, president of the Vancouver chapter.

Must Develop B.C. Resources

British Columbia is to raise its standard of living in the post-war period. Immediate steps must be taken to establish cheap production prices. Dr. Harry S. Hensel, of the University of British Columbia, told delegates to the Junior Chamber of Commerce regional conference at the Hotel Vancouver today.

