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Pt. Burwell, Ont. 1942.
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Minister of Labour,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Having read of the seizure of the Jap fishing fleet and the need of white fishermen, wondered if you could give me any information regarding the fishing.

I am English descent, Canadian born, and have fished for twenty years on the Great Lakes, but would like to come to the Pacific Coast to make my home. So any information you can give me on who to or where to write on any thing concerning working conditions, wages, or turn this letter to somebody who would be interested, will be appreciated by me.

I am,

Yours

Mr. Harry Butcher,

Pt. Burwell, Ont.

c/o Lake Side Hotel

P.S. There are half a dozen more who are interested.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

THE CONFISCATION OF THE JAPANESE FISHING FLEET GIVES THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH VETERANS IN A FIELD WHICH IS OPEN FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND WHICH IS AT THE SAME TIME ONE OF CANADA'S FOREMOST INDUSTRIES - FISHING.

THE FISHING INDUSTRY, LIKE ALL OTHER CANADIAN INDUSTRIES, IS CONFRONTED WITH AN EVER-INCREASING DEMAND FOR GREATER PRODUCTION - MORE AND MORE FISH ARE NEEDED FOR OUR WAR EFFORT. BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES HAVE MET ALL THE DEMANDS MADE UPON THEM SO FAR. THE PRESENT COMMITMENTS TO GREAT BRITAIN ARE STRAINING THE INDUSTRY'S RESOURCES TO THE LIMIT. HOWEVER,