

January 16th, 1945.

Mrs. Sakae TAKENAKA,  
Registration No. 09064,  
Hulton P. O.,  
St. Vital, MANITOBA.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of a letter of the 8th instant written by your son, Rikio, on your behalf and have carefully read your comments in connection with the sale of your property.

The frank but courteous manner in which you present your complaint does not pass unnoticed and we can assure you that it has been the desire of this office to fulfil its obligations in as just and fair a manner as possible.

The policy of liquidation was, as you are aware, decided upon by the Government authorities at Ottawa and in the case of all properties, outside of the group of farms sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, for use of returned soldiers, we have endeavoured to treat every sale on its individual merits.

While we appreciate that the sale of any property is a matter of personal concern and in some cases may be contrary to the wishes of the owner, we do believe that we have taken every possible step to secure fair and adequate prices.

Your property fell within the group of over 700 parcels which were sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act. The same principle of disposal obtained in regard to these lands, except that in this case the valuations of this group of properties were made by a board of appraisers who were not directly appointed by this office, but whose ability and impartiality was considered by Ottawa to have been satisfactory. It was on the basis of these valuations that this office entered into negotiations with the Director, Veterans' Land Act, and your property was accordingly sold for \$1023.00.