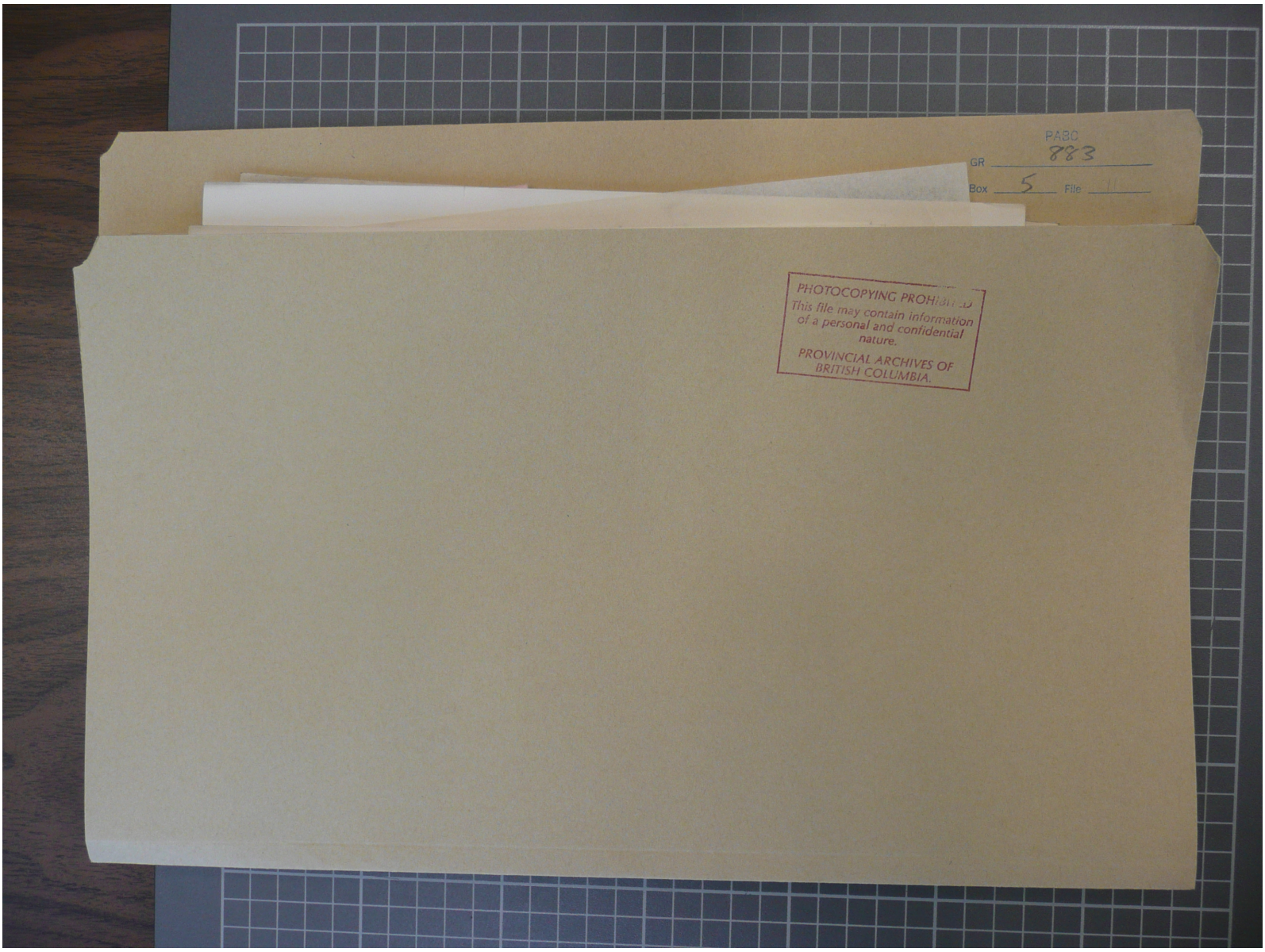

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January 29th, 1942.

Via Air Mail

Mrs. G. Cameron Parker,
Acting Executive Director,
The Canadian Welfare Council,
245 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Parker:

Your letter requesting an article for the Canadian Welfare magazine came to hand a day or two ago. I have consulted both Miss Holland and Miss Bradford in regard to the matter and they agree with me that it would not be expedient at this time to go into print either on the Japanese situation or on evacuation plans for British Columbia families.

For your own information, I might say that we have a Japanese Welfare Agency in the Welfare Federation and, although up to the present this agency has concerned itself mostly with health, there is good prospect of social development in the near future, as we have a Japanese student in our Social Service Course. She has been encouraged to take social work by the young Canadian Japanese group. However, up to the present, we have always been able to deal with any social situation which arose among the Japanese. They are a law-abiding race and keep their social problems mostly to themselves. You will realize too, no doubt, that the situation when the men are sent inland will not be very different from the ordinary situation when their men are away logging and fishing. The Japanese mother is used to running her own affairs.

As far as general evacuation plans are concerned, there is no official information. I, personally, would like to see the Federal Government appoint a committee to discuss the matter and draw together all the groups that are going "haywire". The combination of Child Welfare, Metropolitan Health and the schools could do a great deal in not only drawing up plans but in keeping "scare" headlines out of the newspaper.

I am very sorry that I cannot write your articles but, as you see, there is no material which we can use. It is not that I object to writing articles because I rather enjoy it, but I do have to have some material to work on.

Yours sincerely,

I. HARVEY
Superintendent of
Neglected Children

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The Canadian Welfare Council

Council House,
245 Cooper Street, Tel. 2-2439
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January the 23rd, 1942.

Miss Isobel Harvey,
Superintendent of Child Protection,
410 Seymour Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

- Air Mail -

Dear Miss Harvey:

There is a good deal of interest, as one would expect, in the movement that is being worked out by the Government, of the Japanese families from the Coast. It really has a great deal of social significance in knowing how they are going to handle the families and children of these men, with all the complications that there must be as to whether they are in sympathy, alien or Canadian.

Also their handling of this movement may be significant as to development of air raid precaution work. Have they utilized social services in the movement of the Japanese? Or, were the social services able to give assistance if they were asked to do so? And what bearing has this on the possibility of using such social services in the case of removal of Canadian families in the event of the falling of Vancouver or other cities?

Could you possibly write us an article along these lines for the next issue of WELFARE? That would mean getting it back here at the latest by February the fifth, and letting me know in advance of that, whether or not you are able to do it. It may be that there is someone nearer the question than yourself, who could do it, and I would be very glad in that case to have you transfer the request, but would still be grateful if you would keep a string on it to make sure it was done.

Also, it seems to me possible that this might divide up into two quite separate articles - one on the Japanese situation, and the other on movements being contemplated for Canadian children - because it seems quite likely that Vancouver may be already into serious consideration of this. We are wondering from a Canadian point of view whether or not it is wise to suggest to the Government

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that our social services are able to cope with such a placement of children, or would it be more discreet to suggest that if it was done as a military necessity, that our services would be called in to discuss whatever difficulties arise following these placements.

All this would be very interesting and up to date material for the magazine, if you could possibly help me to dig it out. If it is utterly impossible for this month, please do part of it this month, and part of it for the next, and be assured that I will be extremely grateful to you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A. Ethel Parker.

(Mrs. G. Cameron Parker)
Acting Executive Director.

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