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Alex Mackenzie, Esq.,
2456 West 1st Avenue,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 18, and note what you have to say regarding the acreage you have discovered and which you think is suitable for land settlement.

Please be advised that the selection of farm lands for veterans is the responsibility of the Federal authorities. The Provincial Government has placed a reserve on all such lands pending a decision by the Federal authorities as to which sections they wish to specifically reserve. Consequently, I am unable to entertain your proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.

Hon John Hart
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Dear Jack.

There is one of your departments I am extremely interested in, and that is "Rehabilitation", in my travels through the interior after the last war, I saw ex soldiers on land, you wouldn't have the heart to turn a coyote loose on, they couldn't raise a disturbance on it, let alone a crop to live on, it was pathetic, we dont want that to happen this time, surely if they are going on land they should have a chance to make good.

I know where there are thousands of acres handy to Vancouver, with beautiful setting, location and transportation. with soil from 3 to 16 ft in depth. suitable for nuts, small fruits chickensete, the land can be bought direct and reasonably cheap; here a thriving community could be formed in 5 acres blocks and up, and in a few years you would have a grateful lot of prosperous returned men, and something to be proud of.

Since the business I was in
vood for the duration 1½ years ago,
I have devoted part of my time to Welfare,
Red Cross campaigns, and the Victory loans
on the 4th + 5th loan, I had the honor
a being leading team captain in all Canada
my ten men collecting $1,116,800.00, the rest
of my time I have been exploring the
country for good acreage, with the
view of a subdevision and getting
back in the real estate business.

Thats is how I discoved this land,
and believe it would be ideal for
a returned soldiers settlement, and
so if you are looking for a man to
handle this end of your rehabilitation,
I would like to have the opportunity
to direct it, for I know it could be
made an outstanding achievement

I havent taken much interest
in polital campaigns since I worked
on the comittee that elected Mr Brewster
Geo Bell, Henry Hall and yourself, and
about the only members I know personally
now are Wells Grey, Norman Whittaker and yourself

I would appreciate a reply
from you at your earliest convenience,
and will plan further accordingly

Yours sincerely
Alex Mackenzie