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B.F. Clarke, Esq., M.P., Ottawa.

Dear Sir, Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Secretary of State, and enclosing a letter from Mr. Kelly, of Victoria, B.C., I have to inform you that the Japanese Government have been requested to issue passports to Japanese labourers proceeding to Canada, and that the Japanese Consul at Victoria has been instructed to refuse visés to labourers who do not produce passports.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

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File No. J-9

December 23, 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. A. H. MATHIEU

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Japanese Funds
Vancouver Office

Attached hereto you will find copy of communication received from Mr. Shears, under date of 19th instant, relative to remittance of funds to Japanese Evacuees. You will note that from the first of October to the fifteenth of December, 1946, the office in Vancouver disbursed the sum of $317,840.42, thereby closing out about 550 accounts. Having regard for the work involved, this is, in my opinion, excellent.

There is one other point that I would like to bring to your attention, namely the small amount that is being returned, roughly 3%. You will recall that when we adopted the plan of speeding distribution, I indicated that it was altogether likely fewer than 10% would refuse to accept the balances returned. It is true that the work is by no means complete, but this report provides evidence that we have not under estimated complaints likely to be lodged.

Will you be good enough to bring this letter to Dr. Coleman's attention.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Attach.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE No.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

19th December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

In your confidential letter of the 14th instant you asked what progress is being made in regard to the payment out of Japanese funds.

The following is a Statement showing the number of open accounts and amounts as at the end of September, October, November and the 15th December:

| | Number of Accounts | |
|---|---|---|
| 30th September | 2923 | $1,251.325.45 |
| 31st October | 2603 | 1,013,222.09 |
| 30th November | 2449 | 949,401.79 |
| 15th December | 2396 | 933,485.03 |

Included in the last total are 28 accounts which have been sent out and the cheques returned amounting to $9,716.03, the parties concerned are refusing to accept these cheques as they think it may prejudice their position in regard to making a claim.

The progress is not spectacular and shows about 550 accounts closed during the last 2½ months. The office is fully aware of the desirability of getting this angle of the work completed, but the sending out of final balances entails the review of the file and considerable work is involved in so doing.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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23rd December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Investment on Enemy Funds.

I wrote to you on Thursday last enclosing copy of my letter of December 12th to Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons and Mr. Sheppard's reply in connection with same.

On making reference to this to Mr. Field today I find that he has not so far written to Montreal as was arranged.

I presume he will do so today, but I am writing this for your information in case you should be in contact with P.S. Ross & Sons at Montreal.

Yours very truly,

F Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

19th December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was interested to hear over the radio and read reports in the press regarding the new appointment of Col. Gibson as Secretary of State. I am hoping that the change will be agreeable to Dr. Coleman and to those of you who have direct contact with the Minister from time to time.

The House will apparently re-convene at the end of January. The preparation of a report from this office as far as figures are concerned cannot be properly started until after the end of the year and a statement of our accounts has been prepared.

I have not as yet commenced anything concerning the general operations of the office. I think we must just set a date when you consider the report should be ready and work towards that end. If it was in your hands by January 25th would it be satisfactory?

Please let me know just what you desire and you may be sure we will meet the requirements.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 19, 1946

J-9

TO: Department of Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

RE: Japanese Problems

Attention: Mr. J. J. McCardle

We have for acknowledgment your draft letter, under date of 13th instant, addressed to Canadian Liaison Mission, Canadian Legation, Tokyo, Japan. We note from this that you desire to advise the Mission as to what is necessary in case application is made for release of assets, located in Canada, belonging to persons resident in Japan. All such assets vest in the Custodian pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) and we enclose two copies in the event that you may wish to send these to Tokyo.

Applications for release of assets, formerly owned by Nationals of belligerent enemy countries, are not entertained, with the following exception: The Custodian will release control, without any charge, over proceeds of military estates and pensions payable by the Canadian Pension Commission to a National resident of Japan.

As to Canadian Nationals, British Subjects and U.S. Citizens, the Custodian is prepared to consider the application for a release of any assets vested in him which are claimed by a Canadian national, a British subject or a United States citizen who resides in enemy territory, whether it be belligerent (providing private trading has been resumed), formerly enemy occupied or proscribed territory, providing the claimant complies with Part III of our circular letter dated January 13, 1941, and that his application is otherwise in order. We enclose 2 copies of instructions re application for release.

As to Nationals of neutral countries residing in enemy territory, the Custodian is prepared to consider the application for a release of any assets vested in him which are claimed by a national of a neutral country (e.g. Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, Lichtenstein) who resides in enemy territory, whether it be belligerent (providing private trading has been resumed), formerly enemy occupied or proscribed territory, providing the claimant complies with Part III of our circular letter dated January 13, 1941, and that his application is otherwise in order.

As to Nationals of Allied Countries, residing in enemy territory, the Custodian is prepared to consider a release to a national of any Allied country (providing that country was never enemy occupied or proscribed within the meaning of our Regulations) who presently resides in enemy territory, whether it be belligerent (providing trading has been resumed), formerly enemy occupied or proscribed territory, providing such applicant complies with the requirements of Part III of our circular letter dated January 13, 1941, and that the application is otherwise in order.

In the course of our recent interview with your Mr. McCardle, we indicated that the Custodian would be pleased to know if members of the Canadian Liaison Mission in Tokyo have access to information obtained by S.C.A.P. relative to assets, located in Canada, which formerly belonged to residents or corporations of Japan. We pointed out that, pursuant to the Regulations, the Custodian seized substantial assets, including numerous Japanese Companies operating in Canada, particularly in British Columbia. It is possible, however, that arrangements may have been made by owners purely for the purpose of cloaking their assets and as a result, these have not come under our control. You

TO: Department of Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

will appreciate that it would be very helpful to this office if we could establish additional belligerent enemy interests in properties in Canada, which, so far, have not been disclosed.

We also referred to the fact that in the course of administering enemy assets, numerous problems arise, e.g., disposition of assets of an estate involving beneficiaries in Canada as well as Japan. In some cases, Affidavits which might be obtained from residents of Japan as to their knowledge of the facts would be useful.

The Custodian would therefore appreciate advice as to whether or not it would be possible to utilize the services of members of the Mission in order to obtain material which may be required from time to time.

We return herewith your draft letter, dated December 13, 1946, and wish to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

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To Mr. K. J. Burbridge

I would appreciate any comments you might wish to make on this despatch.

"J. J. McCardle"
Room 135, East Block
Dept. of External Affairs

D R A F T

Ottawa, December 13, 1946

No._____

Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to opinions expressed by members of the Custodian's Office in a conversation with a member of this Department, concerning possible cases of Japanese in Japan who claim property interests in Canada.

2. Persons who went to Japan previous to the war may request through you settlement of property held in Canada. If such property exists, it will have been vested automatically in the Custodian's Office. The Custodian's Office will require very detailed proof of validity of such a claim before it will sanction any transfer of funds to Japan as settlement. Therefore if such cases come up, they will have to be the subject of individual letters to the Custodian's Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Canadian Liaison Mission,
Canadian Legation,
Tokyo, Japan

VIA AIR MAIL

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# CANADA

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

19th December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Investment of Enemy Funds.

On April 30th I wrote you in regard to the position of the above matter.

As far as this office is concerned entries have been made in connection with interest which has accrued on bonds since they have come into our possession. No progress, however, has been made in regard to interest on investments made by Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Granier, the Auditor of Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company and I am quite aware that it was expected that the necessary adjustments would be made before the close of their audit.

I am sending to you a copy of my letter of December 12th addressed to Mr. Field. This letter was forwarded to Mr. Sheppard and I have just received a copy of Mr. Sheppard's reply to Mr. Field, and this is also enclosed herein.

I have spoken to Mr. Field and I understand that he has forwarded this correspondence on to P.S. Ross & Sons at Montreal together with his own comments, asking them for further instructions.

I am advising you of the present situation in order that you may be in a position to again discuss this matter with Montreal and ensure speedy instructions being issued.

Yours very truly

F G Shears

FGS/PMH
encl.

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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I have asked that several times prior to this letter

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

12th December, 1946.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: Mr. F. Field

Dear Sirs:

Investment of Enemy Funds.

The question of interest received from the investment of enemy funds has been the subject of correspondence with Ottawa and was discussed with you when Mr. Wright was last in Vancouver.

Ottawa is aware that the interest on investments which you have made from time to time as Controller of various enemy companies has been credited to the individual enemy account concerned. This procedure we have been advised is not in accordance with the method followed by the Custodian.

On the 16th January last you supplied us with a list of Dominion of Canada Victory Loan Bonds which you had purchased for the Custodian of Enemy Property as follows:

| | | Interest |
|---|---|---|
| N.S. McNeil Trading Co. Ltd. | $450,000.- | $9,468.75 |
| Nanaimo Shipyards Ltd. | 110,050.- | 7,192.00 |
| Union Fish Co. Ltd. | 24,000.- | 1,552.50 |
| Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co.Ld. | 285,000.- | 8,623.63 |
| Toru Tamura | 50,000.- | 780.00 |
| Cameron Lake Logging Co. | 10,000.- | 175.00 |
| Canamoku Co.Ltd. | 15,000.- | 337.50 |
| Import & Domestic Silk | 46,000.- | 2,097.50 |
| Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. | 52,000.- | 2,094.23 |
| Komura Bros. Ltd. | 23,800.- | 1,735.50 |
| O. Kondo Co. | 14,000.- | 375.00 |
| T. Matkawa Stores Ltd. | 68,000.- | 3,857.73 |
| | $1,147.850.- | $38,289.34 |

This list was forwarded to Ottawa and we were later advised that changes should be made so that the interest would be taken out of these accounts and credited to the Custodian's Administration Account. This request was passed on to you in our letter of the 14th March. At that time you advised us that as the procedure suggested was not entirely normal, that in your opinion more specific instructions should issue either from Dr. Coleman or Mr. Mathieu.

Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons 12th December, 1946.

Insofar as investments made by this office are concerned, the interest which was first credited to the individual accounts has now been transferred to Administration account. The interest on bonds which you have delivered to us has also been treated in this manner and Ottawa have approved of this action.

Mr. Wright has recently advised me that this matter should be taken up with the representative of Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company Limited who are now conducting an audit in our office and I understand that this question has been referred to them in the instructions which were issued in connection with the scope of their audit. I believe that it is considered desirable that all the necessary adjustments should be made before the close of this year.

I am aware that you are somewhat exercised in regard to taking any procedure unless you feel that from the point of view of your responsibility as Controller and Liquidator the changes are in order.

I am wondering whether you might consider it desirable to have a conference together with Mr. Grenier, representing Messrs. Price Waterhouse in regard to this whole matter, and if so I feel sure that he would be agreeable and I would suggest that Mr. Good might also be present.

A list of securities and cash held by you in connection with companies still under your control is required and it might be considered advisable that these should be transferred to the Custodian together with up to date information in regard to the amount of interest which has been credited to each company. If this was done the adjusting entries connected with the transfer of interest to administration acc unt might then be made by this office.

The question of adjustment of individual companies' tax returns might need to be considered if the above is carried out in view of the fact that a certain amount of revenue would be withdrawn from its profits. As against this it is my understanding that in view of your re-appointment as Liquidator for the purpose of winding up various companies you may feel that all the assets in our hands be returned, or at least be considered to be under your control until the company as an entity is finally wound up.

I am not in a position to advise in this regard but in many cases as a result of the liquidation of all the physical assets of various companies the proceeds have been received by the Custodian and you have been granted a release. Your present appointment as Liquidator is for the purpose of carrying our formalities required to wind up the company as an entity and these are companies in which the Custodian is the sole shareholder and who is in possession of all the assets. However, if you agree that the conference with Mr. Grenier would be desirable these matters could all be discussed.

I believe that as far as the audit up to the end of November is concerned Mr. Grenier is nearing completion so that any discussion we decide to have should be held almost immediately.

Your kind consideration and comments would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

"F.G. Shears"

Director.

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703 Rogers Building
Vancouver, B.C.

December 19th, 1946.

P.S.Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Bldg.,
675 West Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Attention Mr. Frederick Field

Dear Sirs:-

Re : Investment of Enemy Funds

You have submitted to us Mr. Shears' letter to you of the 12th instant referring to the interest on investment of funds derived from various enemy companies and directing that such interest be credited to the Custodian's Administration Account. We understand that all the companies referred to in that letter have enemy shareholders to such an extent that the companies were controlled by such enemy shareholders. The Companies would come within the definition of "enemy" under the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) on the ground that the companies "were under the control of an enemy " (clause iv of the Definitions) or on the ground that the Company "under the common law is deemed to be an enemy (sec. vii ) Daimler Co. vs. Continental Tire Company (1916) 2 A.C. 307.

It would therefore follow that the property of such companies has been enemy property within the meaning of those Regulations and will have vested in the Custodian under Regulation 21. As the property is that of the Custodian then you will be fully discharged by paying to the Custodian and you will not of course be concerned with whatever application the Custodian makes of the funds after he has received them.

We observe that you have been appointed Controller of these companies under Reg. 15 and s.s.7 of Reg. 15 provides that the funds be distributed amongst those

P.S.Ross & Sons.

interested in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct. That provision must be read with Reg. 21 and we should think the proper construction would be that whereas under Reg. 21 property will vest forthwith yet where the enemy comes within Reg. 15 there should also be a direction by the Custodian as to the manner in which the funds and investments derived therefrom shall be distributed. That would appear to be quite sufficient if the Custodian direct the monies be paid to himself and you may follow those directions.

We observe that you have been directed to proceed with the winding up of these companies under the winding up provisions of the Companies Act . We do not see why that is necessary ; we are of the opinion and have so informed the Custodian that these winding up proceedings are only necessary where the Company has property on hand which would be forfeited to the Crown in the right of the Province unless distributed according to law , that is under Sec. 215 (c) of the Companies Act under the winding up proceedings. But as these enemy companies have no assets on hand it would be quite sufficient to surrender the charter under Sec. 205.

Yours truly,

LOCKE,LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD,

Per :

FAS/EB.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 14, 1946

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Private & Confidential

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

The meeting I advised you about took place yesterday but little progress was made. Finally an adjournment was agreed to and we meet again, January 8th, 1947.

I am not too hopeful that suggestions re sale of property belonging to Associations will carry.

I have no further information to present to you at the moment re claims. Carry on as heretofore.

You have probably noticed in the press that the House will meet before February 1st; also that we have a new Minister - a former Hamilton lawyer. A new Order relative to delegation of powers to you was prepared yesterday and will be sent along as soon as it is signed by Colonel Gibson.

Additional information regarding property owned by Associations is required as follows:

List of parcels rented and terms of leases.
List of properties now used by Custodian for storage purposes.

I would also like to know the balance in hand for Evacuees and number of accounts still open in your Evacuee Ledgers, as well as a brief summary of what you have accomplished during the past three months in regard to return of funds to Evacuees.

You understand that certain legislation is necessary in order to extend the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) and this will be introduced as soon as possible after the House opens.

Our annual report must be submitted to the Minister earlier than usual and I am wondering how soon after January 1st it would be possible for you to have your report ready.

Kindly let me hear from you as early as convenient.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
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J-9

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 12, 1946

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Japanese Estates

Dear Mr. Shears:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 9th instant.

It is noted that according to information received from the R.C.M.P., the heirs at law reside in Japan. The Administrator should be asked to remit the funds to the Custodian, with detailed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and if possible, the names, addresses and relationship of the next of kin.

These funds will be retained by the Custodian and disposition will be determined by the terms of the Treaty of Peace yet to be signed.

Residents of Japan are still enemies within the meaning of the Regulations. We may have to consider the remittance of the share or shares which deportees were entitled to, if any, and it will therefor be necessary for you to report to us fully when all the facts are made known.

We trust this is the information you require.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

9th December, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

There is a case where Mr. Samuel A. Moore has been granted Letters of Administration for a Japanese who died in September 1945. If the R.C.M.P. information is correct the heirs are all in Japan.

When Mr. Moore is ready to distribute and make the proper allocation should we ask for the funds payable to persons in Japan to be sent to us? In this case would such money be held as enemy money or held by us to be remitted as and when it becomes reasonably possible?

I would be glad of a line from you in regard to the present status of residents of Japan as to whether they still continue to be classed as "enemies".

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 10, 1946

J-9

The Manager,
The Royal Bank of Canada,
Chatham, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 7th instant.

Numerous Japanese from British Columbia have taken up residence in Eastern Canada with the approval of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division.

It is permissible for them to open and maintain Savings Accounts, as you suggest. In accord with existing legislation, they shall be allowed to continue to enjoy the protection of the law and will be accorded the consideration due to law-abiding citizens, so long as they peacefully pursue their ordinary avocations.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

# The Royal Bank of Canada

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CHATHAM, Ontario.
December 7,1946.

The Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

There are a number of self supporting Japanese Canadians in this district, and we have been asked whether or not it is now permissible for them to open and maintain savings accounts which would be free of restriction and not subject to confiscation.

Any information you can give us in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

AMS/W

pro Manager.

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BY SAFE HAND

Eric Stangroom, Esq.,
Office of the Deputy Minister of Labour,
108 Confederation Building,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Property of Japanese Evacuated
from the Protected Area of B.C.

Dear Mr. Stangroom:

In compliance with your request, I wish to submit the following report relative to the liquidation by the Custodian of assets which belonged to persons of the Japanese Race evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia.

Immediately after the proposed evacuation was announced, many Japanese started to sell their property at ridiculously low figures in fear of Government confiscation. Further exploitation of the Japanese was prevented when pursuant to Order in Council P.C. 1665, dated 4th of March, 1942, the Custodian took over the problem of administering the assets of approximately 23,000 people.

The Custodian experienced extreme difficulty in dealing with the large number of substandard buildings and the vast quantity of inferior personal property which the Japanese possessed.

It being well known that the property belonged to Japanese, there were many cases of breaking and entering which resulted in thefts, e.g. plumbing and lighting fixtures, and it was impossible for the Custodian or the local police to give the necessary protection. In addition to this, there were a considerable number of fires.

The Custodian did not know how long the war would last, nor did he know whether the Japanese would ever be permitted to return to the Protected Area. It was therefore impossible to determine if there would be any equity if he continued to hold the properties during the enforced absence of the Japanese.

As a result of a year's experience, a report was made to a special committee of the Cabinet and the Custodian was instructed to proceed with the policy of liquidation. (P.C. 469, dated 19th January, 1943).

Two independent Committees were established. One is known as the Advisory Committee on Greater Vancouver Properties. The following members were appointed to the Board on the 8th of March, 1943: Honorable Mr. Justice Sidney Smith of the Appellate Court of B. C., Chairman; Alderman Charles Jones; Mr. Kishizo Kimura (resigned 20th of July, 1943).

The other Committee is known as Advisory Committee on Rural Properties. The following members were appointed on the 15th of March, 1943; His Honor Judge David Whiteside, New Westminster, Chairman; Messrs. D. E. MacKenzie; J. J. McLellan; Hal Menzies; Yasutaro Yamaga. Mr. McLellan resigned almost immediately and Mayor W. Mott of New Westminster was appointed in his stead. Mr. Yamaga resigned on the 26th of May, 1943. Mr. MacKenzie died on the 11th of October, 1944.

The Custodian asked both Committees whether or not they would recommend liquidation. The members visited many Japanese properties and unanimously endorsed, with the approval of the Japanese members, a policy

of liquidation. Shortly afterwards both Japanese members resigned and no new Japanese appointments were made.

The Committees were asked to report as to the method of liquidation and they recommended that Catalogues be prepared, listing the properties; that the properties be individually appraised by Agents approved by the Boards; that parcels be not sold for less than the fixed value and that public notices be published in the press calling for tenders. The policy, as outlined, was adopted. All offers for land have been referred to the Advisory Committees and their approval obtained before any have been accepted.

Insofar as the rural properties are concerned, a sale of 741 parcels was made to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, as the Government desired to acquire property for the purpose of rehabilitating returned men. The Advisory Committee recommended acceptance of the sale price eventually agreed upon.

Chattels have been sold on the basis of recommendations by the Committees, that is, by public auctions conducted by licenced auctioneers, except in those cases where chattels were essential to the operation of farms, in which case the tenant or owner of the farm was given an opportunity to buy at an appraised value.

The policy of liquidation has resulted in the Custodian paying out large sums of money to the Evacuees and paying debts on their behalf. In co-operation with your Department, the Custodian releases such funds to Evacuees, still in Interior Housing Schemes operated by your Department, as are considered necessary. Where Evacuees have moved East from the Province of British Columbia, the Custodian releases the balance.

Sales up to June, 1946, were as follows:

| SALES | | APPRAISAL | SALES VALUE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Greater Vancouver | 462 | $ 913,712.00 | $ 1,010,970.00 |
| Rural | 396 | 532,907.00 | 558,318.00 |
| Veterans' Land Act | 741 | 847,878.00 | 836,256.00 |
| | 1599 | $ 2,294,497.00 | $ 2,405,544.00 |

May I direct your attention to the fact that proceeds from sales, including farms sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, exceeded fixed valuations by $111,047.00.

STATEMENT OF CASH REALIZATION OF
EVACUEE ASSETS & REVENUES

| | |
|---|---|
| Fishing vessels & scows | $ 202,104.96 |
| " nets and gear | 101,164.42 |
| Cars | 63,583.98 |
| Trucks | 94,525.63 |
| Sundry Business assets | 187,834.31 |
| Household effects | 249,633.03 |
| Radios | 17,024.64 |
| Farm Equipment | 14,858.33 |
| Life Insurance | 48,354.36 |
| Securities | 54,538.27 |
| Sundry a/cs. Receivable | 136,356.28 |
| Sundries | 33,377.89 |
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| Sundry Miscellaneous | |
| Transfers between Jap. a/cs. & a/cs. Receivable | 749,092.05 |
| | $ 4,868,369.98 |

At the end of July, 1946, the number of Ledger Accounts in our Vancouver Office for Japanese was reduced to 3,842, and the amount of Evacuee money involved was, at that time, $1,418,671.00. The credit balances now stand at $1,037,313.17, and every effort is being made to remit the total available funds to all Japanese residing outside of your Department's projects.

While liquidation is mainly complete, there are approximately 35 properties still available for sale and between 30-40 properties owned by Organizations, which, up to the present time have not been liquidated for the reason that amendments to existing Orders in Council are necessary.

I trust this is the information you require.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 3, 1946

C. L. Brodie, Esq.,
Chief Clerk, Claims Department,
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Head Office,
Montreal, Quebec

Re: Japanese in Canada

Dear Mr. Brodie:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 2nd instant in connection with the above, and enclose herewith, for your information, copy of Order In Council P.C. 7355, dated December 15, 1945. You will note that under Clause 6 (2), all real or personal property not disposed of prior to the repatriation of the Japanese vests in the Custodian.

We are today writing Mr. F. G. Shears, Director of our Vancouver Office, asking if it is possible for him to furnish complete information in order that the matter may be speedily cleared.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

MONTREAL

December 2, 1946.

Mr. K.W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Japanese in Canada

The last time I was in your office I intended to mention the problem of Japanese who are now being repatriated to Japan from Canada. However, it slipped my mind and I am now taking the opportunity of writing you briefly on the subject.

Whereas we know that a goodly number of Japanese are being deported, very seldom are we told that one of our policyholders is in this category. We have had perhaps a dozen cases altogether and in about one-half of these, the policyholder applied for the cash surrender value before leaving this country.

Where we know that it is a policyholder's intention to go back to Japan, even though he may still be in Canada, we are inclined to regard him as being an enemy. We would file the usual report with the Custodian and before making payment, would clear, as always, with the office of the Custodian.

Our purpose in writing you now is mainly to ask for your confirmation that our understanding is correct and that Japanese now being deported are to be considered as enemies when they leave Canada. I suppose there is nothing that we can do to determine what Japanese are deported and that we shall have to continue relying on information that may reach us through our branch offices or through the Custodian's Vancouver office.

Yours faithfully,

C.H. Brodie

Chief Clerk,
Special Section,
Claims Department.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th November, 1946.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Ken,

Thank you for yours of the 26th re the Toronto Star editorial.

I do not think that in a one or two page memorandum you could have covered the vital points any better.

I am sorry that the figures in the Statement of Cash Realization did not add up correctly but I have dealt with this in a separate letter.

The New Canadian of November 23rd has a Toronto article dealing with a questionaire which is to be prepared "to gather full and accurate information without exaggeration or under estimation". This is being handled by the J.C.C.D. which by interpretation is the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy. Mr. Good suggests that it might be "Japanese Committee Continuation of Devilment"! However, in the circumstances we will have to muzzle Mr. Good.

Yours very truly,

Frank

FGS/PMH

December 2, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

Re: Property of Japanese Evacuated
from the Protected Area of B.C.

With reference to our memorandum to you of the 26th ultimo and the error in the figures in the Statement of Cash Realization of Evacuee Assets and Revenues, we are now in receipt of a report from Mr. Shears, as follows:

"In looking up my Report of June 4th to which you referred, I noticed that the additions of all three columns appeared to be incorrect. In checking this up there was evidently a typographical error made and one item for Rooming House rentals and chattels had been left out. The amount which should have appeared in the Evacuee column was $33,217.06, the exact amount of the difference to which you referred.

I regret that this mistake was made and enclose herein a corrected sheet which I would ask you to kindly substitute for the one you already have".

We enclose herewith copy of the amended statement.

## STATEMENT OF CASH REALIZATION OF VANCOUVER ASSETS & REVENUES

| | Evacuee | Enemy | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fishing vessels & scows | $202,104.96 | $ 105,731.47 | $307,836.43 |
| " nets and gear | 101,164.48 | 11,754.81 | 112,919.29 |
| Cars | 63,583.98 | 18,347.02 | 81,931.00 |
| Trucks | 94,525.63 | 8,270.00 | 102,795.63 |
| Sundry Business assets | 187,834.31 | 94,496.52 | 282,330.83 |
| Household effects | 249,833.03 | 29,106.38 | 278,939.41 |
| Radios | 17,024.64 | 892.00 | 17,916.64 |
| Farm Equipment | 14,858.33 | 1,713.00 | 16,571.33 |
| Life Insurance | 48,354.36 | 24,541.40 | 72,895.76 |
| Securities | 54,538.27 | 173,028.62 | 227,566.89 |
| Sundry a/cs. Receivable | 136,356.28 | 222,630.75 | 358,987.03 |
| Sundries | 33,377.89 | 2,699.12 | 36,077.01 |
| Veterans' Land Act | 808,673.22 | 24,686.00 | 833,359.22 |
| Real Estate Sales | 1,574,350.78 | 182,204.24 | 1,756,555.02 |
| Real Estate Income | 491,170.25 | 53,423.89 | 544,594.14 |
| Dividends from Securities | 8,310.46 | 16,654.43 | 24,964.89 |
| Rooming House Rentals & Chat. | 33,217.06 | 2,999.59 | 36,216.65 |
| Sundry Miscellaneous | | | |
| Transfers between Jap. a/cs. & a/cs. Receivable | 749,092.05 | 395,745.71 | 1,144,837.76 |
| | $4,868,369.98 | $1,368,924.95 | $6,237,294.93 |

Trust Funds at credit of:

| | |
|---|---|
| Enemy Accounts | $ 501,818.77 |
| Evacuee " | 1,401,261.40 |

Securities held:

| | |
|---|---|
| Enemy | 996,835.- |
| Evacuee | 157.790.- |
| | $ 1,154,625.- |

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th November, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th instant in which you mention that Dr. Coleman brought to your attention some error in the figures used in your Memorandum to him covering the Statement of Cash Realization of Evacuee Assets and Revenues.

In looking up my Report of June 4th to which you referred, I noticed that the additions of all three columns appeared to be incorrect. In checking this up there was evidently a typographical error made and one item for Rooming House rentals and chattels had been left out. The amount which should have appeared in the Evacuee column was $33,217.06, the exact amount of the difference to which you referred.

I regret that this mistake was made and enclose herein a corrected sheet which I would ask you to kindly substitute for the one you already have.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

encl.

J-71 & J-9

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 28, 1946

F. C. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Japanese Associations & Societies

Dear Mr. Shears:

A marked advance has been made in connection with the necessary amendments to Orders in Council which would enable the Custodian to liquidate Association Properties. This statement is substantiated by letter from the Deputy Minister of Labour, copy of which is enclosed, together with copy of the draft Order forwarded to Justice and the Department of Labour.

Will you kindly review your records and let me know how many properties would be affected if we complied with the Deputy Minister's suggestion and omitted Commercial Corporations. Before replying, you should also approach Mr. Sheppard and let him know how some of the other titles stand and have him express his opinion on future conveyances under the limited powers proposed.

Kindly write me fully at the earliest possible moment for the reason that I expect to meet with Justice and Labour early next week to discuss the matter further.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

DEPUTY MINISTER
OF LABOUR

CANADA

Ottawa, November 27, 1946

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir: Re: Your File J-71

I have your letter of November 19th enclosing draft Order.

In discussions in the Department here, it is the view that the proposed change in Regulations is not objectionable so far as this Department is concerned insofar as in its application it applies to the property of religious organizations and various societies from whom, because of the nature of the organization, etc., it is impossible to obtain specific satisfactory legal consent to disposition of the property.

On the other hand, in the case of commercial corporations in which persons of the Japanese race resident in Canada have an interest, where it is assumed that these Japanese will continue to reside in Canada, there would not appear to be very much justification for carrying through the compulsory disposition of the assets of such corporations in the coastal area at this time.

Yours very truly,

"A. MacNamara"

Deputy Minister

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 27, 1946

J-9
**Private & Confidential**

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Referring to our communication to you of the 26th instant, we wish to advise that Dr. Coleman has called our attention to the fact that there is a difference in the total of the figures in connection with the Statement of Cash Realization of Evacuee Assets and Revenues, amounting to $33,217.06.

These figures were taken from the final page of your report, dated June 4, 1946, wherein a total of $4,868,369.98 appears. We believe this figure should be $4,835,152.92.

Please let us hear from you in this connection.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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506 Royal Bank Building,
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30th November, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a matter of information will you kindly advise me whether your office receives the New Canadian each week. I presume that you do and that it is not necessary for me to draw your attention to any items which they publish which refer to the Custodian.

I sent you an extract last week and the issue of November 16th indicates that the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy has appointed a Committee to study the question of property losses and that a Property Questionaire is being distributed.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 26, 1946

J-9

Private & Confidential

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Frank:

There are several letters on my desk from you which I hope to answer in the course of the next few days, but my time is so taken up with meetings and preparation of various reports, as well as legislation dealing with the continuance of this office and yours, that current work necessarily goes by the boards.

An Editorial appeared in the Toronto Star some days ago calling for an investigation of the Custodian's activities in regard to the assets of the Japanese. The Minister received this in New York and sent a note to Dr. Coleman asking for a complete review. This was handed to me by Dr. Coleman yesterday and he suggested that I should submit a one-page memo. This suggestion really put me behind the eight-ball, having in mind, e.g. that the report of the work in the Vancouver Office in 1944 covered 75 pages.

I have just sent a messenger with a memo, copy of which is enclosed, wherein I apologize for extending it to two pages. You will understand that it was quite impossible to give the entire story, but would like you to read it and see if I have omitted some really important facts.

Judging by the challenges that are being offered through the New Canadian and other publications, I sometimes think my title should be changed to 'Counsel for the Defence'. I have tried to defend your actions and will continue to do so in the hope that the time will come when we may enjoy some golf together in Vancouver, and this would not be possible if you were lodged in the Famous Hall at New Westminster. Miss Foy has just asked this question "How do you think you are going to escape?"

Sincerely yours,

Encl.

November 26, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

RE: Property of Japanese Evacuated
from the Protected Area of B.C.

You will remember that immediately after the proposed evacuation was announced, many Japanese started to sell their property at ridiculously low figures in fear of Government confiscation. Further exploitation of the Japanese was prevented when pursuant to Order in Council P.C. 1665, dated 4th of March, 1942, the Custodian took over the problem of administering the assets of approximately 23,000 people.

At the outset, may I recall the extreme difficulty experienced in dealing with the large number of substandard buildings and the vast quantity of inferior personal property which the Japanese possessed.

It being well known that the property belonged to Japanese, there were many cases of breaking and entering which resulted in thefts, e.g. plumbing and lighting fixtures, and it was impossible for the Custodian or the local police to give the necessary protection. In addition to this, there were a considerable number of fires.

The Custodian did not know how long the war would last, nor did he know whether the Japanese would ever be permitted to return to the Protected Area. It was therefore impossible to determine if there would be any equity if he continued to hold the properties during the enforced absence of the Japanese.

As a result of a year's experience, a report was made to a special committee of the Cabinet and the Custodian was instructed to proceed with the policy of liquidation. (P.C. 469, dated 19th of January, 1943).

Two independent Committees were established. One is known as the Advisory Committee on Greater Vancouver Properties. The following members were appointed to the Board on the 8th of March, 1943: Honorable Mr. Justice Sidney Smith of the Appellate Court of B. C., Chairman; Alderman Charles Jones; Mr. Kishizo Kimura (resigned 20th of July, 1943).

The other Committee is known as Advisory Committee on Rural Properties. The following members were appointed on the 15th of March, 1943; His Honor Judge David Whiteside, New Westminster, Chairman; Messrs. D. E. MacKenzie; J. J. McLellan; Hal Menzies; Yasutaro Yamaga. Mr. McLellan resigned almost immediately and Mayor W. Mott of New Westminster was appointed in his stead. Mr. Yamaga resigned on the 26th of May, 1943. Mr. MacKenzie died on the 11th of October, 1944.

The Custodian asked both Committees whether or not they would recommend liquidation. The members visited many Japanese properties and unanimously endorsed, with the approval of the Japanese members, a policy of liquidation. You are aware that both Japanese members shortly afterwards resigned and no new Japanese appointments were made.

The Committees were asked to report as to the method of liquidation and they recommended that Catalogues be prepared, listing the properties; that the properties be individually appraised by Agents approved by the Boards; that parcels be not sold for less than the fixed value and that public notices be published in the press calling for tenders. The policy, as outlined, was adopted. All offers for land have been referred to the Advisory Committees and their approval obtained before any have been accepted.

Insofar as the rural properties are concerned, a sale of 741 parcels was made to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, as the Government desired to acquire property for the purpose of rehabilitating returned men. The Advisory Committee recommended acceptance of the sale price eventually agreed upon.

Chattels have been sold on the basis of recommendations by the Committees, that is by public auctions conducted by licenced auctioneers, except in those cases where chattels were essential to the operation of farms, in which case the tenant or owner of the farm was given an opportunity to buy at an appraised value.

The policy of liquidation has resulted in the Custodian paying out large sums of money to the Evacuees and paying debts on their behalf. In co-operation with the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, the Custodian releases such funds to Evacuees, still in Interior Housing Schemes operated by the Department, as are considered necessary. Where Evacuees have moved East from the Province of British Columbia, the Custodian releases the balance. Funds held for Evacuees, as of 31st October, 1946, amounted to $1,037,313.17.

Sales up to June, 1946, were as follows:

| SALES | | APPRAISAL | SALES VALUE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Greater Vancouver | 462 | $ 913,712.00 | $ 1,010,970.00 |
| Rural | 396 | 532,907.00 | 558,318.00 |
| Veterans' Land Act | 741 | 847,878.00 | 836,256.00 |
| | 1599 | $ 2,294,497.00 | $ 2,405,544.00 |

May I direct your attention to the fact that proceeds from sales, including farms sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, exceeded fixed valuations by $111,047.00.

STATEMENT OF CASH REALIZATION
OF EVACUEE ASSETS AND REVENUES

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|---|---|
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| | $ 4,868,369.98 |

I have no hesitation in saying that where the Custodian liquidated property, all possible steps were taken to assure that the properties were not disposed of at a sacrifice.

I apologize for not confining this memo to one page as you suggested, but feel the whole question is not fully dealt with even in this.

I return Hon. Mr. Martin's letter of 20th instant with Editorial from the Toronto Star.

J. L. Ilsley

VIA AIR MAIL

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

15th November, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Grenier of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. started the audit on October 25th and with the exception of a few odd times has continued each day. Another man from their office has been helping for the past few days.

Mr. Grenier indicates to me that things are proceeding in a satisfactory manner, but I judge it will be quite a while yet before they are through, and the audit will at least continue into December.

In view of your own visit being somewhat dependent upon the finish of the audit I feel quite certain that it would be better for you to plan on coming in the New Year. When I mentioned this matter to Mr. Grenier he was quite positive that it would not be desirable for you to figure on coming before that time. There is a lot of work under way at present and the Christmas holidays are always somewhat disrupting.

The curtailment of staff is proceeding according to plan. Mr. Spain left last month and Mr. Iverson will be leaving at the end of this month.

Arrangements for repatriating 200 or 300 Japanese is now being dealt with but the date is quite indefinite.

Beyond Mr. Field's requests for shares to be vested and transferred to the Custodian, I have no special report as to the progress being made in regard to his instructions to wind up the various companies.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 18, 1946

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

We acknowledge with thanks your communication of the 15th instant, enclosing excerpt from the New Canadian warning property owners not to accept Custodian cheques.

I submitted your letter, as well as the article, to both Dr. Coleman and Mr. Mathieu today. They agree with the suggestion that regardless of the article, you should continue sending the cheques as heretofore.

Their attention has been called to the fact that the balance in the hands of the Custodian, belonging to Evacuees, amounted to $1,272,776.45 at the end of September, as against $1,037,313.17, at the end of October last. I informed them that while this shows a reduction of $235,463.28, you may have remitted more than that due to proceeds from sales of real estate and other assets being received during the month of October.

It would be interesting to know the number of accounts in the Ledger at the end of September and the number you have today, and as I suggested before, you might keep me fully advised, as they are interested in the progress you are making.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

Dr. Mathieu

approved by Dr. Coleman
18/11/46

This is not helpful. Will you pls. show attached to Dr. Coleman & return to me so that I may advise Dr. Shears to continue sending cheques regardless of the article

18-11-46

K. W. W

VIA AIR MAIL

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15th November, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Property Owners warned Not to accept
Custodian cheques.

The New Canadian just received dated November 9th printed a small Extra sheet giving a Winnipeg release dated November 8th headed as above. As a matter of interest I enclose a copy of same.

In the past the odd cheque has been returned. I do not know whether this will cause any considerable number to be sent back. If such is the case I presume we can only credit back the amount to the account.

The cheques we send out are not marked as being in full settlement. Our covering letter, after giving a brief review of the situation merely states:

> "It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area, which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque, we enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience."

The confirmation asked for is very rarely received.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH
encl.

THE NEW CANADIAN

Vol.IX, No.45 Winnipeg, Manitoba. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1946.

## PROPERTY OWNERS WARNED NOT TO ACCEPT CUSTODIAN CHEQUES

Winnipeg, Nov.8 - Persons of Japanese ancestry having placed property in the hands of the Custodian of Japanese Property are warned against accepting any payments for them if they want to protect their "legal rights and claims to full restitution."

The warning is contained in a wire from the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians sent through its legal counsel, Andrew Brewin, to The New Canadian. The complete text of the wire, received this evening, follows:

> "Cheques are being sent out by registered mail by Custodian purporting to be in full payment of balances from sale of properties of Japanese Canadians by Custodian. In our opinion acceptance of cheques would be fatal bar to further legal claims in respect to sale of properties and might prejudice contemplated representations to government for appointment of a claims commission to review whole matter of forced sales. I would advise that where possible cheques be returned to custodian with letter stating that to accept would prejudice legal rights and claims to full restitution."

A Winnipeg lawyer consulted in reference to the wire agreed that it would be wise not to accept payments at the present time.

Acceptance of the cheques would indicate two things. It would be an acknowledgment on the part of the recipient that he is satisfied to accept the cheque as full settlement for his properties and that he gives up all further claims to damages or adjustments. It would mean that the recipient recognizes the Custodian's right to dispose of the properties in the manner that he did.

Mr. Brewin's wire suggests further that acceptance of the cheques by the property owners might interfere with the work of the Co-operative Committee which is planning a delegation to the government to press for the establishment of a claims commission.

According to a reliable authority, it is not enough to hold the cheque without endorsing it. It must be returned with the recipient's statement of dissatisfaction with the method and amount of settlement.

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## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Persons desiring further information should write to the Co-Operative Committee or their local organization which can contact the Toronto committee. The Co-operative Committee address is 126 Eastbourne Avenue, Toronto.

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O'SHEA, GARLAND & GANSNER
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.

P.O.Box 490
NELSON, B. C.

October 26th, 1946

The Deputy Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

We have been attended by Ellis Wilbert Roach of Sheep Creek, B. C., miner, and his wife, Claudia May Roach and have been instructed by them to communicate with you.

They instruct us that they have been in correspondence with Hiyakutayo Kinoshito who is understood to be a Japanese and whose address is Magna Bay, B. C. The purpose of their correspondence with him was to effect the purchase from him of Block 20 of Lot 273, Kootenay District, which we are instructed is a block of wild land approximately 50 acres in extent located near Salmo, B. C. We are instructed that there are no improvements of any kind on this land. Kinoshito, it is understood, is the owner of this land free and clear of all encumbrances.

In response to a letter directed to him by Mr. Roach he has replied by letter dated October 14, 1946 stating that he might sell this land to him for $500.00 which amount we are instructed by Mr. and Mrs. Roach they are prepared to pay and they are desirous of completing the transaction by making payment of this amount and receiving registerable conveyance.

For your information we enclose original letter dated October 14th 1946 from H. Kinoshita, the above named, to our client E. W. Roach.

Neither our clients or we are familiar with the position and status of property of Japanese in Canada and we are directed to write you to ask to be informed whether it is lawful to deal direct with Kinoshita and make payment and obtain conveyance from him or whether, as we expect, the transaction should be carried through to completion through your Department.

While it is unlikely that it is a consideration in this isolated transaction, Mr. Roach has instructed us to say that if it should be that this Block of land should be held for the first chance to purchase by a returned soldier the four sons of him and his wife served in the Canadian Armed Forces and would welcome the opportunity to purchase.

Yours truly,

O'SHEA, GARLAND & GANSNER

per "C. B. G."

CBG:S
Encl.

COPY

Magna Bay, B. C.

Oct. 14th 1946

Mrs. E. W. Roach,
Sheep Creek, B. C.

Dear Madam:

I will not sale that of the lands because price will not satisfactory to me. Be so you willing pay five hundred I might sale the land

Yors truly,

"H. Kinoshita"

J-9

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
October 28, 1946

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 24th instant and wish to advise that we are forwarding to you today, under separate cover, two files containing newspaper clippings of items relating to Japanese affairs.

We would appreciate your returning these files to us after they have served your purpose.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

VIA AIR MAIL

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

24th October, 1946.

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the time Miss Carroll left to go to Ottawa I believe she took with her a file or files containing newspaper cuttings of items relating to Japanese affairs.

I would rather like to peruse those files, especially as they relate to things which took place in the early days of Japanese evacuation and Custodian control.

Would you kindly have Miss Foy locate and send these files to me and I will return same again in due course. This would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

File No. J-65

October 12, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. A. H. MATHIEU

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Vancouver Office

I return Mr. Shears' letter of the 7th instant in order that you may advise him as to the arrangements made for audit by the Vancouver Branch of the Price, Waterhouse Firm.

Mr. Shears suggests that only files pertaining to property handled by Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons should be transferred to Ottawa. I think he should be informed that apart from these, all files of residents of Japan should come here, as many were not dealt with by Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, but were handled by the Enemy Section itself.

As to Internees, it would also appear advisable to transfer all files and ledger accounts which were not transferred to the Evacuee Section. Many were completed by the Enemy Section, and for this reason it was not necessary for the Evacuee Section to take part in the administration of such cases. These are matters which may be dealt with, however, by the representatives of this office when they visit Vancouver following completion of the audit. I do not feel that it is possible to iron out all details of transfer from here and had this in mind when writing my memo to you under date of September 15th, 1946.

"A" When I was in Vancouver, arrangements were made to have Mr. Sheppard proceed with the formal winding-up of 30 or more Companies, and you will recall that I sent down the necessary formal orders, which were signed by Dr. Coleman and returned early in September. No reports on progress have as yet been received, but if these matters were attended to promptly, this work should be well under way now and, for the most part, completed by the time the audit takes place. This work should be speeded up in order that transfer of all enemy assets to Ottawa may be effected by the end of this year.

If there are any Ottawa cases in the Vancouver Office which may not come under the head of current matters, all such should be immediately reported to Ottawa and closed out by the Vancouver Office. These files and ledger accounts should also be sent to Ottawa, when the time arrives for transfer.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Attach.

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

September 27, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have discussed the following matter with Mr. Shears and he has suggested that I obtain advice from you which I am pleased to be able to do.

We have been handling the estate of a Japanese person who died in 1926 which was referred to Mr. J.M. Streight to obtain Letters of Administration in order that we might effect sale of real property still in the name of the Deceased. The proceeds of sale were turned over to Mr. Streight and we in turn received funds from the Department of Finance with the request from Mr. Streight to divide the funds "1/3 to the widow and the balance to be divided equally among the 6 children according to your letter of September 19, 1944".

Our letter of September 19, 1944 reported the assets and living heirs according to the information on our file and indicated the widow and 6 children including a married daughter and a minor son of 17 years.

Among other things discussed with Mr. Streight today, his attention was drawn to the age of the youngest heir and he at once advised that these funds should be held and stated that he had relied on no other information regarding heirs than that supplied by the Custodian. It was pointed out that this office merely passes on information as to family relationships largely obtained from the Department of Labour records, and that particulars of assets covered only those which came under our control by reason of having been in this particular area or having been reported to us, and that it had not been intended that the information was necessarily final.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Administration Department.

AGM:AS
encl. Statement receipts & disbursements.

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While Mr. Streight requested return of the cheque in order that he might deal with the minor's portion, the question, from our point of view, is nevertheless raised as to our risk in handling these funds without specific directions from the Administrator regarding the names and amounts payable to each beneficiary. This is the matter upon which we would be very glad to receive your advice.

In view of the fact that we believe that few, if any, of the administrators obtain independent proof regarding heirs or any other matters except claims, I would much prefer to receive specific direction and feel that it is only in line with the proper duty of the Administrator to give this. Further, as it is now often desirable that payment be made direct to the beneficiary, I have been requesting that before funds are disbursed, the Custodian be informed of the names and the amounts payable to each beneficiary in order that we may recommend whether the benefits may go direct to the beneficiary or are to be paid through this office. By making this a general practice I think we can avoid any responsibility for the eligibility of persons receiving funds, and also avoid being asked to sign releases, a matter which has arisen only once to my knowledge, but might become difficult under our particular circumstances.

In case the fees charged might have some bearing on the services required, we enclose the statement of receipts and disbursements submitted by Mr. Streight in the particular case referred to. We have endeavoured to make it clear in our correspondence with the administrators and lawyers who handle our estates that the information given by us represents only our file record, but it appears that it is assumed that because the information comes from our Department it does not require proof, which, though very complimentary, leaves us with a responsibility which I do not think we should assume.

I am handing this letter to Mr. Shears to pass on to you.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Administration Department.

AGM:AS
encl. Statement receipts & disbursements.

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J.M. Streight

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Telephone
703

607 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B.C.

September 19, 1946.

STATEMENT RE:

T. YAHIRO

| From May 1945 to February 1946 | | Dr. | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash | Property to Mitchell | | 1510.00 |
| " " | L.T.O. fees | | 6.25 |
| To " | Advertising | 2.04 | |
| " " | Taxes | 26.64 | |
| " " | Taxed Bill of Costs | 107.76 | |
| " " | Valuation fee | 5.00 | |
| " " | L.R.O. fees | 9.75 | |
| " " | Exchange | 2.03 | |
| " " | Custodian, taxes etc. | 93.39 | |
| " " | Expenses this office | 45.30 | |
| " | Voucher Custodian for Heirs | 1224.34 | |
| | | 1516.25 | 1516.25 |

E. & O.E.
This is my statement,
J.M. Streight,
Official Administrator.

(signed) "J.M. Streight"

August 12, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

FROM: MR. W. J. JOHNSTON

In response to your request for information in connection with the work in the Enemy Section of Custodian Office in Vancouver, I wish to submit the following particulars:

1. Number of Files

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Internee Files | 499 | |
| Enemy Files (In Japan) | 599 | |
| Ottawa Files | 113 | |
| Company Files | 24 | |
| Miscellaneous Files | 100 | |
| Transferred to Evacuee Section | 270 | 1,605 |

There were originally 710 Internee files, but 270 have been transferred to the Evacuee Section, this number of Internees having been released from Angler Internment Camp as at December 31, 1945.

2. Japanese Internees

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|---|---|
| No. at Angler, Ontario, as at November 14, 1942 | 710 |
| No. at Angler, Ontario, as at February 19, 1945 | 421 |
| No. unconditionally released, March & April, 1946 | 52 |
| No. conditionally released, March and April, 1946 | 262 |
| No. of Japanese internees repatriated to date | 162 |

Lists received from the Internment Camp subsequent to April, 1946, show many duplicate names and the exact number still interned cannot be determined from same. It would appear, however, that practically all Internees have been released, either conditionally or unconditionally.

The above repatriates included some of those unconditionally and conditionally released in March and April, 1946.

The files of the above-mentioned released Internees have not yet been transferred to the Evacuee Section.

3. Real Property Files

| | |
|---|---|
| Internee | 45 |
| Enemy (In Japan) | 93 |

Real Estate Blue Forms have been completed on 90 files, leaving a balance of 48 still to be done.

All Real Properties have been sold with the exception of:

(a) A Vacant Lot registered in the name of Shinya YOSHIDA.
(b) The farm property at Rutland, B. C. (Masakichi UYEYAMA).
(c) The Tenrikyo Canada Church Property at 526 East Cordova Street.

4. Estates

Files of deceased Japanese are sent to the Enemy Section for attention and, at the present time, our card index gives particulars of 85 Estates. This number is being added to each week.

Mr. Simmons of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, is sending me a list of all Japanese who have died since evacuation and respective files in this office will be checked for assets and liabilities.

The majority of the estates are being administered by Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Vancouver and Mr. J. M. Streight, New Westminster, but ten other Official Administrators in the Province of B. C. have at least one or more Japanese Estates. We are now receiving enquiries from Solicitors of the next-of-kin of Japanese who have died in the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada regarding settlement of Estates.

5. Ottawa Files

There are 113 files covering matters referred to this office by the Custodian Office in Ottawa and, of this number, 68 have been closed. The remaining 45 files are brought forward regularly and progress reports are being sent to Ottawa.

6. Evacuee Files

Apart from the above-mentioned files, I have charge of 370 Evacuee Files, 90 of which cover from one to seven Real Properties each. Miss Schofield assists me in connection with these files and her time is confined to same.

7. Repatriates

Since last December we have had an unusually large number of requests from Internees and Evacuees for statements of accounts, remittance of funds and information regarding their affairs. It has been necessary to check the files of each Repatriate before advising the Accounting Department regarding the amount of funds available as a Free Credit Balance for Repatriates.

8. Correspondence

I requested Miss Foy to obtain from the Accounting Department the amount of funds used by the Enemy Section in purchasing stamps for the past two years and I have been advised as follows:

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|---|---|
| For the year ending July, 1945 | $135.00 |
| For the year ending July, 1946 | $135.00 |

I believe this indicates that the amount of correspondence has not decreased during the past twelve months.

9. Internee Files Summarised

During the past several months a review has been made of 70 Internee files and a statement outlining particulars of matters found therein has been completed. These files have not been closed, however, in the same manner as Evacuee files are being completed.

10. Insurance

There have been a large number of requests for the Cash Surrender Value of Insurance Policies, especially by persons being repatriated.

11. Remittances

Besides the usual monthly remittances, we have received a large number of requests from released Internees for all or a portion of their funds. Many have removed their families from the Interior Housing Settlements to Eastern Canada.

12. Employees

Whereas up to midsummer, 1945, there were 5 full time employees handling the work in the Enemy Section, there have only been 3 since that time, plus a girl doing part-time work, who is available to the Evacuee Section. The volume of work at times, however, has been so great that her services have been used full time by the Enemy Section. There is also one stenographer in the Enemy Section working on Evacuee files.

13. Vault

Periodic trips to the Vault are made and these have increased during the past six months in order to satisfy the requests of Japanese being repatriated or relocating in Eastern Canada.

14. Assignment of Work

The following four stenographers in the Enemy Section are assisting in the work as below-mentioned:

1. Miss J. Foy:

1. Correspondence relating to Estates, Ottawa files, Insurance; Special Remittances and Department of Labour, Japanese Division approval forms re same;
2. Documents and relative memoranda.
3. Compiling information with respect to queries of Repatriates.
4. Preparing Free Credit Balance Statements.
5. Completing Real Property Statements (blue form).
6. Reviewing files and typing summaries.
7. Changing tabs on files re Estates and looking after Card Index re same. Memoranda to Accounting Department to change name of account to "The Estate of ----" and giving particulars of beneficiaries, etc.

2. Miss D. Graham

1. Opens mail, orders supplies and looks after Petty Cash.
2. Monthly remittances.
3. Orders re Companies.
4. Vault and Security Ledgers.
5. Compiling replies to queries of Repatriates.
6. Preparing Free Credit Balance statements.
7. Compiling Real Property Statements (blue form).
8. Correspondence relating to monthly remittances, chattels, insurance and securities.

3. Miss H. Schofield (Evacuee Files).

1. Reviewing files and preparing summaries in accordance with Mr. Shears' instructions.
2. Remittances and Department of Labour, Japanese Division, approval forms re same.
3. Preparing Free Credit balance statements.
4. Compiling information for replies to queries of repatriates.
5. Typing Real Property and other memoranda.
6. General correspondence and memoranda.
7. Transfer and Release of Insurance.

4. Mrs. A. Cleaver

1. Stamping incoming mail.
2. Mailing outgoing letters.
3. Filing correspondence, etc.
4. Noting files to be brought forward.
5. Bringing forward files and keeping them listed.
6. Correspondence, copying letters and documents.
7. Newspaper Clippings.
8. Relief stenographer for Evacuee Section.

15. Summary

In closing this brief report on the activities of the Enemy Section, I would like to add the following remarks regarding my part in the work being done.

1. Subsequent to my appointment to take charge of this work, as from June 1, 1945, it was necessary for me to review all active Internee, Enemy (In Japan), Ottawa, Company and miscellaneous files which had been assigned to me and this I have done.

2. All correspondence, memoranda, documents, etc. are brought to my desk each day with relative files. Each letter is carefully read and treated in accordance with its contents. Memoranda are noted and replied to, if necessary. In most cases, I dictate replies to correspondence, but certain letters are written by one of the above-mentioned stenographers, with or without instructions as to contents.

3. All letters, memoranda and requisitions are checked as to the contents, etc. and are signed by me.

4. I am continually checking free credit balance statements of Repatriates and Summaries on Internee files; also compiling information for replies to queries of Repatriates.

5. Ottawa files are kept B.F.'d. I am replying to correspondence and complying with instructions received from Ottawa.

6. Cash Surrender Value and Matured Value of Life Insurance Policies are being obtained and made available to Repatriates.

7. Trips to the Vault and signing Securities in and out. Signing Memoranda re same to the Accounting Department.

8. Checking on the payment of claims by transfer to other accounts and direct to creditors. Adjusting free credit balance on file.

9. Arranging with Mr. Spain or Mr. Wills for the disposition of certain chattels.

10. Compiling information for Memoranda to other departments, when necessary.

11. Release and Transfer of Fire Insurance Policies. Making adjustments if Policy not cancelled.

12. Payment of storage accounts.

13. Closing adjustments on Real Property Sales.

14. Division of Joint Accounts.

15. Obtaining Department of Labour, Japanese Division, approval regarding remittances. Checking files for liabilities.

16. Signing for documents returned by Mr. Cramer.

17. Reviewing files of deceased Japanese after receiving Notice of Death. Compiling information required by Official Administrator or Solicitor. Writing next-of-kin and enclosing Memorandum of Particulars Form. Writing Official Administrator or Solicitor and obtaining further information, if necessary. Obtaining Will, if there is one, and arranging for its translation.

Obtaining Renunciation forms, if necessary.

Forwarding all funds on receipt of Letters of Administration or Letters Probate.

Separating Joint Accounts with an Estate interest.

Obtaining interim distribution of funds at request of next-of-kin and with approval of Department of Labour, Japanese Division.

Obtaining all funds from Official Administrator, when available, crediting correct accounts of heirs, remitting funds, if in order, with statement of Official Administrator and obtaining Release from beneficiary.

Collecting Insurance and obtaining Dominion and Provincial Government Succession Duty Releases.

18. On several occasions I have obtained the approval of Official Administrators in connection with the sale of Real Properties. In some cases where title was in their name "In Trust" I have obtained a Deed in favour of the beneficiaries in order that a sale might be completed.

19. During the past year, I have interviewed quite a number of prospective purchasers of Real Properties and a number of sales have been made in this way as well as through our Agents and in response to advertising by Catalogue.

When I receive a Memorandum advising me of a sale, I check the file and complete a Real Property Memorandum and send same to Mr. Peters with a Memorandum directed to him which outlines any peculiarities of tenancy and title.

I clear the title, if necessary, check on rents, taxes and water and prepare a statement for closing adjustments. Fire Insurance is transferred or cancelled and I ascertain if funds from sale have been credited to the correct account.

20. Draft of all summaries on Evacuee files are reviewed by me and corrections made, if necessary, before being typed and signed.

21. As you are familiar with the nature and diversity of the work assigned to me, I need hardly state that a considerable portion of my time is taken up by necessary interviews regarding files containing matters of mutual interest, with Mr. Shears, Mrs. McArthur, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Cramer, members of the staff in the Administration and other departments.

22. Also, I have had innumerable telephone and personal interviews with Mr. J. M. Streight and Mr. Samual A. Moore, Official Administrators; five Custodian Agents in New Westminster; local Solicitors, in matters pertaining to Estates and other matters; also with persons filing claims in connection with Forms A, B and C; and those, including Banks, Trust Companies and Solicitors, wishing information relating to the release of Assets as set out in Form G; with Mr. W. A. Rundle of the Board of Trade and Mr. E. N. Johnston of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, regarding Resumption of Trade with Enemy and Occupied Countries; also with Executors and Administrators of Estates in connection with Evacuee, Enemy and Ottawa files.

It is obviously impossible to put down in writing everything which one does during the day, month or year, but in any case, the above at least indicates the type and volume of work being carried on in 509 and I trust this resume will prove helpful.

I have spoken to Miss Foy and Miss Graham during the last day or two and they have both stated that they think the allocation of work has been fair and that the work has progressed satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. JOHNSTON

WJJ/JF
CC: Mr. F. G. Shears

P.S. Our letter addressed to the Commandant, Internment Camp, Angler, Ontario, has been returned today, August 13, 1946, unopened. The name and address have been crossed out and we therefore presume this Camp has been closed.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
506 ROYAL BANK BLDG
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REQUIRE DETAILED INFORMATION AT ONCE REGARDING JAPANESE EXTERNAL ASSETS STOP FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS INCORPORATED IN SECRETARY GENERALS NOTE COPY OF WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO YOU ON JULY SIXTEENTH STOP SEND REPORT IN DUPLICATE

K W WRIGHT

Charge to Custodian's Office.

KWW/FC. Charge to Administration

File 19052

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 21st, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears: Re: Gim Lee Luen

I am leaving for Belleville in a few moments but Mrs. Mansell will type and forward this following my departure.

Your three letters of 19th instant are here and one reply would appear to suffice.

There has been no change in Order-in-Council P.C. 5973, dated September 14th, 1945, copy of which is enclosed.

A letter was received from Mr. Messenger under date of the 7th instant, to which we replied under date of the 14th instant. This has to do with a property in Lillooet and we enclose copy of the correspondence.

The same ruling will apply to Shimotakahara if he desires to enter into a five year lease. The consent of the Minister of Labour is necessary and all applications must be filed with Mr. Pickersgill in Vancouver.

There is no hard and fast rule, the individual cases are dealt with on their merits. The Minister of Labour has taken a more lenient view in some cases where Japanese settle in Eastern Canada, but we do not believe a license has issued to acquire land or growing crops, etc., in British Columbia and certainly not in the protected area.

The answer to questions raised in all three letters is that the parties must apply to the Minister of Labour for leave, through Mr. Pickersgill.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian.

KWW/MEM
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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

19th June, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mr. A. Watts, Barrister and Solicitor at Vancouver:

> "Confirming the writer's conversation with you of today's date, I should like to be advised as to the legal position of Japanese in the Lillooet District entering into contracts. The contract that I have in mind would be, broadly speaking, of the following nature, that is, that a white man and a Japanese would each put up $3,000.00 with the intention of operating a sawmill. The white man would hold the timber limits and, if necessary, any real property, and therefore there would only be as between the white man and the Japanese a contract settling out that they had each invested $3,000.00, that the operation was to be carried out in a certain way, and that they were each to share equally in the profits, or such other method of sharing as might be set out.
>
> That is roughly the idea and I wish to know whether by entering into such an agreement the white man would in any way be prejudiced due to the fact that he is entering into a contract with a Japanese."

Mr. Watts indicated to me that the Japanese who is interested in this arrangement has had a contract with a Chinese, but the Chinese has died. Mr. Watts' client wishes to be sure that it is in order to enter into a contract of this nature.

Lillooet is outside of the protected area and was a Japanese self-supporting centre after evacuation and I understand that there are some Japanese working in sawmill operations in that area.

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K. W. Wright, Esq.

I informed Mr. Watts that a permit was necessary before a Japanese could acquire real estate, but you will note that Mr. Watts in his letter speaks of the timber limits, and any real property that might be necessary, being registered in the name of a white person.

In speaking to Mr. M.L. Brown of the Security Commission, he informs me that while their Department is endeavouring to move Japanese out of their Interior Housing projects to Eastern Canada, they are not concerning themselves at the present time with such self-supporting centres as Lillooet and he intimated to me that if a certain percentage of Japanese were able to maintain permanent residence in British Columbia that it might be Japanese that are already established in such places as Lillooet who would not be interfered with.

Will you kindly let me have what information you can so that I may be in a position to answer Mr. Watts' enquiry.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 4th, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

We wired you on June 1st, as follows:

"KINDLY FORWARD COMPLETE LIST JAPANESE ENEMY ASSETS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

This will confirm receipt of your telegram under date of June 1st, which reads as follows:

"RETEL HAVE OUR FIGURES READY END HOPING TO RECEIVE FIELDS FIGURES OF ASSETS THEY STILL HOLD AND OTHER INFORMATION TUESDAY MORNING STOP WILL MAIL REPORT TUESDAY IF POSSIBLE OR WEDNESDAY LATEST"

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian.

KWW/MEM

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Charge to Custodian's Office

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Ottawa, Ontario.

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May 28, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Mr. Mathieu asked me this morning if your annual report had been received and I stated that we expected to have same in the courst of the next week. Information relative to enemy assets, including property in liquidation, is required for conferences on reparations which are now taking place, with meetings two or three days a week. It would, therefore, be appreciated if you would let us have the report as soon as possible and incorporate a list of the enemy assets.

In the course of our telephone conversation a few days ago I indicated that my visit to Vancouver might be delayed due to the absence of Dr. Coleman and Mr. Mathieu from the office. The question was finally settled this morning and I now plan to leave on the evening of July 12th and will go to Toronto, thence to Port McNicoll, taking the boat to Fort William. This means that I will arrive in Vancouver on the morning of July 18th, and Mr. Albert of the C.P.R. is now busy in an effort to obtain all necessary reservations. We are also reserving accommodation for the return journey, leaving Vancouver August 14th and hope that our furniture will be here in ample time but, in any event, the children will be able to start to school the 2nd of September. Mrs. Wright will have a week or ten days with her relatives near Belleville and if Douglas does not come with us on the 14th, he will follow in time to be here for the beginning of the school term.

We have also discussed the problem of the transfer of enemy files, ledgers, etc., to this office and it is felt that due to the holiday season and the fact that it is impossible for me to get away the 1st of July as originally planned, we should delay transfer until the fall. This will allow you more time to liquidate such assets as may remain and I will go into this matter further with you upon arrival. This office is short of staff during the summer as well as yours and I have recommended that Mr. Arpin or someone from the Accounting Branch, should go over all records in

Vancouver with Mr. Good prior to transfer. It will also be necessary for us to have one or two members of your staff, who are familiar with the files, come to Ottawa and this will be more easily arranged in the fall than now.

I wired you today concerning the Queen Charlotte matter and look forward to receiving copies of the offers by air mail tomorrow. It is not expected that the decision will be long delayed as I had a chat with Dr. Coleman about this at noon today.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

KWW/FC.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May 28, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Claims for Damage

We attach herewith Claims for Damage from Jiukichi Terada and Keiji Kishiyama and would ask you to place them on the respective files. It is not felt that acknowledgments to the Japanese are necessary.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

KWW/FC.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 12, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Theft and Vandalism

We have for acknowledgment your letter of March 8th.

I discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman today and he stresses that you must in no way commit the Custodian or the Government in connection with these claims. No indication is to be given that compensation will be considered and an acknowledgment of the receipt of the correspondence as heretofore is all that is necessary.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

KWW/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

8th March, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Theft and Vandalism.

The condition of the Japanese Consul's house which we inspected when you were in Vancouver last was, we agreed at that time, an outstanding example of the difficulty experienced in the protection of Japanese properties.

This house situated in one of the best and well populated districts in Vancouver, while under the protection of the Spanish Consul and later the Swiss Consul, had been repeatedly broken into and almost every fitting including light fixtures, plumbing and even leaded glass doors had been stolen. Mr. Reeves in his report estimated the wilful damage to have been at least $1,500.- to $1,800.-.

We have had, as you are aware, quite an amount of breaking in and pilfering of Japanese owned properties, especially in remote and isolated districts. We have endeavoured to take every reasonable precaution but adequate protection would almost have required a watchman for each property.

Depredations and pilferings in connection with chattels in various storages have also taken place to quite an extent and in the nature of the case it is not always possible to be aware of what has actually been stolen until the Japanese owner refers to items unaccounted for. We can only assume that such items have been stolen.

In many cases, however, we are definitely aware of specific items which we have taken into our storages being stolen. The police have been notified from time to time, but with one or two exceptions nothing has been recovered.

In all our reports to the Japanese we have been entirely non-committal in regard to these losses and claims for compensation. The

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K. W. Wright, Esq.

following is an example of a complaint received:

"You have informed me on the ninth of February regarding my radio which was in the hands of the Custodian. You have written that my radio cannot be located and that you fear it has been stolen.

I would like you to understand that it is my contention that you repay for the stolen radio. I did not ask you to take precautions to protect my radio. It was against my will but the Naval Officers took it away on the eleventh of February, 1942.

I know that I am not the only person who's goods is missing. I am sending in this complaint for I think the Custodian should have taken more responsibilities as a protector.

As you know my radio was a prewar model. In fact I bought it the year before the war. I hope you will give my request fullest consideration and repay for the radio."

Our reply merely stated that this letter had been received and the comments in regard to the missing radio had been noted and the letter placed on our file for record purposes. This particular radio was stolen from 992 Powell Street which inspite of being a secure type of building and being subject to special patrol protection was broken into on several occasions.

At the time fishing vessels were taken into Custody by the Navy the Government, as you are aware, did assume responsibility for the damage done to these vessels and a special fund for this purpose was set up.

Our Department at Ottawa has been aware of the difficulties we have had to encounter and I am writing at this time so that this matter may be brought under review.

Should we continue to be entirely non-committal, merely acknowledging receipt of any complaint which is made?

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K. W. Wright, Esq.

Should any indication be given that compensation for specific loss will, or will not, be considered?

What reply should be given when we are specifically asked if a claim can be filed and whether compensation will be allowed?

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 12, 1946.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Cash and Maturity Values - Life Insurance

We have for acknowledgment your letter of March 7th.

As the policies did not vest in the Custodian under the various Orders-in-Council, it would be desirable for you to permit an evacuee to make whatever arrangements he may wish with the Insurance Company.

I appreciate that in some cases a preferred beneficiary may reside in Japan and a release from you is requested in order to obtain surrender value. Before complying you should ascertain the needs of the applicant and the insured should satisfy you that the step contemplated is necessary.

As a result of recent developments it would be advisable to defer action whenever possible.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

KWW/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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Vancouver, B.C.

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K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Cash and Maturity Values - Life Insurance.

When you were here at Christmas the following policy was confirmed in regard to requests being received from Japanese evacuees by Life Insurance Companies for the cash surrender value of their policies where the preferred beneficiary is a resident in Japan.

In view of the fact that under Order-in-Council P.C.1665 as amended, life insurance policies do not automatically vest in the Custodian and also the fact that in most cases the premiums have been paid by the Evacuee in Canada, there is no actual Enemy interest until the assured dies. In addition, if no further premiums were paid, the policy would in time lapse. For these reasons, pending instructions to the contrary which may be received from Ottawa, we will offer no objection to the cash surrender value being paid to the Evacuee and the Custodian will sign the company's application form on behalf of the beneficiary.

You will note the reference "pending instructions to the contrary which may be received from Ottawa". To a certain extent this policy was decided upon in view of the expected repatriation of a considerable number of Japanese. It would appear that this matter has been delayed and it may be possible that the number involved may be changed.

I think it would be desirable if you would let us have a definite ruling as to whether it is in order for us to continue as outlined above.

In cases where we sign on behalf of the Japanese in Japan the cheque is still issued by the Insurance Company in favour of the joint names and we are therefore required to endorse the cheque on behalf of the beneficiary in Japan. Having done this we wipe out his interest entirely as total funds are then made available to the insured in Canada.

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K. W. Wright, Esq.

I think the whole matter has been fairly well gone over before and it is my understanding that in regard to life insurance, unless there are circumstances requiring special consideration, we not only allow the evacuee to deal with his policy as he may desire, but that we will also not exercise any rights we may have in regard to the enemy interest in the policy which may, or may not, accrue depending upon the death of the assured, payment of premiums etc.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE No.....

January 29th, 1946.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq., M.B.E.
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:-

Mr. Shears left last night for Winnipegosis, and I rather envied him getting away from the grind for a day or so. He will be back in Vancouver the end of the week.

His early knowledge of the Ukrainian situation proved extremely helpful, but he may think twice before accepting an invitation to join me on another trip. During his stay in Winnipeg, we worked two Sundays and six nights out of seven, ranging up to 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. I apologized for this when leaving him at the station last night, and he graciously accepted the apology. If the authorities are not satisfied with the thoroughness of our investigation, I will be greatly disappointed, as in my opinion the findings will cover every angle. It will take a day or so to prepare the final report after my return to Ottawa, and I plan to have Miss Carroll in, lock the office door and get the job over while the evidence is fresh in my mind.

We spent a delightful evening with Chief Justice and Mrs. McPherson Saturday, and I am glad I did not know until speaking to you on Sunday that Glen was returning by plane. I wanted to get a letter away to Glen before he left, but there was not time to do so.

You might tell Miss Carroll that if opportunity affords I will write her before leaving Winnipeg.

It is 22 below again today, and in the face of this, a letter comes from my home in Vancouver with a

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A. H. Mathieu, Esq., M.B.E.

newspaper clipping - Heading - "Plums in bloom". We have been very comfortable in our hotel, however. The roast beef is much better here than we have in Ottawa, and the duties with which we have been entrusted are so interesting that I conclude with this assurance to you: "All is well".

Sincerely yours,

KWW/B

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

November 24, 1945.

F. P. Varcoe, Esq., K.C.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shige Edward Yoshida & Permit to Purchase House and Property

We are of the opinion that the attached letter should have been addressed to your Department and we are forwarding same for your kind attention.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

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iginal sent to Mr. F. P.
arcoe, Deputy Minister,
epartment of Justice on
November 24th, 1945.

COPY/MEM

c/o Weston Golf & Country Club,
Toronto - Weston - Ont.

November 20, 1945.

Minister of Land and Property,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Permit to purchase house and property.

I am a Canadian born Japanese formerly of Chemainus, British Columbia at present working for the above Golf Club as maintenance man. In Chemainus I owned a house and property which was sold without my consent by the Secretary of State, Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Since coming out here, early this year, I tried my hardest to rent a house,but in vain, so I have decided to buy a house and property with the cash, which is still with the Vancouver office of the Secretary of State, in order to have my wife, my mother, wife's mother and father and my three children come out to join me.

I understand that a permit must be issued to me from your Department before I can draw up an Agreement for the necessary transaction, therefore would you be kind enough to give me your kindest consideration.

My family is presently located at the ghost town of Kaslo, B.C., awaiting to join me soon as housing is available to them.

While I was still stationed at Tashme, B.C. I was Group Scoutmaster controlling 180 cubs and scouts which was recognized and sponsored partly by the B.C. Security Commission. Mr. George Collins of Manitoba, then Commissioner of Japanese placement and Mr. Thomas B. Pickersgill, the present Commissioner of Japanese placement were Honorary Present of the 1st Tashme Boy Scout Group.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply.

Humbly yours

(Sgd) "S. E. YOSHIDA"

Shige Edward Yoshida

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 25th, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Satoshi Araki

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 23rd instant.

In view of the statement made by Araki in his letter to you under date of the 20th instant, the Deputy Custodian is of opinion that no further action on your part is necessary,at this time.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian.

KWW/MEM

hands. If you feel a trip to Vancouver is warranted, we will, of course, issue the necessary permit.

1-10-45

"R.Davidson" A/Cpl.
(R.A.Davidson) i/c Japanese
Registration

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No. 7690/7699

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

23rd October, 1945.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Satoshi ARAKI.

I em enclosing copy of letter from Satoshi Araki received in September, my reply to same of the 11th October and Araki's reply of October 20th.

This man lived with his father at 762 Powell Street, a property which was sold last October.

What would you suggest should be our attitude to this matter.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

encl.

hands. If you feel a trip to Vancouver is warranted, we will, of course, issue the necessary permit.

1-10-45

"R.Davidson" A/Cpl.
(R.A.Davidson) i/c Japanese
Registration

COPY

c/o H. Sigalet & Co.,
Squaw Valley Logging,
Lumby, B. C.
September, 1945

R. C. M. P.,
VERNON, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been working at Sigalet, Lumby, B. C. for 2 years and 9 months and my parents also living with me, formerly living at Lillooet, B. C.

Since we used to live in Vancouver, my father used to own a property and dwelling at 762 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. Soon after the evacuation, as you know, Custodian took over our property, furniture, and all the household goods and sold it at unreasonable price at Auction. At first, we gave a notice to Custodian not to sell our property at any price, but they sold it without our consent.

The problem is, we lefted and hidden our valuable goods, documents and so forth, therefore I would like to go to Vancouver to get these valuable goods with my father, Since my father cannot understand English very much, I would like to go along with him. I also figure it is much easier to go since this war is finished.

However, we be appreciated very much if you could issue me a permit, or through Vancouver to travelled to Vancouver about a week on this matter.

Names:- SATOSHI ARAKI Reg.No.06325 (C B)
BUYEMON ARAKI Reg.No.04357 (C N)

Although we are working in bush, therefore, hard to get a letter in right time, but please kindly write to me on this matter.

I thank you.

Yours truly,

"S. Araki"

CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY ALIEN PROPERTY
506 ROYAL BANK BUILDING, VANCOUVER? B.C.

Sirs: FORWARDED for your information. We are not replying to this letter from this office, but are leaving it entirely in your hands. If you feel a trip to Vancouver is warranted, we will, of course, issue the necessary permit.

1-10-45

"R.Davidson" A/Cpl.
(R.A.Davidson) i/c Japanese Registration

COPY

7690
7699

11th October, 1945.

Mr. Satoshi Araki,
Registration #06325,
c/o. Messrs. H. Sigalet & Co.,
Squaw Valley Mill,
Lumby, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your undated letter of September addressed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been forwarded to us for attention.

It is noted that you claim to have hidden what you describe as valuable goods and documents and so forth and that you suggest that as a reason for issuance of a permit for yourself and father to come to Vancouver.

As a matter of policy the Custodian has refrained from arranging for any permits and from advice supplied us by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police they are not prepared to respond to your request.

In view of the disclosure made in your letter we are asking you to write fully advising just what effects are concerned and to describe as accurately as possible the location of these goods. Upon receipt of this information we will contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and together with their representative endeavour to locate the items in question.

If you will state what disposition you desire to be made of what may be located consideration will be given to your request, depending upon the nature of the assets revealed.

There is at present an amount of $1,203.99 standing to your father's credit which it would appear can be released when we have further advice from you regarding the outstanding matter to which you have referred.

Your immediate attention is requested.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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c/o. H. Sigalet & Co.,
Lumby, B.C.

October 20/45.

Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. F.G. Shears.

File No.7690 Re: permit to travelled to Vancouver
7699 to claimed a valuable goods and documents.

Received on your letter on Oct. 16th and thanks for giving me advice on this matter.

The goods that hidden are very well kepted, therefore it is difficult to describe the location so we are dropping this matter for the present.

Perhaps, some days, when the freedom is open, we be looking on these matter again.

We are very sorry to caused the trouble.

We thank you,

Yours truly,

(signed) S. Araki.

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CALGARY STOCK EXCHANGE



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October 18, 1945

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your favour of the 15th in reply to our letter containing a request for information with regard to aliens trading in Canadian securities.

The particular instance we refer to is that of a citizen of Japanese extraction who has been resident in this Province for a good number of years and who now enquires as to whether it is possible for him to trade in securities.

Yours truly,

OSLER, HAMMOND & NANTON

per

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 15th, 1945.

Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton,
Stock Brokers,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sirs:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 11th instant.

The liberation of occupied areas has enabled the Secretary of State to authorize resumption of trade with many areas, but trade with Japan has not been resumed and all persons residing there, regardless of nationality, are classed as Belligerent Enemies.

Are we to understand that your enquiries have come from persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the protected area of British Columbia, who are now residing in other parts of Canada?

The Order-in-Council which authorized the Custodian to administer evacuees' assets in the protected are of British Columbia excluded shares of stock, bonds, etc.

If you will furnish us with additional information, the matter will have our prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

KWW/MEM

K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian.

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WINNIPEG
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October 11, 1945.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Department of the Secretary of State,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Since the cessation of hostilities, we have had a number of enquiries from citizens of Japanese nationality as to whether the restrictions on trading in Canadian securities had been lifted.

In order that we may discuss this matter intelligently with out clientele, we would ask you to give us the official rulings regarding Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy.

Yours truly,

OSLER, HAMMOND & NANTON

per G Burrell

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 19, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Your letter of October 15th, enclosing tissues marked for Mr. McPherson's attention, has been received by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright has asked me to write you and suggest that there need be no change in mail coming for Mr. McPherson's attention at the present time. During Mr. McPherson's absence I am working for Mr. Wright and the mail will therefore pass through the same channels.

Yours very truly,

FC. Miss F. Carroll

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

15th October, 1945.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

You are aware that copies of letters from Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons to this office are marked for the attention of Mr. G. W. McPherson.

Would you suggest any change be made and that in future copies should be marked for your attention?

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH
encl.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

September 29, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Review of Files

I have your letter of September 25th, with enclosures.

I have shown this to Dr. Coleman who was considerably impressed with the efficient manner in which you are closing out Japanese files and the summarized record of the Custodian's actions that will be available.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No._____

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

25th September, 1945.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Review of Files.

Just to give you some idea of what we are now starting to do in the way of reviewing files and writing final letters to the Japanese, I enclose one of Anderson's summaries that comes to my desk today.

The men are only just getting into the swing of this work and I am endeavouring to get a little more "meat" put into the Real Estate Summaries and aiming to make it a brief history or story of real estate administration and disposition. I am afraid it will take quite a while to review and to do this on all the files, but it is a necessary job and will be prosecuted continually from now on.

The idea is that at the top of each file there will be a brief summary sufficient to give an overall picture of the contents of the file and where necessary a memorandum indicating what has taken place, whether it be good or bad, connected with our administration.

Behind the real property section there will be placed in order documents and memorandums in regard to title and matters connected with liquidation as follows:

Photograph
Statement to Japanese and letters re sale.
Original Statement of adjustments.
Rental status.
Copies of Transmission and Deed and application for registration.
Memorandum from Titles Department re registration.
Memorandum re documents sent to Ottawa.
Real Property Memorandum sent to Ottawa.
Letters of acceptance of offer to purchase.
Real Property Memorandum.
List of Tenders.
Rental Statement.
Encumbrances (copies of mortgages, agreements of sale, leases, tax statements, water rates).

G. W. McPherson, Esq.

Fire insurance.
Original Certificate of Encumbrance.
Vesting Certificate.
Certificate of Confirmation of ownership.
Agents Report.

It is hoped that files which have been reviewed and summarized will then be in order for immediate use if required for investigation.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

encl.

September 19, 1945.

To: Filing Department

From: W. E. Anderson

Re: Kaname SATO, Reg. 12435

File 8629, which is attached, may now be closed.

FM "W. E. Anderson"

8629

September 11, 1945.

Mr. Kaname SATO,
Registration No. 12435,
326 Edison Avenue,
North Kildonan, Man.

Dear Sir:

From time to time you have been advised in regard to the administration of your affairs, and, this now being completed, it is felt that you would appreciate being supplied with a brief summary.

As you are aware, the policies in regard to the management and subsequent liquidation of your property were decided upon by the Government of Canada, and, while the problem was a difficult one for all concerned, we can assure you that it has been the aim of this office to carry out those policies in as careful and fair a manner as possible.

When you registered with the Custodian, on May 7, 1942, you declared various items of real and personal property. In the following paragraphs we will give you a report of the management and liquidation thereof.

Real Property- Prior to your evacuation, you entered into a lease with Mr. G. J. Wiens to rent your property at a rental of $20.00 a month. The first month's rental was collected by yourself. Monthly rentals after that date were credited to your account up to the date of the sale of your property, as is shown in the statement attached, which also covers the sale of your property.

Personal Property- In your declaration to the Custodian, you stated that you were the owner of a quantity of household effects and farm equipment. Under your agreement with Mr. Wiens, you sold your household effects to him for the sum of $170.00. The saleable balance of your personal property has now been liquidated, and the net proceeds of the sale, amounting to $70.92, have been credited to your account.

Motor-Vehicle- The 1929 Chevrolet Sedan, which was surrendered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was sold and the net proceeds of $8.02 were credited to your account, as was shown in the statement sent to you in January, 1943.

Insurance - The life insurance policies of yourself and your two sons have not come under the control of this office. These, no doubt, have been dealt with by yourself.

Financial Statement- You have requested that we remit to you the balance of the funds standing to your credit in this office. Accordingly, we enclose Custodian cheque in the amount of $1,771.11. A statement of your account also is enclosed.

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It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area, which vested in the Custodian, and, in order that you may confirm this, and acknowledge the attached cheque, we are enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

WEA/FM

W. E. Anderson,
Administration Department.

Enclosures (4)

REGISTERED

Certified Correct

August 28, 1945. "W. E. Anderson"

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Catalogue No.: S.S.B. (J.L. 667) File No. 8629

Kaname SATO (Mr.) Reg. No. 12435

Civic Address: 1386 Horrel Rd., R. R. #1, New Westminster, B. C.

Legal Description: Lot 96 of the South East quarter of Section 36, Township 4, Map 1133, Municipality of Delta in the District of New Westminster.

Classification: Dwelling and outbuildings (4.82 acres, mostly cultivated, six room dwelling, storage house, garage, 6 chicken houses, 1 colony house, in fair to good condition).

Registered in the name of: Kaname SATO

State of Title: Clear

Administration & Revenue: Leased by SATO to G. J. Weins for duration at $20.00 per month. (Revenue after Dec. 31/42 accrued to V.L.A.)

Sold to The Director, Veterans' Land Act for $2,295.00 (cash) as at January 1, 1943.

Title delivered March 9, 1944.

Payment received May 12, 1944 and credited to Account May 19, 1944
Net amount: $2,292.00.

Chattels: Not involved in sale except fixtures, electric pump and cupboards.

Insurance: Buildings transferred.
Household Equipment cancelled July 31, 1945.

Certified Correct

August 28, 1945. "W. E. Anderson"

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| | NAME | FILE NO. |
|---|---|---|
| 12435 | SATO, Kaname | 8629 |

| COMPANY | POLICY NO. | AMOUNT | EXPIRATION | | | PROPERTY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | MONTH | DAY | YEAR | |
| West Fire Insurance Co. | 205019 Renewed Policy #210124 | $1,500. | July | 22 | 1943 | 1386 Horel Rd. Strawberry Hill, B.C., Lt.96, SE¼, Sec.36, Twp.4, Mun. of Delta. |
| orth West Fire Insurance Co. | 210124 | $1,500. | July | 22 | 1946 | 1386 Horel Rd., Strawberry Hill, B.C., Lt.96, SE¼, Sec.36, Twp.4, Mun. of Delta. |

North West Fire Insurance Policy 210124, expiring July 22, 1946, covered the following:

Building - $1,000.00
Household Effects 500.00

The portion covering dwelling was transferred to the Director, V.L.A., and the sum of $3.13 was refunded and credited to the account. Portion on household effects was cancelled, August 1, 1945, and refund of $1.60 was credited to the account.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file:

"W.E.Anderson"

August 28, 1945.

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File No. 8629 September 10, 1945.

Re: Kaname SATO, Reg. No. 12435

This file reveals no claims registered against the above-named person.

Certified to be in accordance with information on file:

"W. E. Anderson"

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 8629 September 10, 1945.

Re: Kaname SATO, Reg. No. 12435

CHATTELS : On May 6, 1942, Kaname SATO leased his property to G. J. Weins for the duration, and at the same time sold his household effects to Weins for $170.00, paid direct to SATO.

On May 7, 1942, SATO registered with the Custodian, declaring certain chattels and farm equipment, which were inventoried and checked by our field-men on May 22, 1942, and were found to be intact, except for a quantity of small tools, which we assume were disposed of by SATO prior to his evacuation on May 19, 1942.

The remaining chattels were liquidated by the Custodian; the net proceeds from chattels sold at auction amounted to $16.92, and the net proceeds from chattels sold by appraisal amounted to $54.00.

The chattels were quite well accounted for and all saleable articles have been disposed of, excepting the electric pump outfit left on the property as a fixture, and a quantity of lumber and wire which were used on the property.

For detailed record of disposition of chattels - see Chattels Schedule.

Motor-Vehicle: See Specified Articles Memorandum.

Securities & Bank Account: Declared-$100.00 in Victory Bonds
$600.00 in Bank of Montreal, New Westminster.

These assets were not under the control of the Custodian.

Life Insurance: Declared - Confederation Life Insurance Co. Policy #X558686
Amount: $1,000.00 - Beneficiary: Wife
(In possession of Insured at time of Declaration)

Declared - two life policies on minor sons.

Insured: Koji - Confederation Life Insurance Co.
Policy #558685 (30 years) Amount: $1,000.00

Insured: Hiroshi-Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada
Policy #2026400 - Amount: $1,000.00

None of these policies came under the control of the Custodian and no premiums were paid through this office.

This file reveals no evidence of other personal property.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file:

"E. E. Anderson"

# CHATTEL SCHEDULE

Declaration Date: May 7, 1942
Evacuation Date: May 18, 1942

| Declared May 7, 1942 | Inventoried May 22, 1942 | Sold by Custodian | Other Disposition |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Brooders | x | 24/4/45 (2)<br>2/5/45 (1) | |
| 3 Incubators | x | | Unable to sell |
| Pump & Tank | x | | Fixture |
| Water Fountains 30 | | 24/4/45 | |
| Spray | x | 24/4/45 | |
| 2 Beds | | 2/5/45 (1) | (1) Sold by Sato on lease |
| Kitchen Pantry | x | 2/5/45 | |
| Bedroom Set | Dresser | | Sold by Sato on lease |
| Vacuum Cleaner | x | | Sold by Sato on lease |
| 2 Rolls Linoleum | x | | Sold by Sato on lease |
| 4 Lengths Pipe | x | | Abandoned |
| 2 Cross-cut Saws | x | | Missing |
| Fan | | | |
| 2 Sledge Hammers | | | |
| 4 Wedges | | | |
| 4 Axes | | | Disposed of prior |
| Hammer | | | to evacuation or |
| Peevee | | | stolen before date |
| 4 Rakes | | | of inventory |
| 7 Shovels | | | |
| Cross Bar | | | |
| 2 Manure Hooks | | | |
| 2 Mattocks | | | |
| 2 Picks | | | |
| 3 Tables | | | |
| 80 Feed Troughs | | 24/4/45 | |
| Handsaw | x | | Missing |
| 18 Pails | | 24/4/45 | |
| 2200' Lumber | 1800' | | Used on property |
| 20 Prs. Light Sash | | 3 Pr.2/5/45 | 17 Used on Property |
| 20 Water floats | | 24/4/45 | |
| 200# Wire | 180# | | Used on Property |
| | Wheelbarrow | 2/5/45 | |
| | Green-food Cutter | 2/5/45 | |
| | House-jack | 2/5/45 | |
| | Egg-scale | | Missing |
| | 2 5-gal.drums | | Missing |
| | 8 Used Egg Crates | | Abandoned |
| | Scales | 24/4/45 | |
| | | Wheel 24/4/45 | |
| | | Chair 2/5/45 | |

Net Proceeds of Auction $16.92
" " " Appraisal $54.00

"W. E. Anderson"
August 28, 1945.

MEMORANDUM

To: File 8629

June 23, 1943

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: SATO, Kaname - Reg. 12435

| Article | Description | Appraised Value |
|---|---|---|
| Motor-car | 1929 Chevrolet Sedan<br>No. C-4<br>Licence No. (41) 52495 | $25.00 |

Sold to Campbell Motors - August 21, 1942

| | |
|---|---|
| Selling Price - | $35.00 |
| Administrative Expenses | 26.98 |
| Balance credited: | 8.02 |

"W. E. Anderson"

August 28, 1945

Copy for File J-9

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

September 28, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Mr. McPherson has requested me to reply to your letter of the 25th instant, relative to certain outstanding problems.

1. Re: N.S. McNeil Trading Co. Ltd. - An air mail letter was addressed to you under date of the 24th instant, with necessary instructions.

2. Your letter of the 7th instant has been presented to Dr. Coleman, and subject to the Committee's approval, he agrees with the suggesti ons therein. Will you be kind enough in due course to let us have a copy of the minutes for record purposes.

3 & 4. In a letter to you dated the 18th instant, Mr. McPherson indicated that while the House is in Session, it will not be possible to obtain the necessary amendments to the orders in council to include associations and properties used for religious purposes.

5. A copy of your letter of the 7th instant has been forwarded to the Director of Indian Affairs Branch, and we expect to have further information for you in this connection reasonably soon.

6. A letter went forward to you under date of the 26th instant, and Mr. McPherson suggests that I might have made it even more clear and indicated that in view of the ruling of the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Custodian accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the firearms.

7. The Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence Army has advised that Treasury Board authority is being sought for payment of $1360 for damage to this property. We have pointed out that this is based on the estimate made by Dominion Construction Company Limited, but does not include cost of Iron Fireman stoker installation amounting to $92.50. They have been asked to obtain authority to include this. We will forward cheque as soon as it is received.

8. Mr. McPherson was in touch with Mr. H.T. Pammet of the Department of Labour today, and was advised that a list of repatriates is now being compiled by their office in Vancouver. Mr. Pammet will write to Mr. Pickersgill today and instruct him to furnish you with a copy of the list. When this is received, the files of such persons should be given priority from the standpoint of review.

Yours very truly,

KWW/BT.

K.W. Wright Counsel to the Custodian

Copy on individual files

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE No.

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

25th September, 1945.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

In view of your early departure for England and Germany you may not be able to give personal attention to the following outstanding matters but it would be appreciated if you would see that we are advised in due course. The first item is of immediate importance:

3-A 1. Whether it will be in order for the McNeil deed to be prepared allocating the total purchase price to cover 4 parcels.

87 2. Our policy for dealing with personal goods including clothing and items only of salvage value, excluding that type of effects which cannot be replaced or are of actual religious significance. (As per my letter dated September 7th, 1945.)

71 dept. 18/46 3. The question of amending Orders-in-Council to include Associations.

4. Any change in regard to our present policy of withholding buildings formerly used for religious purposes from liquidation.

158 5. The possible interest of the Department of Indian Affairs in properties at Hakoda Bay which you were taking up with that Department.

70 6. Our policy in regard to the release and disposition of fire-arms brought about by the specific request referred to in my letter of the 22nd September, 1945.

157 7. Bringing to a conclusion the matter of responsibility for payment of damage to the Kitsilano Japanese Language Association School on West 1st Avenue, formerly under lease to the Department of Defense.

8. I have no specific instructions in connection with dealing with any assets being frozen (on account of the Japanese having applied for repatriation and having elected to conserve his assets and go on relief).

I presume when actual repatriation is arranged for, the necessary instructions will be issued covering the disposition of assets under our control. We have no list of those who have applied for repatriation. When I asked Mr. Pickersgill for a list a short while since so that we might indicate this on our files, he advised me that while he would have no objection to supplying this information they had no master list and the information only appeared on the files of the Japanese individuals concerned and that supplying a list to us would be an enormous task and take a long while. I have not pressed this matter as perhaps for the moment it is not urgent although I thought it desirable that our files should indicate those who would likely be repatriated.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

August 1st, 1945.

PERSONAL.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Glenn:

Received your personal letter of July 24th. I certainly hope that you can take some holidays in August as I feel even with your energy a little rest from your continual grind will do you a lot of good. Glad to know that Mr. Russell is returning to England as I gather he is doing a good job for you there.

Mrs. Shears is still over at Roberts Creek. I forget whether I told you that we have moved again! We are now only one block from Olive's and I think we will stay put quite a while. The address is 3906 W. 12th Avenue, and the telephone number Alma 1443 L.

Your reference to Mr. Wright indicates to me that your need for help is pretty urgent and I feel sure that Ken will be able to do a lot for you and our loss will be your gain. We will be sorry to lose Ken and I would have been glad if he could have stayed for some while longer as our work still keeps everyone more than busy.

Ken has arranged to travel by plane as he finds that all accommodations on the trains have been reserved beyond the end of August. He wants to spend three days with Douglas who has a post for the summer with the Union Steamships Co. at Bowen Island, but it is not advisable for him to leave here until the middle of next week as Mr. Johnston is absent on holidays. It will then be necessary for him to have a few days here upon his return from Bowen Island so that we may clear the securities in

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G. W. McPherson, Esq., August 1, 1945.

the safety deposit boxes and go over his final reports. The plane reservation is therefore obtained for departure on the 19th instant and you may count on him being in Ottawa on the 20th. No seats were available on the afternoon flights around that date, but fortunately he has been able to secure one on the plane leaving here at 8.15 p.m. Would you please note these dates and Ken would appreciate having Miss Carroll phone for a hotel reservation.

Yours very truly,

Frank G S

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS:AS

VIA AIR MAIL

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509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
July 11th, 1945

Talked to Ken on phone to-day & stated OK to arrive around 1st August

12/7/45

PERSONAL

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Glenn:

Despite the pressure of work here, I still have in mind an earlier suggestion regarding arrival in Ottawa on the 23rd instant. I am wondering if your programme as to trip to England has been settled, as due to Mr. Peers' leaving, I could spend a couple of weeks longer here to official advantage schooling Mr. Johnston. It is suggested by several members of the staff that the volume of our current work has increased of late, but I am inclined to the view that staff reductions and holidays account for the rest of us having to travel in high gear. You understand my desire to meet your wishes and also to be in Ottawa at least a week before you leave.

Frank is still away and I rather think he will return Friday as we have a Board Meeting at New Westminster on Tuesday. Preparation for this would be somewhat hurried if he did not return until Monday.

We have decided that no action should be taken in regard to securing Ottawa quarters for the family until I go east, and there is therefore no need for you to worry about a permit at the moment.

During the past week we have experienced the warmest spell since the summer of 1942 and due to forest fires, much smoke is in evidence over the City today. The forests have been closed to logging operations as well as the public, so the hazard has reached an acute stage.

Will you be good enough to drop me an airmail note as soon as possible and if you decide it is best not to postpone arrival until early in August, will you please ask Miss Carroll to telephone for hotel reservations. We are glad to hear that Miss Carroll has fully recovered and that she has returned to duty, as this must be a great relief to you.

Sincerely yours,

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
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22nd June, 1945.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Glenn,

I find that Ken has given you the idea that I was not very well. Don't worry, I feel quite fit. I did get a slight cold and instead of throwing it off quickly it seemed to settle in the sinus. Felt fairly well when not doing very much, but had a dull headache if I tried to concentrate. However, everything cleared up last week and I went to Nanaimo last weekend.

So that you may know my plans, I intend to go away on Friday next, June 29th, but will only be a few hours boat distance away and can be available if anything urgent develops.

I will be back about the 11th or 12th July as I want to have about a week before Ken leaves. He figures on leaving on the 19th or 20th.

With different ones going on holidays we will be somewhat disrupted for the next month or so but I expect we will be able to carry on and I am hoping for satisfactory progress to be made this fall.

How is Miss Carroll? Don't overdo it yourself. I hope that Mercia and the family are well. How do the furs look?

I wired you some days ago after speaking to Mr. Ladner as he indicated that he was going to telephone to you. I do not know if he did so or not, in any case you will doubtless be letting me know when any final decision is arrived at.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Frank

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

30th April, 1945.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

For your information we have today moved out of 500, 501 and 513 and this will effect a saving in our monthly rental.

Surplus desks and chairs have been disposed of from time to time by public auction and we have secured very good prices for same.

I am hoping that you will be able to come to some satisfactory arrangement in regard to Mr. Durkee's office on the 3rd floor while you are here.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
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23rd April, 1945.

FOR INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS SEE FOLLOWING FILES -

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Just a line to let you know that Mr. Wright and myself sat in with Mr. Field on Saturday afternoon and went over a number of his files.

Enclosed are brief statements on 12 companies prepared by Mr. Field in which he indicates their present position.

Other reports are being prepared in regard to the balance of the companies being handled by Mr. Field.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

Returned all these cases to all friendly firms.

FGS/PMH

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PERSONAL

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

February 14, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of theCustodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Government Employees Compensation Act

I have had a telephone conversation with Mr. Stevens of the Department of Transport as a result of which he has forwarded me a letter dated February 9th with the enclosures referred to. I am enclosing a copy of that letter and a copy of my reply. The enclosures referred to will be found on Mr. Gibson's file.

When Mr. Stevens telephoned me I knew nothing of this matter although subsequently Miss Carroll brought to my attention your letter of November 6th last and her reply of November 20th.

In view of the fact that we are reaching the end of our liquidation program and we have been paying the necessary insurance premiums for the past three years, I think it is a mistake to raise this question at this time and this was apparently Dr. Coleman's feeling in November last. The Custodian's organization, as you know, is what might be called an outside Government office and receives no funds from Consolidated Revenue but is a self sustaining organization. I do not think there is any point at this late date in starting negotiations which will result iin enquiries into the Custodian's employees' positionsand their salaries by another Government department.

I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would tell Mr. Gibson that he should let the matter stand and take no further action, at least until I arrive in Vancouver and have an opportunity of discussing this matter further.

Yours very truly,

G.W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

CES/AC

CANADA

REFER TO FILE NUMBER

1059-5

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

OTTAWA, February 9th, 1945.

Dear Sir,-

I am enclosing a copy of correspondence with Mr. S. M. Gibson, Insurance Department Office of the Custodian at Vancouver, B.C., regarding the matter of workmen's compensation for employees of the Custodian's office in British Columbia.

The question as to whether these employees would be entitled to compensation under the provisions of the Government Employees Compensation Act, was taken up with our Legal Branch. I understand that Mr. W. J. Mathews, Counsel of this Department, has been in touch with you and you have requested that the matter be referred to you for your views on the question.

I shall be pleased, in the circumstances, to have your views regarding the questions raised.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. Stevens,
Officer in Charge,
Employees Compensation.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant of the Custodian's Office,
Secretary of State Department,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastins and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Japanese Evacuation Section

January 11, 1945

C.E. Stevens,
Officer in Charge,
Employees Compensation,
Department of Transport,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Your File 1059-5

As requested in yours of December 16th, I have taken the matter up with Mr. Green who is in charge of the department of this office to whom the workmen in question are responsible, and have received from him the following information.

(1) The employees in question were hired originally as casual labour for handling and swamping in our warehouses. They have now been employed steadily for several months and will probably continue to be employed by us for some little time to come.

(2) They are at present paid weekly by cheque but as from the beginning of the year will be paid fortnightly. Their earnings are calculated on an hourly basis but as in practice they work steadily, their income is practically identical each week except when holidays intervene or they are away sick.

(3) Their salaries are paid partly from funds provided by Ottawa and partly from proceeds of sale of Japanese effects, liquidation of which is steadily going on and which their labour helps to make possible.

Trusting that this will be sufficient information for your Legal Department, we are

Yours truly,
(sgd.) S.M.Gibson

SMG:JS

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

(COPY) CES/EB

1059-5

Ottawa, December 16th, 1944.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of November 25th and the 9th instant, relative to the matter of workmen's compensation for employees of the Custodian's Office in British Columbia.

This matter has been referred to our Departmental Counsel, who is disposed to the view that employees of the Custodian's Office, who are paid a direct wage or salary by or on behalf of His Majesty, might be considered employees within the meaning of the Government Employees Compensation Act. He has, however, asked for further information as to the manner in which these employees are paid and the fund out of which the payments are made. I think, in order to get a clear picture of this situation, you should advise fully as to how these employees are hired, the manner in which their salaries are paid, the fund out of which the salaries are paid and how this fund is provided.

Upon receipt of this information, this matter will be given immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

C.E.Stevens,
Officer in Charge,
Employees Compensation.

S.M.Gibson,Esq.,
Insurance Department,
Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Please refer to
File No. G/160

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

December 9, 1944.

AIR MAIL

Mr. C. E. Stevens,
Officer in Charge of Employees
Compensation,
Department of Transport,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Dominion Government
Employees Compensation Act

On November 25th we wrote air mail to enquire as to whether the employees of the Custodian's Office would be covered under the above named Act.

If at all possible we would be very grateful to have this information at an early date so that we will be in a position to make a decision in connection with coverage now being maintained under the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act.

Yours truly,

(sgd.) S. M. Gibson

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville, Vancouver.

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

Please refer to
File No. G/160

November 25, 1944.

AIRMAIL

Mr. C. E. Stevens,
Officer in Charge of Employees Compensation,
Department of Transport,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Dominion Government
Employees Compensation Act

In connection with work of the Custodian's Office in British Columbia, we employ men in the field as travelling representatives and also those who act as warehousemen, swampers, and truck driver.

At the present time in order to protect any liability that may arise, we are maintaining accident insurance to cover on our travelling representatives and also protection under the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act covering on those other categories mentioned above.

It has been suggested that our employees are automatically covered under the Dominion Government Workmen's Compensation Act and I have been requested to refer the matter to you for information on that point.

Would you kindly advise if the employees of the Custodian's Office are covered under the above mentioned Dominion Act.

Yours truly,

(sgd.) S. M. Gibson

S. M. Gibson
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

February 5, 1945.

Robert E. F. Tivy, Esq.,
General Delivery,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 31st regarding property in British Columbia has been received.

The property formerly owned by the Japanese and taken over by the Custodian is administered direct from our Vancouver Office. I have, therefore, forwarded your letter to Mr. F. G. Shears, Director, Office of the Custodian, Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, and you will, no doubt, hear from him in the near future concerning this matter.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

FC.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

PERSONAL

January 31, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Frank:

I have not had an opportunity of seeing the Minister since his return but I did get a chance to talk to Dr. Coleman about the Vancouver office yesterday. The problem arose because of difficulties we are experiencing here in obtaining suitable help. The Doctor now feels, as I must say I do, that having liquidated a great deal of the property we should be able to cut down the staff, possibly by re-organizing along the lines you suggested. I suggested to the Doctor that we might be able to obtain one or two good executives from the Vancouver office to come down here and give us a hand and this led to the question of my going to Vancouver in the near future, to discuss the entire situation with you. I think there is every probability I will be there before many weeks have passed and, therefore, I am writing this personal letter to suggest that you give serious consideration to the re-organization problem.

The Doctor more or less agrees with me that the time has come to talk to Judge Smith about Mr. Durkee and Miss Sullivan and this is one of the matters which I would take up. In addition to this I will expect Mr. Field to have a complete statement ready as to the work they are still handling, how it stands and when he expects to complete it. You might advise him of this since I do not want to find that the statement is not prepared when I arrive as I will not have a great deal of time due to the fact that we are getting into our post-war organization work here. I will let you know a week ahead of my departure and since my time will be limited I will fly although I would personally prefer the rest on the train.

You may feel there has been considerable delay in dealing with your letters about offers for property, etc., but I can assure you that this has been due principally to the rush of work here and the absence of

the Minister and the Deputy. Everything is now before the Minister for approval and I am hoping I will be able to send you definite decisions on the outstanding questions before the end of the present week.

As regards the typewriters, I assume the portable is on its way and I would appreciate it if you would just hold the others pending my arrival.

Yours very truly,

GWMcP/FC.

P. S. Since dictating the above the portable typewriter has arrived. I would appreciate it if you would not send a bill for this machine but let it stand as an asset of your office on the understanding that I am using it in connection with the work of that office.

G.W.M.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

January 23, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Mr. McLarty's Visit

I have your letter of January 20th and wish to thank you for same.

I presume Mr. McLarty arrived in the city this morning and I will likely see him within the next few days.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

20th January, 1945.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Mr. McLarty's visit.

Mr. McLarty was due to arrive on Sunday morning, January 7th. The train, however, was nearly eleven hours late. I took my car and with Mr. Wright we met Mr. McLarty when he arrived at the station Sunday evening. Officials of the C.P.R. however, had arranged for taking them to the hotel.

On Monday we called for Mr. McLarty and brought him to the office. He spoke to the whole staff and they were all very pleased to meet him and appreciated the affable manner in which he greeted and spoke to them all. He afterwards inspected our various office rooms.

At Mr. McLarty's request I contacted all the members of the two Advisory Committees and arranged for a luncheon meeting in Mr. McLarty's room. All were present except Mr. Justice Smith who was in Victoria.

The Committee members expressed themselves as being grateful for the opportunity of meeting Mr. McLarty and the Minister assured them of his appreciation of the valuable work they were doing on his behalf. Both Judge Whiteside and Alderman Jones and the other members assured the Minister that their contacts with this office were very satisfactory and helpful.

Mrs. McLarty came into the room and met the Committee and thanked me for the flowers which the office had sent to their room.

Mr. Wright and myself had a short session with Mr. McLarty at the hotel on Monday afternoon and we discussed briefly a few office matters including Togo Cleaners tenders. Mr. McLarty stated that he considered everything was going very smoothly and this was evidenced by the fact that no serious complaint had come to his attention. He did not think it necessary therefore to discuss in detail any particular Vancouver problem.

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

Mr. & Mrs. McLarty left for Victoria on Monday evening and returned to Vancouver on Friday morning, the 19th. Mr. Wright, myself and some other members of the staff heard Mr. McLarty give a brief talk at the Canadian Club Luncheon and in a short conversation with him afterwards he advised us that nothing further required his attention and that he was leaving for Ottawa that evening.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

January 2, 1945.

PERSONAL

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Frank:

Mr. McLarty is leaving Ottawa Wednesday night, the 3rd, for Vancouver and I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum I have given him today as to people I think he should meet.

I assume that the Minister's secretary has arranged his accommodation but if I want you to take any action in this regard I will wire you tomorrow morning. I believe the Minister and Mrs. McLarty intend to arrive in Vancouver on Sunday morning and you might contact him and possibly make a courtesy call some time Sunday. I do not think it would be amiss for the office to have a bouquet of flowers in the room for Mrs. McLarty.

Mr. McLarty intends to make a routine inspection of the office and I think he will want to meet the people listed in the attached memorandum but you will be able to discuss this with him and make the necessary appointments.

Yours very truly,

GWMcP/FC.

G. W. McPherson

Ottawa, Ontario,
January 2, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CUSTODIAN

In accordance with Dr. Coleman's request the following individuals are connected with your Vancouver organization and I know they would greatly appreciate it if you could find time to say hello to them while you are in Vancouver. Mr. Shears, the Director of your Vancouver office, would be pleased to arranged appointments convenient to you.

Mr. F. G. Shears - Director, Custodian's Vancouver Office.

Mr. K. W. Wright - Counsel to the Vancouver Office.

Mr. Frederick Field - Resident Agent of P. S. Ross & Sons.

Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith - Chairman, Greater Vancouver Advisory Committee.

Alderman Jones - a member of this Committee.

Mr. H. S. Durkee - Executive Assistant to the Committee.

His Honour Judge Whiteside - Chairman, Committee on Rural Property

Mayor W. Mott, New Westminster - a member of this Committee.

Mr. Hal. Menzies, Haney, - a member of this Committee.

I know that the staff of the Vancouver office would consider it a great pleasure if you could find time to give them an opportunity of meeting you when you visit the office. Might I suggest that when you decide to call at the office you telephone Mr. Shears at Pacific 6131 and I know he will be pleased to make arrangements to meet you at the hotel and take you to the office.

GWMcP/FC.

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

Victoria Building,
70 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

November 20, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Dominion Government Employees Compensation Act

Your letter of November 6th has been received and I am sorry to be so long in answering it but I have been working for Dr. Coleman since his return from the West as his Secretary has been ill. The result has been that my own work has had to take second place.

I referred your letter to Mr. Mathieu and he stated that he knew nothing concerning the above Act. However, when he referred the matter to Dr. Coleman, the Doctor stated that he did not see how we could, as employees of the Custodian's Office, come under the Dominion Government Employees Compensation Act. Mr. Mathieu is of the opinion that a special concession was made in the case of the employees of the B.C. Security Commission because of the danger zone.

Yours very truly,

FC. Miss F. Carroll

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

November 6th, 1944.

Miss F. Carroll,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Dominion Government Employees Compensation Act

Dear Miss Carroll:

We have been carrying accident insurance, covering a few of our staff whose duties make it necessary for them to drive automobiles. This applies to our rural field men. We have also made application to the Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia for protection under the Provincial plan in connection with four workmen employed as warehouse men and swampers in connection with our storage houses and auction sales.

The question has been raised as to whether all employees of the Custodian's Office may not be automatically covered under the Dominion Government Employees Compensation Act. I understand that there is an Order_in_Council which deals with this matter in regard to employees of the B. C. Security Commission. Mr. Brown of the Legal Department of the Workmen's Compensation Board is not aware whether this office would be covered under the Dominion Government Employees Compensation Act. If it is, it would then be unnecessary to maintain the accident insurance above referred to and the coverage under the Provincial Workmen's Compensation Act.

Will you kindly have inquiries made regarding this matter and advise us.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

FGS/MHG

F. G. Shears,
Director.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
November 6th, 1944.

Administration
AHM/L

Dear Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of October 31st I wish to state that the purchase of property in Canada by Japanese residents is subject to the conditions of Order in Council P.C. 1457, dated February 24, 1942.

Answering the second question raised in your letter, it would not appear that the Custodian would interfere with the property of a Japanese resident of Toronto, unless such resident comes within the purviews of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations.

Yours very truly,

A. H. MATHIEU
Assistant Deputy Custodian

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PHONE ADELAIDE 2345-6
CABLE ADDRESS "DAYFERG"

October 31st, 1944.

A. H. Matthew, Esq.,
Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We have a Japanese client who is contemplating the purchase of some property in Toronto. This man was born in Canada but his parents were born in Japan, but came to Canada and were naturalized in the year 1910.

Under the circumstances, if our client does purchase this property, will it be liable to be seized by the Custodian?

Yours truly,

DAY, FERGUSON, WILSON & KELLY

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 23, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have your letter of October 21st and wish to say that I have now been advised that Mr. Francis is not accompanying Dr. Coleman.

I think that a report from you covering the year's work would be extremely useful to the Custodian and if it could be available by the time the House of Commons reconvenes, which under normal conditions will be late in January, the time would be most opportune.

I imagine that shortly after my return from England or early in the New Year I will visit you in Vancouver to discuss the year's program and I might even arrange to arrive and bring your report back with me. However, this is a matter which will have to wait and in the meantime the report could be prepared.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

21st October, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I was very interested in the contents of your letter of the 19th instant which incidentally was delayed on account of fog conditions existing in the vicinity of Vancouver which, as you know, like Zion is "beautiful for situation and the joy of the whole earth".

First in regard to Dr. Coleman's visit. I would have been happy if you were accompanying him. However, we will be pleased to have Dr. Coleman visit us and I will facilitate any wish that he may have in regard to looking over our organization or any other requests he may make. I will not overlook arranging for him to contact the heads of our Advisory Committees if this is possible.

No, I did not meet Mr. Francis and I doubt if he is known to any of our present office staff.

I felt quite sure that for the past while you had been engrossed in somewhat larger affairs of the Custodian and had been more or less on the move. It now appears that your second visit to England is imminent and I certainly hope you have a safe and successful trip and are able to complete your programme in time for a return by Christmas.

I am also glad that the office was able to supply you with Mr. Russell and that apparently he is in a position to fill the need you had for representation in London.

I feel sometimes that the rate of advance here seems somewhat slow but we are progressing and gathering up loose ends here and there. Liquidation continues fairly steadily.

Last week I had quite a conference with Mr. Green and his men and I have asked them to prepare for me an overall picture of the remaining work in regard to chattels and a plan which they propose to follow. Then once or twice a month I will receive a progress report. To the extent which this is applicable, it is the idea which you struggled to arrange

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

when you were last here in regard to the progress and completion of the V.L.A. deal.

After the end of the year I have in mind submitting to you a fairly comprehensive report of the position and affairs in regard to all departments of this office which may not only be of value for immediate information but which would be a record of the work accomplished by the Vancouver office. If there is any particular time when you think such a report would be of the best value to you, please let me know.

Mr. Field made a trip over to Deep Bay on Thursday and I asked Mr. Wright to go with him. They arrived back yesterday but so far I have not had a full report from them. You may remember that the objective was to at least measure up to Mr. Smith's bulk appraisal of $80,000.00. It was to size up the remaining equipment and to suggest ways for its final disposition that Mr. Field made this trip.

In regard to the McNeil tenders. If you are not available at the time these are being considered I will do my utmost to have everything done in an orderly way and the results and recommendations submitted to Dr. Coleman.

During your absence I am always happy to know that Miss Carroll is available to hold the fort and where necessary I will keep her advised and correspond with her.

You may likely be receiving further letters from me before you actually leave, but if not my very best wishes and regards.

Yours very sincerely,

F. G. Shears.

F. G. Shears.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 19, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

You will note from my letter about Mr. Robinson that Dr. Coleman is going to Vancouver and I believe he intends to arrive there on the morning of October 31st and will possibly be in Vancouver for two days. It is his intention to call at the office and I hope you will be able to have things so organized that he will be able to look over the whole organization in the short time he will have at his disposal.

Unfortunately, in view of my other plans it is impossible for me to be in Vancouver at the same time since I am involved in negotiations with Washington and expect to have to make another trip to New York some time next week, returning here by the end of the week and then Mr. Russell and I will be leaving for England during the week of November 5th. Present plans are that Mr. Russell will remain in London at our office there and I will be returning not later than Christmas (I hope). My plans, of course, will depend to some extent on the progress of the war.

During my absence Miss Carroll, as in the past, will be receiving correspondence from you and will see that the matters referred to are taken care of.

I appreciate that the fishing vessels question is still outstanding and I note your correspondence today about the caveat. These matters, I am afraid, will have to stand until my return and you will just have to do the best you can as regards the disposal of property and cutting down your staff when you consider it convenient to do so.

I had hoped it might be possible for me to be in Vancouver around the time the McNeil bids are considered but I think this is now out of the question. I trust you will see that the bids are referred to Dr. Coleman as soon as possible with definite recommendations.

Dr. Coleman will have Mr. Francis with him who, I think , you met in the early days but this may not be so since he may have been there before your time. He is in the Companies office here and was at the Coast with Dr. Coleman when Cob Drewry and I originally arrived to set up the evacuation office.

This time I intend to make a real effort to get in touch with your brother and will be writing you from England.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

CANADA

MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE
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Secretary of State

Ottawa, October 15, 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Colleague,-

I have been informed that the Custodian of Enemy Property sometimes has occasion to place advertisement locally in the newspapers of Vancouver and British Columbia.

I should appreciate it if arrangements could be made for this local advertising to be placed through Aubrey C. Peck, of Stewart-Lovick Limited, 410 Province Building, Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Peck is a disability pensioner who was decorated for valour in the field. His firm is a recognized national advertising agency entitled to the standard rate of commission from newspapers and other publications. In view of the manner in which advertising business is carried on, there is no additional cost to the public in using the services of an approved national agency. On the other hand, the agency is able to render useful and valuable services in arranging and placing its advertising material.

I should appreciate any steps you are able to take to arrange for this business to be placed through Mr. Peck. Incidentally, this firm has offices in Edmonton and Calgary and will be able to render similar assistance in Alberta, if desired.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Paul Martin,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

PERSONAL

October 6, 1944.

G. D. Milsom, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Milsom:

I have your letter of September 27th and am sorry I have been so long in answering but that has been due to the fact that Mr. McPherson was preparing to leave for conferences in Washington and I was rather busy until he left.

I'm sorry that I have been unable to be of any real assistance in this matter since I do not know anyone personally in the Immigration Branch and it appears that the matter will just have to await the course of the normal routine of the office and they will advise Mrs. Hooper as soon as they can concerning her permit.

I thought of having Mr. McPherson contact the Department but he didn't feel this would help matters very much as, apparently, it is not very long since Mrs. Hooper supplied the last information requested by them and he feels it will take some little time for them to review her case, along with the many others they have.

However, if Mrs. Hooper doesn't hear something within a reasonable time and you think there is anything further I can do, will you please let me know.

Yours very truly,

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

August 16, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Mr. Forrest E. La Violette

I have your letter of August 14th.

Mr. La Violette called to see Mr. McPherson in the fall of 1943 in connection with certain articles he was going to write, and while Mr. McPherson was in Vancouver last spring forwarded a copy of a paper he had prepared for publication in the Far Eastern Survey, published every two weeks by the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York City, and asked Mr. McPherson to comment on same. Mr. McPherson read the article and returned it but did not comment since he felt it was an expression of Mr. La Violette's views as a result of his investigations.

see file J-79, July 28/43

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum Mr. McPherson prepared for External Affairs just before he left Canada which will give you an idea of the type of information he is releasing. So far as I can see there would be no objection to giving Mr. La Violette this type of information, and from what I can remember of the paper he previously forwarded, this is what he wants.

I hope the attached will be of some assistance to you and I know you will use your usual good judgment when interviewing Mr. La Violette.

Yours very truly,

Miss F. Carroll

FC.

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August 14th, 1944

Miss F. Carroll,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Miss Carroll:

Mr. Forrest E. La Violette, Associate Professor of Sociology, McGill University, has called at our office and was introduced to me by Mr. George Collins of the B. C. Security Commission.

I understand that Mr. La Violette is writing a book in regard to Japanese matters for the Canadian Institute of Industrial Affairs. Mr. La Violette is going to Tashme tomorrow with Mr. Collins and will be calling at our office again on his return.

If possible, by return mail, I would be obliged if you would advise me as to what extent it would be in order for me to make information available to Mr. La Violette in regard to the Administrative matters of our office.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

FGS/MHG

F. G. Shears,
Director.

Victoria Building,
7 0 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

July 31, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Your confidential letter of July 29th to Mr. McPherson was received this morning.

Mr. McPherson left Ottawa Sunday afternoon. However, I am forwarding your letter on to him so he will have the information regarding your brother.

Insofar as the caveat is concerned, I have written you today enclosing a copy of a letter written by Mr. McPherson to the Department of Justice. However, in view of the information contained in your letter to the effect that the sale of the property had been approved, he may write you again, when he reaches his destination, with regard to this question, and also in connection with the honorarium.

I will be pleased to endeavour to keep you informed of any news and will let you know when Mr. McPherson is expected back.

Yours very truly,

FC. Miss F. Carroll

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CONFIDENTIAL

29th July, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Has Dr. Coleman actually got away yet and is your date of departure settled?

I certainly wish you the very best of success both in regard to yourself personally and in the mission on which you will be engaged.

I would appreciate it, either directly or through Miss Carroll, if we can be kept informed in a general way of how everything is progressing and when you are likely to be returning.

It is 36 years since I left London and since the death of my parents here some years ago I have not kept in touch with even my brother over there. He is some ten years older than I am, his name is Alfred Ernest Shears and his address was, and likely still is, South Munstead Farm, Near Godalming, Surrey. This does not mean that he is a farmer ! This was a place he bought from some actress, I think it was Faye Compton, and from some pictures I have, seems to be quite a nice place.

He had an important position with the Lever Bros. concern at Lever House (the Head Office might be Uni Lever Ltd.). He was to retire about the time war broke out. He was, however, requisitioned for some special war work and I do not know whether his office would still be with Lever Bros. or not. If you could enquire from some of the heads of the organization I feel sure they would know of his whereabouts, and if possible I would like you to contact him although he has no knowledge of what I am doing. I would be very interested on your return to know that you had been able to meet him. Godalming is not a great way out of London and I hope it may be possible for you to pay a visit to him there.

As far as our office here is concerned, Mr. Wright will be away two weeks starting Monday. Mrs. McArthur will be away the following two weeks. I do not think Mrs. Shears and myself will actually get away for a holiday but I am figuring on going to Winnipeg and up to Winnipegosis around the end of the month or the first week in September. I do not

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

suppose there is anything I might attend to in Winnipeg for your office but if there should be please let me know.

Quite confidentially is there any actual regulation against honorariums being paid to Judges for work they do outside of their Court duties ? Judge Whiteside as you know has been very co-operative and I have wondered just why he should not be entitled to the same honorarium as other members of the Committee receive. Expenses are saved by my going to New Westminster and holding the meetings in his office in the district where three of the members reside.

The Judge of course has not referred to this matter but he made the remarks at the last meeting that he was staying at home as he could not afford the holiday he would like to take.

I hope you will have the time to give me an expression of opinion in regard to the caveat. Mr. Wright did not indicate in his letter that this caveat was placed on a property the sale of which had just been approved by the Committee. The holding up by caveat on the sale of this particular property would not be very material, but what would happen if we took no action and other caveats are filed ? I am surprised, in view of our Vesting Certificate, that the Registrar did not at least contact us before accepting the caveat in the permanent form. I am wondering if Mr. Crane will think that the Vancouver office should have acted as they did.

I have not yet read your letter to Mr. Field re McNeil, but I can tell you that he was somewhat mad. One of his faults is I think that no matter what he does or does not do he does not like to receive the slightest criticism and always tries to justify himself to the nth degree. I told him that as far as you were concerned you had a right to expect that everything had been fully considered by the Solicitor and himself and that what was expected were conclusions for Mr. Gates and yourself to review. At the moment of dictation a copy of your letter has just been sent to me by Miss Carroll.

Once again, every good wish just in case I do not contact you further for the time being.

Yours very truly,

Frankas

FGS/PMH

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

July 31, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: General Letter of July 24th

With regard to the points raised in your general letter of July 24th, I wish to advise that the matters at issue have been decided as follows:

The proposed fees of Mr. Duncan Crux have been referred to the Department of Justice for their opinion and when this is received the decision of that Department will be made known to you by Miss Carroll.

The question of salaries is dealt with in a separate letter which you will have by this time.

As regards the Hamamura property at Heriot Bay and Mr. Allen, since the property was advertised for sale and Mr. Allen had an opportunity to submit a tender if he so desired, the tenders should be submitted to the committee for their decision and that decision acted upon irrespective of Mr. Allen. If, however, none of the tenders are acceptable to the committee you might contact Mr. Allen and ascertain if he wishes to make an offer.

As regards Tofino, you should follow the policy of the Custodian in this regard; referring the tenders to the committee and accepting the committee's recommendation. No doubt Mr. Neil's party, if he is interested in buying the property, has submitted a tender and it will be for the committee to determine whether or not such tender should be accepted.

As regards the P.C.U., I have already written you in this regard.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

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FILE NO.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

24th July, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Just a line in regard to a few matters that I hope you can deal with.

Your letter of July 19th has dealt with the outstanding matters between Mr. Barnet and this office.

Dalgarno and the Alert Bay situation is now being taken care of.

You have indicated in your correspondence that you will advise us in regard to the question of Mr. Duncan Crux's fees and I will be pleased to hear from you in connection with this matter.

I understand that it is doubtful if an appropriation will be made for the fishing boat claims at the present time so that this matter will have to be held in abeyance.

Have you been able to secure any authority in regard to the salary changes which were discussed?

I wrote you on the 8th July in response to your telegram re the Hamamura property at Heriot Bay in which Mr. Neil was interested. I have still to deal with the tenders which we received on this property and it will be necessary for you to advise me whether there are any reasons or justifications for bringing Mr. Allen into the picture at this stage in view of the fact that Mr. Allen did not actually submit a tender.

In regard to the Tofino properties I have obtained a second valuation on these properties and expect a report from Mr. Bell and Mr. Green when they return this coming Wednesday. Here again in view of the fact that these properties have been advertised am I in a position to deal with the tenders purely on their merits or have you to give me any particular instructions in regard to this matter?

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

As previously mentioned to you, while there has been certain correspondence in regard to the Tofino properties, I have never yet been advised of the name of the party in whom Mr. Neil is interested, nor of the particular property involved, although I assume that it is the property under Catalogue No. 886. This is the property on which I wrote you a memorandum on the 18th May and referred to a tender which had been received from Mr. Wingren for the sum of $400.00 whereas he had previously been negotiating with the Japanese, Kimoto, for $900.00 to $1,000.00.

A line in connection with the Pacific Co-Operative Union would also be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

July 24, 1944.

The Under Secretary of State for
External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Internees

Your letter of July 21st has been referred to me for reply.

The Custodian negotiated a sale of some of the agricultural lands formerly owned by persons of the Japanese race and situated in the Protected Areas of British Columbia to the Director of the Veterans' Land Act. The Director, being the purchaser, will, no doubt, be able to supply full information as to the reason for the purchase.

The Custodian assumes that where reference is made to the selling of these properties under a "frozen or free basis", the representative of the Protecting Power means whether or not the proceeds from the sale are frozen or free. Insofar as the sale of the property of Japanese evacuees who have not been interned, is concerned, the funds are freely at their disposal provided they do not reside in one of the interior housing schemes of the British Columbia Security Commission.

As regards the sale of property formerly owned by persons of the Japanese race who have been interned, the proceeds are held by the Custodian subject to his general policy relating to funds of internees and are not at the free disposal of the internees other than, that as a matter of policy, the Custodian makes small amounts available to the internees for necessities in the internment camps and for the maintenance of their dependents, if any.

Insofar as the Custodian is concerned, he does not receive a commission for the sale of real estate although the ordinary commissions are charged by real estate agents where they negotiate the sale.

Insofar as the automobiles which were liquidated by the Custodian, are concerned, the Custodian charged the disbursements incurred in their liquidation, not including administrative expenses of the Custodian's Office, against the sale price and the same applies to the fishing vessels which were disposed of by him. However, in regard to the fishing boats, the bulk of these were disposed of by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, and the Custodian has no information concerning the charges made by that committee.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

DEPARTMENT OF

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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
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O t t a w a,
July 21st, 1944.

To: The Custodian, Ottawa, Ontario.

In a recent report of an inspection of Internment Camp 101, Angler, Ont., by a representative of the Protecting Power, the following paragraph occurred:

"Enquiries were made as to the veracity of the news that Japanese property in the Fraser Valley is being purchased for the settling of returned soldiers, and if the selling of these properties is carried out under frozen or free basis.

With further reference to Japanese property, internees are desirous to know if the Canadian Government gets a commission in the selling of real estate or other properties, as in the case of automobiles and fishing boats, when commission was collected: in the former case amounting from $20.00 to $30.00, and in the latter case from 5% to 10%."

May I have any information and your comments, please, on this matter?

-

John D. Kearney
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

CONFIDENTIAL

15th July, 1944.

Reply to this letter
on J-19 under date
of July 17/44

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I received your confidential letter of the 11th instant.

I only wish it were possible for me to be going with you. I certainly hope that you have a safe trip and accomplish all that is required to be done as I know you will.

As regards the hazard, I think you take the same philosophic viewpoint as I do and that the Cockney was about right when asked if he worried about the blitz and replied:

> "No, guv-nor, can't say as I am. Yer see, I count me chances. Jerry - well, he's got to take off all right, 'asn't he ? Then he's got to cross the Channel, that ain't too easy for 'im. Then he's got to git by the Coast. Then comes the Thames Estuary, that ain't all he likes. Then comes London - well, he can't miss that; but then he's got to find 'Ammersmith, then Acacia Road, then No. 87, and then most likely, I'll be at the pub."

I will of course be writing again before you leave but I am just dropping a line and acknowledging yours.

Yes, the McNeil matter is already dragging and while "everything is alright" and "this will be quite easy to arrange", "Solicitors are looking after this" have been trite remarks recently, it is all to the good that the delay is occurring now before we get started.

Mr. Tupper was to give Mr. Field a very extensive letter yesterday afternoon and Mr. Field is aware that a full report of the exact position of things must be sent to Mr. Gates and yourself before the advertisement can be finally approved and published. I have spoken to Mr. Field and as soon as the McNeil matter is entirely in the clear we will be reviewing all his files in the near future.

**FOR WITNESS**

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO }
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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

It is astonishing how the pressure of work in this office keeps up - the only thing is that we are working fairly regular hours.

Mr. Wright will be taking two or three weeks holiday starting August 1st. I am taking a short spell later. The rest of the staff are of course taking their regular vacations.

I am sorry it is not likely that the appropriation for the fishing vessel claims will ~~not~~ be put through this session. In view of the fact that these claims have all been approved and I take it must eventually be paid, I suppose you would not consider it to be in order for the claims to be paid by advances out of our Administration account and for this account to be re-imbursed later.

It is satisfactory to know that the cheque for the Nanaimo Shipyards will be coming through in due course.

I note what you say in regard to the signing of documents during the time Dr. Coleman will be away. I am enclosing our regular printed form of Transfer of Land and it would appear that if instead of using a Notary Public declaration on behalf of the maker, Dr. Coleman, that if Mr. Mathieu's signature were witnessed and the witness completed the Affidavit of execution, our present form could be used with very slight alteration. The Registrar here ~~to~~ agree to accept the printed form as altered and initialled. Kindly advise if you think this would be a correct and satisfactory way of handling this matter.

I note that your wife will be arriving home today and it will be nice for her to see you before you leave, and after all she will probably like to be in her own home during the time you are away.

With kind regards to your wife and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Frank G. Shears

F. G. Shears.

FGS/PMH
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P.S.

Mrs. Shears will not admit that Vancouver is all your wife claims it to be after yesterday when somebody walked in and took $75.- out of her purse and then proceeded two doors down the road and removed $30.00 from a neighbour's purse - and this in a respectable district !! My only criticism was how could anyone lose $75.00 in a house at one time!

**FOR WITNESS**

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TO WIT: }

I, of the
of , in the Province of Ontario,

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

CONFIDENTIAL

July 11, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Frank:

You can discuss the contents of this letter with Mr. Wright since it will affect both of you.

Present plans are that the Deputy will leave for England on or about July 31st and if possible I will leave a day or two before. He expects to be away for about two weeks but has indicated that I may have to stay for some little time, depending on the situation in London insofar as our work is concerned. This will mean that I will be out of touch with you and Mr. Wright but I know you will be able to carry on on the basis you have in the past, sending any documents you have down to Miss Carroll. This raises the question of whether or not she should take holidays while I am away but now that I think of it, it seems that it would be better for her to be here since she knows your work and is your only direct contact with the Deputy.

I do not think there will be any drastic developments insofar as the court case is concerned about the power to sell before I get back, particularly since the courts will be having their long vacation. The usual run of the mill work of signing documents can continue and major questions which you can delay might be delayed for my return.

I do not think there is a chance in the world of getting the fishing vessels money through during the present session so that you can figure this branch of your work will have to stand for the time being. Before leaving I will try to clean up the few problems you are having with Mr. Barnett through Mr. Murchison and I hope to have Duncan Crux' method of billing the Custodian settled during the coming week.

The next question to consider is holidays for yourself and Mr. Wright and I believe that you haven't had any holidays since you have been in the Custodian's Office. I would suggest, therefore, that you and Mr. Wright arrange to take your holidays at different times so one of you will be in charge. If it is convenient for the two of you, you might take your holidays while I am away which will give an additional reason why you will be able to delay any pressing problems insofar as the public is concerned.

I believe you have some relatives in England and, while it may be impossible to see them, if you give me their addresses, I will make an effort to do so or at least to contact them by telephone or mail and tell them how you and your family are getting along.

Strangely enough, and just as I predicted, Mercia arrives home next Saturday and I expect to leave here about two weeks after she gets back so that she will have to spend the time alone but I have already talked to her on the telephone in Winnipeg and she feels she would sooner come home than remain either in Winnipeg or return to Revelstoke. There is always a chance too that plans may again be changed but for the present you can assume I will be away from hereby the end of the month or at the latest the end of the first week in August.

If you have any matters that you think should be cleared up before I leave, will you please get them in the mail as soon as possible. Matters I have pending before the Deputy - such as the Alert Bay question - will be pushed along.

If I have not already advised you, you will be pleased to know that the cheque for the Nanaimo Shipyards will be coming through in due course.

You might give my regards to Mr. Wright and also to your wife and I will hope to see you some time this fall.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP/FC.

P.S. I have been anxiously awaiting news that everything is arranged for the publication of the advertisement re McNeil and in view of my pending trip I telephoned Mr. Gates this morning. He tells me there has been some delay due to the legal work regarding title to the property. It seems to me that Mr. Field indicated several times that there was no trouble at all about the legal positions of the titles of the company and he was anxious to go ahead and publish the ad before all of these details were investigated. It is a good thing that the detail work has been done first in this case but it is essential that everything be ready for publication before I leave here or it will likely have to wait until my return since Dr. Coleman will also be absent.

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

22nd May, 1944.

File

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I am enclosing newspaper cuttings re Japanese properties. The "Sun" had a general hotch-potch on Friday and continued the same in their Saturday issue dealing as you will note with Dr. G.F. Davidson's report.

I met Mr. MacLennan at lunch today and he informed me that he was leaving on Wednesday for Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

FGShears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

Clippings on Newspaper file.

FGS/PMH
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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

18th May, 1944.

Dr. E.C. Coleman, K.C., C.M.G.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Coleman,

Re: 6th Victory Loan.

I thought you might like to know that the quota set for the Vancouver office was $6,000.00 and the office subscribed a total of $12,320.00, which I feel is a very good showing from a temporary office.

Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons administering the affairs of enemy companies invested enemy funds totalling $157,500.00.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/PMH

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

28th April, 1944.

Forrest E. La Violette, Esq.,
Department of Sociology,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. La Violette,

Your letter of April 22nd with the enclosed paper was forwarded to me from Ottawa and I must say that I found it very interesting with particular reference to the section where you deal with "liquidation of property" beginning on page 9, I have read this with considerable interest.

I do not think there is anything in particular in the section which I would care to comment upon, appreciating that it is an expression of your views as a result of investigations you have conducted.

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to read over your paper and I am returning same immediately so as not to delay your plans.

If you are in Ottawa in May, and I expect to return there early in the month, I would be pleased to see you again.

Yours very sincerely,

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/PMH

encl.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

April 25, 1944.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I am attaching a letter dated April 22nd from Forrest E. La Violette together with the enclosure referred to.

Yours very truly,

F. Carroll

FC/PM

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

April 22, 1944

Mr. G. W. McPherson,
Office of the Custodian
Ottawa

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Enclosed is a preliminary copy of the paper which I have prepared for publication in the Far Eastern Survey, published fortnightly by the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York City.

After gathering all of our materials together, the paper is quite different than I envisaged at the time I was talking with you about it. Because of the limitation to 5,000 words, it has necessitated keeping it on a more general level. With respect to the liquidation of property, I thought it important to stress the reactions of the Japanese than to give details of procedures or legal sanctions.

I am wondering if you would be good enough to read this preliminary copy and make notations or comments on any section which you feel is an error of fact or too gross misinterpretation of policy or motives. A copy has gone to the editor in New York and will quite likely be returned to me within a week or so in order that a final draft may be made.

If my plans work out I shall be in Ottawa most of the month of May, and I hope to see again during that time.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest E. LaViolette

Dept. of Sociology

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

April 12, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Mr. McPherson is definitely leaving for Vancouver on Thursday night, April 13th, and although we have not heard from you concerning the hotel reservation, we are assuming that you have made same. They will arrive in Vancouver on the morning of April 19th.

If you should wish to get in touch with him enroute, he will be in Winnipeg on April 15th staying at his home there, 227 Oxford Street, and in Revelstoke on April 18th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths.

Yours very truly,

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G W MCPHERSON
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Charge to Custodian's Office.
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VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No. 9

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
June 9th, 1943.

Miss Florence Carroll,
Office of the Custodian,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Miss Carroll:

Mr. Wright has asked me to forward you the enclosed copies of Orders from our precedent file. If you wish copies of any other documents we will be pleased to forward same.

The Enemy Section is snowed under with work at the moment but Mr. Wright says he will write you in a day or so.

We all enjoyed your nice long, newsy letter and you will be receiving word from us shortly - also a picture of the 'little enemies'.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Graham.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 5, 1943.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Would you kindly have Miss Graham forward me as soon as possible, copies of the orders in your brief file, namely, Inspection Order, Control Order, etc.

Mr. Arpin showed me the picture of David and I was glad to learn that he has recovered from his attack of whooping cough.

We have had two or three days of summer - yesterday being about 90 above and we wound up the day with a terrific electrical storm, which instead of cooling it off just made things all the stickier.

You will be interested to know that the office presented the McPhersons with a silver tea service yesterday - a belated wedding present.

Sincerely,

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

April 16, 1943.

Messrs. MacKay & Innes,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Simcoe, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Persons of the Japanese Race

I have your letter of April 13th and for your information I am enclosing a copy of the Custodian's regulations.

Insofar as the Custodian is concerned a person of the Japanese race can buy property in Canada but I understand that the Minister of Justice has issued an order forbidding sales to such persons. I would suggest that you write to the Deputy Minister of Justice since this is a matter directly concerning his department.

Yours very truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

MACKAY & INNES
Barristers, Solicitors
Notaries, Etc.

W. P. MACKAY, K.C.
H. P. INNES

SIMCOE, ONTARIO
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The Custodian of Enemy Property,
45A Central Chambers,
OTTAWA, Ontario,

Dear Sir:-

A Real Estate Agent was in the office the other day inquiring if there was any law or regulation prohibiting the purchase of land in Ontario by a man belonging to the Japanese Race, but born in Canada.

It is so difficult in the ever growing flood of regulations and amendments thereto to know what the situation is from day to day so that we are taking the short cut of inquiring directly from you and would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
MACKAY & INNES.

Per:

WPM:ls.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

7th April, 1943.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

file

Dear Mr. McPherson,

You will be interested to know that we now have further information regarding the missing clock at Steveston.

Upon communicating with Mr. Kuba, the owner of the store, he has advised us that he took this particular clock with him when he was evacuated.

The confusion started by Mr. Robinson thinking the clock which he had in his office was from Mr. Kuba's store.

It is rather nice to know that this particular matter has been cleared up.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

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G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Dear Mr. McPherson,

Both Mr. Kimura and Mr. Yamaga went down to Steveston last week end.

While neither of them mentioned to me that they had knowledge of the vandalism which took place in the Buddhist Temple there, Mr. Robinson informs me that they inspected this place and asked if the documents etc, were in safe keeping and that the ashes were intact.

Mr. Robinson assured them that everything was in order and apparently very little more was said so that I am hopeful that this matter is satisfactorily closed.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 31, 1943.

A. E. McMaster, Esq.,
1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I have your letter of March 25th and also regret that I did not have an opportunity of seeing you before I left but, as you know, I was considerably rushed and my return to Ottawa was rather unexpected.

I can assure you that there was no annoyance on my part regarding the inspection trip and I, of course, realized that there had been a misunderstanding.

I have no doubt that you and Mr. Shears will be able to co-operate fully and that all of our Japanese problems will dissolve into thin air in short order once the liquidation gets under way.

Yours very sincerely,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

A.E. McMASTER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

1012 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 25th/43.

Mr. G. W. McPherson,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Glen:

I am sorry I did not see you before you left, but appreciate how much you had to do prior to getting away. I am exceedingly sorry there was a misunderstanding relative to our inspection trip yesterday. I did not quite understand the Chairman's, and probably your annoyance, until I subsequently discovered that the arrangement was that we should all meet at the Court House at two o'clock.

I was very distinctly of the impression that Kishizo Kimura and I should meet at your office at this time. Mr. Kimura had the same impression.

I have had a discussion with Mr. Shears this morning, and you may rest assured that we shall fully co-operate in securing the greatest possible dispatch in carrying out the details of the task before us.

I hope you had a good trip East, and my best regards to Mr. Read and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. McMaster

AEM/ms

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, March 16, 1943.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Mr. Shears,

I enclose herewith copy of an intercept received here which may be of interest to you.

Yours truly,

A. H. MATHIEU
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Acting Director,
Custodian's Office,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DIRECTORATE OF CENSORSHIP

OTTAWA, ONT.

~~No. 158~~
No. 188

Vancouver, B.C.

Date March 5, 1943.

## INTERCEPTED LETTER

FROM Hindy Matsomoto,
46 Dogwood Avenue,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B.C.

TO Miss Tessie Ogino,
5714 - B.,
W.R.A. Tule Lake,
Newell, California.

DATE OF LETTER Feb. 11, 1943. LANGUAGE English

## COMMENTS

POLITICAL

Writer expresses great dissatisfaction with the way the Government handled the Japanese question.

Excerpt: * "The Government is going to sell our property, so it looks like we're not going to stay here when the war is over. Too bad they don't treat us like Canadians. They didn't give us a chance. The U.S. Government understands Niseis. Of course, the Canadians are narrow minded so it can't be helped. They take us as enemy aliens. I'm just as much Canadian as any white punks. Now I know why the Niseis in U.S. are joining the armed forces. Niseis here say they're crazy. If Americans treat you like Americans I won't say they're crazy. I would if they don't. Remember, when I said I wishes I was born in U.S.*

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Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, March 12, 1943.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Mr. Wright,

Re: Goto Ginichi - Internee

I enclose herewith copy of an intervept received fromnthe Directorate of Censorship in connection with mail from the above named to Mrs. K. Okura, Rosebery, B.C., which may be of interest to you.

Yours truly,

A. H. MATHIEU
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES**
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**PRISONER OF WAR MAIL**

FROM: GOTO GINICHI
204-07597
CAMP 101
CANADA.

TO: MRS. K. OKURA.
NO. 210,
ROSEBERY, B.C.
CANADA.

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**COMMENTS**

The following translated excerpt of the above correspondence, is submitted for purposes of information.

"Whether the custodian gets the rent of the house or not, is not my concern; but, if the rent I asked for cannot be got, the place should be shut. But where did this government get permission to touch my personal property? I should like to know that point. We are citizens of Imperial Japan and those damned people must not touch our things. I suppose they will tell you to do certain things but you let me know you must not sign anything because, just as in Japan, we must be careful what we sign."

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

February 22, 1943.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Acting Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Snapshots

I have your letter of February 20th, enclosing snaps of Internee and Evacuee property and these are very interesting. I am holding these here for the present but will return them as I presume the ones you forwarded are the copies you intend to place in an album.

There is just one suggestion that I would like to make in connections with these and that is that the date upon which they are taken be typed on the back together with the other particulars.

Yours very truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

20th February, 1943.

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

We are enclosing one set of snaps of Internee and Evacuee property which have so far been photographed.

One copy is being placed on the relative file and I am going to have an album in which to place a copy of each property.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

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VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No. 9

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
15th January, 1943.

Your File - Legal Section
GWM/DI

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Photographs.

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant.

Prior to receiving your letter I had already arranged through Mr. Green and Mr. Richardson for their men to start taking photographs and this will be carried out.

I have already spoken to Mr. Wright regarding this and he has some particular properties that we will photograph.

There is no doubt that these pictures may prove of considerable value later when our files may be under review.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

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G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

The last week was one of those particularly hectic times with continuous telephone calls and conferences of one kind and another.

The Ninth floor department also ran into a chapter of trouble. Mr. Peers took sick with pneumonia as soon as he was transferred to this department. This was before Miss Carroll left. He is still away but reported as doing well. The cause was apparently due to the fuel shortage in his home.

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Last Wednesday Miss Sullivan was leaving home for the office and in some way fell and broke two bones in her foot. She now has her foot in a cast and will be away for a few weeks.

Miss Matheson also took sick with a very bad throat and was away all of the week. We are hoping she will be back in a day or so.

Miss Foreman, also of that department, was not very well and was away one morning and only came back in view of the others being away.

Mrs. O'Brien has also had some eye trouble for a few days and Mr. Douethas been away on a sick spell.

Your uncle has also been off duty for several days suffering from rheumatism. He is back now and feeling very fit.

However, generally speaking we are getting by,

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario, February 4th, 1943.

Legal Section

GWM/MSD.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Japanese Property.

I am enclosing an original letter from J. B. Williams, offering to purchase some property for a returned soldier.

This is a matter which should be dealt with by Mr. Barnet, and I have not replied to the letter.

Yours truly,

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G. W. McPHERSON,
Executive Assistant.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Acting Director,
Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,

GWM/MSD. Ottawa, Ontario, February 2nd, 1943.

Legal Section

P E R S O N A L

Dear Mr. Shears:-

I have received approximately twenty-one letters this morning from your office which included nine letters from P. S. Ross & Sons. I will deal with this correspondence as soon as possible.

You will appreciate the fact that until Miss Carroll arrives here I have not a secretary of my own, and am finding great difficulty in attending to correspondence with your office, in addition to the other special work I am doing here. I will however, attend to all the letters as quickly as possible. I wish to thank you for your letter of January 27th, and the good wishes expressed therein.

In so far as the correspondence with Vancouver is concerned, I received four envelopes this morning, all of them Air Mail, with a total postage of .54¢. One of the envelopes was a large envelope and while I appreciate the fact that two of the letters, one from yourself and one from Bob were of a personal character, I think that they could all be placed into the larger envelope with the other correspondence, even though they are put in individual sealed envelopes. Mr. Mathieu has remarked that we seem to be using a lot of stamps and anything that we can do to cut down would be greatly appreciated. No doubt you could centralize all the mail for this office across your desk in some manner so that you could see that as much as it was possible was put in one envelope.

Personal regards to yourself and the staff,

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

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CUSTODIANS OFFICE 7 OCONNOR ST OTTAWA

LETTER RECEIVED LEAVING AS PLANNED APPRECIATE FEW DAYS GET SETTLED

MISS F CARROLL

PHONED

By OH To Dept

Time 5.46

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,

GWM/MSD.

Ottawa, Ontario, January 30th, 1943.

PERSONAL

Dear Miss Carroll:-

I have your letter of January 25th, and am pleased to note that you are leaving Vancouver on Monday night.

The arrangements that you have made as far as your mother is concerned, are, I think the best at the present time. I do not think you will have a great deal of difficulty in at least finding a room to stay in for the time being, but it will be another problem to find an apartment, although this is not impossible as most people seem to think. T

There are several things which you could bring with you which will be of use in handling the Vancouver work from this office. They are as follows:-

1. A statement showing any changes in the set up, in so far as the staff are concerned. This could be compared with the statement contained in my brief which Mr. Shears has, where the personnel is set out in the section dealing with administration.

2. The file on the Richmond Trading Company.

3. The file on the D. J. Smith Equipment Company.

4. Four copies of all newspaper clippings and you might instruct whoever takes over this work to send copies of any newspaper comments on the Custodian's work, so that they can be put on file here for the information of the Minister.

5. Copies of the forms used by Mr. McArthur in reviewing the files. That is, the forms that are to be completed so that we will have a statement of affairs, as I would like to show these to Mr. Mathieu for a possible corporation into the work being done here.

The above, are all the items that I can think of at the present time, but if there is anything else that you think might be useful here you might bring it along.

Your train will arrive here early Friday morning and I will endeavour to make a reservation at the Lord Elgin Hotel for you for Friday so that you can stay there for a couple of days until you locate a rooming house. If at all possible either Mrs. McPherson or myself will meet you since you will no doubt be completely lost in a strange city.

At the present time I expect to be going to Montreal and New York over the week end, and won't be back in Ottawa until possibly Wednesday or Thursday morning. On further thought I think it would be quite in order if you did not leave Vancouver until the end of the week arriving here on Wednesday or Thursday, the 10th or 11th, as there won't be anything for you to do to any extent while I am in New York, and it is my intention to send you a Night Letter to this effect today.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson,

Executive Assistant.

Miss Carroll,
Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,

Ottawa, Ontario, February 2nd, 1943.

Legal Section.

GWM/MSD.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: P. S. Ross & Sons Correspondence.

I have your letter of January 28th with enclosures, which consists of nine letters.

Some of these letters refer to very minor details and I do not know whether it is worth while forwarding them to me since I have not a file for all of the individuals concerned. This remark possibly applies more to a large number of letters that I received a week or so ago, than to this most recent correspondence.

However, if you wish to send them along I am always interested in reading them, but you might keep in mind the fact that I have only the more important company files here, and very few internee matters.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Executive Assistant.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 15th, 1943.

GWM/C

Legal Section.

Personal.

Dear Mr. Shears,-

I thank you for the clippings which are extremely interesting. The judgment might result in some civil action and I trust you will see that no one in our office expresses any opinions in this matter.

I thought that some Orders in Council would be passed yesterday morning but they have been delayed, but will be presented on Tuesday. If they are passed, I will be writing you further.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or the Custodian.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Acting Director,
Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

Legal Section
GWM/DI

8th January, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Photographs.

We discussed the question of taking snapshots of Japanese properties, and placing them on the respective files.

I do not know whether you are proceeding with the plan, but Dr. Coleman agrees that it is a good one, and you might arrange to have the field men carry cheap cameras and take pictures. These pictures might be especially useful, in so far as the Powell Street area is concerned.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
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MISS F CARROLL