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December 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

RE: Continuation of Orders in Council Pertaining to Property of Japanese Evacuees and Repatriates

I have for acknowledgment your memorandum of the 8th instant and note the Minister's request for further information in regard to the 775 accounts standing in the books of the Custodian's Office in Vancouver. These figures include cheques returned and appear in 145 accounts, as follows:

Cheques refused	125	$56,265.18
Wrong address	20	3,500.75
	145	$59,765.93

Many Japanese refused to accept cheques for credit balances in the belief that acceptance might prejudice their claim positions.

Some time ago a letter was sent to Mr. Shears requesting him to speed the distribution of these funds, to which he replied, in part, as follows:

> "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".

The extra work caused by repatriation delayed distribution for a time as in this connection the Custodian was called upon to deal with additional funds amounting to $1,077,631.59, turned in by 3151 repatriates.

Much of the initial work of the Vancouver Office was carried on under pressure and required quick action, with the result that records in many cases were not in as good order as might be desired. During one of my visits to Vancouver, I found that the summaries in connection with chattels were the chief cause retarding progress and this matter was carefully considered and a decision reached to lessen the extent of the review. In many cases the most extensive checking was unable to produce 100% results on account of missing links caused by varying descriptions of the same article as well as thefts and vandalism. As a result of the modification agreed upon, more rapid progress was possible.

In conclusion, the following is an excerpt from my report of October 16, 1947:

> "I was quite surprised to find the number of problems which crop up in the course of "mopping up", but without hesitation assure you that under Mr. Shears' guidance, everything is going along nicely. We are not too strong in manpower for the reason that many of the staff resigned in order to secure permanent posts, but it was agreed that notwithstanding additional work caused by the Japanese inquiry, no additional staff is necessary at the moment. The officers are engaged for the most part reviewing files and compiling summaries which will be useful as soon as the inquiry gets under way".

I trust the foregoing will prove helpful.

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K. W. WRIGHT

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 9, 1947

Robert McKeown, Esq.,
Montreal Standard,
Room 403,
18 Rideau Street,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, we enclose herewith copy of Order in Council P.C. 1810, dated July 18th, 1947, appointing Mr. Justice Henry Irvine Bird a Commissioner to investigate Japanese claims, together with copy of amending Order in Council P.C. 3737 of September 17th, 1947.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

FOR MR. WRIGHT :

The Minister is very grateful for your memorandum, copy of which I attach. He suggests that it would be useful to him if you could indicate in very general terms the reasons why it has been impossible to close out the 775 open accounts. He understands that the reasons are various, but perhaps you could give him an indication so that he could answer questions.

E. H. Coleman
Under Secretary of State.

Ottawa, December 8, 1947.

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Ottawa, Ontario
December 6, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

RE: Continuation of Orders in Council Pertaining to Property of Japanese Evacuees and Repatriates

During the war, persons of the Japanese Race were evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia and Order in Council P.C. 1665 of March 4, 1942, as amended by Order in Council P.C. 2483 of March 27, 1942, provided that all property situated in any Protected Area of British Columbia, belonging to any person of the Japanese Race (excepting fishing vessels, subject to Order in Council P.C. 288 of January 13, 1942, deposits of money and shares of stock) should be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian.

Order in Council P.C. 469 of January 19, 1943, empowered the Custodian to liquidate such vested property.

Order in Council P.C. 7355 of December 15, 1945, enabled the Custodian to control and liquidate real or personal property left in Canada by Repatriates and also provided for the eventual transfer of the proceeds to the former owners.

The Orders in Council above referred to were continued pursuant to the provisions of The Continuation of the Transitional Measures Act, 1947, which expires on the 31st instant.

A recent survey discloses that 44 parcels of real estate, in addition to some chattels, owned by Japanese and under Custodian control, have not been disposed of.

During the year a considerable effort has been made to remit final balances to the Japanese and in order to provide readily-available briefs, summaries of a number of files have been prepared giving the history of administration of the assets dealt with. Progress in this connection is shown in the reduced number of Evacuee Accounts in the Vancouver Office Ledgers, with credit balances as follows:

Date	No. of Accounts	Credit Balances
December 31, 1946	2,433	$ 1,076,318.76
October 15, 1947	775	676,336.61

Dec 31-47 $520,048.42

Investigation of the 775 open accounts reveals the following:

200	accounts under	$100.00
406	accounts from	$100.00 to $1,000.00
117	accounts from	$1,000.00 to $3,000.00
52	accounts over	$3,000.00
Total 775	accounts - - -	$676,336.61

As to estates of Repatriates, examination by the writer during a visit to the Vancouver Office last October indicates that we have under control 2 parcels of real estate, numerous stocks, bonds, interests in life insurance contracts and refundable savings portion of income tax. The latter amount to $3,065.66 and will be collected for 76 Japanese Repatriates.

The staff of the Vancouver Office has been reduced to 28 in number but as a result of the appointment of a Commissioner under the Inquiries Act to inquire into losses which the Japanese allege to have sustained, their entire time is now being devoted to a review of files and preparation of evidence which will be submitted to the Commissioner.

It will therefore not be possible for the Custodian to complete the winding-up of the estates of Japanese Evacuees or Repatriates for a considerable time and for this reason the Orders in Council referred to, insofar as they relate to the control of Japanese Evacuee assets by the Custodian, should be extended.

In the event that a question is asked in the House respecting liquidation, it is well to add that in keeping with the Minister's assurance at the last Session, the consent of the Japanese owner is obtained prior to disposal of real property.

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File No.	Name	Property Not Yet Realized
4851	MINATO, Kinosuke	20 shares Royston Lumber Co. Ltd. (being liquidated by P.S. Ross & Sons)
6054	KIDO, Hideo	100 shares Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. (being liquidated by P.S. Ross & Sons)
XI 882	SHIKAZE, Kaichi	6276 shares Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd. (being liquidated by Hamilton Read & Paterson)
6600	HAYASHI, Torao	9 bonds Japanese Government 4% 1910 @ Fcs 500 each - 4500 Fcs.
11902	SUMIYA, Rikichi	1 Bond - Japanese Government - $1,000.00.
13052	NISHIDERA, Shinpachi	220 Bonds Japanese Government @ Fcs 500 each - 110,000 Fcs.
7331	NAKAMURA, Masako	Japanese money - 1305 Yen
12172	NAKATA, Ume	Deposit Cert. Sumitomo Bank of Seattle ¥386.50 Yen
12846	TAMARU, Orito	Fully paid non-participating endowment Sun Life Assurance Co. policy on his wife (In Japan) payable to her on 29th October, 1959 or to him if wife dies before that date. $380.00
XI 479	KOBAYASHI, Kazuo	1000 shares Dunwell Mines Ltd. Of no value
1398	FUKUHARA, Takakazu	(Cat # 738) Dwelling & furniture at Port Essington Value $270.00
		(Cat # 740) Restaurant & furniture at Port Essington Value $2,650.00
11849	KOBAYASHI, Chiyono	Commissions on renewal premiums Sun Life Policies Value unknown

LIST OF UNSOLD EVACUEE PROPERTIES
As at October 8, 1947.

			Assessment
Greater Vancouver:			
Cat. No.	72	668 East Cordova Street	$ 1,200.00
" "	144	2456 McGill Street	2,200.00
" "	274	2200 Block Triumph Street	615.00
" "	340	162 West 5th Avenue	2,435.00
" "	441	Tide Flats, E.Seymour Creek,North Vancouver	200.00
" "	460	5195 Royal Oak Avenue,Burnaby	1,135.00
File #	11715	115 S. Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby	2,550.00
Int. " #	448	526 East Cordova Street	1,775.00
Rural Properties:			
Cat.No.	501	Lot 1, Blk.B. D.L.20, Bamfield	1,000.00
"	505	Lot E. Pt. N.E.½ 20, Bamfield	100.00
"	556	Lot 9, Blk.36, Clark Avenue, Cranbrook	70.00
"	726	Lot 32, Blk.17, D.L.1, Prince Rupert	1,935.00
"	731	Lot 23, Blk.19, D.L.7, Map 923,Prince Rupert	110.00
"	738	Lot 10 W40' Blk.1, Map537,Port Essington	285.00
"	740	Lot 12 W23' Blk.1,Map 537,Port Essington	2,075.00
"	741	Lot 13 W22' Blk.1, Map 537, Port Essington	670.00
"	743	Assgd.A of 3, Blk.2,Map 537,Port Essington	1,100.00
"	744	Lots 7 & 8, Blk.2, Map 537,Port Essington	1,725.00
"	747	Lot 304,Blk.(125 ac m/l)Tp.R5,Port Essington	965.00
"	750	Lots 30,31,Blk.14,Map 949, Haysport	480.00
"	751	Lot 1, Blk.6, Port Essington	125.00
"	972	Shannon Road, Richmond	1,700.00
File #	1248	E.60' of Lot 10, Blk.1, Port Simpson, Port Essington	1,550.00
Int. "	#1112	Kelowna	6,150.00
Incorporated or Unincorporated Societies:			
File	10526	475 Alexander Street, Vancouver	23,800.00
"	12938	500 Block East Cordova Street,Vancouver	625.00
"	12988	549 East Cordova Street, Vancouver	1,575.00
"	12811	1684 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver	3,400.00
"	7839	120 - 10th Street, New Westminster	7,300.00
"	9754	Power Line Road, Hammond	6,000.00
"	8659	14th Ave. & Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	7,650.00
"	13509	2583 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	50.00
"	13509	2585 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	4,400.00
"	9623	Pt.2.5 ac.SD1, Sec. 5, T.12, Map 8334, Ruskin	1,650.00
"	9623	.5 ac. M/1 SE¼, Sec.6,T.15, SK.6383, Whonnock	2,700.00
"	5422	Lot 12, Blk.3,of SW¼, Sec.21,T.17,Map 382 Mission	1,300.00
"	G/73	Pt.2 ac m/l of Lot 3 of NW¼ Sec.20,T.17,Map Sk.8368,Municipality of Mission) 2755	4,600.00
"	10396	Sandell Road,nr.Townline Rd.New Westminster	2,425.00
"	10697	22 Moncton Street, Steveston	2,282.00
"	10721	No. 1 Road at Chatham, Steveston	5,258.00
"	12196	E.28' Lot 13,Blk.1, Map 537,Port Essington	360.00
"	12894	Lot 19, Blk.16, Sec.5, Map 928,Prince Rupert	2,335.00
Miscellaneous Trusts:			
File	9593	4160 Union Street, Vancouver	1,450.00
"	7551	17th Street between William & Rupert Ave., North Van.	150.00

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 1st, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Referring to our recent telephone conversation, I wish to advise that Dr. Coleman has approved transfer of Mr. Russell to the Vancouver Office and I expect Mr. Russell will leave for Vancouver Friday next. Reservations have not as yet been made and as soon as plans are definite, you will be advised.

A few days ago I informed Mr. Russell that one of the problems before the Commissioner related to liquidation of Japanese Evacuee Companies. In accord with my request, he has prepared a memo along the lines of our discussion and I enclose two copies. Mr. Hunter may find some "helpful hints" herein.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 1st, 1947

A. H. Brown, Esq.,
Solicitor,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 28th ultimo, with enclosure.

This is to advise that the Custodian approves the recommendation which you propose to submit to Council, empowering the Custodian to complete the liquidation of assets and transfer proceeds to persons in Japan who were repatriated prior to 1st December, 1947.

It would be appreciated if you would send us a copy of the Order, as, if and when issued in order that we may advise our Vancouver Office.

Thanking you for your co-operation herein, we are,

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Original correspondence
re J.P. Repatriate file
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

CANADA

Ottawa, November 28, 1947.

Mr, K. W. Wright,
Legal Adviser,
Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property,
Secretary of State Department,
O t t a w a.

You are familiar with the provisions of P.C. 7355 of December 15, 1945 relating to assistance to persons repatriating to Japan. You have advised that it will be necessary to continue the provisions of this Order to the extent necessary to enable you to complete the liquidation of the property which has been vested in the Custodian under this Order and for the subsequent transmission of the proceeds to the Japanese in Japan.

In order to limit the application of the Order to Japanese who have already repatriated to Japan, it is proposed to make a submission to Council, as per attached copy, which would have this effect. Before doing so, however, we would like to make sure that your Department has no objection to this proposed Order. I do not think it would prejudice your operations so long as provision is made for the extension of P.C. 7355 as so amended.

(Sgd) A. H. BROWN.

Enc.

Original correspondence
on Repatriate file

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that under the authority of The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, Your Excellency in Council be pleased to order as follows:

1. Order in Council P.C. 7355 of December 15, 1945, as amended by Order in Council P.C. 268 of January 23, 1947, is revoked except insofar as it affects or relates to persons who, having made a request for repatriation, have proceeded to Japan prior to the first day of December, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister of Labour.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
November 6, 1947

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D. H. W. Henry, Esq.,
Counsel,
Department of Justice,
Justice Building,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Continuation of Orders in Council
Pertaining to Property of
Japanese Evacuees and Repatriates

Dear Mr. Henry:

This will confirm the writer's conversation with you relative to the necessity for extending the Orders in Council above referred to.

Orders in Council P.C. 1665, dated 4th March, 1942, and P.C. 469, dated 19th January, 1943, as they appear on Pages 154 and 155 in Office Consolidations of Orders in Council, specified in the Schedule to the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, provide for the administration by the Custodian of properties of persons of the Japanese Race evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia.

Order in Council P.C. 7355, dated 15th December, 1945, on Pages 112 and 113 of the above Consolidations, provides for liquidation and transfer of assets of Japanese Repatriates.

It is essential to continue Orders in Council P.C. 1665 and P.C. 469, for the reason that approximately 44 parcels of real estate in British Columbia, under Custodian control, have not been disposed of.

Some chattels remain unsold and when I visited the Vancouver Office last month, a check-up revealed that we have 775 open accounts with credit balances belonging to Japanese Evacuees which total approximately $676,000.00. These balances are being distributed as rapidly as it is possible to review files and forward remittances to the respective owners.

As to the Estates of Repatriates, I attach hereto list of assets compiled by our Vancouver Office in October, 1947, and from this you will note that we have under control two parcels of real estate, stocks, bonds, interests in life insurance contracts and refundable savings portion of income tax.

It will not be possible for the Custodian to complete the winding-up of Estates of Japanese Evacuees or Repatriates for a considerable time and I therefore recommend that the Orders in Council referred to, insofar as they relate to control of Japanese assets by the Custodian, be extended.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
October 17, 1947

Armond T. Whitehead, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
299 Queen Street West,
Toronto 2 B, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 15th instant and enclose herewith copies of Orders in Council P.C. 5973, dated September 14, 1945, and P.C. 270, dated 23rd January, 1947, both of which amend Order in Council P.C. 946, dated February 5, 1943.

From these you will note that the provisions of Order in Council P.C. 946, which prohibited persons of the Japanese race from acquiring land or growing crops in Canada were revoked. There is therefore no objection to the sale of property in Canada to a person of the Japanese race who now resides in Canada.

It is pointed out, however, that any lands acquired in the Protected Area of British Columbia by persons of the Japanese race vest in the Custodian and in the event of transfer, it will be necessary to obtain a release from Custodian control.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Encl.

File No. J-9

October 16, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATHIEU

RE: Vancouver Office

You were advised in my report of the 6th instant that Mr. Hunter left Vancouver on Saturday, the 4th instant. I spent the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Vancouver Office and endeavoured to clear up numerous problems and obtain information in regard to the office which I felt you should have.

I was quite surprised to find the number of problems which crop up in the course of "mopping up", but without hesitation assure you that under Mr. Shears' guidance, everything is going along nicely. We are not too strong in manpower for the reason that many of the staff resigned in order to secure more permanent posts, but it was agreed that notwithstanding additional work caused by the Japanese inquiry, no additional staff is necessary at the moment. The officers are engaged for the most part reviewing files and compiling summaries which will be useful as soon as the inquiry gets under way.

In this connection I find that there are roughly 1700 real property files and of these, 1380 have been reviewed. 1400 of the 1700 files referred to contain information on personal property. In addition, there are 4600 personal property files and of this number, 3300 have been reviewed.

There are 775 open accounts with credit balances belonging to Japanese Evacuees, which total approximately $676,000.00. These include the following cheques returned as at October 7, 1947:

Cheques refused	125	$56,265.18
Wrong address	20	3,500.75
	145	$59,765.93

At the end of last month there were also 153 cheques outstanding, representing a total of approximately $27,000.00.

Examination of the 775 open accounts reveals the following:

200 accounts under $100.00.
406 accounts $100.00 to $1,000.00.
117 accounts $1,000.00 to $3,000.00.
52 accounts over $3,000.00
775 - $676,336.61

In addition there are the following Enemy Accounts:

24 accounts - Repats
294 accounts - In Japan
18 accounts - Sundry
Total 1111 accounts - $2,423,032.25

Evacuee Position at:

31st December, 1944	3575	$1,980,277.40
31st December, 1945	3820	1,527,220.81
31st December, 1946	2433	1,076,318.76
30th September, 1947		657,155.03

In accord with my request, Mr. Good prepared schedules of sales of property which belonged to repatriates. This is interesting for the reason that they are all outside the scope of the inquiry. Two lists are attached:

1. Sales for accounts of repatriates to Director, V.L.A. - 78 in number

2. Sales for accounts of repatriates - properties included in Catalogues or advertised -- - 89 in number

Total 167

I also attach a list of unsold Evacuee properties as of October 8, 1947, - 23 in number. This list also shows properties belonging to incorporated or unincorporated societies - 19 in number - together with two classified as miscellaneous trusts.

Mr. Good also prepared a statement showing Bonds held by the Vancouver Office for No. 2 Accounts. You will find this attached and I would direct your attention to the appended statement with respect to interest ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ showing annual income amounting to $42,990.00, which is being applied on account of expenses of operating the Vancouver Office.

In my letter of the 6th instant, I referred to the fact that Mr. Field was in Ottawa and that it was not possible for me to discuss the present position of winding-up proceedings relating to Japanese Companies. I obtained from Mr. Nichol of Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, a report as at October 7, 1947, and for your information, attach the statement received.

I also obtained from the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, a schedule showing distribution of Japanese Evacuees as at September 20, 1947. The attached memorandum discloses that there are in:

British Columbia	5,420	
Alberta	3,445	
Saskatchewan	360	
Manitoba	1,220	
Ontario	7,290	
Quebec	1,240	18,975

Respectfully submitted,

K. W. WRIGHT

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Attach.

VETERANS LAND ACT

SALES FOR ACCOUNT OF REPATS.

File No.	J.L. No.	NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SALE PRICE
1656	338	OSHIRO, E.	Langley	$ 171.00
3941	244	ETO,S.	Matsqui	2,835.00
4823	392	WAKAHARA, S.	Maple Ridge	1,551.00
8719	312	YOSHIDA, G.	Maple Ridge	960.00
9599	806	NISHIMURA,C.	Island	1,031.00
1496	415	TAHARA, T.	Maple Ridge	100.00
1512	497	SATO,I. ($245.00 for house to 3346)	Richmond	2,978.00
1626	451	MATSUSHITA, C.	Coquitlam	560.00
2543	212	OSATO, S.	Maple Ridge	1,779.00
2852	152	TOMITO,M.	Maple Ridge	700.00
2873	26	SHIMOMURA,T.	Mission	1,168.00
3277	784	MURAKAMI,T.	Island	174.00
3277	783	"	Salt Spring	988.00
3333	335	CHIBA, K.	Langley	241.00
3628	582	ONODERA,K.	Surrey	1,041.00
4202	384	NISHIZAWA,U.	Pitt Meadows	589.00
4529	169	KIMURA, I.	Mission	1,394.00
4530	269	MASUDA,S.	Matsqui	783.00
4603	417	KISHIYAMA,K.	Pitt Meadows	687.00
4618	112	KAMIMURA, K.T.	Matsqui	1,354.00
4816) & 4983)	916	IKEDA,A. & IKEDA,R.	Pitt Meadows	338.00
4891	553	HAMANISHI,S.A.	Delta	119.00
4944	669	SUMIOKA, T.	Delta	909.00
4963	119	KODAMA, T.	Mission	864.00
4974	538	YAMAMOTO, Y.	Richmond	1,892.00
5004	389	YAMASAKI, I.	Pitt Meadows	775.00
5069	374	FUJINO, S.	Maple Ridge	1,509.00
5156	542	NISHII, T.	Richmond	861.00
5230	367	OGAWA, S.	Maple Ridge	52.00
5283	263	KOJIMA, I.	Maple Ridge	1,543.00
5598	607	SASAKI, K.	Delta	640.00
5994	205	AMANO, S.	Matsqui	466.00
6684	550	TAGUCHI, K.	Richmond	908.00
6896	631	SARUWATARI, H.	Delta	1,219.00
6975	104	YOSHIDA, E.	Maple Ridge	1,890.00
6986	290	MOCHIZUKI, N.	Maple Ridge	2,217.00
6988	314	IKEDA, K.	Maple Ridge	1,950.00
6992) & 12228)	315	YAMASAKI, G. & YOSHIZAKI,Y.	Maple Ridge	725.00
6993	282	SHISHIDO, E.	Maple Ridge	982.00
7040	324	TANAKA, T.	Matsqui	448.00
7041	574	NOBUHARA, Z.	Surrey	806.00
7294	662	MORI, T.	Richmond	79.00
7350	36	MENDE,S.	Maple Ridge	129.00
7367	66	NAKANO, A.	Maple Ridge	982.00
7372	41	NAKATA, Y.	Maple Ridge	562.00
7383	99	YOSHIKAWA, S.	Maple Ridge	1,522.00
7545	439	KATSUMI, K.	Delta	55.00
7545	439	"	Surrey	606.00
8618	672	UNO,A.	Delta	1,970.00
8623	671	TAKAYAMA, Y.	Delta	1,264.00
8629	667	SATO,K.	Delta	2,295.00
8631	596	SANO,N.	Delta	1,743.00
8638	695	SATO,M.	Delta	514.00
8639	666	OKABE,K.	Delta	1,927.00
8640	694	NAGA, H.	Delta	1,355.00
8650	381	MOCHIZUKI, T.	Langley	559.00
8780	680	TSUCHIMOTO,Y.	Surrey	515.00
8794) & XI 162)	361	HORI, S. & HORI, G.	Maple Ridge	344.00
8802	341	OGAWA,Y.	Maple Ridge	1,319.00
8982	450	OTSUKI,S.	Surrey	3,286.00
9072	355	OYAMA, S.	Langley	1,800.00
9781	920	TAKAHASHI,Y.	Mission	737.00

File No.	J.L. No.	NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SALE PRICE
10039	638	IOKI, H.	Surrey	$ 667.00
11862	494	KATO, T.	Surrey	291.00
12252	533	HASHIMOTO, Y.	Richmond	687.00
12336	479	YOSHIOKA, Y.	Surrey	265.00
12519	591	IKEDA, T.	Delta	92.00
13720	537	MURAKAMI, K.	Richmond	1,382.00
14856	447	TAMAKI, K.	Surrey	49.00
14856	447	"	Surrey	32.00
XI 366	124	UYENO, H.	Maple Ridge	553.00
422	452	KONISHI, K.	Coquitlam	100.00
484	517	KOYANAGI, R.	Richmond	253.00
879	304	SEKO, S.	Maple Ridge	1,200.00
906	481	TSUCHIDA, S.	Surrey	1,173.00
1111	34	TOMOMURA, M.	Mission	589.00
1111	48	"	Mission	529.00
1113	114	TATEYAMA, S.	Mission	550.00

CATALOGUE ETC.. PROPERTIES.- SALES FOR ACCOUNT OF REPATS.

File No.	Name	Cat. No.	Sale Price
8002	SHINKAWA, S.	578	$ 100.00
11927	ARAI, T.	819	1,500.00
11960	KATO, S.	87	2,250.00
	" "	133	9,000.00
	" "	191	2,250.00
XI 780	HATANAKA, Y.	424	2,000.00
655	KAWAMOTO, I.	461-462	1,100.00
669	TAMAI, T.	525	155.86
677	FUKUSHIMA, F.	785	700.00
683	SHINDE, I.	847	775.00
685	TSUCHIYA, T.	849	630.00
701	MURAKAMI, K.	799	2,800.00
705	ODA, K.	842	550.00
743) &	YAMANAKA, T.	511	200.00
XI 781)	IKARI, S.		
745	MIZUYABU, T.	612	1,726:00
1404	SHIN, M.	616	1,400.00
~~1416~~	TSUCHIDA, J.	678	250.00
1450	NAKATSU, Y.	619	950.00
1532	MORI, S.	524	272.76
1552	HARAI, K.	820	1,500.00
1558	HORITA, M.	653	765.00
1568	ISHII, O.	543	730.00
1574	IZUMI, N.	885	100.00
1586	TERASHITA, I.	391-392	975.00
1635	OHARA, M.	Spec Sale	650.00
1670	MAEDE, T.	621	600.00
~~1~~672	YOSHIDA, K.	615	600.00
1696	MAEKAWA, C.	613	275.00
1708	YAMADA, N.	714	700.00
1710	WATANABE, G.	893	2,400.00
1712	UYEYAMA, T.	614	450.00
1727	MIZUGUGHI, G.	795	1,065.00
~~1~~741	YOSHIDA, S.	623	300.00
1751	NAKATANI, T.	860	75.00
2292	TANAKA, M.	861	500.00
2489	NAKATSUKA, S.	794	1,240.00
3325	FUKUNAGA, S.	Spec Sale	325.00
3331	KOZUKI, O.	131	1,200.00
3352	HISAOKA, B.	221	1,100.00
3431	TAMURA, J.	817	875.00
3443	FUJIOKA, T.	718	500.00
4120	TANAKA, J.	759	600.00
4780	KITAGAWA, K.	Spec Sale	300.00
4950	KANAMOTO, K.	564	400.00
5050	TANAKA, K.	864	125.00
5096	KAWAKAMI, K.	Spec Sale	1,000.00
5116	KARIYA, H.	Spec Sale	349.15
5152	NAKANISHI, K.	561 A	2,875.00
	"	561 B	400.00
6163	OSAWA, T.	Spec Sale	800.00
6622	ITO, D.	Spec Sale	3,500.00
6640	HISAOKA, B.	157	1,500.00
6650	KURAHASHI, M.	775	200.00
7257	HAMAGAMI, N.	77	1,500.00
7823	MORI, S.	450	1,550.00
	"	449	200.00
8274	HAYASHI, C.	218	1,500.00
8635	SHUDO, S.	566	1,050.00
9081	TANAKA, M.	Spec Sale	1,276.17
	"	863	100.00
	"	Spec Sale	141.00
10017	OHARA, M.	219	1,200.00
10216	KAWANAMI, A.	458 & 459	750.00
10250	SHINDE, T.	761	450.00
10253	TANAKA, T.	663	3,400.00
10412	ATAGI, Y.	Spec Sale	700.00
10764	OMATSU, R.	Spec Sale	350.00
10805	MURATA, S.	324	2,500.00

File No.	Name	Cat. No.	Sale Price
11222	MURAKAMI, K.	848	$ 1,200.00
11341	YOSHIOKA, S.	373	1,550.00
11528) &	FUKUNAGA, S. &	780	1,100.00
11691)	FUKUNAGA, S.		
11584	ABE, F.	318	950.00
11590	IDA, T.	398	150.00
11886	KAWAHARA, N.	706	450.00
12496	OKI, S.	334	1,500.00
12621	TAKAHASHI, H.Y.	348	1,700.00
12963	KOYAMA, K.	Spec Sale	300.00
13043	KUMAGAI, T.	Spec Sale	2,700.00
13052	NISHIDERA, S.	Spec Sale	1,275.00
13691	IDO, J.	Spec Sale	1,500.00
Xl 309	INOUYE, S.	Spec Sale	568.50
403	MIYAUCHI, S.	Spec Sale	1,750.00
422	KONISHI, K.	Spec Sale	350.00
497	NARIIWA, Y,	1 9	85.00
648) &	NISHIDERA, R.S. &	137	1,100.00
12637)	NISHIDERA, K.		
Xl 1033	NISHI, Y.	Spec Sale	500.00

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LIST OF UNSOLD EVACUEE PROPERTIES
As at October 8, 1947.

			Assessment
Greater Vancouver:			
	Cat. No. 72	668 East Cordova Street	$ 1,200.00
	" " 144	2456 McGill Street	2,200.00
	" " 274	2200 Block Triumph Street	615.00
	" " 340	162 West 5th Avenue	2,435.00
	" " 441	Tide Flats, E.Seymour Creek,North Vancouver	200.00
	" " 460	5195 Royal Oak Avenue,Burnaby	1,135.00
	File #11715	115 S. Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby	2,550.00
Int.	" # 448	526 East Cordova Street	1,775.00
Rural Properties:			
	Cat.No.501	Lot 1, Blk.B. D.L.20, Bamfield	1,000.00
	" 505	Lot E. Pt. N.E.¼ 20, Bamfield	100.00
	" 556	Lot 9, Blk.36, Clark Avenue, Cranbrook	70.00
	" 726	Lot 32, Blk.17, D.L.1, Prince Rupert	1,935.00
	" 731	Lot 23, Blk.19, D.L.7, Map 923,Prince Rupert	110.00
	" 738	Lot 10 W40' Blk.1, Map537,Port Essington	285.00
	" 740	Lot 12 W33' Blk.1,Map 537,Port Essington	2,075.00
	" 741	Lot 13 W22' Blk.1, Map 537, Port Essington	670.00
	" 743	Assgd.A of 3, Blk.2,Map 537,Port Essington	1,100.00
	" 744	Lots 7 & 8, Blk.2, Map 537,Port Essington	1,725.00
	" 747	Lot 304,Blk.(125 ac m/l)Tp.R5,Port Essington	965.00
	" 750	Lots 30,31,Blk.14,Map 949, Haysport	480.00
	" 751	Lot 1, Blk.6, Port Essington	125.00
	" 872	Shannon Road, Richmond	1,700.00
	File #1348	E.60' of Lot 10, Blk.1, Port Simpson, Port Essington	1,550.00
Int.	" #1112	Kelowna	6,150.00
Incorporated or Unincorporated Societies:			
	File 10526	475 Alexander Street, Vancouver	23,800.00
	" 12938	500 Block East Cordova Street,Vancouver	625.00
	" 12938	549 East Cordova Street, Vancouver	1,575.00
	" 12811	1684 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver	3,400.00
	" 7839	120 - 10th Street, New Westminster	7,300.00
	" 9754	Power Line Road, Hammond	6,000.00
	" 8659	14th Ave. & Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	7,650.00
	" 13509	2583 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	50.00
	" 13509	2585 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney	4,400.00
	" 9623	Pt.2.5 ac.SD1, Sec. 5, T.12, Map 8334, Ruskin	1,650.00
	" 9623	.5 ac. M/l SE¼, Sec.6,T.15, SK.6383, Whonnock	2,700.00
	" 5422	Lot 12, Blk.3,of SW¼, Sec.21,T.17,Map 332 Mission	1,300.00
	" G/73	Pt.2 ac m/l of Lot 3 of NW¼ Sec.20,T.17,Map Sk.8368,Municipality of Mission) (2755	4,600.00
	" 10396	Sandell Road,nr.Townline Rd.New Westminster	2,425.00
	" 10697	22 Moncton Street, Steveston	2,232.00
	" 10721	No. 1 Road at Chatham, Steveston	5,258.00
	" 12196	E.28' Lot 13,Blk.1, Map 537,Port Essington	360.00
	" 12894	Lot 19, Blk.16, Sec.5, Map 923,Prince Rupert	2,335.00
Miscellaneous Trusts:			
	File 9593	4160 Union Street, Vancouver	1,450.00
	" 7551	17th Street between William & Rupert Ave., North Van.	150.00

Report on Japanese Companies Being Wound Up as at 7th October, 1947.

			Cash On Hand	Bonds Par Value
	B.C. Fish Salteries Limited	Depends on realization of an account receivable from Moresby Island Fisheries Limited (See comments below on the latter company).	16,500.07	
	Cameron Lake Logging Company Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed shortly.		
	Canadien Salt Herring Exporters Limited	Completed. Final report already submitted.		
	Canamoku Company Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed shortly.		
Evacuee	Canada Mio Company Limited	Finalization of this company is held up pending the receipt of certain information from Japanese officials.	5,068.83	
	Cowichan Saltery Company Limited	Final report to be rendered shortly.		
Evacuee	Deep Bay Logging Company Limited	Finalization of this company is being held up pending the disposition of two steam donkeys. Final report on this company should be rendered within the next two months.		
	Fuji Chop Suey Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed shortly.	490.17	
	M. Furuya Company Limited	Accounts receivable still being collected from the Custodian of Enemy Property for this company.	1,135.92	
	Green Cove Salteries Limited	Depends on the realization of accounts receivable through the T. Matsuyama interest. Expect to file final report on this company in the near future.	4,310.92	
Evacuee	Haney Box Company Limited	Require Income Tax Clearance.	3,950.96	3,000.00
Evacuee	Haney Mills Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed shortly.		
	Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company	Require Income Tax clearance.		
	J. Kasho Company Limited	Depends on realization of an accounteceivable. As soon as this one outstanding matter is completed the final report will be filed.	2,217.43	
Evacuee	Kagetsu and Company Limited	Depends on the realization of an account receivable from Deep Bay Logging Company Limited.		
	Komura Bros. Limited	Income Tax clearance required.		
Evacuee	Maple Ridge Cooperative Produce Exchange	Completed. Final report to be filed shortly.		
	T. Maikawa Stores Limited	Income Tax clearance required.		
	T. Matsuyama and Company Limited	Final report on this company depends on the realizarion of the accounts receivable from associated companies.	2,967.05	
	Moresby Island Fisheries Limited	This company has been struck off the register. Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild and Sheppard are presently working on its restoration.	2,455.77	

			Cash On Hand	Bonds Par Value
	Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Limited	This company is involved with the accounts of the T. Matsuyama Company. We expect to be in a position to file a report in the near future.	3,304.35	
Evacuee	Nippon Auto Supply Limited	Completed. Final report to be prepared.	140,502.04	25,000.00
	N.S. McNeil Trading Company Limited	Income Tax clearance required.		
	Nanaimo Shipyards Limited	Final report of this company to be made within the next two months.	3,798.04	
	Ocean Fisheries Limited	Completed. Final report to be prepared.		
	Powell Fish Company Limited	Completed. Final report to be prepared.		
	Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited	Winding-up Order on this company only issued in August, 1947. We do not expect any difficulties in the finalization of this company.		
	Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co. Ltd.	Completed. Final report prepared.		
Evacuee	River Fish Company Limited	Income Tax clearance required.	6,831.24	
Evacuee	Royston Lumber Company Limited	Income Tax clearance required.		
	Sydney Inlet Mining Company Limited	Final report on this company should be forthcoming in the near future.		
	Salt Salmon Exporters of B.C. Limited	Finalization of this company is dependent upon realization of an account of Moresby Island Island Fisheries (Jedway) Limited.	218.61	
Evacuee	Tairiku Nippo Sha Limited.	Completed. Final report to be filed.		
Evacuee	Tanaka and Company Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed.	4,836.45	
Evacuee	Taiyo Printing Company Limited	Completed. Final report to be filed.		
	Union Fish Company Limited	Income Tax clearance required.	7,128.75	25,000.00
Evacuee	United Marine Products Limited	Final report on this company is dependent upon the receipt of certain information from shareholders.	4,568.56	5,000.00
	Vince and Company Limited	This company has been struck off the register. Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard are presently working on its restoration.	4,520.56	

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
September 13, 1947

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 11th instant, relative to sale of properties on which Petitions of Right were filed.

You will recall that our Minister stated in the House of Commons that consents would be obtained from the former owners covering future sales by the Custodian. I hesitate at this stage to establish a precedent of allowing the former owners to execute the documents and feel that it would be advisable to proceed in the normal way, following receipt of the former owner's written consent, in accord with Hon. Colin Gibson's undertaking to Parliament.

You may wish to discuss this when I visit Vancouver the end of the present month and suggest that you B.F. the correspondence at that time.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE NO.....

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

11th September, 1947.

SEP 13 REC'D

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is quite possible that the owners of the properties on which Petitions of Right were filed will be desirous of selling.

In regard to those properties, and in fact any other unsold properties, it is our intention for the transfer to be executed by the Japanese himself and we will simply lift our vesting at the time the document is presented for registration.

Do you agree with this, or is there any reason why the Custodian should transmit and convey?

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE NO.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

9th September, 1947.

SEP 11 REC'D

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Further to my letter of yesterday's date. In checking into this matter I find that I have Order-in-Council P.C. 270. However, I overlooked that P.C. 270 revoked Sections 3 (A) and 3 (B) of Order-in-Council P.C. 946 and our copy of P.C. 946 did not have those sections incorporated in the Order. I find, however, that they are dealt with in P.C. 5973 which amends P.C. 946 and it is under subsection (b) that the matter of purchase of land by Japanese was dealt with.

It would appear, therefore, that as from the 23rd January, 1947, there has been no restriction in regard to the purchase of property, even in the protected area.

We are of course not particularly interested in this angle, but you might confirm whether or not that is actually the situation.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Clears this with Mr. Shears by phone in course of call re Jap com? Advised prohibition as to purchases lifted but control of place of residence in force 12. Sept. 47

VIA AIR MAIL

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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.

8th September, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a result of an enquiry I had from the City Clerk at Cranbrook, I had occasion to ask Mr. McKinnon of the Department of Labour here the present situation regarding the purchase of land in Canada by persons of the Japanese race.

I was surprised to be informed that Order-in-Council P.C. 270 dated 23rd January of this year had been passed amending previous Orders-in-Council concerning acquiring land and that according to Mr. McKinnon, a Japanese is free to purchase land without securing any permit in any part of Canada, including Vancouver and other parts of the protected area.

We are of course not particularly interested in this matter, but you might wish to refer to the Order-in-Council he mentions and perhaps you would let us have a copy.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

See ltr. 9 Sept

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
August 5, 1947

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

Re: Insurance on the life of an Evacuee -
with beneficiary in Japan

Dear Mr. Shears:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 31st ultimo.

This is to advise that in cases where the beneficiary of an insurance policy is in Japan, the Insurance Companies should now secure the consent they require when an Evacuee requests the cash surrender value of his policy.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

31st July, 1947.

AUG 2 REC'D

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Life Insurance where the insured is an evacuee and the beneficiary is in Japan

Where the insured has requested the cash surrender value of a policy we have in the past signed the application on behalf of the beneficiary in Japan.

In view of mail service being permitted for business communications and the transfer of certain types of documents, I presume that the Insurance Companies should now secure the consent they require from the beneficiary in Japan.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

July 22nd, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ARPIN

RE: Japanese External Assets

I attach copy of letter received from External Affairs, together with copy of communication forwarded to Mr. Shears under today's date, which is self-explanatory.

The returns from Vancouver will not be complete as you have numerous Japanese assets under control of this office.

The attached copy of letter from the Department of External Affairs is sent in order that you may make arrangements to have the report on local assets ready when data arrives from Vancouver. A reply may then be sent to External Affairs.

Will you please give this matter the necessary attention.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Attach.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
July 22, 1947

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

Re: Japanese External Assets

Dear Mr. Shears:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of communication received from the Department of External Affairs, requesting information in regard to Japanese External Assets as of August, 1945. It will be noted that a report is required, listing the owners' names, last known address and location and value of the property.

It would be appreciated if you would have the necessary report compiled and send same to us, in triplicate, in order that two copies may go forward to the Department of External Affairs.

As liquidation of certain Japanese Corporations is not complete, it would be advisable to refer to this in particular cases and indicate that the values suggested are approximate and subject to change as and when the liquidators appointed by the Custodian have submitted their final returns.

Thanking you for your co-operation, we are,

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
June 2, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

We enclose herewith copy of communication received from the Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, Ottawa, under date of 29th ultimo, together with copy of letter addressed to that Department by Mr. W. H. Hattan of Edmonton, Alberta.

Will you kindly advise Mr. Hattan in regard to unsold properties.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
June 2, 1947

W. C. Bethune, Esq.,
Soldier Settlement and Veterans'
Land Act,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 29th ultimo, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. W. H. Hattan, Edmonton, Alberta.

Copies of this correspondence are being forwarded to our Vancouver Office for attention.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CANADA

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO.....

PLEASE QUOTE .....

Ottawa, May 29th, 1947.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Asst.Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Secretary of State Department,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The attached copy of a letter from Mr. W.H. Hattan, Edmonton, Alberta, is referred to you for your consideration and any action you deem necessary.

Mr. Hattan has been advised that none of the former Japanese farm lands held by this administration is available for general disposal but that a copy of his letter was being referred to you in case you have any properties available for sale.

Yours very truly,

W.C. Bethune
for Director.

Encl.

W.C. Bethune
WJB:HM

C O P Y

from W.H. Hattan,
General Delivery,
Edmonton Post Office,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I became very interested in the Japanese farmlands of Fraser Valley, B.C., after reading about them in yesterday's "Edmonton Journal".

I am a British Subject with wife and child and landed Halifax May, 1946, and since have been looking for a farm at a reasonable price preferably in B.C.

I am at present in a farm job the same job I have had for one year. As I was on land in England I did not go into services but was in the "Home Guard".

I understood that Government Lands were for Veterans only, when I made inquiries about them, but having read the article in paper I noticed you had sold to non-veterans, so I am writing to you for information of these farms in the Frazer Valley.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

'sgd' W.H. Hattan.

Gordon Murchison,
Director Veterans' Land Act,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.

May 15, 1947.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3201

The King's Printer,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

As you know, the Secretary of State has announced that an Order in Council will be published shortly setting up a Commission or Commissions to investigate the claims of the Japanese for property losses arising from the sales of their property in British Columbia.

I am enclosing a general account cheque for $2.00, and as soon as the Order in Council is published I shall feel obliged if you will kindly send me three printed copies thereof by airmail.

Will you also please send me at the present time two copies of each of the following Orders in Council, namely:

251
946
7355
1665
469

and also the revised regulations respecting trading with the enemy and all amendments to the above regulations.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,

AGV/mh
Enc.

CHECKED M.J.F.

Mr. A. H. Matthews
Custodian of Enemy Property
Secretary of State

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Ottawa, Ontario
May 19, 1947

C. C. Miller, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of the 12th instant.

This is to advise that Sections 3 (a) and (b) of Order in Council P.C. 946, dated February 5, 1943, which prohibited persons of the Japanese race from acquiring land or growing crops in Canada, were revoked by Order in Council P.C. 270 of January 23, 1947.

There is therefor no objection to the sale of property in Canada to a person of the Japanese race who now resides in Canada.

Yours very truly,

Secretary of State

Dr Wright

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OTTAWA, May 14th, 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Mathieu.

Please prepare a reply for the MINISTER'S signature, to the attached letter, dated May 12,1947.

FROM: C. C. Miller, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

REGARDING: Asks verification of his understanding that there is no restriction on a Japanese buying land in Manitoba.

returning correspondence to this office with the reply.

If complete information is not immediately available, please prepare an interim reply.

W. O. Davis,
Private Secretary.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
May 19, 1947

J-9

Mr. Laurent Dalphy,
St. Chrysostome,
Chateauguay County, Quebec

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 7th instant, addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, and wish to advise that all Japanese farms have been disposed of by the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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Yours very truly,

Secretary of State

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OTTAWA, **May 14th, 1947.**

MEMORANDUM TO: **Mr. Mathieu.**

Please prepare a reply for the **MINISTER'S** signature, to the attached letter, dated **May 12,1947.**

FROM: **C. C. Miller, Esq., M.P.,**
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

REGARDING: **Asks verification of his understanding that there is no restriction on a Japanese buying land in Manitoba.**

returning correspondence to this office with the reply.

If complete information is not immediately available, please prepare an interim reply.

M. C. Hoey.

W. O. Davis,
Private Secretary.

Re Ukrainian
Reply for Minister
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House of Commons
Canada

OFFICE OF THE
MAY 13 1947
Secretary of State

Ottawa, May 12, 1947.

Honourable C. W. G. Gibson,
Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

My understanding is that there is no restriction on a Japanese buying land in Manitoba.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know if I am correct on this score.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Miller, M.P.

VIA AIR MAIL

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE NO. 1480

Enemy Section

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

13th May, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I received your wire this morning reading as follows:

"IN THE ENEMY SECTION THERE IS A PROTEST FILE CONTAINING COPIES OF LETTERS FROM INTERNEES OBJECTING TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THEIR ASSETS PLEASE FORWARD THIS FILE BY AIR MAIL"

I am forwarding the enclosed file which appears to be the only file in the Enemy Section dealing with protests from Japanese internees and trust it is the one you require.

Yours very truly,

P.M. Harrop

P.M. Harrop

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MRS. P. M. HARROP
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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K W WRIGHT

Charge to: Office of the Custodian
7 O'Connor St., Ottawa

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
May 6, 1947

E. H. Slater, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
391 Talbot Street,
London, Ontario

Re: Yoshio Honkawa

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 2nd instant.

This is to advise that Sections 3 (a) and (b) of Order in Council P.C. 946, dated February 5, 1943, which prohibited persons of the Japanese race from acquiring land or growing crops in Canada, were revoked by Order in Council P.C. 270 of January 23, 1947.

There is therefor no objection to the sale of property in Canada to a person of the Japanese race who now resides in Canada.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

E. H. SLATER
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR
TELEPHONE METCALF 649

391 TALBOT STREET
MARKET SQUARE
LONDON, CANADA

May 2, 1947

The Custodian,
Victoria Buildings,
7 O'Connor Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario

Dear Sir: RE: Yoshio Honkawa

Would you please advise me if there is now in effect any regulation prohibiting the sale of land to a Canadian born citizen of Japanese extraction.

Yours truly,

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
May 1st, 1947

Louis Isaacs, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
401 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 28th ultimo.

This is to advise that Sections 3 (a) and (b) of Order in Council P.C. 946, dated February 5, 1943, which prohibited persons of the Japanese race from acquiring land or growing crops in Canada, were revoked by Order in Council P.C. 270 of January 23, 1947.

There is therefor no objection to the sale of property in Canada to a person of the Japanese race who now resides in Canada.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Apr. 28,47.

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Custodian of Enemy Property,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir;

I am acting for the owner of a house who is negotiating with one whom he believes to be a Japanese, for the sale of the house to him.

In the event of an offer being put in by the Japanese person, what, if any, are the regulations governing the sale of realty to him.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am,

Yours truly,

L. Isaacs

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 26, 1947

H. T. Pammett, Esq.,
Department of Labour,
Room 105,
Confederation Building,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Pammett:

In accordance with your request, I enclose herewith Report on the Custodian's Vancouver Office relative to the administration of assets of persons of the Japanese Race.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

11th April, 1947.

APR 14 1947

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have yours of the 9th instant and I will discuss the matter of time involved in completing distribution of evacuee funds when I am with you in Ottawa.

In regard to the end of the month figures for evacuee balances to which you refer as follows:

End of February	$855,517.68
End of March	837,428.24
You mention that this indicates an amount of . . . distributed during March.	18,089.44 was

In actual figures, however, the situation was as follows:

Balance - 28th February, 1947	$855,517.68
New Money credited (86 accounts)	9,271.71
Cheques refused & recredited (11 accounts)	3,199.75
New Money to Property Suspense Account	9,450.00
	$877,439.14
Balance - 31st March, 1947	$837,428.24
Disbursements (345 accounts)	40,010.90

New money is still coming in from various sources such as payments from Agreements of Sale, rentals from a few accounts, interest on bonds and a considerable number of Income Tax Returns.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
April 9, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Thank you for your communication of the 3rd instant, with report regarding properties and Japanese accounts, as well as communication from Mr. Field relative to the winding-up of Evacuee and Enemy Companies.

I have not had an opportunity to analyze this carefully, but note that according to the February report the balance of Evacuee Accounts amounted to $855,517.68, and in March, $837,428.24, indicating that during the month of March the sum of $18,089.44 was distributed.

When you come to Ottawa, I expect the Minister will question you in regard to the distribution of Evacuee funds and you might give consideration to the question of time involved for completion of this work.

We also note that salaries in February amounted to $5,945.00 and in March, $6,608.53, and would appreciate an explanation as to the increase.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

3rd April, 1947.

APR 8 1947

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have your letter of the 31st March in which you ask for some information concerning the present position regarding properties and Japanese accounts.

In regard to the number of Japanese accounts on our ledgers and the amount of money on hand, the following will give you a comparison between the 31st December, 1946, and 31st March, 1947:

		December 1946		March 1947
Residents of Japan and Sundry accounts	312	$1,157,821.-	309 -	$1,125,634.53
Evacuee accounts	2575	1,076,318.-	1783	843,359.72
		$2,234,139.-		$1,968,994.25

These figures appear on the usual monthly Financial Statement as follows:

	December 1946	March 1947
Enemy Trust Fund A/c.	$1,157,821.00	$1,149,683.01
Evacuee Trust Fund A/c.	1,076,318.76	819,311.24
	$2,234,139.76	$1,968,994.25

Copy of the March Financial Statement is enclosed herein. Included in the present 1783 evacuee accounts there are 73 accounts totalling $8,078.70 which concern Japanese who have recently returned to Japan. Part of this money has been received since repatriation and will be paid to the Treasury, and in regard to 26 accounts approximating $2,000.- this money was held for the payment of claims and these accounts are now being settled.

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K. W. Wright, Esq. 3rd April, 1947.

The following is a Summary of unsold properties and an itemized list is attached:

Greater Vancouver	- 8	Appraised value	$12,110.00
Rural	- 19	" "	23,835.00
Societies & Trusts	- 24	Assessed "	103,075.00
	51		$139,020.00

At the present time we are using a portion of the Buddhist Church at Maple Ridge for storage purposes and we have also retained one room in the Hompa Buddhist Temple at 604 East Cordova Street (which property has recently been sold by the Association) for a similar purpose.

The goods which we now have in storage are of a purely personal nature consisting of photographs and so forth.

Liquidation of chattels which have actually come into our possession has now been completed. We have a record of goods in the Bowman, Cottrell and Bekins storages belonging to 23 Japanese and also of certain articles stored with private persons belonging to 25 Japanese. The articles stored with these private persons appear to be of small value consisting principally of stoves, bedroom furniture and tools. Liquidation of these goods has not been required for the purpose of obtaining proceeds for the payment of debts, and it has not been considered necessary or desirable at this time to dispose of these items.

As the review of files progresses we sometimes come across indications of goods which have not come into our possession and where required, an effort is made to secure and dispose of such articles, but as previously stated, the sale of chattels is practically complete.

In regard to the preparation of Summaries referred to in our December Report, of the 1700 odd files which concern real estate, approximately 1250 Real Estate Summaries have been prepared and of the approximately 6000 files in which chattels are concerned, Summaries have been made on about 2500.

I have already in preparation a record of each of our files indicating the types of properties involved showing the Summaries which

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K. W. Wright, Esq. 3rd April, 1947.

have been made and I expect this will be ready at the end of next week.

I enclose herein copy of Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons' letter of April 3rd in regard to the winding up of evacuee and enemy companies.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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LIST OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES
As at 31st March, 1947.

			Appraisal
Greater Vancouver			
Cat. No.	72	668 East Cordova Street	$1,200.00
"	144	2456 McGill Street	2,200.00
"	274	2200 Block Triumph Street	615.00
"	340	162 West 5th Avenue	2,435.00
"	441	Tide Flats, E. Seymour Creek, North Vancouver	200.00
"	460	5195 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby	1,135.00
File #	11715	115 S. Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby	2,550.00
Int."	448	526 East Cordova Street	1,775.00
Rural Properties			
Cat. No.	501	Lot 1, Bamfield	1,000.00
"	505	Lot E, Bamfield	100.00
"	531	Lot 14, Headquarters	630.00
"	556	Lot 9, Cranbrook	70.00
"	725	Lot 59, Prince Rupert	1,715.00
"	726	Lot 32, Prince Rupert	1,935.00
"	731	Lot 23, Prince Rupert	110.00
"	736	1734 Sixth Ave., Prince Rupert	1,450.00
"	738	Lot 10, Port Essington	285.00
"	740	Lot 12, Port Essington	2,075.00
"	741	Lot 13, Port Essington	670.00
"	743	Assgd.A, Port Essington	1,100.00
"	744	Lots 7 & 8, Port Essington	1,725.00
"	747	Lot 304, Port Essington	965.00
"	750	Lots 30 & 31, Haysport	480.00
"	751	Lot 1, Port Essington	125.00
"	872	Shannon Road, Richmond	1,700.00
File	#1348	E.60' Lot 10, Port Essington	1,550.00
Int"	#1112	Kelowna	6,150.00

Incorporated or Unincorporated Societies			Rented		Assessment
File	#10526	Japanese School of Language 439 Alexander Street	National Defence -	$25. p.m.	5,800.00
"	10526	Japanese School of Language 475 Alexander Street	" "	125.-p.m.	23,800.00
"	12938	Hompa Buddhist Temple 500 Block E. Cordova St.	Vacant lot		625.00
"	12938	Hompa Buddhist Temple 549 E. Cordova St.	rear	15.-p.m.	1,575.00
"	5356	Kitsilano Jap. School 1672 W. 1st Ave.	Birch & Co.	50.-p.m.	5,800.00
"	12811	Kitsilano Buddhist Miss. 1684 W. 1st Ave.	Trans-Can. Films	50.-p.m.	3,400.00
"	10988	Fairview Buddhist Church 715 W. 7th Ave.	Suite	30.-p.m.	9,360.00
		N.W. Jap. Language School	C.W. Lillies	16.-p.m.)	
"	8986	815 Agnes St. New West.	S.A. Davey	16.00)	2,855.00
"	7839	Jap. Buddhist Church 120-10th St., N.Westminster	Vacant		7,300.00
"	9754	Jap School Maintainers Ass. Hammond	Buchanan	7.- p.m.	6,000.00
			Hammond Ath. Club	8.- p.m.	

Incorporated or Unincorporated Societies - continued

			Rented		Assessment
File	#8659	Haney Fruit Ranchers Asscn. 14th Ave. & Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney	Part vacant Anderson Wilson	) $7.50 p.m.) 2.- p.m.)	$7,650.00
"	13509	Maple Ridge Buddhist Miss. 2583 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Haney-Lewis		5.00 p.m.	50.00
"	13509	Maple Ridge Buddhist Miss. 2585 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Haney	(Cust. storage)		4,400.00
"	9623	Whonnock, Ruskin, Albion Jap. Farmers Association Ruskin	vacant		1,650.00
"	9623	Whonnock Ruskin Farmers Assn. Whonnock	Jestuk	8.00 p.m.	2,700.00
"	5422	Buddhist Church Mission Mission	vacant		1,300.00
"	G/ 73	Western Can. Hop Co-Op. Mun. of Mission	(Dry Kiln vacant) J.A. Cameron	12.00 p.m.	4,600.00
"	10396	Surrey Berry Growers Co-Op. Sandell Rd., New West.	Caretaker	free	2,425.00
"	10697	Canada Mio Sonjinkai Steveston	vacant		2,232.00
"	10721	Steveston Jap. Association Steveston	Steveston School Board		5,258.00
"	12196	Canadian Jap. Association Port Essington	vacant		360.00
"	12894	Prince Rupert Jap. Asscn. Prince Rupert	4 tenants	60.00 p.m.	2,335.00

Miscellaneous Trusts

File	9593	4160 Union St. Vancouver	E. Parker	20.00 p.m.	1,450.00
"	7551	17th St. bet. William & Rupert Ave. North Van.	vacant lot		150.00

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MONTREAL TORONTO WINNIPEG
CALGARY VANCOUVER

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File No.
Ans.
Referred Mr Shears

411 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.
3rd April, 1947

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: F. G. Shears

Dear Sir:

Evacuee Companies

The following evacuee companies have been placed in formal liquidation:

Canada Mio Company Limited
Haney Mills Limited
Maple Ridge Cooperative Produce Exchange
Royston Lumber Company Limited
Taiyo Printing Company Limited
Cowichan Saltery Limited
Green Cove Salteries Limited
Tanaka and Company Limited
Deep Bay Logging Company Limited
Kagetsu and Company Limited
Nippon Auto Supply Limited
River Fish Company Limited
Tairiku Nippo Sha Limited
United Marine Products Limited
M. Furuya Company Limited
Powell Fish Company Limited

In the case of all of these 16 companies the necessary filings have been made at Victoria and the necessary advertising in the B.C. Gazette and the daily papers with regard to creditors meetings, and where applicable registered notices have been mailed to creditors.

We have applied to the various government departments for clearances and as soon as these are received it will be our intention to call the final meeting of the various companies and make the necessary filings with the Registrar of Companies covering the conclusion of the liquidation. Three months after this final meeting is held and filed with the Registrar the liquidation of the company is considered complete.

It is anticipated that the Income Tax Department's clearance on most of these companies will be in our hands shortly and will enable us, with quite a few of the companies, to hold the final meetings.

Enemy Companies

The following enemy companies have been placed in liquidation and the necessary filings made and advertising.

British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd.
Canadian Salt Herring Exporters Ltd.
Fuji Chop Suey Limited
T. Maikawa Stores Limited
N.S. McNeil Trading Company Limited
Ocean Fisheries Limited
Salt Salmon Exporters of B.C. Ltd.
Cameron Lake Logging Company Limited
Canamoku Company Limited
Komura Brothers Limited
T. Matsuyama and Company Limited
Nanaimo Shipyards Limited
Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co.Ltd.
Union Fish Company Limited

As in the case of the evacuee companies in practically all instances we are only awaiting the formal release of taxation in order to complete our work. There are 2 companies, however, that will require some time before final liquidation can be made; these are N.S. McNeil Trading Company Limited and the Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Company Limited. In both cases further collections are to be made on outstanding agreements.

A further matter that is holding up the liquidation of the Matsuyama group is the question of bonds held by these companies and the values at which they are to be passed from company to company. This matter, we understand, is being discussed by our Mr. Gates with your Ottawa office and we are to be advised at an early date.

There are certain companies that for various reasons have not yet been put into liquidation but will be shortly, these are as follows:

J. Kasho and Company Limited
Moresby Island Fisheries Limited
Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd.
Sydney Inlet Mining Company Limited
Vince and Company Limited.

Yours faithfully,

P. L. Ross

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
March 31, 1947

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

Re: Your File No. 11519

Dear Mr. Shears:

We are in receipt of your communication of the 29th instant and have noted contents.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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FILE NO. 11519

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th March, 1947.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Included in the Veterans' Land Act offer were properties briefly described as follows:

Parcel 1	-	Lot 1	offer $118.00
" 2	-	Part 66.1 acres	" 648.00
" 3	-	Lots 12 to 15	" 1,005.00

These properties belonged to Nishiguchi Company Limited and you may remember were withdrawn from the sale to the Veterans' Land Act and we consented to Harry J. Johnston, Solicitor of New Westminster, carrying out a voluntary liquidation. The sums received from the sale of the above properties were as follows:

Parcel 1	-	$1,200.00
" 2	-	$4,500.00
" 3	-	$6,500.00

I do not know whether you might wish to draw this to the attention of the Minister as an indication of the possible discrepancy in Veterans' Land Act valuations. It is appreciated of course that these properties were not sold at the time of our deal with the Veterans' Land Act and that considerable increase had taken place in market values. However, apart from this fact the differences are very marked.

The last property was only recently sold and the other two properties were sold in the latter part of 1946.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE No.....

BALANCE OF ASSETS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE VANCOUVER OFFICE

As at December 31st, 1946

	Vancouver Office	P.S. Ross & Sons
Evacuee Accounts	$ 1,080,493.76	
" " due from Agreement of Sale	36,650.39	
" " Bonds	135,060.00	
Evacuee Company Accounts		$ 19,554.94
" " " Bonds		8,000.00
Internee Accounts	30,581.59	
" " Bonds	125,005.00	
Enemy Accounts (Individuals in Japan)	689,165.64	
" " " " Bonds	5,835.00	
Enemy Company Accounts	434,198.90	275,060.88
" " " Bonds	190,200.00	560,050.00
" " " Balance due on Properties sold		394,785.00
	2,727,190.28	
Evacuee estimated value of unsold Real Estate	30,000.00	
Evacuee estimated value of Properties belonging to Associations & Societies	145,000.00	
Enemy estimated value of unsold Real Estate	8,000.00	
	2,910,190.28	1,257,450.82
		2,910,190.28
		$ 4,167,641.10

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FILE No. .....

BALANCE OF ASSETS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE VANCOUVER OFFICE

	Vancouver Office	P.S. Ross & Sons
Evacuee Accounts	$890,431.45	
" " due from Agreement of Sale	33,853.49	
" " Bonds	259,201.00	
Evacuee Company Accounts		$ 25,323.51
" " " Bonds		8,000.00
Internee Accounts	24,199.09	
" " Bonds	550.00	
Enemy Accounts (Individuals in Japan)	612,444.36	
" " " " " Bonds	5,835.00	
Enemy Company Accounts	510,920.18	270,360.70
" " " Bonds	190,200.00	560,050.00
" " " Balance due on Properties sold		394,785.00
	2,527,634.57	
Evacuee estimated value of unsold Real Estate	30,000.00	
Evacuee estimated value of Properties belonging to Associations & Societies	145,000.00	
Enemy estimated value of unsold Real Estate	8,000.00	
	2,710,634.57	1,258,519.21
		2,710,634.57
		$ 3,969,153.78

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
February 27, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Honourable Colonel C. Gibson, M.P.,
Secretary of State

RE: Custodian's Office in Vancouver

Enclosed herewith you will find revised edition of report relative to the Vancouver Office which is to form part of Mr. Mathieu's general report. Time has not permitted preparation of the index which you suggested, but this will be taken care of without delay.

In order that you may avoid reading the entire report, changes made in the first draft submitted to you are marked in pencil in the margin as follows:

1. Pages 1, 2 and 2A have been amended to include additional information relative to enemy assets.

2. Page 4 - the words "building and" have been inserted in accordance with your suggestion.

3. Page 11 - please note the remarks relative to staff reductions which have been struck out.

4. Pages 12A and 12B - information relative to the handling of the funds of deportees has been inserted.

5. Page 13A - in the first draft we reported on sales of Evacuee Properties and indicated that prices obtained exceeded fixed valuations by $118,660.75. Detailed report of liquidation of enemy properties has been added and we also show that proceeds from sales exceeded fixed valuations by $30,546.00.

6. Page 14 - summary of cash collected related only to Evacuee Properties in my first draft. You will note that the statement now includes Enemy Accounts, with an overall total of $6,448,071.11.

For your further information, we received the Auditor's Report of the Vancouver Office from Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company this morning, which brings the audit of the Enemy Section up to December 31, 1946. I believe Mr. Mathieu is sending you a copy of this report today.

Advice has also been received from Mr. Shears to the effect that Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons are now engaged in auditing the books of the Evacuee Section in Vancouver.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL

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15th February, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I gather from your remarks when you spoke on the telephone in connection with Tamaki's claim that a recommendation is being made for the appointment of a Commission to consider the question of Japanese claims against the Government. You mentioned that the name of Judge Whiteside might be suggested and his inclusion on such a committee would I believe be very satisfactory from our point of view. It occurs to me, however, that as the recommendations which have been made by the Advisory Committee to the Custodian may form a part of the grounds of our defence, that the appointment of one of its members to a commission set up for the purpose of dealing with property claims might not be considered desirable.

After giving some thought to the whole matter of dealing with claims I am writing to suggest that the appointment of any commission at this time should receive very careful consideration.

On the basis of the statement made by the Prime Minister I take it that claims will in some way have to be considered. There may be a type of claim which is based upon the economic loss caused by the results of evacuation. The consideration of claims of this nature would appear to be a matter of overall policy to be decided upon by the Government and if this type of claim is to be entertained the establishment of a commission might be necessary.

The type of claim in which this office is particularly interested is in regard to those relating to the liquidation of real and personal property left in our custody. In this regard I am strongly suggesting that for the time being at least the appointment of any commission might be delayed.

I am of the opinion that, while some claims may be made in regard to properties which this office has advertised and sold on the basis of valuation and with the approval of the Advisory Committee, that generally speaking the sale prices can be justified, or at least the margin of

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difference would not be great. I think, however, that the Government may need to face the fact that the valuation of the Soldier Settlement Board appraisers, which formed the basis of the sale to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act, may in most cases have been below a value which might fairly have been placed upon those properties by other appraisers.

In view of the present development I think I should draw to your attention that at the time the sale to the Veterans' Land Act was being considered by the Advisory Committee, three of its members, namely, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Yamaga inspected and reported on 17 properties taken at random from the list of properties included in the offer to purchase.

The results of that inspection appeared in the Minutes of the Committee meeting under date the 24th May, 1943, showing the following results:

Assessed Value	Advisory Committee's Valuation	Soldier Settlement Board's Valuation
$2,900.00	$5,400.00	$3,777.00
1,425.00	1,600.00	800.00
1,900.00	2,000.00	1,060.00
1,100.00	1,750.00	816.00
1,700.00	1,450.00	986.00
2,200.00	2,500.00	1,350.00
950.00	850.00	500.00
2,000.00	3,200.00	1,110.00
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3,500.00)	4,400.00	3,610.00
3,729.00	4,000.00	2,085.00
1,400.00	1,750.00	1,100.00
1,050.00	950.00	988.00
1,000.00	950.00	1,222.00
1,100.00	1,100.00	727.00
1,200.00	3,500.00	2,723.00
2,700.00	3,550.00	3,278.00
2,865.00	4,150.00	2,100.00
$ 31,119.00	$4 3,100.00	$ 28,232.00

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It was noted that the valuation made by the Committee was approximately 50% above the Soldier Settlement Board's valuation.

The total Soldier Settlement valuation as shown on the list supplied was $867,000.-. The offer at that time was $750,000.- and after negotiating it was raised to $850,000.-, or approximately 2% less than the Soldier Settlement valuation, whereas on the basis of the Committee's appraisals of the 17 properties referred to above, the total valuation might have been over $1,250,000.-.

I am bringing this to your attention because I consider that in the event of any investigation, a Solicitor acting on behalf of a Japanese would likely submit to the Commission a valuation which he had obtained from some qualified appraiser and the Soldier Settlement valuation might be very seriously challenged.

Take the case of Suzuki in regard to which I recently reported and the present claim being made by Tamaki. The first thing that you have requested is to establish the soundness of the original appraisals on which these properties were sold.

The result as far as Suzuki was concerned at least indicated that some adjustment to the extent of a few hundred dollars might be required. In the case of Tamaki, while I am not reporting officially, it may be found that some of the buildings on this property were entirely left out in the Soldier Settlement appraisal and other buildings given a valuation which may not have been quite adequate.

If this is the result of a review made by such a person as Mr. Menzies, who at least is not unfavourable to our administration, it is quite evident that a Solicitor, acting on behalf of a Japanese, would be able to produce evidence in support of his contention that the property was sold at less than a fair market value.

I take it that you are aware of the concerted effort being made by and on behalf of the Japanese.

A letter on my desk today reads: "I hesitate to make any written statement for release or otherwise at the present time since the Co-Operative Committee for Japanese is conducting a nation-wide survey of property losses suffered by the Japanese race."

VIA AIR MAIL

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I am suggesting that if the Government is going to entertain claims that a Notice be published stating that claims may be submitted for consideration to the Office of the Custodian in Vancouver by a certain date (and I would not give any extended time for filing claims). The claims would need to be specific and supported by some documentary evidence. Upon the receipt of all claims this office would then prepare a complete statement showing the Japanese name, amount of his claim, sale price of the property, and our comments in regard to same.

This would at least supply Ottawa with an overall picture of the extent of the problem which had to be faced. At that time the desirability of setting up a Commission might be considered, but my suggestion at the present time is that after a review of such a statement it might be quite likely that Ottawa would instruct this office to negotiate with a large number of the claimants for the purpose of coming to a compromise settlement. While the following might require further consideration, I have in mind at the moment the possibility of negotiating with the Japanese stating that his claim of $--- had been received, that as a result of a review of the appraisal and other matters concerning the liquidation of his property, an adjustment to the amount of $--- would be recommended, and if this was not satisfactory to him the Government might then be prepared to set up a Commission before whom he could state his case, but should he fail to substantiate his claim, the cost of the application would have to be borne by the Japanese.

A policy would also have to be decided upon in connection with chattels. As you are aware, there was a considerable amount of chattels left in the protected area which in the early days we were not able to protect and there is also a considerable amount which cannot be accounted for since that time. The Government may wish to take the stand that the Custodian has exercised all reasonable care and that unless the personal property was actually disposed of by the Custodian, he will not be accountable for same.

On the other hand it may be considered that because a Japanese was required to be evacuated and leave his property with us that he is entitled to receive a fair value for it, even if we are unable to account for its disposition. I have dealt fairly fully with the Chattel situation in my Report to the Honourable Colin Gibson on pages 24 to 28.

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In any case I would suggest that the Japanese in filing any claim would be required to support it with a list of the actual articles concerned. Here again this office would then be in a position to present the overall picture to Ottawa before deciding upon further action.

You may think that the above suggestion is in the nature of inviting claims. I am convinced, however, that if claims are entertained in any manner there will be a large number filed. The letter which we recently received from Messrs. Norris & MacLennan asking for the names of all Japanese who had property is an indication that Solicitors and others will encourage Japanese to file claims through them.

I am suggesting that in the first instance at least a claim from a Japanese direct to this office would be more desirable than bringing it up in review before a Commission and a great deal of publicity might be obviated.

In any case, if, after eliminating a certain number of claims by compromise settlement, there still remained some who were not prepared to accept our offer we would at least be better prepared to substantiate our position before any Commission.

Apart from the amount which may be involved in settling claims, I am afraid the cost of investigation will be considerable, but by proceeding somewhat as outlined above, the period of time during which any Commission might need to act would be greatly reduced.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
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Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Attention: Mr. K. W. Wright

Herewith copy of letter addressed to the Secretary of State by Mr. F. G. McAlister, Barrister of London, Ontario, together with copy of my reply.

Mr. W. O. Davis, Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, has already replied to Mr. McAlister dealing with question No. 1, and I have dealt with all other questions except No. 8, which I have advised is a matter you will deal with.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Brown.

Encls.

Ottawa, Ontario.
February 13, 1947.

Mr. F. G. McAlister,
Barrister, etc.
301 Dundas Building,
London, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McAlister:

A copy of your letter of February 11th addressed to the Secretary of State has been referred to this Department for consideration.

Some of the questions raised in your letter I am not in a position to answer. These are the matters on which you should obtain the necessary information from municipal and provincial authorities. On some of the other questions raised, I assume that your client may be conversant with the regulations which apply. However, I am glad to furnish the information desired.

Dealing with your inquiries under the numbers listed in your letter:

(2) No permit is required.

(3) A permit should be obtained from the nearest R.C.M.P. office for travel which entails crossing the boundaries of the province or for a change in residence.

(4) The regulations governing travel and residence were made under the authority of Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5, 1943, enacted under the War Measures Act and continued in force under the authority of the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945. This Order in Council lapses on the date that the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act lapses, which would be April 1st next, subject to such further extension of the life thereof, if any, as Parliament may provide for.

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(5) There are no regulations in effect limiting the type of activities which this man can engage in, but he would require a permit for a change in residence as set out above.

(6)(a) Under the existing provisions of the Dominion Election Act, as amended at the 1944 Session of Parliament, Japanese evacuated from the Province of British Columbia are not entitled to vote in a Federal election. This provision is stated therein to extend for the period of the war and six months thereafter.

(b)& (c) Would suggest that you obtain this information from the provincial authorities.

(7) Would suggest that this information be obtained from the provincial authorities; as far as known to the writer, none.

(8) The disposition of properties belonging to persons of the Japanese race in the protected area of British Columbia and the distribution of the proceeds realized therefrom, to such persons, has been handled by the Custodian of Enemy Property. I am asking the Custodian's office to deal with your inquiry on this point. You will hear from them in due course.

The Department maintains a Japanese Placement Office at Toronto. If your client desires more specific advice at any time on any proposed change of residence on his part, or assistance in the matter of employment, he should get in touch with that office. They will be glad to furnish information and assistance. The address is as follows:

Mr. G. E. Trueman,
Placement Officer, Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
24 Adelaide Street, East,
Toronto 1, Ontario.

I trust that this covers your inquiries.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Brown.

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BRADEN & MCALISTER
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.,

J.A.E. Braden, K.C. F.G.McAlister, LL.B.K.C.

301 Dundas Building,
London,
Canada

January 29, 1947.

The Hon. Paul Martin,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by one of the Japanese young men who was born in Canada and has been moved here, to endeavor to obtain some information regarding the regulations governing Canadian citizens of Japanese origin, on which he is not clear.

I am numbering these points and if it so happens that I have not addressed the Minister within whose Department this matter comes, I would appreciate it being referred to the authority concerned.

(1) Is this man, being born in Canada of Japanese parents and wishing to remain here as a citizen, entitled to a certificate of citizenship under the new act?

(2) Is he able to purchase real estate here in Ontario under a permit and if so what steps should he take to secure such a permit?

(3) What provisions govern his permission to move from one place to another or travel about in the country? That is, could he go from London to a nearby city and obtain employment there if the opportunity occurred?

(4) Are the regulations controlling his activities issued pursuant to an order-in-council authorizing a special arrangement between the Dominion and the Province of Ontario for the period of the war? Is

this arrangement effective until the war is officially declared terminated?

(5) Can this man establish a business here in Ontario or elsewhere in Canada?

(6) What restrictions are there, if any, with reference to this man being allowed to vote,-

(a) In a Federal election.
(b) In a Provincial election.
(c) In a Municipal election.

(7) Is there any Order in Council or regulation made pursuant thereto which prevents this man from obtaining a hunting and fishing license for use in Ontario?

(8) How is the value of his property confiscated in British Columbia established? What Board or authority could hear this case and, when and

Yours very truly,

F. G. MCALISTER.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
February 7, 1947

Rene Chenevert, Esq., K.C.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
276 St. James Street West,
Montreal 1, Quebec

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 6th instant, and enclose herewith, for your information, copy of Order in Council P.C. 5973, dated September 14, 1945, relative to persons of the Japanese race holding or acquiring property in Canada.

It will be noted that a license from the Minister of Labour is required.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

TELEPHONE PLATEAU 3073

CABLE ADDRESS: TREVENECH

René Chênevert, K.C.
Barrister & Solicitor

Insurance Exchange Building
276 St. James St. West
Montreal 1

6th February, 1947.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Japanese Branch,
Victory Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

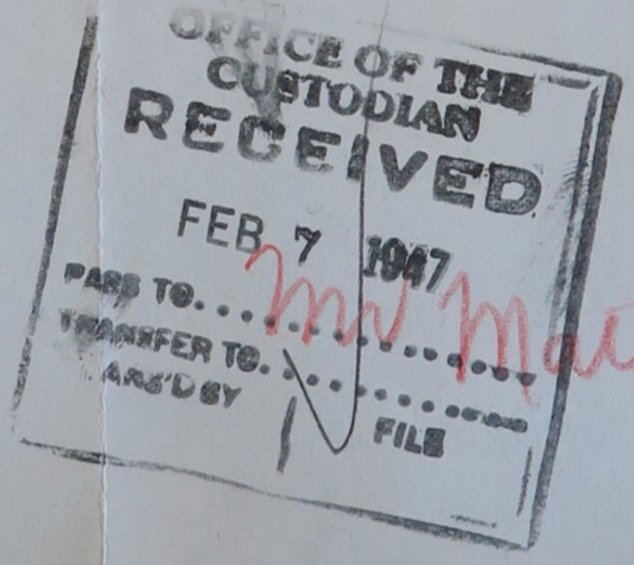
Will you kindly let me know if the Order-in-Council prohibitting the purchase of real estate by Japanese has been repealed?

I have a property which I intend to sell to Miss Hanako Malsubuchi, whose father and mother are Japanese but who was born in Cumberland, B.C., twenty-three years ago.

If the Order-in-Council has not been repealed, would you allow me to make this sale?

Yours very truly,

RC/M



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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

28th January, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I sent a copy of my Report to you by airmail last night and trust it reached you safely. Another copy is being sent herein.

The schedule of Enemy Companies was not quite complete. For instance, no reference was made to Japan & Canada Trust Savings Company and the Trans-Pacific Lumber Company, also no list of ~~Enemy~~ Evacuee Companies' realization was included. I was not able to get these figures and I do not think I will be able to give any attention to this for a week or so, but I will then send an additional page or two which can be added to the Report which you already have.

Mrs. Harrop will be re-typing this report and we will then send you additional copies.

Will you please have Miss Foy fill in the date "August 6th, 1946," omitted on page 64 and the two corrections on page 73.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1947

RETREAT UNDER PRESSURE

Grudgingly, as usual, and chiefly in an effort to avoid having to face direct criticism from the floor of Parliament, the Government has finally withdrawn most of the Orders-in-Council affecting the Japanese-Canadians. Born of emergency, the Orders were carried into the peacetime period far beyond any conceivable danger these people might have presented. The Orders presented a gross infringement of the natural liberties of both native and naturalized citizens, and will remain a blot on the record of the Canadian people.

The Government's gesture is again good as far as it goes, but it is not complete. It has given up the power to force deportation, except on recognized grounds applicable to all immigrants. It will, however, continue to provide free passage to those wishing to return permanently to Japan. The iniquitous "loyalty commission" has also been given up. This does not remove the fact that no separation was made of the loyal and the disloyal among the 4,000 who have already been repatriated to Japan. It does not bring together again the large number of families ruthlessly broken up for all time, by the application of the deportation orders. The right to cancel the citizenship of naturalized Japanese who leave Canada has also been abolished. The recognition of the error the Government committed in that respect does not, however, go so far as to restore citizenship to those from whom it was wrongfully taken.

Mr. King's bad conscience regarding Japanese property is revealed in his promise to remedy injustice, if it can be proved. He asserts rather limply that the Government is of the opinion that "the sales were made at a fair price". This is not an opinion widely held among those who know the facts. Most of the Japanese, led to believe that their property would be held in trust for them until the crisis was over and they were resettled elsewhere in Canada, lost everything they possessed; not only real estate and fishing boats, but personal belongings hallowed by use and family affection. No cash handout will adequately repay many of these losses. Mr. King should go further and identify the pumish the officials responsible for this betrayal of the nation's good faith.

Two important restrictions remain. Japanese-Canadians will still have to go to the police to obtain permission to make a trip away from home beyond the limited radius allowed at present. This is ostensibly to "ensure the success of the resettlement" in parts of Canada other than British Columbia. The success of the Government's resettlement policy is of far less significance than that native Canadians and others granted citizenship by this country, should have to go to the police to be able to travel. A Government which is capable of an enormity of that nature is equally capable of extending such a ban to other unpopular elements of the community, if it thought, as it does in this case, that it would win votes thereby.

The other restriction is that one element of the population is forbidden its natural right to work at any occupation it chooses. Hitler Germany treated the Jews this way. No Government should consider it within its power to forbid any man to earn his living in any lawful manner. That, if anything, should be his own choice. This country needs people who will work hard at jobs they like and know how to do. For many of the 20,500 Japanese-Canadians this will not be possible.

Least satisfactory of all in this deplorable matter, is the resistance the Government has shown in rectifying its error, and restoring the lost rights. It has been driven to it by an outcry of exceptional strength, and even now has not had the grace to go all the way, and put these people on an equal footing with their fellow-citizens of every race. Its vauntings about Canadian citizenship will mean much more when it treats that privilege as sacred beyond anything political conniving might demand. Then its claim the name "Liberal" will be founded on right, rather than usurpation.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 29, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

We enclose herewith, for your information, copy of an article which appeared in last night's papers, relative to the Japanese.

We would appreciate receiving from you copies of any notices which may have appeared in the Vancouver Papers as a result of the Prime Minister's statement.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 25, 1947

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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:

I wired you late yesterday afternoon, as follows:

"DO NOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION TO PRESS OR OTHERS IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THIS OFFICE".

I fully appreciate that you have always guarded against issuing statements to the press and referred all inquiries to this office. I expected however, that as a result of the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the Japanese, which appears in today's papers, you would be pressed for a statement and that the telegram would provide a cushion for you when you refused to disclose any information. I might also add that the Canadian Press was rather displeased when I refused to give out details yesterday and pointed out that the records were in the Vancouver Office and that material could only be obtained from this source and handed out by the Minister personally.

Enclosed you will find copy of letter addressed to Mr. Mathieu by Dr. Coleman, under date of 16th instant, relative to officers dealing with inquiries from reporters and press correspondents. This discloses Colonel Gibson's views in no uncertain manner and I did not want you to be caught in any jam regardless of the pressure from the press at the present time.

We have had lengthy conferences on all Japanese questions this week and when the Orders in Council, passed in accord with our recommendations, are sent to you, you will find that control of properties by the Custodian is to be continued and that you will have full authority to carry on after 31st March.

I also send you copy of letter addressed to the Department of Justice relative to liquidation of property belonging to Japanese Organizations. A written reply has not yet reached me, but I have

discussed the matter with Justice and am inclined to think they will find that we have no authority to sell properties which belonged to Organizations, unless the titles were registered in the names of individuals as Trustees. You might review your files and let me have a list of those that fall within this category. Under the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945, we have authority to continue or revoke existing Orders, but certainly no authority to increase the powers conferred by same.

I have sent the Minister a lengthy memo reviewing the work of your office and indicated that I expect to present your Annual Report to him not later than next Wednesday. I hope you will send me four copies.

I further advised that a complete report, relative to assets of Repatriates, would be in his office by Tuesday.

The new Bill, respecting the Enemy Property Act, which will incorporate the amended Regulations, is now in the hands of the printer and will be presented to the House at the coming Session.

It is very difficult to keep pace with the volume of work that is pouring in daily, but we are all carrying on to the best of our ability and after all, that is the best a horse can do!

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 24, 1947

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. O. Davis,
Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State

RE: Continuation of Orders in Council pertaining to property of Japanese

Your memorandum of yesterday, addressed to Mr. Mathieu, has been handed to me for reply.

This is the matter Mr. O'Meara and the writer spoke to the Minister about prior to yesterday's Cabinet Meeting. We spent yesterday morning in Mr. Gordon Robertson's office with representatives from the Departments of Justice and Labour and recommendations were made and presented to the Cabinet yesterday.

Herewith you will find copies of the following:

Order in Council P.C. 1665, dated 4th March, 1942.
Order in Council P.C. 2483, dated 27th March, 1942.
Order in Council P.C. 469, dated 19th January, 1943.
Order in Council P.C. 7355, dated 15th December, 1945.

You will note that Regulation 12, P.C. 1665, empowers the Custodian to manage and control the assets of Japanese evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia. This was amended by Regulation 4, of P.C. 2483 and P.C. 469 authorized liquidation.

It is essential to continue the Regulations referred to (marked on the enclosed) for the reason that approximately 60 parcels of real property in British Columbia, under Custodian control, have not been disposed of. Some chattels remain under control and approximately one million dollars stands to the credit of Japanese accounts in our Vancouver Office. These balances are being distributed as rapidly as it is possible to review files and forward remittances to the respective owners.

Order in Council P.C. 7355 directs the Custodian to administer assets left in Canada by Japanese, who, during the past few months, have been sent back to Japan. These assets, which include a few parcels of real estate and securities, are also being disposed of, and balances dealt with in accord with the provisions of the Order in Council. You will therefor understand the need for continuing this Order for the purpose of completing liquidation.

Early next week it will be possible for me to furnish details as to assets belonging to repatriates. I also expect that the Annual Report of the Vancouver Office will be ready for presentation to the Minister by Wednesday next. These will furnish Colonel Gibson with complete information as to the Vancouver Office, which, you understand, was established for the purpose of taking over the Estates of Japanese Evacuees.

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 20, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

For your information, we wish to advise that Mr. Norman McLarty died on September 16, 1945.

We also wish to inform you that the Honourable Mr. Gibson was appointed Secretary of State on December 12, 1946.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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