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Mr. H. R. MacMillan,
H. R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd.,
837 W. Hastings St.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

I have your letter of June 20th and congratulate you on your appointment.

The services of our various departments are only too glad to make any contribution possible.

I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

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Mr. H.R. MacMillan,
Metropolitan Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

Your letter of the 26th instant regarding Mr. Manning's services is received and I shall be only too glad for you to make any such further use of his services as may assist you in rendering help to the Dominion in its war efforts or in any work that will be productive of good to our own Provincial industry.

I understand from Mr. Manning that it is impossible to say at present the amount of his time that will be needed. This will be more evident, I imagine, after a few weeks. I would suggest, however, that you should arrange through Ottawa to bear the expenses involved in his new duties. I know you wish to keep overhead down as much as possible and I am permitting Mr. Manning to make use for the meantime of my own office in the Marine Building and he can call on his Forest Service staff there for any stenographic assistance needed. If later on your work develops to requiring a permanent office indefinitely and his full-time services we can discuss further arrangements in the light of those conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Wells Gray

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H. R. MacMillan, Esq.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant regarding the appointment of Mr. E. C. Manning as your assistant, to deal with the problems arising respecting the production of spruce in British Columbia for war purposes.

I appreciate what you say regarding this appointment. The Minister of Munitions and Supply may be assured that the Provincial Forest Service under the direction of Mr. Manning, will do all it possibly can to assist in the work referred to.

I wish also to congratulate you upon your appointment, and to state that I think such appointment is very appropriate; and your action most commendable.

Faithfully yours,

Minister.

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July 2, 1940.

Honourable A.Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 28th.

I am going to Ottawa tomorrow and I shall be pleased to make arrangements with the Department of Munitions and Supply to bear the expenses incurred by Mr. Manning in doing work as my assistant.

Yours very truly,

TIMBER CONTROLLER FOR CANADA.

HRM DD.

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June 28, 1940.

Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I wish to thank you for your letter dated June 28th, and to assure you that my interest is to do what I can to assist and direct the lumber industry in such a manner as to give the greatest support to our country at this time and to leave the industry in the strongest possible position.

Yours sincerely,

HPM DD.

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June 28,1940.

Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Referring to Mr. MacMillan's letter to you of June 26th, I regret that the attached which should have been enclosed with that letter was inadvertently omitted.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Mr.MacMillan.

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June 26,1940.

Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have been working along with Manning this week on some of the problems that are coming up in connection with the responsibilities of the Timber Control, and I have a very high opinion of his abilities and attitude. Through you I wish to thank the Government of British Columbia again for permitting him to take on these duties.

There will be some matters coming up in connection with lumber business other than aeroplane spruce production, such as,for instance, using the authority given to the Timber Controller to bring influence to modify specifications for lumber used in Government buildings, so as to more economically and readily supply British Columbia lumber, or to apportion business amongst British Columbia mills, and I would like to feel that you would be agreeable to Mr. Manning's consulting the industry on such matters if and when they arise. I did not foresee this when I was talking with you in Victoria, and therefore I feel that it is proper to write to you about it. I am quite sure that the experience gained in this manner will be of considerable value to Mr. Manning in the duties he performs as Chief Forester.

I have arranged for representatives of the lumber industry to be available on the following committees to give advice to Mr. Manning when occasion arises:

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROBLEMS:
Mr. J.G.Robson
Mr. C.D.Anderson
Mr. W.J.VanDusen
who, for this year, are the presidents of the three Associations representing the logging and lumber industry.

COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROBLEMS
Mr.C.H.Grinnell,general manager,Seaboard Lumber Sales Co.,Ltd.,
Mr.L.R.Scott,vice-president,H.R.MacMillan Export Co.,Ltd.,
Mr. Harry B.Dollar,vice-president and managing-director,
Canadian Robert Dollar Company Limited

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COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

Mr. J.R.Murray, assistant-manager, Canadian Western Lumber Co., Ltd
Mr. C.J.Culter, president, Hammond Cedar Company Limited,
Mr. R.W.Steventon, manager, Canadian White Pine Co., Limited.

COMMITTEE ON SPRUCE PROBLEMS

Mr. Fred B. Brown, secretary-treasurer, B.&K. Logging Co., Ltd.,
Mr. Aird Flavelle, president, Thurston-Flavelle Limited

This latter Committee may be increased later. It does not at the moment include any spruce producers for the reason that it may at any time deal with matters affecting the financial interests of some or all of those engaged in spruce production.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD
ENCLS.

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June 20, 1940.

Honourable T.D. Pattullo, K.C., LL.D.,
Premier of British Columbia,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pattullo:

The Honourable the Minister of Lands, Mr. Wells Gray, told me that he had discussed with you my request to him that if possible your Government make available Chief Forester Manning and the facilities of the Forest Service to assist in developing and supervising aeroplane spruce operations, chiefly on the Queen Charlotte Islands, with the object of serving the war needs of the Allies.

I desire to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kindness in agreeing to do this.

It is not yet known what the complete requirements will be and consequently it is too soon to foresee just what will be the best policy and methods of dealing with this responsibility.

Following upon my conversation with the Honourable the Minister of Lands, I informed the Honourable C.D.Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply that you had kindly consented to contribute the services of the Chief Forester and the facilities of the Forest Service, who are so well acquainted with the problems involved.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD.

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June 20, 1940.

Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I wish to thank you for allowing me to appoint Mr. E.C.Manning as my assistant to deal with the problems arising respecting the production of spruce in British Columbia for war purposes.

Mr. Manning's knowledge of the forest resources and his knowledge of the personnel of the timber industry will be most valuable, and it will be a great help to the Honourable C.D.Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, to have the services of Mr. Manning and of the Provincial Forest Service available for the supervision of this work.

Under present conditions it is not yet possible to say what quantities of spruce will be required or to define the conditions under which it may be necessary to operate to secure this spruce. The order-in-council appointing me gives very great powers, and I shall send you a copy of it as soon as it reaches me.

Yours sincerely,

HRM DD.

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