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NOTICE FOR DISPERSAL EAST OF THE ROCKIES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR CANADA

NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE RACIAL ORIGIN NOW RESIDENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MARCH 12TH, 1945

Japanese Nationals and others of Japanese racial origin who will be returning to Japan, have been informed by notice on the authority of the Honourable Minister of Labour, that provision has been made for their return and for the filling of an application for such return. Conditions in regard to property and transportation have been made public.

Japanese Canadians who want to remain in Canada should now re-establish themselves East of the Rockies as the best evidence of their intentions to cooperate with the government policy of dispersal.

Failure to accept employment east of the Rockies may be regarded at a later date as a lock of cooperation with the Canadian Government in carrying out its policy of dispersal.

Several thousand Japanese have already re-established themselves satisfactorily east of the Rockies.

Those who do not take advantage of present opportunities for employment and settlement outside British Columbia as this time, while employment opportunities are favourable, will find conditions of employment and settlement considerably more difficult at a later date and may seriously prejudice their own future by delay.

To assist those who want to re-establish themselves in Canada, the Japanese Division Placement Offices and Employment and Selective Service Offices, with the assistance of local Advisory Committees, are making special efforts this Spring to open up suitable employment opportunities across Canada in various lines of endeavour, and in areas where prospects of suitable employment are best.

The Department will also provide free transportation to Eastern Canada for members of a family and their effects, a sustenance allowance to be used while in transit, and a placement allowance based in amount on the size of the family.

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