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training he may have had, or whatever fine intellectual accomplishments he may have attained, is wanting in the highest and noblest attribute that goes to the making up of the full stature of a man. And I say if there is one thing that is a burning passion with the Japanese people, it is a passion of loyalty for their country. As a people they have shown themselves to be willing to make any sacrifice, yea, sacrificing themselves even unto death, to uphold the standard and the place of their country among the nations of the world. And therefore, it is well that the people of Vancouver, glorying in the fact that they are British subjects, or the people of the United States, glorying in the fact that they are subjects of the United States, should accord to other peoples the same measure of national pride that they feel themselves for their own country.

‘The next features that I shall dwell upon, and I shall be brief, are the features with reference to the claims which have been put in for adjustment before this Commission. I think, sir, you will agree with me, although I am counsel for protecting the interests of these various claimants, that from the evidence which has been adduced, the nature and character of this attack on the 7th, the extent of damage to the buildings, the subsequent events, fire at the school house, the riot on Sunday evening, and the other events which followed—minor ones—that the Japanese residents had every fear and every cause for fear and alarm for at least a fortnight, if not longer, after this attack. Coming then, to the question of consequential damages, I think it but a correct principle that anything which naturally flows by reason of these deeds of violence, would be properly within the term “consequential damages.” I think, sir, that while some of these claimants have only claimed for three days, some for six, one I believe as high as fourteen, that regard must be had to the conditions of each of those individuals, and also to the general feeling which has manifestly controlled the actions and means of these residents. While some may have underestimated their damages, I do not think that any have over-estimated them. It may be that no sufficient evidence of a legal character can be placed before you upon which you could base an award of the full amount claimed by these parties, but I think the demoralization of the trade in the district, of the influence which this period had upon it, can never be recompensed by the claims which have been placed before you.

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‘In conclusion, I will rest our case with entire confidence in your judgment in the matter, feeling certain that whatever is done will be done on broad, generous principles of right and justice rather than upon technicalities, which, while very obvious in courts of law, are not of such importance in matters which are termed purely of investigation and inquiry. Personally, I thank you for the attention you have given me, and the courtesies extended to me during the sittings of the Commission.’

Replying to Mr. Duncan, I said:

‘I will not, perhaps, be accused of going outside the scope of my commission if, before concluding, I would venture to again refer to the genuine regret which has already been so widely expressed of the incident which