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will be entitled to consideration which is not presented within the time herein specified. The examination and taking of evidence in respect of said claims will be commenced forthwith, and the undersigned will be prepared to hear the representations of any parties desiring to appear or be heard before the commission in respect of any or all of the said claims.

‘(Sgd). W. L. MACKENZIE KING,  
‘Commissioner.’

Dated at Vancouver, October 21, 1907.’

On the same day I sent the following communication to Mr. George Cowan, K.C., solicitor for the city of Vancouver:—

‘VANCOUVER, B.C., October 21, 1907.

‘SIR,—I beg to inform you that having come to Vancouver as Commissioner appointed under the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes, to conduct an inquiry into the losses and damages sustained by the Japanese population on the occasion of the recent riots in this city, I am giving public notice to all parties having claims to present that I will be in Pender Hall, Pender street, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th instant, respectively, to hear and receive such claims; also, that no claim will be entitled to consideration which is not presented within the time herein specified. Also, that the examination and taking of evidence in respect of said claims will be commenced forthwith, and that any parties will have a right to appear, who may desire to be heard before the Commission in respect of any or all of the said claims.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING,  
Commissioner.

GEO. COWAN, Esq.,  
Solicitor for City of Vancouver,  
Vancouver, B.C.’

The sittings of the Commission were held at Pender Hall, Pender street, the first sitting being on the morning of Tuesday, October 22. From that day sittings were held continuously as follows: October 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and November 1, 2, 4 and 5, both morning and afternoon sessions being held on most of the days mentioned. Mr. Howard J. Duncan appeared as counsel for the Japanese government. The Dominion government not being represented by counsel, the examination in chief of the several claimants and witnesses was conducted by myself as Commissioner. Mr. Duncan presented the several claims and assisted in the examination of witnesses. Mr. Cowan, city solicitor, was present at the opening of the inquiry, but stated that as the purpose of the investigation was to assess damages and not to determine the question of liability as to their payment, he had been instructed by the city not to appear. Mr. Morikawa, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul, was present through-