

REPORT OF W. L. MACKENZIE KING, C.M.G.,

Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the Losses and Damages sustained by the Japanese population in the city of Vancouver in the province of British Columbia, on the occasion of Riots in that city in September, 1907.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

I have the honour to submit the following report on the results of my investigation into the losses and damages sustained by the Japanese population in the city of Vancouver, B.C., occasioned by the anti-Asiatic riot of September, 1907, which investigation was undertaken in pursuance of the Royal Commission issued to me on the 14th day of October, 1907, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

The riot to which reference is made in the commission occurred in the foreign quarter of the city of Vancouver on Saturday, September 7, 1907, and was followed by considerable unrest among the Orientals of the city during the days immediately following. A claim on behalf of the Japanese residents of the city of Vancouver for losses incurred was presented on October 7, to the Dominion government, on behalf of the government of Japan, through Mr. T. Nosse, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul General, resident at Ottawa. The losses were estimated at a sum amounting to \$13,519.45, of which \$2,405.70 was claimed for actual damage to property, and \$11,113.75 as resultant or consequential damages.

Having received with my commission copies of the correspondence between Mr. Nosse and the Canadian government in reference to this matter, I immediately called upon Mr. Nosse and informed him of my appointment. I arranged for the insertion of a public notice in the Japanese papers of Vancouver, informing the Japanese residents of that city of the investigation to be held, and requesting parties who desired to present claims to appear on certain specified days. The insertion of this notice, which appeared in the Japanese papers on the following day, was arranged by telegram through the good offices of Mr. Nosse and Mr. K. Morikawa, His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul, resident at Vancouver. I left Ottawa on October 14 and arrived in Vancouver on Sunday, the 20th. On Monday, the 21st instant, I caused the following notice to be inserted in the local newspapers in the city of Vancouver:—

‘PUBLIC NOTICE.

‘The undersigned, appointed Commissioner under the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes, to conduct an inquiry into the losses and damages sustained by the Japanese population in Vancouver, on the occasion of the recent riots in this city, hereby notifies all parties having claims to present, that he will be at 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 receive such claims; also that no claim