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A STATEMENT: BY HARRY CHIN

I have carried on business in Vancouver for the past forty years and during which period of time I have always adhered to and practiced the philosophy of sincerity and honesty both in business and private life. In my dealings with others I have been honest and sincere and have always done my best to consider their rights. The service which I have rendered to my customers has apparently been satisfactory to them. I take pride in this way of life and in my business which is founded upon these principles.

It clused me great concern recently, when it was brought to my attention that a rumor was circulating in Vancouver that I thad gained possession and control of the Keefer Wholesale Florist business by force and by rejecting my former associates. This is absolutely untrue and without any foundation whatsoever.

The history of my business dealings in Vancouver is that I commenced business in partnership with Mr. Chin Yuen and Mr. Pong Sang (Chin Sang) in 1928 at English Bay under the name of English Bay Produce. In 1935 we moved our business to the present location at 215 Keefer Street and at that time the name of the business was changed to Keefer Florist. Business was flourishing and therefore in 1949 we expanded and brought in Mr. Go See Yow (James Cole), Mr. Lee Foon Yow (Harry Lee) as partners. A new partnership agreement was drawn up which was satisfactory to all of the parties and the name of the business was changed to Keefer Wholesale Florist Company. A further agreement between all of the partners which was mutually satisfactory was entered into on the 30th day of November, 1955 and this agreement contained the provision that anyone or more of the partners who wished to do so could give notice to the others that they wished to sell their interest in the business.

In May, 1956, I was greatly surprised to receive from all of my partners a notice that they wished to sell their interest in the partnership business and that the partnership would come to an end on the 15th day of July, 1956. THAT NOTICE WAS SERVED TO ME BY MR. LEE KEPMENT. An exact copy of that notice is set out hereunder. Upon receiving this notice I was greatly concerned over the matter because I was reluctant to relinquish my life efforts lest it fall into the hands of some persons who would not carry it on in the tradition so well established. I therefore attempted to borrow the monies demanded by my partners and I was fortunate in being able to do this and thus be able to purchase their combined shares and interest in the business at the price demanded by them.

This transaction was completed at the lawyer's office to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Since then the business and property of the Keefer Wholesale Florist Company has been completely owned by me and this as a result of direct action taken by my former partners and my compliance with their demands.

On examination of the whole matter I find that when I ask my own conscience, there is nothing of which I should be ashamed and outwardly I have done no injustice to anyone. Consequently, I have no alternative but to make this statement to the public so that my position will be clear.

I have translated into Chinese, the original of the Notice concerning the sale of the business to me by my former partners.

DATED AT VANCOUVER, B. C. JANUARY 22, 1962

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DATED; 15th May. A. D. 1956

IN THE MATTER OF "KEEFER WHOLESALE FLORIST CO."

NOTICE

DOHM & BOYD Barristers & Solicitors. 211 - 678 Howe Street, VANCOUVER, B.C.

HARRY CHIN (Chin Lin) c/o 215 Keefer Street, VANCOUVER, B.C.

re: "Keefer Wholesale Florist Co."

Pursuant to the power contained in the partnership agreement dated the 30th day of November, 1955, made between us and yourself, we hereby give you notice that the partnership shall cease and determine on the expiration of two (2) months from the date hereof.

And further take notice that we are desirous of selling our combined shares and interests in the partnership business for the sum of \$150,000.00. And we hereby offer to sell to you our combined shares and interests for the said sum of \$150,000.00. This offer shall remain open for acceptance by you until the 15th day of July, 1956.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of May, 1956.

Witness to ALL Signatures: Poy Joan Chin

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