

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

Commissioner appointed to investigate into the Losses sustained by the Chinese Population of Vancouver, B.C., on the occasion of the 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 of the Chinese residents of the city of Vancouver, B.C., occasioned by the anti-Asiatic riots of September, 1907. This investigation was undertaken in pursuance of the Royal Commission issued to me on the 25th day of March, 1908, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

At the time the Commission was issued, I was absent in England on a mission to confer with the authorities of Great Britain on the subject of oriental immigration to Canada, and immigration from India in particular. I left for Vancouver as soon as possible after my return to Canada, arriving there on Sunday, the 24th of May. The Chinese Government has not any consular or other representative in Canada. I found, however, on arriving in Vancouver, that Mr. Tung Cheng-Ling, attaché of the Imperial Chinese Legation at London, England, had come to this country to be present at the inquiry, and that Mr. Owyang King, Chinese Consul at San Francisco, and Mr. Moy Bok Hin, Chinese Consul at Portland, Oregon, were also present in Vancouver for the same purpose.

On Monday, the 25th of May, I caused the following notice to be inserted in the three daily newspapers of Vancouver, and a translation of the same notice in the two local Chinese newspapers, one of which appears daily, and the other tri-weekly.

‘PUBLIC NOTICE.

‘The undersigned, appointed Commissioner under the authority of the Revised Statute Respecting Inquiries Concerning Public Matters, to investigate the losses sustained by the Chinese population in the City of Vancouver, on the occasion of the riots in that city in the month of September, 1907, 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 26th, 27th and 28th inst., respectively, to receive such claims; also, that no claim will be entitled to consideration which is not presented within the time herein specified. The investigation of the said claims will be commenced forthwith, and the undersigned will be prepared to hear the representations of any parties desiring to appear or to be heard before the commission in respect of any or all of the said claims.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING,

Commissioner.

Dated at Vancouver, May 25, 1908.’