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Vancouver, I requested you to kindly let me have a statement of the amounts expended by the Japanese Consulate, you intimated, in reply, that it was not your intention or the desire of the Japanese Consulate to allow a consideration by the Government of Canada of any expenses which the Consulate may have incurred in the preparation and presentation of claims made on behalf of the Japanese population in Vancouver.

'As you are aware, the careful preparation of estimates and claims and the presence of counsel greatly facilitated the inquiry. This of itself, in the opinion of the Dominion Government, is a sufficient reason why all such outlays should be fully met. I have, therefore, to express the hope that on further consideration, you will find it possible to accept the inclosed cheque on account of expenses incurred by the Japanese Consulate in this connection.

'The government has, by Order in Council, also authorized the payment of the sum of \$9,036, on account of losses and damages sustained by the Japanese population in the recent riots, and the reimbursement to claimants of the sum of \$139, expended by them in declaring their claims. Cheques in payment of the amounts due the several claims are at present being made out in accordance with the amount assessed as a result of the inquiry under Royal Commission just concluded. These cheques I hope to be in a position to hand to the several claimants sometime to-morrow.

'I am, dear sir,

'Very respectfully yours,

'Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING,

'M. KISHIRO MORIKAWA,

'Commissioner.'

'His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul,

'Vancouver, B.C.'

'HIS IMPERIAL JAPANESE MAJESTY'S CONSULATE,

'VANCOUVER, B.C., November 19, 1907.

'SIR,—Permit me on behalf of my government, to thank you for your letter of the 15th instant, inclosing a cheque of \$1,600 as an allowance for expenses, legal and incidental, to my government, in connection with the preparation and investigation of claims by Japanese residents for damages to their property in the unfortunate riot of the 7th September. I also thank you for the notification of the allowance of \$9,036 and costs of declaring claims by the Canadian government for the payment of losses and damages sustained by the Japanese residents in the riot.

'I cannot too strongly express the satisfaction and approval of my government in your award and adjustment of the losses and damages sustained by the Japanese residents here, a feeling, I am sure, shared by every claimant. If I may be permitted to say anything of a personal character, I would assure you that the great skill, unvarying patience and urbanity which marked your conduct of the Commission, has done much to restore the feeling of my countrymen here that the Canadian government and the people of Canada are opposed to every element whose purpose is to defy the ordinary rules of decency in life, and the wider laws which bind nations in friendly accord.