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out the inquiry, but with the exception of making a statement before the Commission in reference to the claims presented took no part in the proceedings. Mr. F. W. Giddens, of the Department of Labour, acted as stenographer, and Mr. T. I. Nagao as interpreter. In all, 80 witnesses were examined, which number included the several claimants, the Chief of Police and other civic officials, the architect who had prepared the estimate of damages to property, those who had assisted in this work, and one or two other persons. Each claim was accompanied by a statutory declaration setting forth particulars in regard to the amount, and in the case of actual damages, photographs showing the damage done to the premises of the several claimants were also put in. There were 107 claims in all, 54 being for actual, and 53 for resultant or consequential losses.

The hearing of evidence was concluded on November 5. By the 8th of the month the statement annexed hereto, showing the amounts to which, in my opinion, the several claimants were entitled, had been prepared, and on the same day, I informed Your Excellency in Council, through the Honourable the Secretary of State, of the total losses as estimated as a result of the investigation. This sum was fixed at \$9,036, of which \$1,553.58 was on account of actual damages, and the balance on account of resultant losses. The Japanese consulate did not present any account for expenses incurred in preparing estimates of claims, or for the professional services of counsel who appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Japanese government. As the careful preparation of the estimates and claims, and the presence of counsel, greatly facilitated the examination, I was of the opinion that the consulate should be reimbursed the amount expended therefor, and that an allowance should be made on account of legal expenses. I therefore recommended, in the communication to the Honourable the Secretary of State, that in addition to the payment of the above amount, the Japanese consulate should be reimbursed the sum of \$600, expended in the preparation of estimates and claims, and be allowed on account of legal expenses a sum of one thousand dollars. I further recommended that the claimants should be reimbursed the sum of \$189, expended by them in declaring their claims. On November 13, I received a communication by wire, informing me that the several sums as recommended for payment had been approved by Council; and directing me to issue cheques to the several claimants in payment of their losses; also stating that the necessary funds for this purpose had been placed to my credit in the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver. Having made payment of the several claims, I obtained from each of the parties a release in the following form:—

‘KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, . . . . .  
 . . . . . of the city of Vancouver, in the district of Burrard, in  
 the province of British Columbia, for and in consideration of the sum  
 of . . . . . dollars, to me in hand paid by the government of the  
 Dominion of Canada, in full of all claims for damages or otherwise, which  
 I have had or might or could have, by reason of injuries to me and to my  
 property and business or trade or calling, arising out of riots or disturbances  
 in the said city of Vancouver, on or about the 7th day of September, 1907,  
 against the said government, or against the government of the said province  
 of British Columbia, or against the municipal corporation of the said city of  
 Vancouver, or against any other corporate body or person or persons whereso-