

6. The Governor General of Canada to The Earl of Elgin
the Colonial Secretary,

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Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 15th Nov. 1907.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to forward for your confidential information a copy of an able and interesting report on the situation in British Columbia by Mr. W. E. McInnes, who was sent under an assumed name to Vancouver, by Mr. Oliver the Minister of the Interior.

A reference to this Report by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when he made the statement embodied in my cable of November 11th, was the first intimation I had received of the existence of Mr. McInnes.

I immediately requested that I might be supplied with a copy of his Report for your confidential information.

I have received Mr. McInnes' Report this afternoon, and am despatching a copy of it

1. to you
2. to His Excellency,
The Viceroy of India,
3. to His Excellency,
The British Ambassador at
Washington.

I have called their attention to the caution conveyed by Mr. Oliver, the Minister of the Interior, as to the importance of treating this Report as absolutely confidential.

The Right Hon.

The Earl of Elgin, K.G.

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The enclosed Report by Mr. McInnes is the first Report I have been able to obtain on the situation in British Columbia.

An official of the Interior Department, Mr. Scott, was sent to Vancouver last September to enquire into the causes of the outbreak, but his Report has not yet been presented to Mr. Oliver. I am informed that Mr. Scott hopes to be in a position to present his Report at a very early date, and that a copy of it shall be sent to me as soon as it is presented.

I have already informed you that Mr. Mackenzie King has been appointed Special Commissioner, first, to adjudicate upon the claims for compensation for damages done during the Vancouver outbreak; and secondly, to enquire into the methods by which the Oriental labourers have been induced to emigrate to Canada during the present year.

I will have the honour to forward copies of his reports as soon as they are presented.

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My Lord,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

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