

August 19, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Mr. P. Le Mare,
Courtenay, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 15th. addressed to the Chief Forester has been handed to this office for attention and would advise that as this matter is in connection with a fire that was fought under the jurisdiction of the District Forester, Vancouver we are requesting him to investigate your complaint and upon receipt of his report we will again write you.

Yours truly,


E. E. Grege,
Assistant Forester.

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Courtenay, B.C.

Aug 15th/38.

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to a matter concerning our office here.

On Aug 3rd I had a phone message from Headquarters, Comox Logging Co to the effect that a certified First Aid man was wanted at once at the Dove Creek Forestry camp, and if I wished to go to see Dr Straith and from there I was sent to the Forestry office to Mr McQueen.

When I asked for information as to my duties and payment I was referred to the Camp timekeeper.

At the Camp R, Armstrong timekeeper said he had no instructions as to a First Aid man and presumed the payment would be the same as the Comox and Campbell River camps, viz 40 cents per hour.

On the following day I went over the fire line and proposed fire line with the Foreman, who asked me if I would patrol the line, so that he need not take off one of his men, keep the fire from jumping the line and report to him the snags and Cedar falling across the line, and he would give me time.

I kept this patrol up from the mountain and Plateau trail to Wolf Lake, approximately 4 miles of trail, until the close, doing what First Aid was necessary in the woods, and attending the sick and injured men in Camp night and morning.

Two days after I had started work, Armstrong the timekeeper informed me that he had taken my case up and was giving me 14 hours per day, and was to be paid as at the other camps.

A few days ago another timekeeper was installed, and on getting my time slip on closing of the camp, found it incorrect, the timekeeper told me to see Mr McQueen and he would settle it satisfactorily.

Unfortunately Mr McQueen had returned to Victoria, and

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the person in charge refused to give me more than 12 hours per day, at 25 cents per hour.

I have refused to take this as settlement, as I have conscientiously worked much longer than this and have been told by the timekeeper and Foreman that I was to get extra time.

I am sorry to have to take this matter up with you but I have no option, as it seems to involve more than the small amount due to me.

I was told in the office here that I should not have done the extra work when the Foreman asked me, as it was not my work.

This did not sound consistent to me with your policy of penalising any refusing to work when called upon, and further more you are no doubt aware that a Foreman needs all the co-operation he can get.

I have had a lot of experience fire fighting, when in charge of the Lillooet Forest District, and the Comox L Co, so that I am not entirely ignorant in the ways of handling men, and the giving of a square deal. I have never refused to work at any time night or day, acting under the impression that I was to be fairly dealt with and paid for what I did, but to-day I was refused payment for work faithfully done, was I when working under false pretences?

I should be pleased if you would have this matter satisfactorily adjusted, as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

E.C Manning Esq,
Chief Forester,
Victoria.B.C.

Perce J. Mare

MEMORANDUM

1312339

TO Department of Lands,
Buildings.
Attention Mr. T.A. Simmons.

FROM

Welfare Branch,
Weiler Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., August 24, 1938.

RE:- Fire - Courtenay Area.

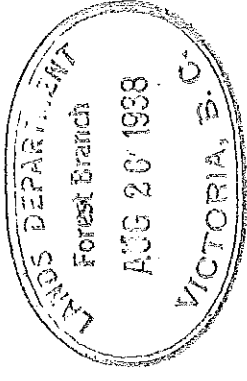
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The Deputy Provincial Secretary has today forwarded your letter of August 20th, regarding the expenses incurred in connection with the evacuation of certain residents in the Courtenay area during the recent forest fire, to this office for attention.

We will be very pleased to give the matter our attention and inform you at a later date of the action taken.

ED:BM

J.H. Creighton
for J.H. Creighton,
Superintendent of Welfare.



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H.M.C.S. "FRASER",
At Esquimalt, B. C.

19th August, 1938.

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Mr. E. C. Manning,
Chief Forester,
Department of Lands,
Forest Branch,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Manning,

Very many thanks for your kind letter on the
subject of the assistance rendered by H.M.C. Ships during
the recent forest fires at Campbell River and Courtenay.

It was a great pleasure to the Navy to
co-operate with Mr. Melrose and Mr. Haddon and the other
members of your Department, and instructive to us to
witness the quiet and efficient operations of the Forest
service during a time of emergency.

Yours very truly,

W. L. L.
Commander, R.C.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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VANCOUVER

AUGUST 22, 1938

Bloedel Fire # 830

Attention Mr. Haddon

Mr. Manning advises that you intended to see Mr. Finning about charges for tractors on the Bloedel fire. In this connection I would advise that I saw Mr. Finning myself last week and he intends to charge us at the rate of \$75.00 per day of eight hours while the tractors were operating. He claimed that this was the usual rate paid by operators, the only difference being that they paid from the time the tractors left Vancouver.

I questioned him concerning the eight-hour limit per day but he assured me that ordinarily the operators worked the machines only that long and that that was the basis for billing. However if you can check this up with some of the operators through their Vancouver offices it might be very useful.

Information secured from the Public Works Department indicates that the rate per day is approximately what is charged in the contracting business.

Mr. Finning was going to submit us a statement of the hours the tractors worked as submitted by his drivers, which statement was to be checked by us against our own records after which the question of final settlement could be discussed with him.

Fuel, oil and drivers' time were to be included in the tractor rate but we were to pay the drivers' travelling expenses to and from the fire and the time of the service-men sent along. I questioned this last item but was advised that the usual practice was to charge the rentor with any extraordinary items of repair. Mr. Finning claimed that the type of our work necessitated some extra repairs on the machines and would warrant the charge for the service-men's time.

I think therefore if you will check up where possible on the rates and methods of payment by operators and check the time against our records we will then be in a position to deal with Mr. Finning. The other contractor owners who rented us machines can be handled in

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the same way.

Our desire is not, of course, to evade payment of what is right but to be sure we are not being charged something beyond the ordinary rates.

Incidentally I understand that Mr. Filberg is planning on billing us with the use of his equipment including tractors. In this connection he assured me definitely that he would not bill us for the use of his equipment. In any case we cannot see why operators directly involved in the fire on whose behalf large sums of money were expended should charge anything more than the mere cost of running the equipment, in other words they are hardly entitled to a commercial trans-
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action the same as an outfit dealing in equipment only.

Geo. P. Melrose
FORESTER

GPM/MM

File: 0131739

MEMORANDUM

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TO Chief Forester,

Victoria

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

Aug. 22, 1938

Your File:

Refer to yours of

My File: O.F. Bloedel Fire #230

Attention Operation

As instructed by Mr. G.P. Melrose, attached please find the following accounts in connection with the evacuation at Bloedel Fire:-

W.G. Geldt		\$ 24.00
R.E. Longland		46.00

These accounts should be handed to the Deputy Provincial Secretary at Victoria for payment.

DR
Encl.

E.P. Fox,
Chief Clerk.

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August 23, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Memorandum to the Deputy Provincial Secretary,
Buildings.

Further to our memorandum of August 20, attached herewith please find two more accounts covering the evacuation of persons in the Courtenay area during the "Bloedel" fire.

W.C. Geidt.....	\$24.00
R.E. Longland..	<u>46.00</u>
	<u>\$70.00</u>

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T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO Chief Forester,

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Victoria.

Vancouver, B.C.

Aug. 24th 19 38

Your File:

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My File: O.F. Bloedel Fire #230

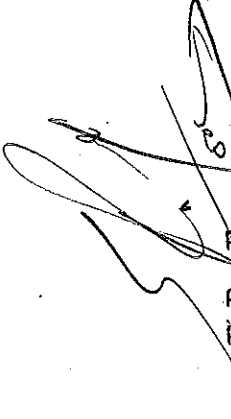
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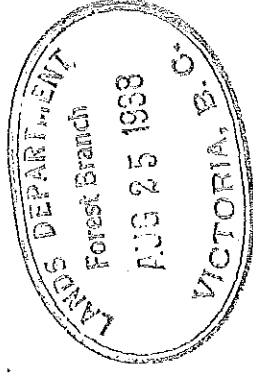
In accordance with instructions received from Mr. G.P. Melrose, attached please find the following accounts in connection with the evacuation at Bloedel Fire:-

Tarbell's Ltd. \$ 8.10
T.R. Hughes Motors Ltd. 24.67

These accounts should be handed to the Deputy Provincial Secretary at Victoria for payment.

DR
Encl.


E.P. Fox,
Chief Clerk.



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August 25, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Memorandum to the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Enclosed please find two more accounts for truck hire etc., in connection with the evacuation of residents in the Courtenay area during the Bloedel fire.

Terbells Limited	\$ 8.10
Hughes Motors Ltd.,	24.67
	<u>\$32.77</u>

T.A. Simmons

T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO Deputy of Lands,

BUILDINGS.

FROM

Welfare Branch,

Weiler Bldg.,

Victoria, B. C., August 26

Attention -- Mr. T. A. Simmons.

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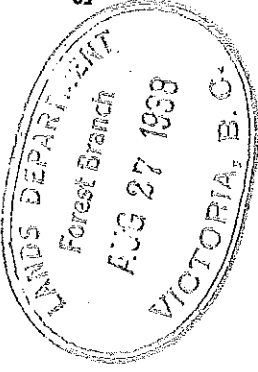
Re: Fire -- Courtenay Area.

Today the Provincial Secretary's Office has forwarded to us two further accounts in connection with the fire at Courtenay. These will have our early attention.

May we ask if you receive any further accounts of this type that you forward them direct to this office?

Thank you.

ED:FT



J. H. Creighton
for J. H. Creighton,
Superintendent of Welfare

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MEMORANDUM

TO Department of Lands,
BUILDINGS
Attention -- Mr. T. A. Simmons.

FROM

Welfare Branch,
Weiler Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C., August 27 1938

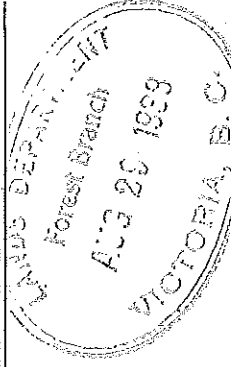
Re: Fire -- Courtenay Area.

We are today in receipt of two more accounts from the Deputy Provincial Secretary covering services rendered in connection with the recent fire.

These accounts will have our early attention.

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for J. H. Creighton,
Superintendent of Welfare



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for J. H. Creighton,
Superintendent of Welfare

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Messrs. Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd.,
510 West Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Vancouver,

August 15, 38.

File: OF #230, Bloedel
MTI Bloedel,
Stewart &
Welch.

Gentlemen:-

Attention Mr. Smith

Your Superintendent, Mr. Daly, contacted our Ranger Langstroth to have him examine your fire-line with the object of reducing the crew employed on the fire.

Ranger Langstroth has inspected that end of the fire and reports that fifty men are sufficient at this time to patrol the fireline. This, then, will be your authority to reduce your fire crew to fifty (50) men on the understanding that if conditions necessitate more men being employed at a later date, you will take immediate steps to augment your crew.

Mr. Daly also requested that permission be obtained to permit your company to resume operations to the extent of removing the balance of the four cold-deck piles located adjacent to your main line as he wishes to be in a position to burn the slash on this area during the fall of this year. Permission to recommence your operations to this extent is approved herewith.

The permission hereby granted shall be without prejudice to any claim for expenses or penalties which may be made on you under Section 118 of the Forest Act.

Yours truly,

C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

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BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH LTD.,

510 West Hastings Street,

Vancouver, B. C.,

August 24th, 1938.

Mr. C. J. Haddon,
District Forester,
Court House,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re Your File 230 - Bloedel, Stewart
& Welch.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15th, granting us permission to resume operations to the extent of removing the balance of the four cold deck piles located adjacent to our main line.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, we assume that you refer only to possible claims for any liability under Section 118 of the Forest Act which may arise from past causes. We would be obliged, however, if you would make this point clear as otherwise we do not consider your permission sufficient.

Yours very truly,

"Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd.,

"S. G. Smith",
Manager.
Per: E.C. Skene

MEMORANDUM

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To The Chief Forester,

Parliament Buildings,

Victoria, B.C.

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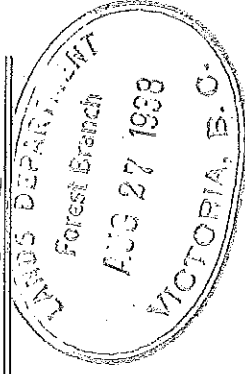
FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

August 26, 1938.

Your File: 0131739

My File: OF #230, Bloedel

Attention Mr. Melrose

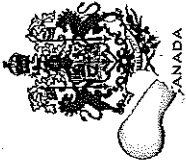
Please refer to our conversation dealing with a letter received from Mr. Smith of Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd., insofar as liability under Section 118 is concerned.

You will please find attached a copy of our letter of August 15th to this company, also copy of their reply under date of August 24th. I would like your further advice and direction before replying to Mr. Smith's letter.

In the first place, I feel that the fact that we gave him written permission to carry on operations would, in itself, protect him against any penalties or liability under Section 118 of the Forest Act insofar as the carrying-on of the operation is concerned, only. In view of the possible litigation and the fact that the last paragraph of our letter of August 15th was included at the request of the Chief Forester due to an opinion of the Attorney-General's Department, we feel that probably they should be consulted before any reply is made to Mr. Smith's letter of August 24th.

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Encl.A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. J. Haddon".

C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.



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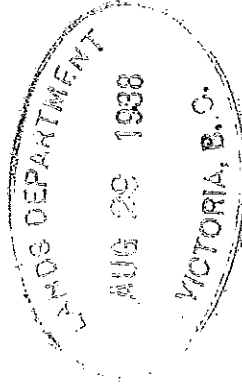
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
OTTAWA

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24th August, 1938.

MINISTER OF LANDS
OFFICE

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Dear Mr. Gray,-

In the absence of the Minister, I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of August 19th with reference to the assistance rendered by officers and men under Commander Reid in fighting the disastrous fire north of Courtenay last month.

I shall place your letter before Mr. Mackenzie upon his return to the office.

Yours very truly,
C. N. Senior
C. N. Senior,
Private Secretary.

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The Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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August 27, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Collector of Customs,
Department of National Revenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

During the progress of the large forest fire between Campbell River and Courtenay we had the country south as far as Nanaimo drained of all available bulldozer outfits belonging to the logging companies.

Hazard being very high around Nanaimo and knowing they were available, we requested the Finning Tractor and Equipment Company, Ltd., of Vancouver to send two or three bulldozer blades to Ladysmith where they were kept available by the Comox Logging Company for use on their tractors if needed. These blades were, I believe, taken out of bond and something over \$400. each paid by the Finning Tractor Company.

It turned out fortunately that these were not needed and have not been used but we are somewhat obligated to the Finning Tractor Company to cover them for the expense to which they were put. It is hoped that some arrangement might be made for your department to rewarehouse this equipment and refund the amounts paid in. In view of the emergency under which our request was made and the fact that it was governmental business, at least of provincial importance if not national, I trust you can take some steps to allow rewarehousing of the equipment and refund of the expenditure. If there is any possibility along this line and any procedure necessary on our part other than this letter to start it, will you please advise.

Yours truly,

CFM:J

Ceo. P. Melrose,
Forester.

P.C. 3/38
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

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TO Chief Forester,

Vancouver,

B.C.

Victoria, B.C.

0131739 Aug. 29th, 1938

Your File:

My File: O.F. Bloedel #230

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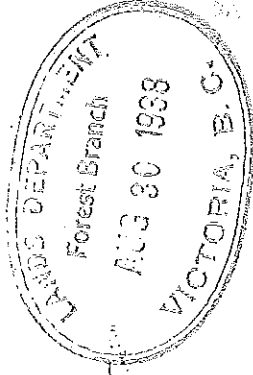
In accordance with instructions received from Mr. G.P. Melrose, attached please find the following account re the evacuation at Bloedel Fire:-

Tyee Freight Service \$ 50.00

This account is to be handed to the Deputy Provincial Secretary at Victoria for payment.

DR
Encl.

F.P. Fox,
Chief Clerk.



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Welfare Branch,
Weller Building,
Victoria, B.C.

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August 30, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Attention: Mr. J.H. Creighton

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find account for
\$50.00 from the Tyee Freight Service for truck hire in
connection with the evacuation of residents during the
Courtenay fire.

Yours truly,



T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

TAS:J
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August 31, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd.,
510 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 24th instant to the District Forester at Vancouver re his letter to you of the 15th has been referred to this office for reply.

The costs of fighting the recent large fire in the vicinity of Campbell River have been so great and there are so many matters as yet unsettled with respect to it that it was felt advisable to insert the last paragraph of our letter to you of August 15th, which neither adds to nor subtracts from the provisions of Section 118 of the "Forest Act".

Yours truly,

Chief Forester.
Chief Forester.

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Re
Copy to D.F., Vancouver.

MEMORANDUM

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FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

TO Chief Forester,

Vancouver, B.C.

Victoria.

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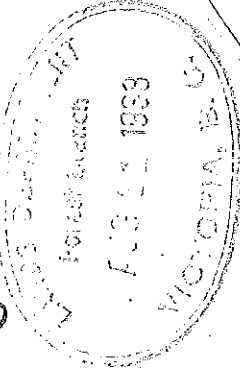
My File: O.F. #230, Bloedel

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Attached please find the following accounts
covering evacuation costs at Bloedel Fire:-

W.T. Mudge	\$ 45.00
" "	38.00
Creech Bros.	9.00

These are to be handed to the Deputy Prov.
Secretary at Victoria for payment.



E.P. Fox,
Chief Clerk.

DR
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Welfare Branch,
Weiler Building,
Victoria, B.C.

September 1, 1938.

File: 0131739.

Attention: Mr. J. Creighton

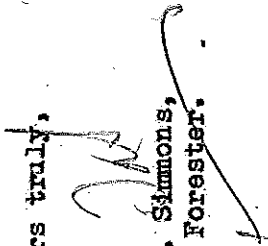
Dear Sir:

Re: Courtenay Fire Area.

Enclosed please find three more accounts for evacuation of certain residents during the Bloedel fire.

W.T. Mudge.....	\$45.00
" "	38.00
Cræsch Bros.....	9.00

Yours truly,


T.A. Simmons,
For Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO The Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

August 1, 1938.

Your File: 0131739

My File: OF #230, Bloedel,

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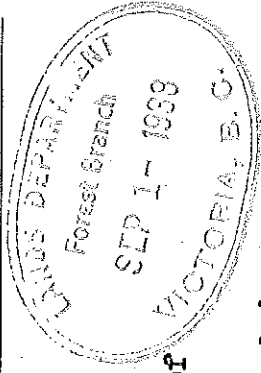
Attention Operation

Please refer to our letter of
August 26th.

We would appreciate further advice
in connection with the last paragraph of this
letter in order that we may reply to Mr. Smith's
request for further clarification of our refer-
ence to liability under Section 118 of the Forest
Act.

C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

CJH:JM



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	FOREST BRANCH.	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.
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COVERING LETTER.

Date Sept 1, 1931

From Oberon Office. File No. 0431739

To Warrington Office. File No. U 5 330 Blocker

Attention Mr. J. J. Stadden

Referring to Yours of Aug 31.

Please see copy of Chas. Stadden to
B.S. & W. dated Aug 31. and your yesterday -
this afternoon answering your question -

(Signature) Jad.

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Sandwick, B.C., August 29, 1938.

The Government of the Province of
British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

To Whom it may concern:

Dear Sirs:

On July 22 we have been ordered by Police to evacuate our house and farm with livestock furniture etc. on account of the bushfire raging only a few hundred yards away on Dove Creek.

As both of us have our hands full with salvaging the animals, members of the Can. Navy and other fire fighters have taken furniture out of the house thereby they have removed a partition inside the house and have torn 2 doors and a window out of place. After we have moved back again we have inquired at police headquarters and our Forester about replacement of the partition and doors.

None of these gentlemen nows who is going to shoulder the responsibility for damage done.

We therefore beg the Government of our Province to take the matter in their hands and send us workmen so soon as possible, as we are in no position to pay for the damage ourselves.

During our evacuation we have been of no expense to the Government, for we have maintained ourselves, and we would regard it only as fair if the responsible branch of the Government would put things in order again.

Yours truly,

Otto and Willi Winning Bros.

Sandwick, B.C.

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September 1, 1938.

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Messrs. Otto and Willi Winning,
Sandwick, B.C.

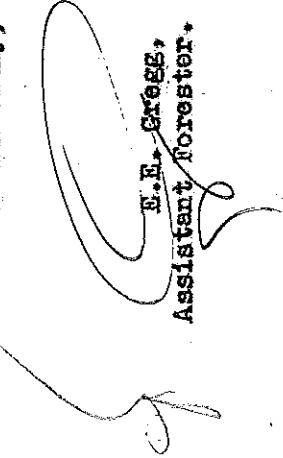
Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of August 29 addressed to the Government of the Province of British Columbia. While we sympathize with you in your loss occasioned by the large forest fire which recently raged in your vicinity, the funds at our disposal are solely for fire fighting rather than for purposes of making good any losses suffered by individuals or companies.

To us it is some satisfaction that through our efforts in battling the flames your home was saved even though it seems to have been damaged to some extent.

While we cannot promise that any assistance can be extended to you, we are passing your letter on to the Superintendent of Welfare for his consideration.

Yours truly,



E.E. Gregg,
Assistant Forester.

EEG:J

Copy of this correspondence forwarded: District Forester,
Vancouver

and.

Superintendent of Welfare
Weiler Building.

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September 1, 1938.

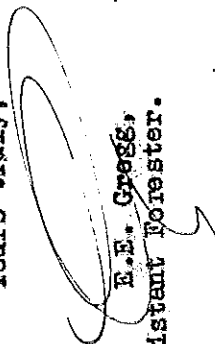
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Superintendent of Welfare,
Weiler Building,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Attached is a letter of August 29 from Messrs. Otto and Willi Winning of Sandwick, together with a copy of our reply. This correspondence rises from the Bloedel fire which was the large fire in the vicinity of Campbell River. Some residents in the immediate vicinity were evacuated.

Yours truly,


E.E. Gregg,
Assistant Forester.

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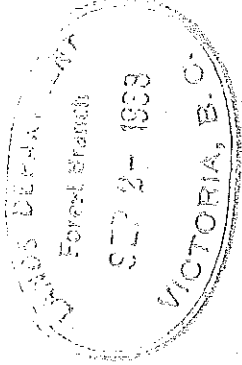


NATIONAL REVENUE, CANADA
(CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISIONS)

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Commissioner of Customs,
Department of National Revenue,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Port of.....
Vancouver, B. C.,
September 1st, 1933.



Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith letter of George P. Melrose, Forester, Department of Lands, Province of British Columbia, dated August 27th, also letter from Fanning Tractor and Equipment Co. Ltd. of August 31st, which communications will be found to be self-explanatory.

You will observe that the equipment was ordered from the Fanning Tractor and Equipment Co. Ltd. at a time when it was thought it would be required to combat forest fires of national importance on Vancouver Island but that the fires were brought under control before the equipment was used.

In the circumstances my permission be granted to re-warehouse the equipment and make refund of the duty paid by the Fanning Tractor and Equipment Co. Ltd. as per copy of Ex-warehouse Entry No. 17054-A also enclosed, provided the goods can be identified to the satisfaction of our Officers?

I may say that re-warehousing privileges have been granted before under exceptional circumstances, in which connection please see Department File No. 188100 of December 13th, 1935.

Yours truly,

A. Carmichael.

Collector.

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Encls.

✓ C. C. to: George P. Melrose, Esq.,
Department of Lands,
Forest Branch,
Victoria, B. C.

This will serve as an interim reply to
your letter to me of the 27th ultimo.

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. J. J. Simmons,
Department of Lands,
BUILDINGS.

FROM Welfare Branch,
Weiler Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C., August 31 1938 8

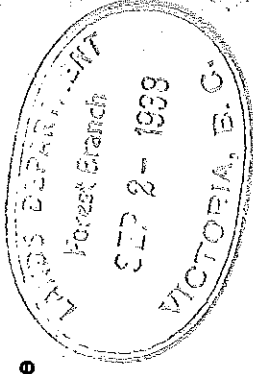
Re: Fire -- Courtenay Area.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 30, 1938,
enclosing a further account for \$50.00 in connection with the recent fire.

This matter is having our attention.

ed:WF

for J. H. Creighton,
Superintendent of Welfare



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C.L. McALPIN
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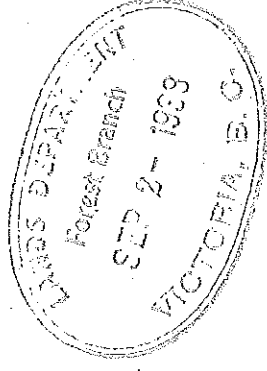
VANCOUVER, B.C.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO FARRIS & CO.

September 1st, 1938.

TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 3701-3702
CABLE ADDRESS "FAREM"
CODE: WESTERN UNION
FIVE LETTER EDITION

Mr. E.C. Manning,
Chief Forester,
Department of Lands,
VICTORIA, B.C.



Your file 0131739

Dear Mr. Manning:

Eloedel Stewart & Welch Limited have handed me your letter of August 31st, along with the previous correspondence. I note that your letter states -

"....The last paragraph of our letter to you of August 15th, which neither adds to nor subtracts from the provisions of Section 118 of the 'Forest Act'."

My difficulty is that while the paragraph under discussion does not add to or subtract from the provisions of the "Forest Act" it does very materially subtract from the consent given in your letter. I am still at a loss to know whether your Department has given consent or not. If the clause is without prejudice to your right to claim for expenses or penalties for the operations as to which consent is given then, in fact, there is no consent at all. If, however, the clause only refers to past claims, then the consent is satisfactory.

up for us.

I trust that you will be able to clear this matter

Yours sincerely, W.B. Farris

JWdeBF/EA.

*You may have interpreted that proviso as to referring only
in respect to claims arising or penalties
arising prior to date of consent*

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September 6, 1938.

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Farris & Company,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Suite 1508 Standard Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

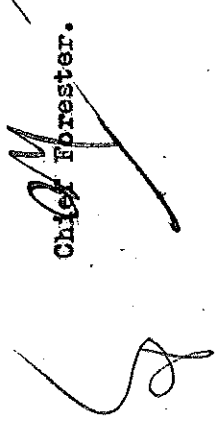
Attention: Hon. J.W. de B. Farris

Dear Mr. Farris:

Your letter of the 1st instant regarding our permission to Bloedel Stewart and Welch, Limited, to commence logging, is received.

The last paragraph of the District Forester's letter of August 15 to that Company should be interpreted as referring only to claims arising or penalties accruing prior to the date of that letter, August 15.

Yours truly,


Chief Forester.

:J

Copy of this letter forwarded District Forester,
Vancouver, B.C.

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September 6, 1938.

File: 0131759.

Captain R.W. McMurray,
Manager B.C. Coast Service,
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Captain McMurray:

I wish to express to you on behalf of the Forest Service our appreciation of your co-operation during the course of the large forest fire near Campbell River and Courtenay. The delay in the sailing of your vessels at Seattle in order to pick up fire-fighting equipment for us enabled us to get it many hours earlier than ordinarily at a time when it was badly needed.

I trust that you will extend our thanks to any of your staff who assisted in this matter.

Yours truly,

:J

GPM:J

Chief Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO Mr. E. E. Gregg,
Asst. Forester,
BUILDINGS.

FROM

Welfare Branch,
Weiler Bldg.,
Victoria, B. C., September 2, 1938

Re: Fire -- Courtenay area.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 1, 1938, enclosing certain correspondence relative to the recent fire in the vicinity of Campbell River.

The matter in question will have our early attention.

ed:FF

J. H. Greighton
for J. H. Greighton,
Superintendent of Welfare



C O P Y

District Forester,

Vancouver, B. C.

Courtenay, B. C.,

Aug. 29/38.

O. Fires, Bloedel,

Refer to yours of Aug. 25th concerning P. Le Mare

I find that this man was doing patrol work on the fire line and first aid in camp during the evening. I have therefor instructed the timekeeper to pay him for 14 hours a day at 25 cents per hour.

The reason he was only allowed 12 hours a day was due to an order from somewhere that no more than 12 hours a day was to be allowed anyone.

Yours truly,

"J. B. Conway",
Supervisor.

MEMORANDUM

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TO The Chief Forester,

Parliament Buildings,

Victoria, B. C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

September 2, 1938.

Your File: 01311739

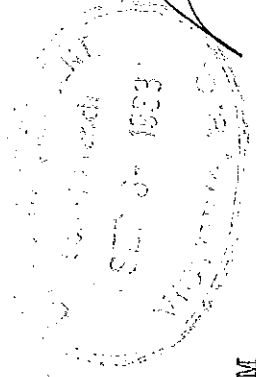
My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Refer to yours of

Attention Operation

Please refer to your memorandum of August 19th enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. P. Lemare with reference to wages due him on the Bloedel Fire.

You will please find attached copy of a report submitted by Supervisor Conway dealing with this case. From this report we presume that the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

CJH:JM
Encl.C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

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CANADA

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, August 30, 1938

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MINISTER OF LANDS
OFFICE

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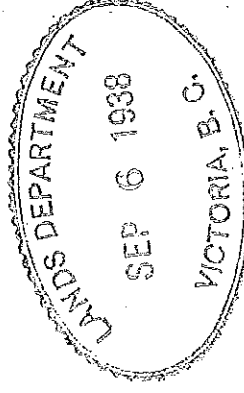
My dear Wells.

I am very pleased indeed to receive your letter of the 19th of this month, expressing appreciation of the services rendered by officers and ratings of H.M.C. ships, in connection with the Courtenay District forest fires. It is indeed gratifying to hear that the Naval Service acquitted itself so creditably. Your kind expression of appreciation has been brought to the attention of the officers and ratings concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable A. Wells Gray,
Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.

W. Wells



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P. LeMare, Esq.,
Courtenay, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to our letter of August 19. We are now in receipt of a report from the District Forester at Vancouver that indicates that this matter has been satisfactorily settled with you by Supervisor Conway.

Yours truly,



T. A. Simmons,
for Forester..

TAS/WO

September 8, 1938

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MEMORANDUM

TO Chief Forester,
Storia, B.C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
Vancouver, B.C.

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Sept. 8th 1938

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Your File: _____

My File: O.F. Bloedel #230

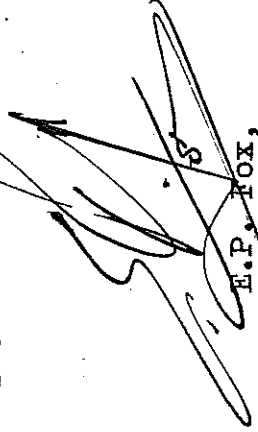
Refer to yours of _____

Attached please find the following accounts
 in connection with evacuation charges at Bloedel
 Fire.

Joe Hornby	45.00
Creach Bros.	35.00
Dan Bell	32.38

These are to be handed to the Deputy Prov-
 incial Secretary for payment.

DR
 Encl.


 E.P. Fox,
 Chief Clerk.

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September 10, 1938

File No. 0131739

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

I am enclosing herewith three accounts for truck hire covering the work done near Courtenay in evacuating settlers in the vicinity of the Forest fire in July and August. I understand that you will make payment of these accounts.

You will note that these accounts have been Q.K'd by the Forest Ranger as correct.

GPM/NO

all

[Signature]
Geo. F. Melrose
Forester

TO I.C. McQueen,

Forest Branch

Victoria B.C.

Refer to yours of

★ 20M-432-3014

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Campbell River B.C.

Sept. '18/38 193

Your File:

My File:

Would you send me prints of the pictures you got of the Blooded Fire and I will remit whatever they cost. I did not get an opportunity to take any myself.

I just got instructions a few minutes ago to go in and burn the Wilson slash. Who wouldn't be a Forest Officer.

Trout Lake fire was small, only covered 18 square miles. Salmon Bay or Toba Inlet fire only succeeded in getting over five miles of the wildest rock mountain imaginable when the rain caught it. Otherwise the end of the season was quiet.

Best wishes,

Conway

*Conway
Sept 18/38
District Forester*

JL

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	FOREST BRANCH.	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.
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COVERING LETTER.

From *C. B. Borden* Date *Sept. 12.* 19 *38*
To *J. J. J. R.* Office. File No. *0751739*
Office. File No.

Attention

Referring to

*Herewith please find transportation warrant
Vanessa to Woodhouse for 11.55
J. Woodley - District R - D. M. M.*

(Signature)

J. J. J. R.

M The Chief Forester, B. C. Forest Service,



Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

Vancouver Island Coach Lines, Limited

IN ACCOUNT WITH

To Transportation Vouchers as follow -

K. McCall
 3380A, V.H. Woods, Courtenay to Nanaimo
 4773, E. Bergman, Campbell River to Nan.
 4782, J. Woodie, Oyster River to Duncan
 4772, H. Baugaard)
 J. J. Kelley) Campbell River to
 R. Scott) Nanaimo
 J. Taylor)
 4771, H. Richter and H. Somers,
 Campbell River to Courtenay
 4775, J. McGovern, J. Murray and
 H. J. Smith, Campbell River to
 Courtenay
 4774, R. Carlson, P. LePatsky, Campbell
 River to Nanaimo
 4777, R. Mocher, J. Bourke, Campbell River
 to Nanaimo
 4778, R. McMillan, Courtenay to Nanaimo

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Vancouver, B. C.

September 12, 1938

O. Fire No. 230

Enclosed please find account for \$44.75
from the Vancouver Island Coach Lines for
transportation of men in connection with the
Bloedel fire.

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TAS/NO

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T. A. Simmons,
For Forester.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.	FOREST BRANCH.	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.
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COVERING LETTER.

From Officer in Charge Date Sept. 12, 1938
To W. J. J. Q. Office. File No. 0151739
Office. File No.

Attention

Referring to Memorandum from prob. transporters warrant
Vanegas to Cordoba dated Oct 11 35
Woodley - Dyerley R-Duncan

(Signature)

[Signature]

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MEMO FOR MR. T. SIMMONS.

OPERATION OFFICE.

Attached hereto please find transportation voucher No. 4782 for J. Moodig. This man was not on our Y.F.T.P. payroll at the time mentioned, August 4th., but was apparently on the fire-fighters payroll at Campbell River.

E. G. Oldham

E. G. OLDHAM,
Ass't. Sup't.
Y. F. T. P.

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Vancouver, B. C.

September 13, 1938

O. Fire #230, Bloedel

With reference to our memorandum of Sept. 12, and Vancouver Island Coach Lines account, and item of \$4.35 deleted. The Y.T.T.P. now advise that it is not theirs, and they can only assume that it must be an account of the Bloedel fire. Transportation warrant No. 4782 is herewith attached.

TAS/NO
[Signature]

[Signature]
T. A. Simmons,
For Forester..

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OFFICE OF
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
VICTORIA

September 12th, 1938.

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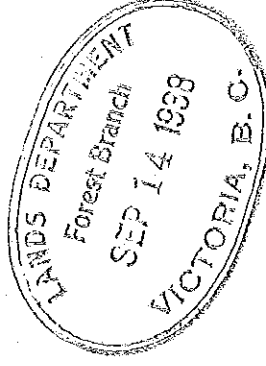
MEMORANDUM for Mr. G.P. Melrose, Forester.

re Evacuation of Settlers,
Courtenay area.

In reference to your memorandum of the 10th instant, I have forwarded the accounts in question to the Superintendent of Welfare, with a request that he give the matter his attention.

W. Hinley
Chief Clerk

FH:MR



[Signature]

MEMORANDUM

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TO Chief Forester,

Victoria.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver,

B.C.

Sept. 15th 1938

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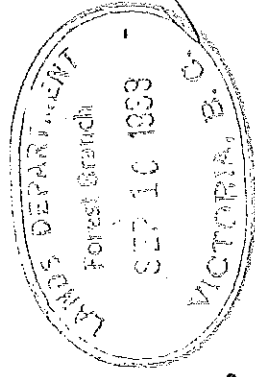
My File: O.F. Bloedel #230

Refer to yours of

In accordance with instructions received from Mr. Melrose, enclosed please find the following account in connection with the evacuation at Bloedel Fire:-

Mr. C.G. Fitzgerald . . . \$ 162.50

This is to be handed to the Deputy Prov. Secretary for payment.



DR
Encl.

E.P. Fox
Chief Clerk.

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September 17, 1938

File: 0131739

Sup't of Welfare,
Weiler Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find account from Mr.

C. J. Fitzgerald for \$162.50 covering the evacuation
of residents during the Courtenay fire.

Yours truly,

TAS/NO
Encl.

T. A. Simmons,
For Forester..

