

CANADA'S TREATMENT OF JAPANESE 'FAIR'

(By Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—A royal commission appointed to study provisions made for the welfare and maintenance of Japanese in interior B.C. settlements reached the "unanimous opinion" that the provisions made by the Canadian Government "are, as a wartime measure, reasonably fair and adequate," said the commission's report tabled in Commons.

The report, tabled by Labor Minister Mitchell, said the commission formed its opinion after "an extensive and thorough investigation of the welfare and maintenance" of the 23,000 Japanese moved out of the defense area in B. C. to temporary settlements elsewhere in the province.

NO BASIS FOR COMPLAINTS.

During the investigation, the commission said, it found:

1. No evidence to substantiate complaints that new housing erected in the settlements by the B. C. Security Commission was of unsafe construction.

2. The productive work and special industries provided by the Security Commission for Japanese residents in the settlements have been developed to a commendable degree of efficiency.

3. The Security Commission is providing education for Japanese children in the settlements by making available instruction up to Grade VIII through teachers obtained from the higher educated Japanese personnel of the camps, high school correspondence courses are supplied by the B. C. department of education.

GOOD MEDICAL CARE.

4. An excellent program of medical care has been arranged, including hospitalization, medical and dental services.

5. The food provided in the settlements is sufficient to maintain health, proper growth and development.

6. A minimum of inconvenience and hardship exists under the present set up of recreational facilities.

7. No complaints were received in respect to the Security Commission's policy of retaining liquid assets of Japanese to the extent of \$200 for each adult and \$50 for each child as a rehabilitation fund.

The commissioners said they found that "not a great deal more can be done" to provide productive work and special industries for residents of the settlements.

"From all information available your commission is assured that there is ample opportunity for employment outside the settlements for all employable Japanese," the report said.

Americans Shell Jap Survivors

WASHINGTON, March 20 — (AP) U.S. battleship heavily shelled Mili Island, base to which Japanese cling at the southeast corner of the Marshall group, on Saturday in a bombardment synchronized with an attack by carrier based aircraft.

The communique gave no further details of the bombardment, but an attack of this weight often is a step in softening up operations preceding a landing.

Also reported were continued air operations against other Japanese holdings in that part of the Pacific.

Says Internee Liberal Worker

By TORCHY ANDERSON
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OTTAWA, March 20.—That Alois N. Schneider of St. Walburg, Sask. recently released from war internment was "for many years organizer for the Liberal party in Saskatchewan," was alleged by Mrs. Dorise Neilson (Lab. Prog., N. Battleford) today.

She was objecting to the government's refusal to produce correspondence concerning internment and release of Schneider.

When she was joined in protest by C.C.F., Social Credit and some Progressive Conservative members, the motion went to a formal division and was defeated.

Nova Scotia Judge Heads Labor Board

OTTAWA, March 20.—(CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell today announced in the Commons that Mr. Justice Maynard Archibald of Truro, N.S., has been appointed National War Labor Board chairman, succeeding Mr. Justice C. P. McTague.