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Dear Doctor Roche,

The Order-in-Council prohibiting the immigration of labourers into British Columbia will remain in force only until the 31st March next. It will then be necessary either to extend the period of its application or to put into effect some other efficient method of preventing that Province from being overrun by Asiatic labour. If you have not already done so it is of the highest importance that you should take up the subject with your officers, bring it to Council and determine in advance what policy we shall announce and put in practice after the date above mentioned.

In the meantime it is most essential that the deficiencies pointed out by Chief Justice Hunter in his consider of previous Orders-in-Council should be remedied without delay. Some five or six weeks have elapsed since his judgment was given and Orders-in-Council which he declared unconstitutional and ultra vires are still permitted to stand without amendment.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. W. J. Roche,
Minister of Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.