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W. D. SCOTT, ESQ.,

Superintendent of Immigration,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith copy of dismissal of the active militia.

I note the Eastern newspapers are inclined to criticise the night attack on the s.s. Komogata Maru. I may say, in this connection, this matter was entirely in the hands of the City Police, the request of Captain Yamamoto for assistance having been directed to the Chief of Police.

I endeavored to have the attempt to board the vessel, made at 9 o'clock in the evening, while it was still daylight. The Chief at that time had only ten men at his disposal, as it was Saturday night and all extra reserves were on duty. At midnight he offered to give me forty men, which I further refused, and stated the boarding should take place at daylight, say 1.30 a.m., with as large a force as possible.

At 12.15, he telephoned down that he was on the road to the office with one hundred and twenty-five men, in addition to the detectives etc.

On his arrival, I stopped the loading of the provisions on the SEA LION, as he stated he must carry out the matter at once, as his men had been on duty all day and in addition he had some of his night reserves and it was necessary to return the men to their duties immediately.

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On two occasions whilst en route to the vessel, I protested, but unfortunately the Civic authorities did not look upon the matter in as serious a light as I myself did.

The thirty-five special immigration officers, armed with Ross Rifles, were to go on board the vessel after the Police had restored order, as when the ship had moved one hundred yards in the stream, she was no longer under civic jurisdiction or Police patrol, but a matter for the immigration authorities.

It may interest you to know that two members of the Japanese crew jumped overboard from the s.s. KOMOGATA in Plumpers' Pass, but were picked up in a half drowned condition by a boat from the Cruiser RAINBOW.

You will remember that while en route from Victoria on her arrival off this Coast one Japanese jumped overboard and was drowned, almost at the same point.

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm R. J. Reid

DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT & INSPECTOR.