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Canada.

Ottawa.

28th February, 1917.

MEMORANDUM:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that, under the provisions of The War Measures Act, 1914, the following regulations be enacted and made;-

1. During the present war and thereafter until otherwise ordered no application for or any assignment of any right, power or other benefit in connection with any water powers, forestry, Dominion lands, Ordnance and Admiralty lands, Dominion lands in the Railway Belt of British Columbia, School lands, Mining lands, timber and grazing, Dominion Parks, Irrigation or the natural resources of the North West Territories shall be granted or allowed to any person who was not at the commencement of the present war, and who has not since continued to be a British subject, or a subject of a country which is an ally of His Majesty in the present war, or a subject of a neutral country, and who establishes the same to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior.

2. If any right, power or benefit hereinbefore referred to is acquired by a subject of an enemy country whether through error, misrepresentation or fraud, the said Minister may cancel the right, power or benefit so granted or assigned, and thereupon the same shall ipso facto be cancelled, and any money or fees paid to

or deposited with His Majesty in connection therewith shall be ipso facto forfeited to His Majesty.

3. No company shall acquire or hold any of the rights, powers or benefits hereinbefore referred to unless such company be and remain a British company registered in Great Britain or Canada, having its principal place of business within the Dominions of His Majesty, with at all times the Chairman of the company and a majority of the directors British subjects, and never at any time controlled either directly or indirectly by a foreigner or foreigners or by a foreign corporation or corporations.

4. Any alteration in the memorandum of articles of association or in the constitution or in the laws of any company holding any rights, powers or benefits hereinbefore referred to shall be reported by the proper officer of the company to the said Minister, and two months' previous notice in writing shall be given to the said Minister of the intention to make any alteration which might conceivably either directly or indirectly, affect the British character or control of any such company, and if in the opinion of the Minister the said alteration shall be contrary to the cardinal principle that the said company shall be and remain a British company under British control, the said Minister may refuse his consent to such alteration, and, if his refusal is not obeyed, may declare such company to have ceased to be a British company and may cancel the said rights,

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powers and benefits under the provisions of the next following regulation.

5. If any company which has acquired any right, power or benefit hereinbefore referred to shall at any time cease to be a British company or shall become subject to foreign control, or shall assign any of the rights, powers or benefits aforesaid without the consent in writing of the said Minister being first had and obtained, or if the said right, power or benefit has been acquired through error, misrepresentation or fraud, the said Minister may cancel the right, power or benefit and thereupon the same shall ipso facto be cancelled, and any money or fees paid to or deposited with His Majesty shall be ipso facto forfeited to His Majesty.

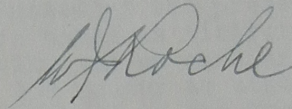
6. Provided always that where any entry was granted for Dominion lands or where any grant of any right, power or benefit hereinbefore referred to was made before the passing of the Order in Council of the fourteenth day of December, 1916, (P.C. No. 2614) to a person who, after the passing of the said Order in Council, would have been debarred from making entries or acquiring such right, power or benefit, a patent may be issued in the case of Dominion lands, and a lease, license, or certificate, as the case may be, may be granted for such right, power or benefit in ordinary course upon proof being submitted in each case that the conditions prerequisite for the granting of such patent, lease, license or certificate, as the case may be, have been fulfilled

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fulfilled and performed, and, in the case of
Dominion lands, upon evidence being also fur-
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the holder of the entry is a British subject.

Respectfully submitted,



Minister of the Interior.

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