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OFFICE OF President

FILE NO. 2728-8

SUBJECT:

(Part 2)

Lettuce and other vegetable
warehouses, Kent and Auburn, Wash.

Kent, Wash., - purchase of additional
property for lettuce and other
vegetable warehouse sites.

(July 1, 1938 to -

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FILE NO. 2728-8

CROSS REFERENCE

See File No....999-136.....^{future}for/correspondence in regard to
industrial development matters at Kent, Wash.

May, 1954

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FILE NO. 2728-8

CROSS REFERENCE

See File No.....999-136.....for correspondence in regard to property at Kent, Wash., acquired from the estate of Charlotte Ramsay for industrial development at that point, - papers being transferred from File 2728-8 to File 999-136.

June 17, 1954

Armstrong Cork Company

Lancaster, Pa.

March 10, 1950

Mr. J. H. Poore, Vice-President
Northern Pacific Railway
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Poore:

Subject: Purchases

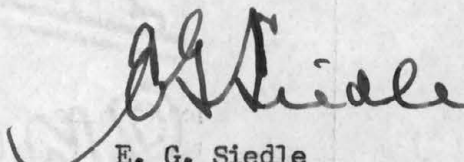
Thank you for your telegram of the 3d in answer to mine of the same date addressed to Mr. Denney.

I am sorry to say that we were not favored with the business. It went to a competing manufacturer of corkboard at a price which, if we had accepted, would have returned us less than \$800 profit on a \$40,000 job. It is too bad that the work was not being done for your company. I am confident that our chances would have been better than those of the successful bidder, who has little to offer in the way of tonnage.

Once again thanks for your interest. Better luck next time. My regards to Mr. Denney.

Very truly yours,

EGS:EKG


E. G. Siedle
General Traffic Manager

NORTHERN
PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
MAR 13 1950
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

URGENT 3:50 PM 3/13/50

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

RE: [Illegible]

URGENT 3:50 PM 3/13/50

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

RE: [Illegible]

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JOSEPH L. EGAN, PRESIDENT

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
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CODE	NIGHT LETTER

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			Nor Pac Ry Co - Exec Dept	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1950

E G Siedle
General Traffic Manager
Armstrong Cork Company
Lancaster, Pa.

Your wire date received in Mr. Denney's absence but I have suggested to our west end people that they do what they feel they consistently can to help your Seattle distributor. However work at Kent is being undertaken by Stokely Foods Company and they will bear the cost.

J. H. Poore

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unpeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unpeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unpeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Except as otherwise indicated in connection with the listing of individual places in the filed tariffs of the Company, the amount paid for the transmission of a domestic telegram or an incoming cable or radio message covers its delivery within the following limits: in cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where the Company has an office which, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, is not operated through the agency of a railroad company, within two miles of any open main or branch office of the Company; in cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, the telegraph service is performed through the agency of a railroad company, within one mile of the telegraph office; in cities or towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants in which an office of the Company is located, within one-half mile of the telegraph office. Beyond the limits above specified the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will endeavor to arrange for delivery as the agent of the sender, with the understanding that the sender authorizes the collection of any additional charge from the addressee and agrees to pay such additional charge if it is not collected from the addressee. There will be no additional charge for deliveries made by telephone within the corporate limits of any city or town in which an office of the Company is located.

5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in the case of any message except an intrastate message in Texas where the claim is not presented in writing to the Company within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission, and in the case of an intrastate message in Texas the Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties where the claim is not presented in writing to the Company within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued; provided, however, that neither of these conditions shall apply to claims for damages or overcharges within the purview of Section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the Company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC SERVICES

FULL RATE TELEGRAMS

A full rate expedited service.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred service at lower than the full rate

SERIALS

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2 A.M. for delivery not earlier than the following morning at rates substantially lower than the full rate telegram or day letter rates.

CABLE SERVICES

FULL RATE CABLES

The standard fast service at full rates. May be written in any language that can be expressed in Roman letters or in cipher.

CODE (CDE)

A fast message service consisting of words formed without condition or restriction, counted at 5 characters per word. Minimum charge of 5 words applies.

DEFERREDS (LC)

Plain language messages, subject to being deferred in favor of full rate and CDE messages.

NIGHT LETTERS (NLT)

Overnight plain-language messages. Minimum charge of 25 words applies.

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PRESIDENT U.P. RY. ST. PAUL
TELEGRAPH OFFICE
2728

1950 MAR 3 PM 2 21

OUR SEATTLE DISTRIBUTOR ASBESTOS SUPPLY CO BIDDING ON
SEVERAL CARLOADS CORKBOARD INSULATION FOR STOKLEY FOODS
BUILDING KENT WASHINGTON CONTRACT WILL BE LET TODAY DEEPLY
GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE MY PEOPLE
ARMSTRONG CORKCO GEO SIEDLE
21 6P..

NORTHERN
PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

MAR - 3 1950

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

San Francisco, California

January 18, 1950

Mr. J. T. Moore, IA
Seattle 4, Washington

Please refer to your letter December 30, 1949 to Mr. Macfarlane and Mr. Macfarlane's reply of January 4th with reference to proposed cold storage facilities for Stokely Foods, Inc. at Kent.

Discussed this matter with Mr. Huddleson, Vice President and Mr. Williams, Traffic Manager at Oakland. Mr. Huddleson is agreeable to proposal as outlined in your letter of December 30th, that is, that cold storage facilities be constructed by them in the White River Shed at Kent which they now have under lease, we to reimburse them for the expense of this construction work, they to amortize the expenditure in monthly installments during the remainder of the lease term which expires on May 14, 1956. Mr. Huddleson was of the opinion that estimate as presented by Mr. Movind was considerably in excess of what the actual cost of this cold storage installation would be, he being quite convinced that final cost would be considerably less. But, in any event, the suggested arrangement would be carried out on the basis of actual costs which develop.

After the expenditure is amortized, at the expiration of present lease on May 14, 1956, Mr. Huddleson is agreeable to increasing basic rental \$100.00 a month for a five year period from May 15, 1956 to May 14, 1961, with the next five year's rental to be discussed and decided at that time.

Trafficwise, with these additional cold storage facilities, we will benefit substantially. With their present restricted cold storage space Stokely Foods have been confronted with the necessity of moving their Kent production to various cold storage warehouses some of which have not been accessible to our line and this has restricted traffic benefits available to us from this plant. With this additional storage space, which will handle approximately 1750 tons, they will be in a position not only to handle the storage of their Kent production but will also move from the Mt. Vernon territory substantial volume to Kent for storage and it is probable that those commodities formerly stored at Bellingham will also be handled through this facility. We may conservatively estimate that our increased traffic of frozen fruits and vegetables will approximate 100 cars yearly of which about forty cars should move to long haul destinations, the balance short haul.

In addition to the frozen food traffic, I discussed with Mr. Huddleson our participation in the canned goods traffic from their Bellingham plant

Page 2, Ltrr J. T. Moore
January 18, 1950

which is under the control of their Traffic Manager at Indianapolis. During the year 1949 we handled 84 cars from the Bellingham plant, 48 moving via the Great Northern. Mr. Huddleson will discuss with the executives of the Canned Goods Division at Indianapolis, endeavoring to increase our percentage of this traffic.

I am in agreement that this proposed deal is attractive and will work out advantageously from both a real estate and traffic standpoint and recommend that we consummate.

Otto Lepp
Western Freight Traffic Manager

OK:js

cc: Mr. F. J. Berry
Mr. R. S. Macfarlane
Mr. J. H. Poore

J. L. NORTON
A. G. F. & P. A.
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
118 So. 9th St.
TACOMA 2, WASH.

PRESIDENT'S
File 2728-8

Tacoma, Washington
October 9, 1945

File A

Mr. J. L. Burnham, WTM
Seattle, Washington

Referring to Mr. Williams' letter to you Oct. 5, regarding LaMantia Bros., Arrigo Co., and the call he received from Ray Kiyohara, Japanese grower, who is also vice president and director of the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Association at Sumner.

Mr. Mootz at St. Paul called me on the phone this morning stating this Chicago firm was interested in buying a packing shed, but of course we have never sold any of these sheds, preferring to lease so we would have better control. Mr. Mootz spoke particularly of the Williams shed at Sumner but no doubt he referred to the Sears & Williams shed at Kent.

You will note Mr. Williams states the Japanese who represents Mr. Fontana seemed to prefer the Kuramoto shed at Auburn. In any event I wired Mr. Mootz as follows:

"Application to lease packing shed should be made to us as owners. See Industrial Agent Williams' letter October 5th to Burnham copy to Poore explaining his contact with La Mantia Bros. Northwest representative about this."

JLN-h

J. L. Norton

cc Mr. R. S. Macfarlane
Mr. J. H. Poore
Mr. Otto Kopp
Mr. V. E. Williams

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TELEGRAM—BE BRIEF

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J L Burnham
Seattle Wash.

St Paul Minn Oct. 10, 1945

B-1 Vice President Adams Lamantia Bros Arrego Chicago
plans immediate trip west to complete arrangements for purchase

or lease produce sheds Sumner Wash Adams would like to know
soon as possible and prior to his departure names and location

sheds available lease rental and floor area in square feet
Understand Fontana has discussed with Williams two sheds

Sumner Williams letter October fifth does not contain this
information Advise D-11 Mail copy RWC JHP ✓

W H Millard

2 50 pm

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PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S

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2728-8

Seattle, October 5, 1945.

Mr. J. L. Burnham,
Western Traffic Manager,
Seattle, Washington.

I had a call today from Ray Kiyohara, a Japanese, who was a vegetable grower and vice president and director of the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Association in connection with its prewar operation at Sumner.

Kiyohara now resides at Ontario, Oregon, and has been employed by LaMantia Bros., Arrigo Co., in connection with the vegetable shipping business. This company are wholesale dealers and jobbers of fruit and vegetables at 28-30-32 South Water Market, Chicago, and are represented in this northwest territory by Louis J. Fontana. This company was the Chicago market outlet for the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers' shipping operation from Sumner.

The purpose of Kiyohara's call was in connection with Fontana's plan to promote the growing and shipping of vegetables to the Chicago market from the White River Valley, and Kiyohara is trying to work with him in restoring land they formerly operated to some of the responsible Japanese farmers who belonged to the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Association. The Association, due to the requirement of its members since the evacuation, have distributed their cash assets but still own their equipment, which is located in the Sumner shed and which equipment they expect to sell or continue to lease to the Washington Packers, who have been operating the shed since Japanese evacuation.

These farmers generally, in order to resume farming here, will require financial support at least for the first year and Fontana's Company is proposing to give such support and see that enough vegetables are grown to protect a substantial shipping business and he hopes to reach approximately 200 cars in 1946. It is not the intention to confine these growers to Japanese farmers but according to Kiyohara there are about 25 experienced Japanese farmers who would like to return to the valley and his preference would be to secure the Kuramoto shed within the wye track at Auburn. It is expected that Mr. Fontana will be here within the next 30 days to try and work the proposition out, at which time he will talk with us about a lease on the Auburn or one of the packing sheds at Kent.

This Fontana deal gives an indication of what might be expected on the much discussed question of the return of the Japanese. I understand from Kiyohara that they consider it impractical to resume their Association shipping activities on account of financing and the reception they might receive in the market but they do not expect that there will be resistance to resumption of farming activities, particularly on land already owned by Japanese, but it is

Mr. J. L. Burnham -2.

Fontana's plan that he can secure leases on additional land needed, or make purchases in some cases so that they will have enough area to make a start in 1946. Fontana has found that the vegetables grown here are needed in the Chicago market on account of quality and seasonal fit. It is not Fontana's idea to help the Japanese but simply to promote his own shipping and marketing business and in the growing of vegetables he does not think any others here will take the place of the Japanese as growers although it is not the intention to in any sense make this an exclusive Japanese growers deal.

I assume if Fontana can work up the business that we are not concerned on the racial question with reference to growers and that we should lease him one of the sheds since that is the purpose for which they were constructed and is probably about the only purpose for which the sheds can be used that would produce any substantial volume of originating carload business and, as you know, there are sheds available on the Union Pacific-Milwaukee Line.

Industrial Agent.

VEW-L

cc Mr. R. S. Macfarlane.

Mr. J. H. Poore ✓

Mr. J. L. Norton.

NORTHERN
PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OCT - 9 1945

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Seattle, Washington

December 21, 1944

Mr. D. R. Frost:

RE: \$1,153.82 due from H. S. Kuramoto -
(2549).

On April 10 you referred to Mr. Macfarlane the above item for attention.

After investigation, we found that there was little likelihood of collecting all of the above back rental from Kuramoto, due to fact that he was interned in Government Relocation Center and was lacking funds.

However, we did effect an agreement with Kuramoto's attorney, Thos. A. Williams of Seattle, whereby Kuramoto turned over to the Railway Company a large safe which was located in the packing shed at Auburn. Also, there were some box shucks which belonged to Kuramoto which we were able to sell for \$25.00. The safe was sold by Mr. Williams to Trick & Murray of Seattle for \$100.00.

I enclose herewith Trick & Murray's check No. 239, made payable to the Railway Company, in the sum of \$100.00, in payment for the safe, and check of Thos. A. Williams, payable to the Railway Company, in the sum of \$25.00, in payment for box shucks. These two checks should be applied on account of the above item.

Inasmuch as Kuramoto has no other funds that we are aware of, it is our recommendation that the balance of the account be charged off.

I am returning to you herewith Mr. Lees' file.

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encs.

cc Mr. J. H. Poore
Mr. V. E. Williams

EARL F. BEQUA
Assistant Western Counsel

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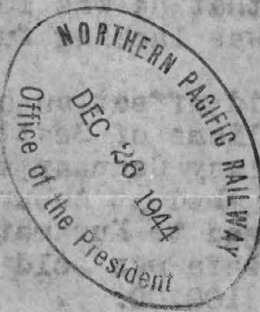
Washington, D.C.
December 21, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After our discussion, we found that the
information of the Bureau of Investigation
concerning the activities of the
National Student Reliance Fund was
inadequate.

Therefore, we have requested that the
Bureau of Investigation conduct a
thorough investigation of the
National Student Reliance Fund
and its activities.



Enclosed for the Bureau of Investigation
is a copy of the report of the
National Student Reliance Fund
for the year 1943. This report
shows the financial statement of the
fund and its activities.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Saint Paul, Minn., November 6, 1943.

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Mr. H. E. Stevens,
Vice President.

I have your letter of November 5, transmitting contract with the Pacific Refrigerating Company of Tacoma covering replacement of wood floor in the cold storage room of the warehouse under lease to the White River Packing Company at Kent, Washington.

The Chief Engineer is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Secretary as his authority to accept the contract for filing.

(Signed) C. E. DENNEY

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Encl.
cc-Mr. A. M. Gottschald

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St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 5, 1943.

Mr. C. E. Denney:

Enclosed find contract awarded the Pacific Refrigerating Company of Tacoma covering replacement of wood floor in the cold storage room of the warehouse under lease to the White River Packing Company at Kent, Washington.

I am leaving attached a copy of Mr. Blum's letter of November 3 advising that it was necessary to contract the work due to insufficient Division forces and that it was, therefore, arranged to contract the work on an actual cost basis which will involve an expenditure of approximately \$1,000.00.

I approve of the arrangement. If you concur, will you please authorize the Chief Engineer to execute the agreement?

H. E. Owens.

Encl.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT'S

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St. Paul, Minn.

Nov. 3rd, 1943.

Mr. H. E. Stevens:

Herewith for execution or authority for me to execute is contract dated September 22, 1943, with the Pacific Refrigerating Company, Tacoma, for replacement of floor in cold room of warehouse at Kent, Washington.

Under lease No. 60811 the warehouse at Kent, formerly used by the White River Packing Company, is leased to the Santa Cruz Packing Company and we were requested to repair floor in the cold room. Mr. Meacham did not have the force available to do this work and Mr. Bartles requested us to contract it.

The Pacific Refrigerating Co. worked in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Packing Co., and the Pacific Refrigerating Co. agreed to carry out these repairs on an actual cost basis, which will be around \$1,000.

I recommend execution of the contract.

enc.

Signed Bernard Wilson

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PRESIDENT'S

File 2728-8

Via Airmail

Seattle, December 15, 1941.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing copy of Mr. Behler's letter to you of December 11th about collections of rental from Harry Kuramoto and other Japanese.

I enclose a list of our Japanese tenants in this district which I think is complete. We made up this list last week and talked with Judge Macfarlane about the situation and decided that under the circumstances there is no action we can take and will have to wait until it crystalizes and until instructions are issued by the government.

Early last week all assets, with particular reference to bank accounts of Japanese nationals were frozen and transactions with alien Japanese are not permitted so that the only thing we could do would be to cancel leases and regain possession of the property, which action, of course, would not be considered at this time.

A number of the Japanese on the attached list have been taken into custody among which are E. K. Saito of the White River Packing Company; Sakahara, Secretary, T. R. Morimizu, President and U. Yoshioko, Director of the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers at Sumner; Tom Matsuoka, Manager of the Bellevue Vegetable Growers and the father of Tom Iseri, who is a partner of Harry Kuramoto at Auburn. Kuramoto has not been taken into custody but is not circulating among the public and is keeping quiet at home. There may be others whom I have not yet heard about.

It appears that most of those taken into custody are ones who had made frequent trips to Japan. It may be a matter of suspicion but within the past year on two occasions I have had F.B.I. Agents call on me and discuss all these Japanese I knew in order to get any information I had about them, and Mr. Grubbs has also been consulted by F.B.I. Agents, these Agents explaining that in contemplation of possible trouble they wanted to catalogue each one of the alien Japanese in this territory.

Mr. J. H. Poore - 2.

In regard to the future, it is expected that the alien Japanese will have a hearing and if they can convince the authorities that they are trustworthy they will be liberated, otherwise they will be turned over to the Army for internment during duration of the war. The F. B. I. may, of course, have evidence of subversive action on the part of some.

You will remember the Sumner Rhubarb Growers Assn. and the Puget Sound Bulb Exchange at Sumner have a joint lease. The Bulb Exchange has no Japanese members. About one-half the membership of the Rhubarb Growers is Japanese, many of whom are aliens. The active Manager is Mr. Mattson (white) but you will note from the attached statement that there are two Japanese officers. Mr. Mattson does not know how business can be handled but the shipping season is about to begin and it is expected that some licensing plan will be worked out by the government. The freezing process was quite severe because in all these Seattle business firms where there was any substantial alien Japanese ownership the assets were frozen.

We are keeping in touch with the Federal Reserve Bank and as soon as we can learn of any instructions so that we may know definitely what we can do to protect the Company's interests, I will advise you further. Two of the tenants, Matsumoto of the Washington Wood & Coal Co., and Harry M. Hayasaka, who has a store in the Produce Building, called me and told me that they had ample funds and would be glad to pay the rental and will do so as soon as they are permitted and hoped they will not be dispossessed in the meantime. I have heard nothing directly from Harry Kuramoto and have seen no reason for my calling on him at this time.

Industrial Agent.

VEW-L

cc Mr. L. A. Behler

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St. Paul, Minn., December 12, 1941. A3

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Industrial Agent.

I attach copy of Mr. Behler's letter to me of yesterday with respect to indebtedness to the Northern Pacific of Harry Kuramoto.

Will you please discuss with Mr. Macfarlane and ascertain what, if anything, we should do with respect to this indebtedness, and also the indebtedness of any other Japanese nationals to the Northern Pacific. I do not believe that on the east end of the line we have any dealings with Japanese of such a character that they could be indebted to us, but of course, in the Puyallup Valley there may be a number of cases.

(Signed) J. H. Poore

cc Mr. L. A. Behler

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
December 11, 1941

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Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant.

We have a delinquency under lease 55310 at Auburn, Wash.,
to Harry Kuramoto, a Japanese who may or may not be a
citizen of this country.

I assume that some action should be taken to protect our
interests in connection with amounts due from tenants
who may be enemy aliens. It is too early to ascertain
whether the Treasury Department will afford us any pro-
tection but I believe we should bear this question in
mind.

(Signed) L. A. Behler

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St. Paul, Minn., February 25, 1941. A3

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

I have noted and return herewith your file in regard to the operation of trusteeship of the White River Packing Company at Kent, Washington. I agree with you that we must go along with the other creditors in connection with this operation, although it does not seem to me that we will be able to collect all of the rent now due us even at the reduced rate established last year.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

MEMORANDUM.

Seattle, February 20, 1941.

Mr. J. H. Poore,

It may be of interest to you to note the attached relative to 1940 operation of trusteeship of the White River Packing Co. (Saito) lease No. 56300, at Kent:

You will remember that the rental under the lease last year was \$1,000 but after the season was over and the results of the operation were known we agreed to a reduction to \$750 and I am quite sure that we will have to continue the rental for another year at that rate. I have not much confidence in the trusteeship paying any dividends to apply on outstanding accounts and Mr. Grubbs agrees with me that it would be better to liquidate the trusteeship and let Saito stand on his own feet. However, we have considered that we cannot take any leadership in the matter both on account of policy, with particular relation to our other vegetable packers, and also the danger of getting in conflict with the transportation act.

Mr. Saito has offered to pay the creditors 15% but Mr. Taylor, one of the trustees, and a large creditor, will not settle for less than 60%. We figure that in order to comply with the law we must have exactly the same treatment as each of the other creditors so that it seems to be the best policy for us to follow along.

I shall appreciate it if you will return the attached papers since I have not kept copies.

V. E. Williams.

VEW-L

enc.

✓ Mr Poore

Please note.

Total due on claim #1954.73

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NORTHERN
PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FEB 24 1941

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NORTHERN
PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FEB 24 1941

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

St. Paul, Minn., November 4, 1940. B4

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

I am glad to have the report contained in your letter of October 29, regarding the collection of the amount due from Mr. Kuramoto, and to note that the prospect is reasonably bright to collect a little later on the present year's rental.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

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Seattle, October 29, 1940.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

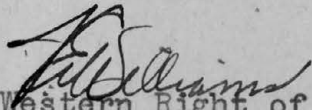
You will remember the problem we had with Harry Kuramoto of the Western Producers Exchange about collection of deficits in connection with his rail shipments.

I enclose for your information Mr. Eastman's letter of October 28th from which you will note the last deficit has now been collected. If this deficit had not been collected on October 28th it would have been necessary to institute suit.

We still have the current years rental to collect which I think we will be able to accomplish but it may take a little time.

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enc.


Western Right of Way Agent.

October 28, 1940

Western Producers Exchange
P.O. Box 577
Auburn, Washington

RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.

OCT 28 1940

SEATTLE, WASH.

Gentlemen:

RE: N.P. Claim 175102, Desk 12 -
Deficit against Western Producers
Exchange - \$439.70 (Car.No.NRC-428)

Receipt is acknowledged of your check in the amount of \$439.70, in payment of the above deficits, for which I thank you.

This payment by you constitutes a full compliance by you with the agreement we had concerning adjustment of this and the other deficit accounts which were in our hands for settlement. You may be assured that I appreciate very much your splendid cooperation in working out an adjustment of these matters.

Very truly yours,

DEAN H. EASTMAN

Assistant Western Counsel

DHE/fk

bcc Mr. V. E. Williams
Mr. T. H. Faughnan
Mr. J. L. Burnham (Atten: Mr. Grubbs)

St. Paul, Minn., August 16, 1940.

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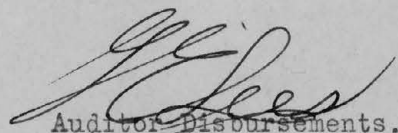
Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant.

Referring to your letter of August 15, and returning herewith Tacoma Division A.F.E. 121-40, covering replacement of vegetable packing warehouse at Auburn:

While it has no effect upon the accounting, I agree with you that A.F.E.'s covering replacement of property destroyed by fire should, at least for record purposes, indicate all accounting transactions in connection with the property retired and replaced, and we will see that subsequent A.F.E.'s of a similar nature are handled accordingly.

The attached A.F.E. has been changed to provide for the insurance collected.

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Auditor Disbursements.

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A.F.E. signed
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File 2728-8

St. Paul, Minn., August 15, 1940. A3

Mr. G. E. Lees,
Auditor Disbursements.

Referring to my conversation with you today, and returning herewith Tacoma Division AFE 121-1940, covering replacement of vegetable packing warehouse at Auburn:

Because of the destruction by fire of the original warehouse, we collected from our insurance agency \$12,925, and it seems to me that, irrespective of the accounting we must do under I.C.C. rules, we ought to show on the AFE this collection from the Insurance Company.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

Completion of Plant Observed At Big Dinner

\$60,000 Western Producers Exchange building now in operation; owners are lauded

Completion of a \$60,000 packing plant within a period of 30 working days was celebrated in a fitting manner Monday night when the Western Producers Exchange held open house in their new building within the Northern Pacific wye.

Throughout the offices of the plant there were dozens of huge bouquets and baskets of flowers from well wishers of Harry Kuramoto and Tom Iseri, who direct the affairs of the organization. Approximately 300 were fed at a dinner served Chinese style by the Kin Ka Low cafe in Seattle.

Tom Iseri, junior member of the firm, acted as master of ceremonies. He told of the fine work done by Walter Bouldron, contractor, who had completed the building within 30 working days of six hours each. As a matter of fact, it was afterward revealed, three of the 30 days were rainy ones on which little progress was made, and the actual time was 27 days. Work in the plant began promptly on schedule Tuesday at 1 o'clock when 40 people began packing the first 1940 carload to leave for the Atlantic seaboard. Three carloads of lettuce went out Tuesday afternoon destined for Minneapolis, Chicago and New York.

Burned on Feb. 19

On Feb. 19 the plant was completely destroyed by fire, only a few office records being saved. The Northern Pacific Railway company rebuilt the structure at a cost of approximately \$25,000, and there is \$35,000 worth of modern packing and refrigeration equipment in the new structure.

The building is 360 feet long, Mr. Iseri explained, and contains approximately 300,000 feet of lumber, 25 tons of cement, 10 tons of steel and other building material that makes it one of the most modern plants in the northwest.

High tribute was paid Contractor Bouldron for his work.

Short talks were made by Northern Pacific officials, Mayor L. J. Gove, Floyd Oles, of the Farmers Co-Operative Marketing association, E. Williams, N. P. right-of-way agent, Nat Taylor, Paul Star, Great Northern official. A number of Japanese made talks in their native tongue. They were T. Yaguchi, Pierce county farmer; Dr. H. Kurata of Tacoma; M. Iseri, father of the junior member of the firm; I. Yasumura of the Sumner Packing Co.; and Harry Kuramoto of the Western Producers Exchange.

Youngsters Dance

Following the program a seven-piece orchestra under direction of Jack Halvorson played and another 300 younger people danced until early Tuesday morning.

"During the packing season this concern furnishes employment to from 40 to 80 people and has a weekly payroll of from \$500 to \$2500. "Indications are for a good lettuce crop this year," Mr. Iseri said Tuesday morning. "Prices are good to start out the season and buyers have purchased lettuce in the field at a price that will make the growers some money. Everything points to 1940 being a good year and possibly will exceed last year when we shipped a total of 360 carloads of valley products to middle western and eastern markets."

*This may be
of interest to you*
J.S.P.
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AT 10:00 P. M. JUN 3 1940

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Seattle, April 30, 1940.

Mr. A. F. Stotler,
Asst. Chief Engineer,
Seattle, Washington.

Harry Kuramoto has advised me that it has developed impossible to work out arrangements previously contemplated in connection with rebuilding the packing shed at Auburn to supplement the scales we had on hand with the dial scale attachment originally in the warehouse but which was damaged by fire, and that it is essential for him to have a dial scale so that it will be necessary to order a new one.

I understand from talking with Mr. Hayward that in order to provide this new dial scale it will mean an additional cost in the warehouse construction of \$560. I do not see any way out but to order a new scale because the old style scale is too slow for his operation and is unsatisfactory to his customers in observing correct weights.

Under the terms of the lease arrangement we are expected to furnish the same facilities as were in the old house so that I do not see that any special authority is required to supply this new dial scale and I assume you will see that it is provided.

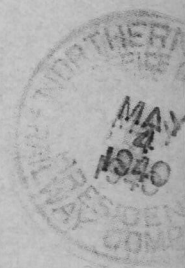
(Signed) V. E. Williams

Western Right of Way Agent.

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cc Mr. J. H. Poore. ✓

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St. Paul, Minn., April 17, 1940. A

Mr. H. E. Stevens,
Vice President.

Referring to your letter of April 15, and returning proposed contract with W. J. Bouldron, of Kent, Washington, covering replacement at an estimated cost of \$20,240 of the warehouse at Auburn leased to H. S. Kuramoto, which was destroyed by fire:

This letter will be authority for the Chief Engineer to execute the contract on behalf of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and when filed with the Secretary, will be his authority to accept the contract for filing.

(Signed) C. E. BENTLEY
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cc-Mr. A. M. Gottschald.

St. Paul, Minn., April 15, 1940.

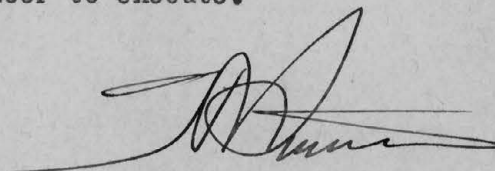
Mr. C. E. Denney:

Referring to Mr. Poore's letter of March 15th advising that you had authorized the replacement of the warehouse at Auburn which was destroyed by fire, while under lease to H. S. Kuramoto.

Bids received in the rebuilding of the proposed warehouse compare as follows:

W. J. Bouldron, Kent, Wash.	\$20,240.00
J. W. Bailey, Seattle, Wash	20,288.00
G. F. Graham, Tacoma, Wash.	21,601.50
Howard Wright, Seattle, Wash	22,243.00
J. B. Warrack, Seattle, Wash.	22,583.00
Boen & Butler, Seattle, Wash	22,842.50
A. F. Mowat, Seattle, Wash.	22,935.00
Nelse Mortensen Co. Seattle, Wash.	22,954.50
Henderson & Knowles, Auburn, Wash.	23,299.81
Gjarde Construction Co. Seattle,"	23,483.00
Sound Constr.Co., Seattle, Wash.	24,157.00
Allen & Early, Tacoma, Wash.	24,465.00
Dally Constr. & Engr.Co. Seattle, Wash.	27,001.00
Brady Constr.Co., Seattle, Wash.	28,169.00
S. S. Mullen, Inc. Seattle, Wash.	21,690.00
N. P. estimate	22,685.00

The work has been awarded to the lowest bidder and I recommend execution of the agreement. If you approve, will you please authorize the Chief Engineer to execute.



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St. Paul, Minn., April 15, 1940. A3

Mr. Bernard Blum,
Chief Engineer.

We have settled with the Great American Insurance Company for loss sustained when the Vegetable warehouse at Auburn was destroyed by fire on February 19, 1940. In going over the estimated cost of reproduction of this building with the insurance adjusters, they took exception to the amount allowed for cost of carpenters and joiners. They felt that because of the large floor and platform area, the average cost included in our original claim of approximately \$25 per thousand feet was too high. After talking with Mr. Rognan, I agreed to cut this by 10%, or to \$22.50 per thousand feet. On this basis, the loss amounted to \$22,925. We have collected \$12,925, which is the net amount due us after deducting the first \$10,000 of loss.

(Signed) J. H. FOORE

cc-Mr. H. E. Stevens.

Saint Paul, Minnesota

April 12, 1940

Mr. P. B. Lacy
Treasurer

I enclose draft of the Great American Insurance Company in the amount of \$12,925 in payment of our claim for loss by fire on February 19, 1940, of a warehouse and contents at Auburn, Washington.

(Signed) A. M. Gottschald

Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. J. H. Poore
Mr. L. A. Behler
Mr. J. E. Thames

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April 10, 1940. AS

Dear Mr. Vollintine:

Referring to my discussion with you on the 4th instant, with respect to the loss by fire of the vegetable warehouse and platforms at Auburn, Washington:

I now enclose a revised estimate of the cost of reproduction less depreciation which has been prepared to accord with the agreement which we reached. On reworking this statement, we discovered an error had been made in figuring depreciated value of the building. That error has been corrected in the attached statement, and the life of the building and the various additions made since original construction date have been correctly shown on the statement and have been used in figuring the present value of the building. The amount of our claim as shown on the attached statement is \$22,925 less \$10,000 which, under our policy, we assume. This is nearly \$700 less than the amount tentatively agreed upon at our conference. In due course, will you please see that a draft to cover the amount due us is forwarded to Mr. Gottschald.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. H. ROBERT

Mr. J. L. Vollintine,
Manager, Railway Underwriters,
Insurance Exchange Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

cc-Mr. A. M. Gottschald



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SEATTLE APRIL 4 1940 J H POORE ST PAUL

BERNARD BLUM "

P-4 BOULDRONS, BID DOES NOT INCLUDE FOLLOWING ITEMS WALLBOARD
AND INSULATION \$ 160 RAILWAY COMPANY TO FURNISH STOP POWER LINES
\$ 530 STOP SCALES RAILWAY COMPANY TO FURNISH \$ 300 STOP ENGINEER-
-ING \$ 500 TOTAL \$ 1490 STOP OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE IN \$ 23600
COVERING ALL WORK EXCEPT OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION COST OF WHICH
MAY RUN BETWEEN \$ 600 AND \$ 1000 WE ARE TAKING UP WITH CITY TO
PLACE MAIN TO SITE S-41.

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St Paul Minn April 4 1940

A F Stotler

Seattle

Your S-39 to Blum Does Bouldron's bid cover all construction work on new building or will there be other items to add to amount of his bid.

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J H Poore



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St. Paul, Minn., April 3, 1940.

Bernard Blum
Car #12, Missoula, Montana

The following from Stotler the second quote "Vegetable Growers Warehouse Auburn have received sixteen bids low bid W.J.Bouldron Kent \$20240.

Next low J.W.Bailey Seattle who has Pasco contract \$20288 stop ninth bidder \$22954 stop estimate of cost \$22685. Recommend Bouldron be awarded

contract as he has built several of these warehouses in valley and is also in position to rush job which must be complete by May 10th. His additions

and deductions are considerably lower than next low bid stop would like have immediate approval S-39. End of Quote. G-162

March 26, 1940

Mr. J. L. Vollintine
Manager, Railway Underwriters
Insurance Exchange Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Vollintine:

Supplementing my letter of February 19, 1940, to W. A. Lang, Inc. regarding fire at Auburn, Washington, on that date which destroyed structure, item 648 of schedule forming part of Great American Insurance Company policy No. 6566 expiring July 1, 1940:

There is attached hereto statement showing estimated cost of reproduction, less depreciation, of that portion of the structure, subject to coverage, which was destroyed, amount \$24,343. including also a blue-print giving a brief description of the structure in question. It is my understanding that you desired this information prior to your proposed trip to St. Paul when it is your intention to discuss with us a settlement of this loss.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A. M. Gottschald

Enclosures

cc: W. A. Lang, Inc.
J. H. Poore

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St Paul Minn March 15 1940

V E Williams
Seattle

Have received authority to go ahead with reconstruction Auburn warehouse
for Kuramoto on basis outlined your letter eleventh You may arrange
with Messrs Sloan and Stotler for this work Am advising Mr Stevens
Leases have been executed and will be returned to you today P-4

J H Poore

St. Paul, Minn., March 15, 1940. A3

Mr. H. B. Stevens,
Vice President.

I attach copy of my letter of this date to Mr. Williams in regard to reconstruction of the Auburn warehouse leased to H. S. Kuramoto, recently destroyed by fire.

According to Mr. Stotler's estimate, the cost of reconstruction of this building will amount to approximately \$24,250. Mr. Denney authorized the rebuilding of the warehouse, and as it is necessary to have the work done promptly, you will note from my letter that I have authorized Mr. Williams to arrange with Messrs. Sloan and Stotler to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

cc-Mr. R. W. Clark.

St. Paul, Minn., March 15, 1940. A3

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

Referring to your letter of March 11:

I wired you today as follows:

"Have received authority to go ahead with reconstruction Auburn warehouse for Kuramoto on basis outlined your letter eleventh. You may arrange with Messrs Sloan and Stotler for this work. Am advising Mr Stevens. Leases have been executed and will be returned to you today."

Supplement to Lease 55310, and new lease 56147, issued to the Mobile Ice Company, have been executed and the lessees' copies are returned to you herewith.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

cc-Mr. H. E. Stevens
Mr. R. W. Clark

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 1st, 1940

Mr. J. H. Poore:

Further with reference to the information I gave you verbally about the possible cost of replacing the lettuce house at Auburn recently destroyed by fire -

The total money invested according to our records is about \$27,000. The building was constructed in 1931 which shows a low index of cost. To reproduce it in kind under the present prices would probably cost about \$30,000. Depreciation on the main structure and various additions at 2% will amount to about \$4,672 which deducted from the \$30,000 leaves \$25,328 representing reproduction value less depreciation. The concrete piers were not destroyed and can probably be considered as useable. They represent a value of about \$1,300. This deducted from the depreciated figure just given leaves \$24,028 as being about our loss for insurance purposes.

Inasmuch as we assume the first \$10,000 loss we should expect to collect from the Insurance Company about \$14,000. With a reproduction cost of \$30,000 this will mean that the Company will have to spend around \$16,000 if the building is to be reconstructed in kind.

These, as I told you, are very approximate figures and detail estimate is being prepared.

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Lowry Smith
Office Engineer

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Mr. C. E. Denney

Pls note. This is the lettuce house
in the Auburn wye owned by the Northern Pacific.

H E Stevens 2-28



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Auburn Lettuce
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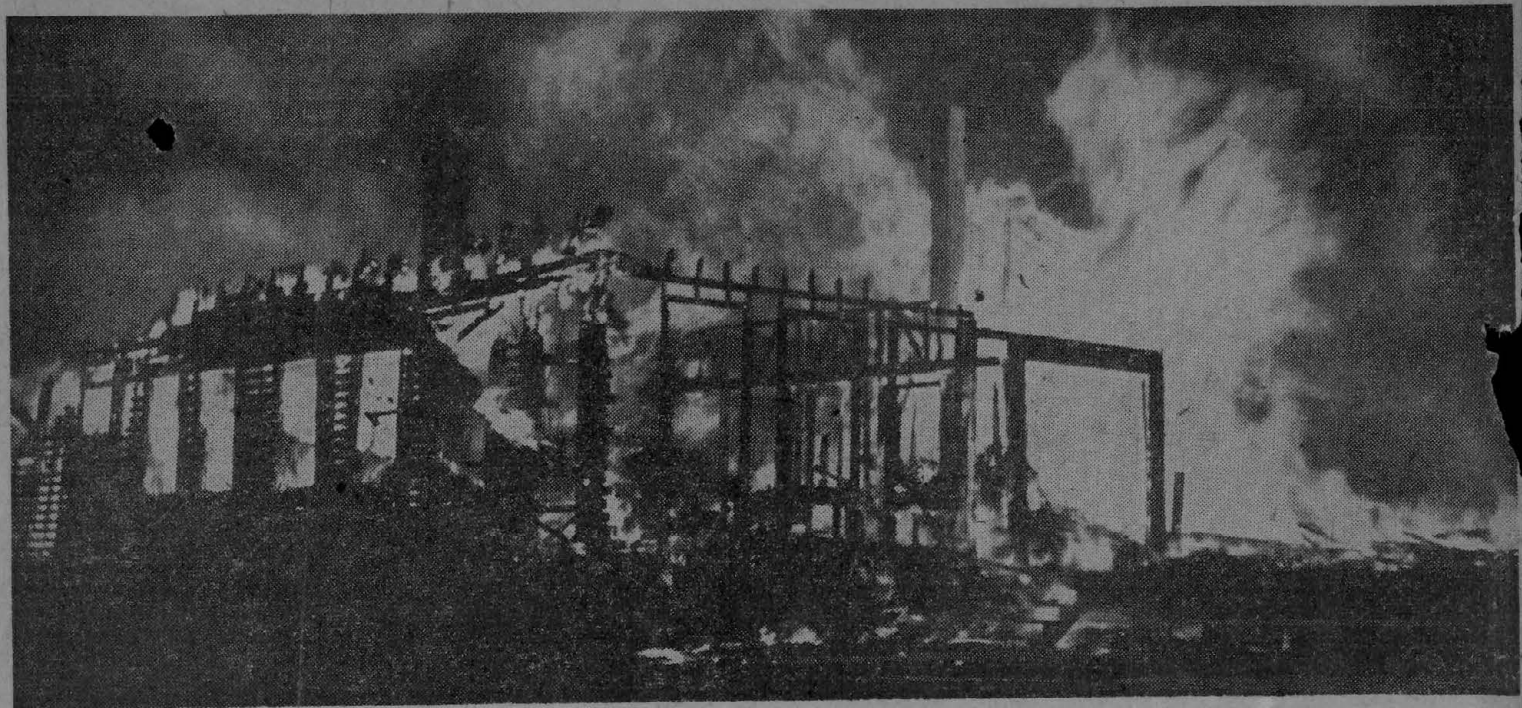
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NORPAC RY. CO.
ST. PAUL MINN.

AUBURN BUILDING BECOMES 'RAGING INFERNO'



RED DEMON AT WORK—Donald Melin earned \$3 by having his trusty camera on hand to take this photograph at the height of the \$25,000 fire which early yesterday } destroyed the Washington Producers' Exchange Building in Auburn. It was the second blaze to visit the town in the last three days.

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St. Paul, Minn., February 26, 1940.

File 12158.

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Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant.

I attach for your file copy of Mr. Williams' letter to Mr. Burnham of February 21 and copy of Mr. Burnham's letter to me of the twenty-third about a building for Harry Kuramoto at Auburn.

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Northern Pacific Railway Company
Traffic Department

Seattle, Washington
February 23, 1940.

File A 29-41-B.

Mr. R.W.Clark, V.P.:

Am enclosing copy of Mr. Williams' letter of the 21st in connection with rebuilding lettuce shed account Harry Kuramoto.

Mr. Kuramoto was in this morning and with Mr. Williams we discussed the situation, and the engineering department have been asked to draw up the necessary plans. Kuramoto stated that the Milwaukee people had called on him and offered to buy the old Borden plant and lease it to him. He did not give them a definite answer, depending upon what we are willing to do.

While Kuramoto's financial condition is very unsatisfactory, this same situation exists among these Japanese lettuce shippers generally, but they always seem to be able to raise money on which to operate. Kuramoto is going to insist upon a rental very much below what we should get under normal conditions. However, we hope to be able to work out something satisfactory with him.

signed J. L. Burnham.

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Seattle, February 21, 1940

Mr. J. L. Burnham, WTM:

I talked to Kuramoto today over the telephone.

He has been solicited by the Milwaukee and the Union Pacific who had representatives at Auburn yesterday. Kuramoto says that they offered to buy the Borden site and fix up the buildings for his use. He says their proposition does not look so bad but if we will rebuild the kind of a plant he wants at Auburn he will consider staying with us.

I asked him if he had fully considered the opportunities for use of the old White River shed on the east side of the yard and he states that will not do. He seems quite cocky and claims he will have no difficulty in getting space, that all the railroad companies are after him.

When Mr. Grubbs and I left him on the day of the fire he wanted to think the matter over a day or two and would then see us. I now have an appointment with him here in Seattle for Friday morning at 10 o'clock with the understanding that he will have an opportunity to talk with you and Mr. Grubbs.

In Kuramoto's balance sheet as of December 1, 1939, heretofore furnished us, he listed as depreciated value of assets, consisting of packing and office equipment, \$7,652.62, all of which was lost in the fire and in addition he had just received 70 tons of fertilizer valued at about \$2,000, which the fire completely destroyed so that his losses were easily \$10,000 and he advised us that he carried only \$5,000 insurance. In his statement of December 1st last he showed cash on hand \$1,584.60 but he has since told me that over \$1,000 of this amount had been paid out and that he was dependent on his ability to secure a loan from the bank as working capital to conduct his 1940 operation. This shows a very weak position and he can be easily closed out by his creditors. I do not know how he expects to finance new equipment. However, these Japanese seem to have remarkable success in getting liberal credit from every source, regardless of their financial standing, and I have little doubt but that Kuramoto will equip himself some way and be operating the same as usual this year.

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The existing lease, No. 55310, which will expire March 30, 1942, contains the following fire clause:

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It appears clear that we cannot satisfy Kuramoto with the White River shed and he is going to insist on us building the two storey ice house. I can see no objection to rebuilding the packing shed eliminating the cold storage feature because Kuramoto or some other packer would continue to use it as long as vegetables are shipped from Auburn but the ice house is a special purpose use. It is not a good investment and I do not think our company should build it unless compelled to do so by competitive conditions.

V. E. Williams
Western Right of Way Agent

Seattle, February 24, 1940.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Referring to our telephone conversation yesterday Messrs. Burnham, Grubbs and I went over the matter thoroughly with Kuramoto about the proposition of rebuilding the packing shed at Auburn.

He wants a packing shed 52' x 200' with an ice storage house connected therewith at the southerly end 30' x 100'. He is willing to confine the ice house to a one floor structure at the present but would like to have provisions for adding the second floor later on.

I went with him to our Engineering Department and Mr. Stotler's office is now working up sketches and as soon as possible will give us rough estimate of the cost. There is nothing in the old structure that can be used excepting the foundation pedestals which is an item of substantial value. In order to fit the existing foundation on the packing shed will be made 52' wide instead of 50' as Kuramoto requested. You will recall on the old building that Kuramoto had insulated cold rooms, dimensions 104' x 65' which I assume cost considerably more than this proposed new ice house will cost. Therefore the new structure should cost the Company less than the cost of the old structure.

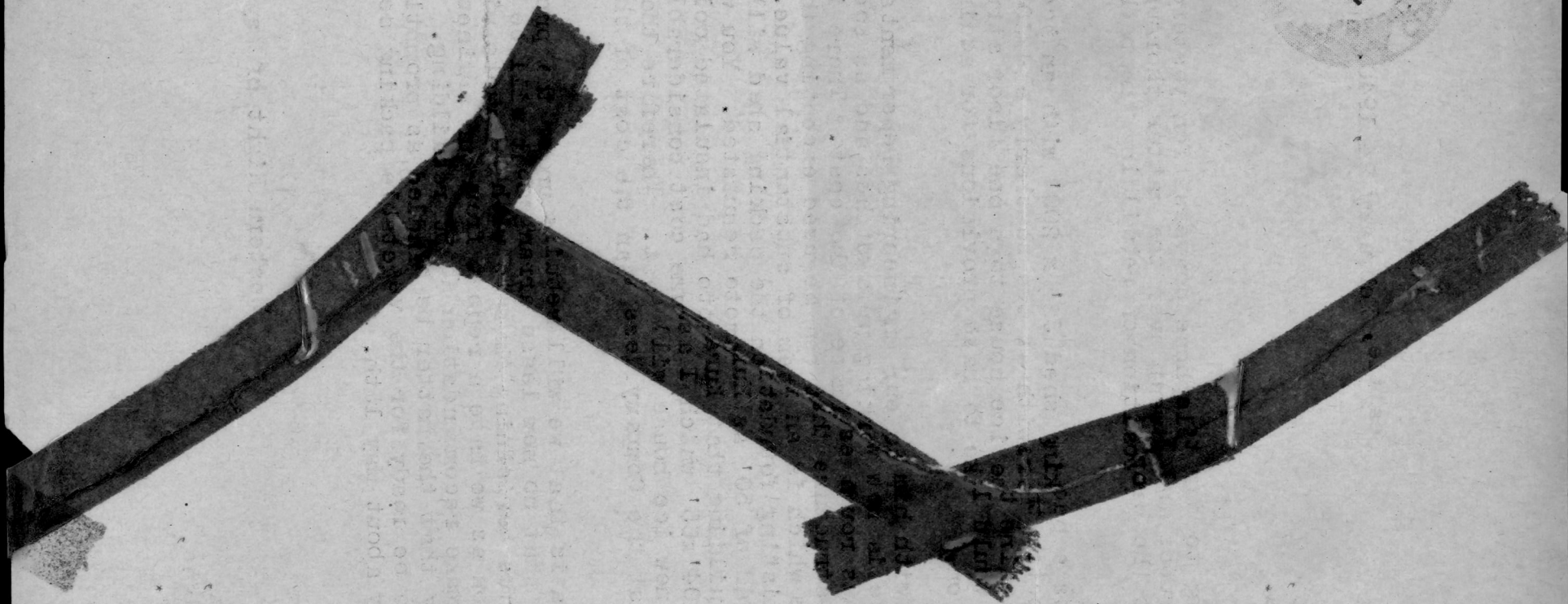
Our idea is that we will rebuild under the provisions of the old lease so that no new lease arrangement will be necessary and all our agreements pertaining thereto with Kuramoto will be carried out. As soon as we have a report from our Engineering Department we will make recommendation about rebuilding. It is, of course, necessary that the matter be handled as promptly as possible in order to be ready for the vegetable packing season which commences ordinarily about May 15th.

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W. H. Williams
Western Right of Way Agent.

cc Mr. J. L. Burnham,
Mr. R. S. Macfarlane,
Mr. A. F. Stotler.

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J H POORE

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IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED AIRMAIL COPY MY LETTER 21ST TO BURNHAM HAVE
YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT REBUILDING FOR KURAMOTO AT AUBURN WE ARE
TO MEET WITH KURAMOTO AT 10AM TODAY AND WILL HAVE TO REACH DECISION
QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO REBUILD IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR PACKING SEASON.
PERHAPS STATUS OF INSURANCE HAS A SUBSTANTIAL BEARING ON QUESTION OF
REBUILDING H-10

V E WILLIAMS

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*Phoned him I had
no particular suggestions
but did not think we
ought to let Kuramoto
go to W.P. - told
him too that we
could probably
collect 10 or 11,000
from his co.*

cc Mr. J. H. Poore via airmail ✓

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PRESIDENT'S

File 2728-8

Seattle, February 21, 1940.

Mr. J. L. Burnham,
Western Traffic Manager,
Seattle, Washington.

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Mr. J. L. Burnham - 2.

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The existing lease, No.55310, which will expire March 30, 1942, contains the following fire clause:

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It appears clear that we cannot satisfy Kuramoto with the White River shed and he is going to insist on us building the two storey ice house. I can see no objection to rebuilding the packing shed eliminating the cold storage feature because Kuramoto or some other packer would continue to use it as long as vegetables are shipped from Auburn but the ice house is a special purpose use. It is not a good investment and I do not think our company should build it unless compelled to do so by competitive conditions.

(Signed) V. E. Williams

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Western Right of Way Agent.

cc Mr. J. H. Poore,
Mr. R. S. Macfarlane.

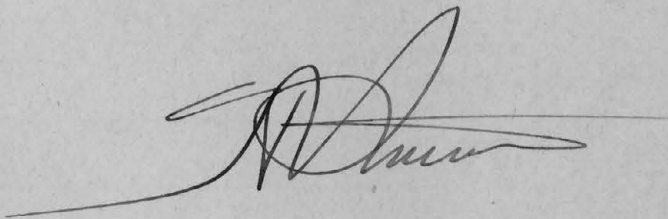
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 20th, 1940

Mr. J. H. Poore;

Your inquiry about expenditure made this year under your authorization to Mr. Williams of January 16th for improving the lettuce packing shed at Auburn.

Mr. Stotler wires that Mr. Kuramoto has spent to date about \$250. This, as I understand it, covered the construction of the canopy only.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of the President, is written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

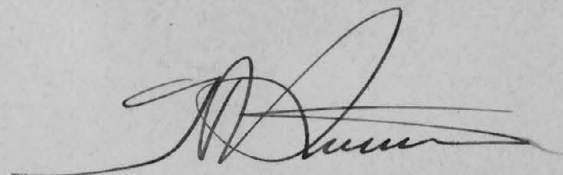
St. Paul, Minnesota,
February 19th, 1940

Mr. C. E. Denney:

Fire discovered about 3:10 AM date, totally destroyed lettuce shed between wye switches at Auburn. Building was owned by the Northern Pacific and occupied by Western Producers. All cars were removed by switch engine without damage.

The house track was pulled by switch engine at 12:30 AM and at 1:30 AM city police patrol passed the building and there was no indication of fire at that time. When the fire was first discovered it was in the center of the building and burned upward through the roof. Superintendent Alsip is making further investigation as to probable cause.

The building was constructed in 1931, with additions in 1932 and 1937, and our present investment is \$27,200. It is, I understand, covered in part by our blanket insurance policy.



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St. Paul, Minn., February 19, 1940. A3

Mr. H. E. Stevens,
Vice President.

Referring to the destruction by fire of the Auburn lettuce warehouse:

This building is included in our insurance schedule at about \$21,000 for building and contents, which would mean that we ought to be able to collect that amount, less \$10,000, if we can show that the depreciated value of the building at the time of the fire was \$21,000.

In this connection, can you advise me whether we have made the additions to this building, amounting to \$1,590, authorized in my letter of January 16, 1940 to Mr. Williams, copy to you?

(Signed) J. H. POORE



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FEB 19 1940

(A) FROM

TACOMA

(B) DATE

PHM CHG REK ST PAUL

(C) To _____ (C) To _____
(C) To _____ (C) To _____
(C) To _____ (C) To _____

REPORT OF ACCIDENT

(D) AT AUBURN (F) TIME 310AM (G) DATE FEB 19-40

(H) DIVISION TACOMA (J) SUB-DIVISION 2ND (K) DIV'N REPORT No. CD 69

(M) TRAIN _____ (Q) COND'R _____ (S) ENGINE _____ (U) ENGINEMAN _____

(W) NUMBER OF CARS IN TRAIN _____ (X) NUMBER OF LOADED OR EMPTY CARS DAMAGED
(SEE NOTE-1)

(AB) NATURE AND BRIEF ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT: FIRE. FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN WAS DISCOVERED IN WESTERN PRODUCERS EXCHANGE BUILDING LOCATED IN WYE AT AUBURN APPARENTLY STARTED FROM INTERIOR ABOUT CENTER OF BUILDING. ENTIRE STRUCTURE BURNING AND BROKE OUT THRU ROOF BEFORE DISCOVERED SWITCH ENG PLACED 3 CARS FOR LOADING AT THIS PLANT AT 1230AM AND CITY PROWLER CAR PASSED IT AT 130AM BUT NO INDICATION OF FIRE AT THAT TIME. SWITCH CREW MOVED ALL CARS FROM THIS PLANT INCLUDING THE SNOW ICE MAKING CAR WITHOUT DAMAGE BUILDING WAS COMPANY PROPERTY ENTIRELY DESTROYED LOSS INCLUDING MACHINERY FOR OPERATING THE PLANT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. AUTOMATIC SIGNAL 21.6 AND PILE OF TIES SCORCHED FROM HEAT NO DAMAGE TO TRACKS OR OTHER COMPANY PROPERTY NO TRAINS DELAYED FOLLOWING TRAINS AND ENGS PASSED AUBURN AT TIME GIVEN 1ST 680 ENG 1713 755PM NO 672 ENG ON 3210 810PM 2ND 680 ENG 1783 1020PM EX TFR WEST ENG 1671 1025PM DH EQUIPT SPL EAST ENG 2110 1030PM NO 402 ENG 2265 1210AM EX TFR EAST ENG 1671 1230AM 1ST 679 ENG 1772 116AM

(AC) TRACK WILL BE CLEARED ABOUT _____

(AD) ROUGH ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT _____

(AF) NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATION AND NATURE OF INJURIES, OF PERSONS INJURED:
(SEE NOTE-2)

"AB" CONTINUED. HAVE ORDERED INSPECTION OF ENGINES INCLUDING SWITCH ENGS WORKING IN YARD. WEATHER CLOUDY DARK

(AG) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:

(AK) NAME OF DOCTOR CALLED _____

(AM) DISPOSITION OF INJURED PERSONS:

(SG) SIGNATURE

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NOTE-1: This report to show only the number of cars involved in accident. Make report on regular message blank referring to this accident number and give initials and numbers of cars damaged and destroyed, also contents of loaded cars. If shipments are destroyed or badly damaged give waybill reference.

NOTE-2: In reporting employees injured show probable number of days off duty. If person injured or killed is NOT an employee of the Northern Pacific Railway, state if trespasser, civilian, coach or pullman passenger; give home address and ticket destination.

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TELEGRAM—BE BRIEF

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J H POORE

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PACKING SHED AT AUBURN LEASED TO KURAMOTO WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
BY FIRE LAST NIGHT H 9

V E WILLIAMS

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St. Paul, Minn., January 16, 1940. A3

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

Referring to your letter of January 10, in regard to the request of Mr. Harry Kuramoto for some relief in connection with his rental payments to us under lease No. 55310 covering the vegetable packing house at Auburn:

Because of Mr. Kuramoto's financial condition and the possibility that if we do not give him some relief he may not be able to operate this year, I think we should make the reduction you suggest; namely, \$300, to apply on the rental payments due from him for the year commencing April 1, 1940.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

cc-Mr. L. A. Bohler.

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St. Paul, Minn., January 16, 1940. AS

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

Referring to your letter of January 10, in regard to improvements requested by Mr. Kuranoto for the packing shed at Auburn covered by lease No. 56310:

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Denney and he approves the proposed expenditure of \$1,690 to cover shed for refrigerating machinery and a canopy in front of the shed, with the understanding that Mr. Kuranoto's rental rate will be increased by 8% per annum on the cost.

You may arrange with the operating officers to have this work undertaken as soon as possible if it is decided that it is better for us to do the work in that way than to have it done by Mr. Kuranoto and we reimburse him for the expense to which he is put.

(Signed) J. M. POORE

cc-Mr. H. E. Stevens
Mr. R. W. Clark

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Seattle, January 10, 1940.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

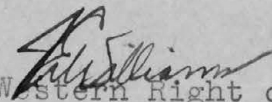
I enclose statement showing financial condition as of December 1, 1939, of Harry Kuramoto connected with his operation of the vegetable packing house, at Auburn, under lease No. 55310.

Kuramoto has a well equipped packing plant and is in good position to handle a substantially increased business during the 1940 packing season excepting for his working capital which he must yet arrange through an Auburn or Seattle Bank. Before he can operate he must provide a bond, amount \$5,000, in order to get an operating license under the State law and the railroads are now requiring a performance bond, amount \$2,000, to protect freight charges otherwise shippers of perishable goods must pre-pay freight charges. His creditors, to whom he owes \$12,515.51 as shown on his statement, are not pressing him on these accounts and are not expected to give him trouble during the current season.

Kuramoto is trying to arrange his affairs so that he can continue to operate and while he is on rather thin ice he is in financially better condition than he has heretofore been and if 1940 is a good operating year his profits may put him in fairly good condition. He has appealed to us for a reduction in rental and I am in favor, in view of his situation, of reducing the rental for the year commencing April 1, 1940, from \$1,050.74 to \$750. Please advise if you will authorize this reduction.

Kuramoto is asking for some improvements in the Auburn shed which are estimated to cost \$1,590.00. If these improvements are made he will pay, in addition to the \$750.00 annual rental, 8% per annum upon the cost of these improvements and it will be the understanding that the full rental under the lease will be restored commencing April 1, 1942.

VEW-B.
enc.


Western Right of Way Agent.

WESTERN PRODUCERS EXCHANGE

COPY

BALANCE SHEET December 1, 1939.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank 1,584.60

Accounts Receivable

General Account 1,961.35

Growers Account 5,259.31

Less Res. 937.144,322.17

6,283.52

Other Assets

Merchandise Inventory 2,728.23

Packing Supplies 2,779.46

5,507.69

Cash deposited with Pacific Telephone & Tel.Co. 50.00

13,425.81

FIXED ASSETS

Packing Equipment 8,824.26

Less Res.for Dep. 1,605.897,218.37 7,218.37

Cars & Trucks 5,688.01

Less Res.for Dep. 1,105.30

4,582.71

Field Crates 3,610.25

Less Res.for Dep. 1,538.23

2,072.02

Office Equipment 541.06

Less Res.for Dep. 106.81

434.25

Other Assets 879.51Less Res.for Dep. 51.14828.40

15,135.75

DEFERRED CHARGES

Blue Book 85.00

Office Supplies 560.79

Unexpired Ins. 255.08

Unexpired Rent 265.18

1,166.05

29,727.61

LIABILITIES & PROPRIETORSHIP

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable 5,719.19

Growers Account 1,086.74

6,805.93

Notes & Trade Acceptances 2,423.82

Conditional Sales Contracts 3,285.7612,515.5112,515.51

NEW PROPRIETORSHIP

17,212.10

THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE PERSONAL PROPERTIES OF THE PARTNERS



Seattle, January 10, 1940.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

I enclose report of District Engineer, dated December 11th, about improvements requested by Harry Kuramoto in the packing shed at Auburn covered by lease No. 55310, and I also enclose copy of Mr. Sloan's letter to Mr. Burnham, transmitting this report.

I discussed the matter with Mr. Burnham and Mr. Grubbs and while they had hopes that the matter could be worked out without such a great expense they are anxious that Mr. Kuramoto's requirements be taken care of and are willing to recommend whatever expense is necessary for that purpose.

Kuramoto has now agreed to withdraw his application for the crate shed, which you will note from the report was the major item of expense, estimated at \$5,590, under condition that we will allow him to use the packing shed on the east side of the yards built for the White River Packing Company in 1926 for crate storage, which we have arranged to do, with the understanding that the White River Packing Company will be allowed to use the shed during the packing season, principally June and July, for receiving vegetables to be transported to the White River Packing Company's plant at Kent for packing and shipment, all of which is satisfactory to Mr. Saito of the White River Packing Company.

Kuramoto is insisting that we provide the cheap shed at the south side of the Auburn house for his refrigeration machinery, which the engineering department estimate at \$1,320.00; also to complete the canopy in front of the shed, estimated to cost \$270.00, and he is willing that his rental be increased at the rate of 8% per annum on the cost. You will note from the report that the District Engineer thinks this expense may be reduced substantially if the work can be done with our own forces and Kuramoto is quite certain that he could make still further reduction if he is permitted to do the work with his own men and he thinks the labor unions would not interfere with him

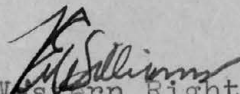


Mr. J. H. Poore - 2.

doing his own work, with the understanding that we reimburse him for the cost. This may be impractical but if we have authority to do the work on the basis of the engineering department's estimate, the engineering department will see what can be done by either having the work done by our own forces or by Kuramoto.

Will you please consider the matter and advise if the expense is authorized.

VEW-L


Western Right of Way Agent.

enc.

cc Mr. W. C. Sloan.

Mr. J. L. Burnham.

copy

Seattle, December 13, 1939.

Mr. J. L. Burnham:

Yours November 30th file C.

Attached is copy of District Engineer's letter December 11th and prints showing what Mr. Kuramoto of the Western Produce Exchange has in mind at this time; namely, a crate shed, estimated cost \$5,590, a frame shed 50 x 50 south of his main house, costing \$1,320, additional canopy costing \$270, total \$7,180.

I will be glad to have copy of any recommendations you may make to Mr. Clark.

(sgd) W. C. Sloan
General Manager

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Auburn - Improvements proposed at the
Western Produce Exchange warehouse -
leased to H. S. Kuramoto

Seattle, Wash.
Dec. 11, 1939

Mr. A. F. Stotler:

Referring to your letter of December 2 relative to additional work desired by H. S. Kuramoto at his Auburn lettuce shed.

Mr. Kuramoto was contacted on December 6, with the following results, and as illustrated on the attached sketch.

1. Crate Shed 50'x 150'

Mr. Kuramoto considers that his present method of storing crates is unsatisfactory. He wants a separate building, to be located as shown on the sketch. This structure will be similar to Sakahara's crate shed at Sumner except that since the proposed house will be 50 ft. wide a single line of posts down the center, spaced 20 ft. apart, will be sufficient. Mr. Kuramoto does not care so much for his electric lighting as he does for natural lighting. To accomplish this natural lighting it is necessary to provide 30 4'x 6' skylights.

Estimated cost - based on contract work and governed by
Union regulations is \$5590

This could be reduced considerably if the Railway Company forces would be permitted to build the house.

2. Frame Shed 50'x 50'

At the south end of the main house Mr. Kuramoto is at present handling his refrigerating machinery in a special refrigerator car. This method is unsatisfactory to him and he proposes that a shed 50'x 50' be built, with only a cinder floor, to house the machinery he would remove from the refrigerator car. The size of the building will permit of further expansion as he enlarges this particular branch of his business.

Estimated cost 1320

This cost, also, might be cut some if done by Company forces.

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3. Canopy 95 ft. long over open platform east side of warehouse
Some time ago company forces placed a canopy over a portion of this platform. There remains 95 ft. yet uncovered. Mr. Kuramoto wants this portion covered - no posts to be permitted.

The existing section of the canopy has braces extending down the wall for a distance enough to be hit by the loads from the trucks backing against the platform. Mr. Kuramoto wants these braces removed.

Estimated cost for above work

\$270.

S U M M A R Y

1. Grate shed 50'x 150'	\$5590.
2. 50'x 50' shed for refrigerating machinery	1320.
3. Canopy - east side warehouse	<u>270.</u>

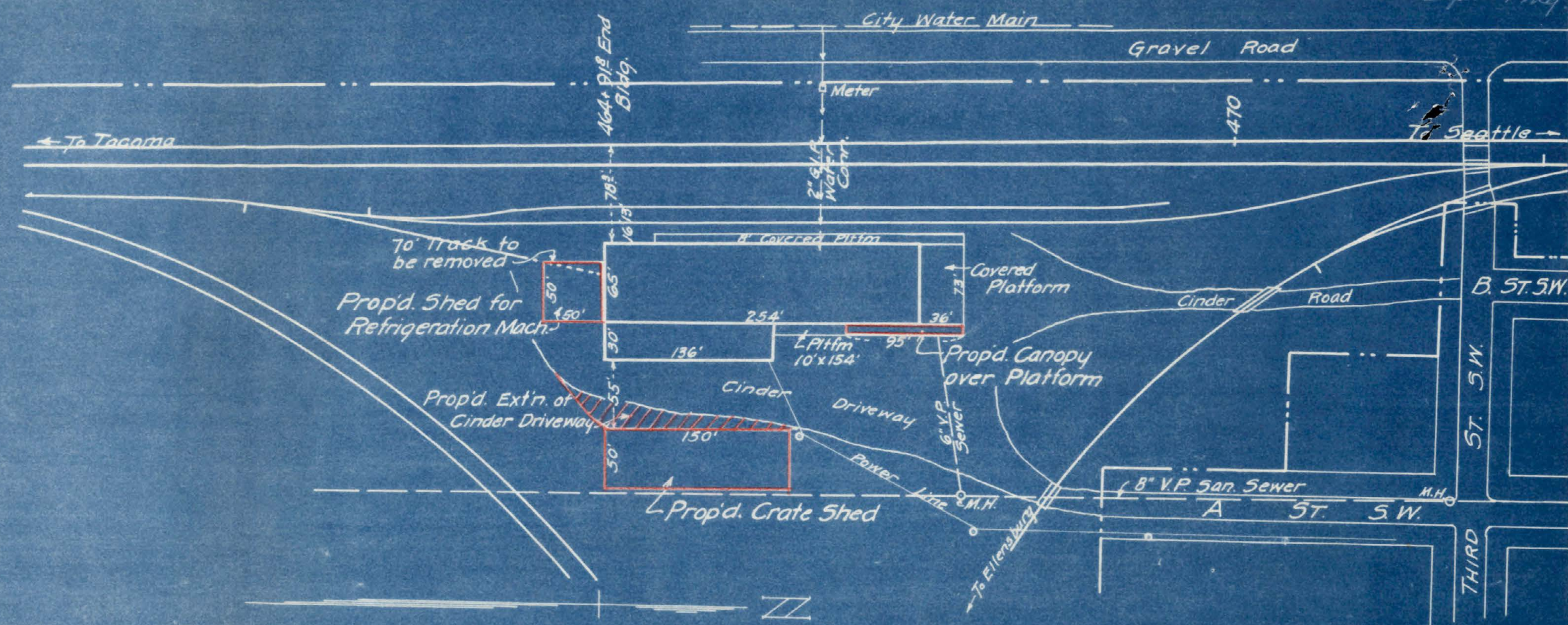
Total

\$7180.

Mr. Kuramoto says he is in a great hurry for items 2 and 3 - in fact, wants these right away. He would want the grate shed so he could use it right after the first of the year (January or February)

GJF:B

District Engineer



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Tacoma Div. 2nd Sub-div.

Wash. Val. Sec. No 3

Proposed Additional Facilities Desired
by H. S. Kuromoto.

AUBURN, WN.

Scale 1"=100' Dec. 11, 1939

Office of Dist. Engr. Seattle, Wn.

OFFICE OF
ASST. CHIEF ENGR.
DEC 11 1939
N. P. RY. CO.
SEATTLE, WASH.



NOTED BY

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B. W. S. ☒
J. H. P. ☒
R. H. D. ☒
L. R. F. ☒

PRESIDENT'S

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St. Paul, Minn., November 13, 1939. A3

Mr. R. W. Clark,
Vice President.

As a matter of information, I attach copy of Mr. Williams' letter to me of November 6, in regard to difficulties we had last Spring with Mr. Kuramoto, Manager of our Auburn packing shed.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

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NOTED BY

Seattle, November 6th, 1939.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

C. E. D. _____
B. W. S. _____
J. H. P. _____
R. H. D. _____
L. R. F. _____

Referring to your letter of October 31st last, the rental under lease No. 55310, at Auburn, is paid in full to March 31, 1940.

I sent you copy of my letter of June 20th last to Judge Macfarlane and as a result action on the pending suit for the collection of delinquent freight bills was delayed and the suit is still pending but Mr. Eastman of the law department advises he will soon have conference with Kuramoto, since the suit cannot be dismissed if it is possible to make collection and he is in hopes that he will find Kuramoto in a position to make payment.

In Kuramoto's 1939 shipping business the Great Northern was given 97 cars and the Northern Pacific 215. There was a period of about two weeks, commencing June 10th, when Kuramoto gave all his business, 33 cars, to the Great Northern due to his hostility to our line on account of the pending suit. Subsequently, commencing about July 25th, he claims he gave us all the business he could although during July, August, September and October he gave the Great Northern 44 cars and the Northern Pacific 148. Mr. Grubbs states that the loss of 5 or 6 cars to the Great Northern was due to the inability of the Northern Pacific at the time to furnish large passenger refrigerator car equipment.

Kuramoto is quite temperamental and each year that we have dealt with him some "incident" has developed to disturb relations and each year he has given the Great Northern some business, usually 25 or 30 cars. This suit for the collection of freight bills made the penalty heavier this year than usual and for a time he refused to pay rental or ship over our line. I suggested to Mr. Eastman that this is the best time of the year to get the suit disposed of because there is no pending rental bill nor any freight to solicit and I am in hopes the suit will be cleared up before these matters come up again.

VEW-L

William
Western Right of Way Agent.



NOTED BY

C. E. D. ☒
B. W. S. ☒
J. H. P. ☒
R. H. D. ☒
L. R. F. ☒

PRESIDENT'S

File 2728-8

St. Paul, Minn., October 31, 1939. A3

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Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent.

I have not heard anything for a long time about the Kuramoto lease covering vegetable packing shed at Auburn. Was this matter satisfactorily straightened out so that Kuramoto restored his business to us? Also, what is the present status of the rental account?

WILLIAM E. POORE

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 NOTED BY
 C. D. ✓
 B. W. S. ✓
 J. H. P. ✓
 R. H. D. ✓
 L. R. F. ✓
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Seattle, June 20, 1939.

Mr. R. S. Macfarlane,
 Western Counsel,
 Seattle, Washington.

We have in effect lease No. 55310, term five years ending March 31, 1942, in favor of H. S. Kuramoto, covering vegetable packing shed at Auburn.

The annual rental is \$1,050.74 and the lease specifies for payment in installments of \$250 on or before April 1st of each year, and the remainder, \$800.74, on or before July 15th of each year.

I have called upon Kuramoto several times since April 1st to pay the \$250 installment and he represented that he did not have funds available and would not have until his shipping commenced, about the 20th of May, when he would promptly make payment. I recently called upon him calling attention to the delinquency and also to the fact that on or before July 15th there would be another installment but he states that due to a bad lettuce market and also to the bad condition of the lettuce crop for shipping due to rains during the last two weeks, he still does not have funds but more particularly that your department has filed a suit against him in an attempt to collect some freight charges on previous shipments and that this suit is affecting his credit and if carried through to a conclusion and judgment secured he thinks other creditors will close in on him and that he will not be able to continue in business.

I asked Mr. Kuramoto to furnish me with his financial statement, a copy of which I enclose and you will note from the statement that he shows a net worth of \$10,392.95 but this situation can rapidly change from day to day. The statement contains an item "Estimated Returns on Cars out \$8,200.00". This represents the packing charges on 42 cars of lettuce he has shipped this season which are en route to Chicago and other markets under consignment and have not been sold. It is problematical about what return will be received on these cars because the market is unsteady and the carrying qualities of the lettuce are uncertain due to the weather conditions under which it had to be harvested

Mr. R. S. Macfarlane - 2.

and shipped. He has already this season shipped about 30 cars under the same method and has lost \$3,000 on the 30 cars shipped, that is, the 30 cars did not bring enough price in the market to pay the packing costs, resulting in a deficit to him of \$3,000.

The return on shipments is definitely related to another item listed in the statement as assets: "Growers A/C Rec. \$17,970.97". This represents value of fertilizer he has furnished his growers and he expects to make collection by deduction from money paid the growers for their farm products which he will ship and, of course, if the production is not profitable to the growers they will have no money with which to reimburse Kuramoto.

The "Notes Payable \$7,000." is a bank loan from the Peoples' National Bank which is definitely set aside by the Bank as a working fund and cannot be used to pay rent or any overhead charges. The "Trade Acceptances", amount \$9,218.06, is connected with his fertilizer account in advances to growers, and the "Notes due on Contracts" is the amount owing for equipment, largely his refrigeration machine in the house and three automobile trucks which he has purchased and requires in connection with his operations.

I only have a general knowledge of the suit you have filed and, of course, realize that it is an obligation that should be settled but I do not believe it will actually result in the collection of any money because the outfits who have given Harry Kuramoto credit upon which to promote and conduct his shipping industry are sensitive and if the railway company, which has always taken a keen interest in promoting this shipping industry shows a lack of confidence the other creditors are bound to crowd in and Kuramoto would have to quit business and nobody would get any particular amount of money because not much of anything net would be realized from his assets.

Our company has a substantial investment in this packing house and it was built to promote and take care of the shipping of a group of Japanese growers around Auburn. Kuramoto has been the leader of this group and if he fails his growers will sustain a loss and it would be difficult to build up the business again so that this shed could be used. I think if this suit is withdrawn or stayed if it is possible to do so without prejudicing our rights and Kuramoto is given a chance

Mr. R. S. Macfarlane - 3.

there is a fair prospect that he will make enough money during the remainder of the season, particularly in the shipment of peas, celery and cauliflower so that he will be able to meet his rental and other ordinary obligations and continue in business.

VEW-L

Western Right of Way Agent.

enc.

bcc Mr. J. H. Poore

Seattle, January 13, 1939.

NOTED BY

C. D. ☒
B. W. S. ☒
J. H. P. ☒
R. H. D. ☒
L. R. F. ☒

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

I wrote to you in letter dated May 26, 1938, enclosing copy of common law assignment dated April 21, 1938, covering operation of the White River Packing Company (Mr. Saito).

The Trustees, E. K. Saito, M. C. Taylor and Thos. A. Williams, operated under provisions of this common law assignment during the 1938 season confining the operation to the Kent packing shed leased from our company under lease No. 56300, rental \$1,000 per year and for the months of June and July used our small shed at Auburn as a receiving station under lease No. 56712 at a rental of \$70 for the two months.

The results of the operation have been satisfactory to other creditors as well as our company. The rental on the two current leases at Auburn and Kent has been fully paid and in addition a 15% dividend has been paid on the approved claims, our dividend amounting to \$458.70. I enclose for your information copy of Assistant Western Counsel Eastman's letter of December 29th last to Mr. daPonte giving complete information about this dividend.

VEW-L

E. Williams
Western Night of Way Agent.

enc.

cc Mr. W. E. Coman,
Mr. J. L. Burnham.



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PRESIDENTS
2728-8
FILE

Seattle, Washington
December 29, 1938.

Mr. L. B. daPonte
General Counsel,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: White River Packing Company common
law assignment (923-445)

Under date of October 14, 1938, I advised you that our creditor's claim filed with the common law assignees of the White River Packing Company on June 7th had been allowed in the amount of \$3,058.02.

I am now forwarding to you check of the White River Packing Company in the amount of \$458.70, representing a 15% dividend on the claim, a like dividend having been paid to all other creditors.

Our claim as filed represented amounts due on account of lease rentals and deficits in freight charges, as follows:

Lease No. 52043 - Midlakes, Wash. April 1935 to March 1938,	\$900 00
Lease No. 49094 - Auburn, Wash. October 1933 to August 1936	934.55
Lease No. 55314 - Kent, Wash. Account due Sept. 10, 1937	333.33
Lease No. 44462 - Kent, Wash. September 1937 to April 20 1938	<u>172.12</u>
Total:	\$2,340.00

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WESTERN PRODUCERS EXCHANGE

P O Box 577 Auburn, Washington

Growers A/c Rec.	18,908.11		
Less Res. Bad Dt.	<u>937.14</u>		
		17,970.97	
Equipment	6,329.99		
Less Depr.	<u>n 942.83</u>		
		5,387.16	
Accounts Rec. (Misc'l)	1,133.86	1,133.86	
"Mobile Ice Co	188.24	188.24	
Cars & Trucks	5,641.71		
Less Depr.	<u>312.70</u>		
		5,329.01	
Field Crts.	2,381.07		
Less Depr.	<u>959.59</u>		
		1,421.48	
Bank Balance			
Nat'l. Bank of Wn.	29.50		
Peoples Nt'l. Bank	<u>441.04</u>		
		470.54	
Dyes	268.76		
Less Depr.	<u>18.43</u>		
		250.33	
Pkg. Supplies			
Tubs & hampers	450.00		
Labels	625.00		
Liners	600.00		
Lids	<u>90.00</u>		
	1,765.00	1,765.00	
Office Equipment	531.64		
Less depr.	<u>68.94</u>		
		462.70	
Estimated Returns on cars out		8,200.00	
Deposit Pac. Tel & Tel Co.		<u>50.00</u>	
		42,629.29	\$42,629.29
LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable	7,000.00		
Trade Acceptances	9,218.06		
Notes due on Contracts	3,341.07		
Accounts Payable	<u>7,649.83</u>	27,208.96	
Accommodation Advances		3,327.38	
Accrued packing labor		<u>1,700.00</u>	
		32,236.34	\$32,236.34
Net worth June 16, 1939			\$10,392.95
Net Worth Dec. 31, 1939	\$14,466.19		
Net Worth June 16, 1939	<u>10,392.95</u>		
Net loss to date 1939 Season . . .	\$ 4,073.24		

Mr. L. B. daPonte - 2.
Dec. 29, 1938.

Total lease rentals:
(Brought forward) \$2,340.00

Deficits in freight charges due
Northern Pacific Ry. Co. -
Claim P-61204 - Coast No. 154144
Kent, Wash. to Pittsburgh
W. B. 211 - 6/17/35
N. P. Car #93271 259 75

O. S. D. 704653 - Coast No. 175720
Kent, Wash. to New Orleans
W. B. 32 - 10/15/37
N. R. C. #309 574 25

\$834.00

Claim payments due White River Packing Co.
Claim P-58319 - Coast No. 144228 \$100.00
" " 175624 4.20
" " 175750 3.38
" " 175751 8.40 115.98

Net due Nor. Pac. Ry. Co. \$ 718.02

Total due Nor. Pac. Ry. Co. 2,058.02

The dividend check just received is being forwarded to
you in order that the proper allocation of the proceeds thereof
can be made through the proper channels.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Dean H. Eastman
Assistant Western Counsel

DHE/fk
enc.

cc Mr V E Williams
Mr. T H Faughnan

PRESIDENT'S
File 2728-8

NOTED BY

C. D. ☒
B. W. S. ☒
J. H. P. ☒
R. H. D. ☒
L. R. F. ☒

Seattle, October 15, 1938.

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Referring to my letter to you of May 26th last pertaining to lease No. 56300, in favor of the White River Packing Company (E. K. Saito), I enclose for your information copy of letter dated October 14th from Mr. Eastman of our law department giving information pertaining to the operation of the common law assignment during the past season.

I have been advised informally that in this operation there was a profit of about \$10,000 and it is the plan to pay a small dividend to the creditors and continue the operation in the same manner for the year 1939.

VEW-L

enc.

F. Williams
Western Right of Way Agent.

copy

Seattle, Washington,
October 14, 1938.

Mr. V. E. Williams,
Western Right of Way Agent,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir: RE: White River Packing Company,
 Common Law Assignment.

Under date of June 7, 1938, I forwarded to you copy of creditor's claim filed in the above matter. Such claim included one for rentals under various leases, in the total amount of \$2,340.00, referred to in your letter of May 4, 1938.

We have just received from the assignees notice of acceptance of our claim, in which notice it is stated as follows:

"Please be advised that your claim against the White River Packing Company directed to the Common Law Assignees in the sum of \$3,058.02 has been duly and regularly accepted by the Board of Trustees on the 11th day of August, 1938.

The Board is pleased to inform you that we have had a fairly successful year in operating the White River Packing Company and hope to be able to declare a dividend to all the creditors the latter part of this year."

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Dean H. Eastman
Assistant Western Counsel.

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PRESIDENT'S
File *2728-8*

St. Paul, Minn., September 7, 1938. A3

Mr. R. W. Clark,
Vice President.

Referring to your letter of September 6, in regard to request of Mr. F. H. Hogue, Jr., that we waive one month's rental under his lease covering packing shed at Kent:

A few days ago I authorized the cancellation of rental for one month, as recommended by Mr. Williams.

(Signed) J. H. POORE

*Papers filed
R/n Dept*

St. Paul, Minn., September 6, 1938.

NOTED BY

C. D.
B. W. S.
J. H. P.
R. H. D. ✓
L. R. F. ✓

Mr. J. H. Poore,
Executive Assistant.

Mr. Burnham has sent me copy of Mr. Hogue's letter of August 25 to Mr. Williams, copy of Mr. Williams' letter of August 27 to Mr. Coman and copy of Mr. Williams' letter of August 31 to you, about giving Mr. F. H. Hogue, Jr., credit for one month's rental because it was necessary for him to take other quarters while his office was being remodelled.

I recommend that credit be given Mr. Hogue as requested.

DW L

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