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December 14th, 1942.

F.H. Angrignon, Esq., Clerk, Village of New Denver, New Denver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Hospital Patients.

Upon receipt of your letter of the 9th instant I got in touch by telephone with Mr. Percy Ward, Inspector of Hospitals, at Vancouver, B.C.

It is my understanding that Japanese residents of British Columbia who have been located elsewhere in British Columbia do not, because of such compulsory locating, acquire residence in the locality to which they are moved. Their welfare being a concern of the Dominion Government places hospital costs on such Government, and I understand the obligation is being discharged. Until any ruling to the contrary is received by you, I think your attitude should be that these people are not residents of the village of New Denver in the ordinary accepted sense of the word "resident" and, therefore, the village is not required to make per capita payments under the "Hospital Act".

Should you have further trouble in connection with this question I would suggest you again get in touch with Mr. P. Ward, Inspector of Hospitals, who I am sure will do all in his power to help.

Yours truly,

E.H. Bridgman, Inspector of Municipalities.

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November 9th, 1942.

Mr. E. H. Bridgman, Inspector of Municipalities Dominion Bank Building, VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re Japanese Hospital Patients

The Commissioners of the Village of New Denver wish to have the position of the village clarified with regard to per capita payments covering Japanese patients in the Slocan Community Hospital, New Denver, B. C.

The residents of this district, particularly of this town, have done much in the past years to keep this institution in good financial standing, and the payments made by this village for residents have necessitated raising taxes to the legal limit in order to make these payments.

Furthermore, the properties on which these people are quartered, having been acquired by the Dominion Government, produce no revenue to this village. Therefore we feel that this village should not be penalized to the extent of insolvency, by having had these people settled here as a matter of military emergency.

We would like to have the opinion of your department in this matter.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

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F. H. Angrignon, Clerk.

CC-Mr. P. Ward

Inspector of Hospitals

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