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A. VandeCasteyen, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Kaslo, B.C.

August 11th, 1942.

Dear Sir:-

Re Japanese Taxation Questions

Acting on behalf of the District Municipality of North Cowichan, Mr. Alex. Maclean, Solicitor of Victoria, has had correspondence with the authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State and/or Custodian relative to taxation of property owned or held by members of the Japanese race and has been good enough to supply me with copies of such correspondence.

The specific matters dealt with include--

- (1) The right of a municipality to enforce payment of taxes against members of the Japanese race.
- (2) The effect of Regulations respecting trading with the Enemy.
- (3) The right of a municipality to continue levying taxes in respect of property owned by members of the Japanese race when same is vested in and under the control of the Custodian.

It would seem that (a) property owned by Japanese evacuees cannot be included in tax sales; (b) property of such evacuees is by the Regulations vested in the Custodian.

The Custodian has intimated that he will not object to a municipality imposing and accumulating taxes against the properties involved. He has further intimated that insofar as funds coming into his hands from revenue producing property permit, he will as a matter of policy and without prejudice pay taxes out of the revenue.

In order that the Custodian may be fully informed I would recommend that as soon as possible you send to G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian, 501 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C., a list, with other appropriate details, of all properties within the limits of the municipality assessed in the names of persons of the Japanese race.

Yours truly,

E. H. Bridgman,
Deputy Minister.

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August 21st, 1942.

Mr. G.W. McPherson,
Deputy Custodian,
501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I received a letter from the Department of Municipalities in regard to Japanese owning property in this District.

I might say that there is one Japanese woman who is owner of property in this District but she has held this property for quite a number of years and she is not under the jurisdiction of the Custodian.

Trusting this information is satisfactory,

I am,

Yours truly,

A. Vande Casteyen,
City Clerk.

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