

HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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March 4th 1949

Rev. Stanley Berridge,
Box 726, Haney, B.C.

Dear Mr. Berridge:

Re: Former Methodist Church, Maple Ridge

Mr. F.A. Cleland has shown me your letter to him of February 23rd. What you have written therein is what I thought was the situation.

The Board of Home Missions has really no interest in the property and I think it would be well if your Board would take up the matter of having the Title transferred to your own trustees without delay. Under the circumstances, that is the reasonable and sensible thing to have done. Some years ago I tried to get action along that line but did not succeed. Will you be good enough to look into this and to have the matter concluded at the earliest convenient date. Correspondence in the matter should be carried on with the Rev. George Dorey, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Mr. Cleland will not be replying to your letter, in view of my having written you. A copy of my letter is being mailed to him

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

March 14th 1946

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,
299 Queen Street W.,
Toronto, 2E, Ont.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

Re Church insurance-Maple Ridge Japanese

Answering your letter of the 2nd inst., I beg to advise that on my suggestion Mr. F.A. Cleland has renewed the insurance for the same amount as before, and that the policy has been forwarded to your office.

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

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March 2nd,
1946.

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
807 Dominion Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

re: CHURCH INSURANCE
MAPLE RIDGE - JAPANESE.

The British Canadian Fire Policy #57189 for \$1,000.00 on the Church at Maple Ridge will expire on March 8th. The policy was secured through Mr. F. A. Cleland of Vancouver. Would you kindly let us know if we should continue insuring this building, and for what amount.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dorey

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March 10, 1943

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

My dear Mr. Bunt: Insurance: Maple Ridge Church

In the absence of Mr. Macdonald, who is in the Maritimes just now, I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 6th. According to your request, I am enclosing New England Fire Policy No. 6255045. We will expect to get the new policy from Mr. Cleland in due course, drawn in the name of The United Church of Canada.

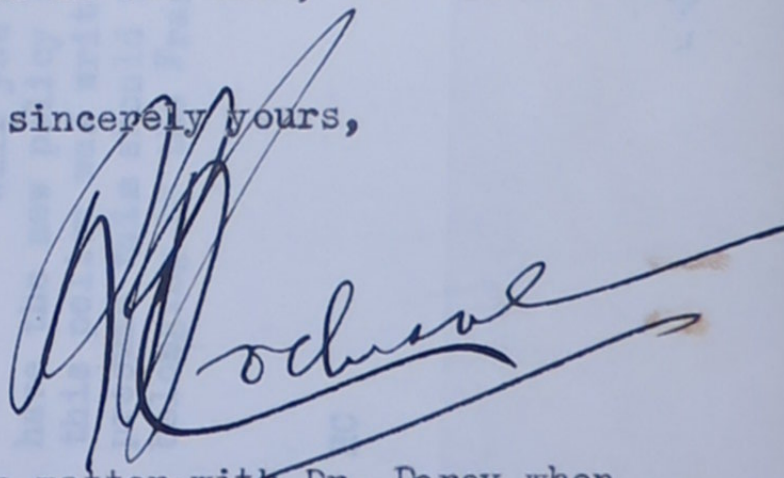
As to the fund from which the premium is to be paid, we shall await Dr. Dorey's return before deciding this. As you know, the resolution of the Board states that we are to pay taxes and insurance on Japanese Properties if the title is in the name of the Church at large. In this case, however, we have not the title. So far, we have charged any taxes or insurance against the trust fund received from the Fraser Valley congregation.

You say this building does not belong to the Japanese. If that is the case, who is the owner? We noticed that the policy is in favor of the Haney and Hammond congregations but assumed that this was a way of describing the Japanese congregation that was using the building. If neither the Church at large, nor the Japanese people, own this property, why should the policy be in our custody? Perhaps we have misunderstood the idea you intended to convey, and if so, we will be glad to be set right.

Hoping to hear from you in due time, and with kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S.- Please discuss this whole matter with Dr. Dorey when he is with you.

*Mr. Cleland
attending to
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February 22, 1943

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt: Insurance: Maple Ridge Japanese Church

This policy, which you forwarded to us last fall for safe-keeping, will expire on March 8th. It is No. 6255045 in the New England Fire Insurance Co., for \$700 on the building and \$300 on the contents. Loss is payable to the United Church of Canada on building, and to the Fraser Valley Japanese Congregation on furniture. As there is, just now, no Fraser Valley Japanese Congregation, I presume this ought to be corrected. The Agent is Mr. Hal. Menzies of Haney, B.C.

Will you kindly take up the matter of the renewal and have the new policy forwarded here in due course? The rate, when this policy was written, was 1.80, and the premium, \$18.00. I presume this should be paid from the trust money which we hold, belonging to the Fraser Valley congregation.

Yours very sincerely,

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M. C. Macdonald

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March 6th 1943

Rev. M.C. Macdonald, B.A.,
299 Queen Street W.,
Toronto (2) Ont.

Dear Mr. Macdonald,

Re Insurance Policies

314 Hastings St.E: On returning to the office this morning, I got in touch with Dr. Roddan and found that he has arranged with Mr.F.A. Cleland for the renewal of the insurance on this property. Probably you have heard from Mr. Cleland already.

Maple Ridge Japanese Church: Will you return to me the policy which I sent you last Fall, namely #625 5045 in the New England Fire Insurance Co., so that the particulars on it can be transferred to a new policy. In the meantime I have arranged with Mr. F.A.Cleland to keep the property covered for the same amount as before.

I think that this premium should be paid from the fund of the Board from which insurance premiums are paid and not from the Japanese Trust money. This building does not belong to the Japanese and I think it would be unfair to use their funds for upkeep of the property during a time when they are not using it. Apart from that, when the Japanese congregations turned those funds over for safe-keeping I told them that they would be held in trust by the Board of Home Missions until such time as the future of these congregations could be determined.

Yours very sincerely,

WPB/AM

December 21st 1943

Mr. H.M. Lidster,
713 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On December 23rd 1942 I wrote the late Judge Howay regarding Certificate of Title No. 709F in respect of the following property: Part 0.25 of an acre of D.L. 247, Group 1, Sketch 709F, New Westminster District. This property is held in the name of Maple Ridge congregation of the Methodist Church of Canada, and in 1930 an application to have it transferred to the United Church of Canada was prepared, but it could not be registered because the Certificate of Title could not be found.

The Registrar has advised me that the late Mr. Howay took over the above title on the 16th day of July 1893, and as far as I have been able to ascertain that is the last record regarding this particular certificate.

I might say that the late Mr. Howay did not reply to my letter, and as I have been given to understand that you are the solicitor for the Executors of his estate, I am writing so that if amongst his papers the above certificate is found I would be glad to have you forward it to me, so that we may clear up the records in respect of the title to the above property.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent of Home Missions.

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Lawson, Clark & Lundell

Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.

James H. Lawson, M.A. George S. Clark

Oscar F. Lundell

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CABLE ADDRESS "LAWCLA"

Standard Bank Bldg.

Vancouver, B.C.

December 10, 1943.

Rev. W.P. Bunt,
Superintendent of Home Missions,
The United Church of Canada,
207 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

I find that no application for probate has yet been made in Judge Howay's estate. However, I understand that H.N. Lidster, New Westminster, is solicitor for the executors, and I suggest that you communicate with him.

Yours very truly,

G. K. Munney

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December 23rd 1942

Judge F.W. Howay,
201 Carnarvon Street,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:

For some years we have been trying to locate the Certificate of Title No. 709F in respect of the following described property:- Part 0.25 of an acre of D.L. 247, group 1, Sketch 709F New Westminster District. The above description has been supplied by Mr. Hal Menzies of Haney, and it would seem to me that it may not be accurate in all details, as the same number is given for both the sketch and the certificate of title. This property is held in the name of the Maple Ridge congregation of the Methodist Church of Canada, and back in 1930 an application to have it transferred to the United Church of Canada was prepared, but it could not be registered because the Certificate of Title could not be found.

The Registrar says that a Mr. F.W. Howay took over the titles on the 16th day of July in the year 1893, and he thinks that this Mr. Howay referred to in the records is you. I wonder if by any chance you could assist me in tracing this document, as we are anxious to have the registration of the property accurate and up to date. One reason why we are desirous of having this done as soon as possible is that the building for a quite a number of years has housed the Japanese congregation of the United Church, and of course these people are not now in the district, and so the property is not in use. Any assistance you can give will be much appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

Superintendent of Home Missions.

WFB/AM

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776 12th Avenue

New Westminster B.C.

2nd October 1942.

Dear Miss Murray:-

Re Maple Ridge Property:-

There are six names recorded in connection with this property but you need not bother with any of them. F.W. Howey took over the Titles in the year 1894 and on the 16th day of July. I think, and so does the Registrar, that this is Judge Howey so you will have to contact that gentleman and if he has no trace of the Titles then a Search will be necessary and you had better put the matter in the hands of that Conference Lawyer who was handling the Japanese Mission City property Deeds. I do not remember his name. I enclose Mr. Menzies letter and beg humbly? to suggest that Conference appoint some person or persons to look into the matter of all Titles etc in the Province and if Conference get a record of them and where and how held-such record to be kept in a known place and not lost sight of as soon as created.

I suppose you have the copy of Dr. Derey's long letter to me re Mt. Lehman. It means that Willans is through and I shall have to get Bygrave or some other one to take over. I may be in the city Monday and hope to see Mr. Bunt. Au revoir and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

H.M. Walker

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HANEY, B. C.

Sept 25th 1942

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Rev. W.P. Bunt
Superintendent of Missions
United Church

Dear Sir:-

Mr T.J. Drain of this town showed me a letter from you some time ago in which you stated that you had no record of the property on the Japanese Christian group here were paying insurance in the name of the United Church.

This property is described as follows:

Part 0.25 of an acre of D.L. 247 Group One (1) Sketch No. 709F Certificate of Title No 709F New Westminster District. held in the name of the Maple Ridge Congregation of the Methodist Church of Canada.

I find that application to have this property transferred to the United Church of Canada was prepared in October 1930 but could not be registered because the Certificate of Title #709F could not be produced

All our efforts to locate the Title have so far been unsuccessful.

Yours truly

H. Menzies

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September 30th 1942

Mr. H. Monzies,
Real Estate & Insurance,
Haney, B.C.

Dear Mr. Monzies,

In the absence of Mr. Bunt from the City, I am acknowledging receipt of yours of Sept. 25th re the Maple Ridge Church.

Your letter will be before Mr. Bunt when he returns to the city, at the end of October.

Thanking you for this information,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Office Secretary.

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September 16th 1942

Rev. W.R. Walkinshaw,
776 - 12th Ave.,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Walkinshaw,

Re Maple Ridge Japanese Church

Regarding the ownership of this property I find that there was no record at Toronto to indicate that it belongs to the Home Mission Board. Personally, I think that the title probably rests in the Trustees of the Hammond congregation and on the 27th of June, I wrote Mr. Drain to see if he knew anything about it. His reply did not give much information, but he hoped to provide at a later date something more definite. Up to the present I have not heard from him, and I think that it would be well for you to look into it whenever it may be convenient for you to do so, and we can get the thing straightened out, or at any rate clarified as soon as possible.

I am spending next Sunday at Strawberry Hill and Sullivan taking communion at both places and will have the opportunity of chatting with the officials of these congregations.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

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T. J. DRAIN
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT

TELEPHONE: HANEY 67
FIRE
AUTOMOBILE
PLATE GLASS

PORT HANEY, B.C. July 4th, 1942

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

The Maple Ridge Methodist Church you refer to was abandoned at the time of Union and its title remained in the name of the local Board of Trustees until the transfer to the United Church of Canada was ordered. About that time Rev. Peter Henderson, who was minister in charge, and Hal Menzies were authorized by Presbytery, I expect, to arrange the transfer to U. C. of Canada at the Registry Office, New Westminster, which they did. Mr. Menzies tells me that he will check up the transaction when he is in the Registry office some day and get number and description so that the Toronto office can recognize the property. I expect I will be able to give you further details then.

Very best wishes,

Yours truly,

T. J. Drain

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June 27th 1942

Mr. T.J.Drain,
Port Haney, B.C.

Dear Mr. Drain,

Have you any knowledge as to the legal ownership of the building which has been of late used by the Japanese at Maple Ridge, and which formerly was the Maple Ridge Methodist Church? I think that the Title must rest in a Board of Trustees at either Haney or Hammond, as my understanding is that the building was simply loaned to the Japanese for their use, on condition that they put it into shape and kept it in good repair.

Now that the Japanese work has been disbanded, we should know where we stand in respect of the property, and if you can give me any accurate information, I would be glad to get it as soon as possible. Before Mr. Akagawa left for Manitoba, he brought in an insurance policy on the building, which will run for something over a year, and I sent this on to Toronto, assuming that they held the title. Toronto has replied that they have no record of the property, and so I think that it must be held by the trustees, either of the Haney Pastoral Charge, or Hammond.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply, and with kindest regards,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

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June 18, 1942

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver.

Dear Mr. Bunt,- Re Maple Ridge (Japanese)

You recently sent in an insurance policy covering the above building, but we seem to have no record in this office of the property. I think that we spoke about this and you were under the impression it was a former Methodist church that had been handed over to the Japanese. It would, I think, be well for you to make inquiries concerning the title. There is, of course, no hurry, but at your convenience you might make this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

GD/EB

Geo. Dorey

*Wrote T. J. Albain - 27/6/42
for enquiry.*

*Wrote W. R. Walkinshaw
16/9/42.*

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HANLEY, B.C.

Rev. M.C. Macdonald, B.A.,
299 Queen Street W.,
Toronto (2) Ont.

May 21, 1940.

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Re: Maple Ridge United Church (Japanese)

Rev. W.R. Walkinshaw handed me the insurance policy on the above building, which I enclose herewith. As the United Church of Canada probably has some interest in this property, it was thought well that you should hold the policy. When the present one expires, we might make some alteration in the way in which the policy is drawn up.

I would be glad to have you acknowledge receipt of this document. United Church of Canada, which for \$700.00 and the furniture for \$200.00, and which I would ask you to kindly deliver to the Secretary of above organization, as we were not sure who to send it remain,

We trust the enclosed policy will be found in order.
Yours most sincerely,

Thanking you for the privilege of writing this insurance for you, we remain,

Yours truly,

H. Menzies
R. J. Menzies

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*Sent policy on to
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HANEY, B.C.

March 21, 1940.

Maple Ridge

Mr. Y. Yamaga,
Haney, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith Insurance policy in the name of United Church of Canada of Haney and Hammond Congregations, loss payable to the Fraser Valley Japanese United Church and the United Church of Canada, which covers the building for \$700.00 and the furniture for \$300.00, and which we would ask you to kindly deliver to the Secretary of above organization, as we were not sure who to send it to.

We trust the enclosed policy will be found in order.

Thanking you for the privilege of writing this insurance for you, we remain,

Yours truly,

H. Menzies
Rev. J. Menzies

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