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June 30, 1945.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA (New . W. P. Bunt)

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The United Church of Canada Mettish Columbia Conference REV. W. P. BUNT, S.A., B.D. SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS 807 DOMINION BANK BLDG. 207 WEST HASTINGS ST. VANCOUVER, B.C. EVALUATION SECTION ATTENTION Mr. Peters The Custodian, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C. Dear Sira Re Lot 12 Block 2 Section 10 Block 3 North Range 7 West Map 249, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster. On behalf of our head office in Toronto, I am writing to request that you cancel your vesting in the above lot in order that we may proceed with conveying it to a prospective buyer. Authority has been given for its sale, and I have conferred with the Land Registrar in New Westminster, as to the course to follow in order that the United Church of Canada may give Title. If you know of anyone wishing to purchase the lot, you might inform them that I am prepared to accept a deposit on its sale for the price of \$200.00. The legal requirements may take a matter of six or eight weeks before the Deed can be given. Thanking you in acticipation for your co-operation. I remain. W. Phant Yours most sincerely,  THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

REV. GORDON A. SISCO, M.A., D.D.

NOV 27 1944

421 WESLEY BUILDINGS TORONTO 2. CANADA

November 21st

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 19th in reference to properties at Steveston in which it is alleged that Japanese interests are indicated. The property is described as Lot 12, Block 2, Section 10, Block 3 North, Range 7 West. Map 249, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

In 1939 it was decided to turn this property over to the local Japanese congregation. Consequently transfer was made in the terms set forth in your letter.

The only mistake here was in the description of the congregation. It should have been the Trustees of the Japanese Congregation at Steveston. The real question in your letter is to be found in the first paragraph, in which you say you have been reviewing files in question in which Japanese interests are indicated. My opinion is that there is no Japanese interests indicated in this property. It is perfectly true that the persons named as trustees are Japanese. They are trustees for a certain congregation of the United Church of Canada and the interest in the property is not Japanese but United Church.

I think you have been led into error by a phrase in Miss Murray's letter in which she says: "the United Church of Canada as a Body Corporate has no interest in that lot". From this you go on to say "these facts indicate the intent of the United Church of Canada to dispossess itself of any interest in this parcel of land".

Within the United Church of Canada there are what, for want of a better term, may be called two kinds of property:

- (1) there is property held by the United Church as a Body Corporate for the use of the Corporation
- (2) there is property held by the Trustees for the use and benefit of the congregation or charge.

Corporate has a reversionary interest in the property and the United Church does not and has not dispossessed itself of interest in this or any other similarly held parcel. The fact that the Trustees are Japanese, that the property is held for the use and benefit of the Japanese congregation at Steveston, even though the word Japanese is left out of the Title, does not indicate any Japanese interest in this property as the term is used by the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.

If the persons named as Trustees, which for reasons which may be found in Section 9 of the Trusts of Model Deed, are not able to continue as Trustees then it is the duty of the congregation and failing the congregation, the duty of the Presbytery, to appoint new Trustees; and further, if there cease to be an organization known as the Japanese congregation at Steveston, then this property is to be held subject to such trusts and for the benefit of the United Church of Canada as the British Columbia Conference may determine.

It is the judgment of the United Church that this property is not Japanese and that therefore the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property has nothing to do with it. I sincerely trust that this point of view will meet with your approval in the light of the facts herein submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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SECRETARY.

Gordon A. Sisco Req., Secretary of The General Council, The United Church of Canada, 299 Queens Street West, Toronto, Onto

Dear Sira

In reviewing our files in connection with properties at Steveston in shich Japanese interests are indicated, the following appear to be the facts in connection with the property described as Lot 12, Block 2, Section 10, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 249, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

This office was advised by the Rev. W. P. Bunt, Superintendent of Home Missions, in a letter dated January 11, 1943, that while the above property formerly belonged to the United Church of Canada as successor to the Methodist Church, not desiring to held it any longer, they allowed it to go up for tax sale and the Japanese Comgregation desiring to possess it redeemed the property. The title at that time stood in the name of the Methodist Church.

A deed was signed on the 11th day of January, 1939, by The United Church of Canada, Gordon A. Bisco, Secretary The General Council, which purported to convey this property in the following terms:

The United Church of Canada pursuant to Section 3 of the United Church of Canada Act, 1924 Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 50 the legal successor in Title to The Methodist Church, the registered owner of an estate in fee simple subject however to such encumbrances, liens or interests as are notified by memorandum underwritten in all that certain parcel of land and premises known and described as Lot 12, Block 2 being part of Section 10, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, New Mestminster District, Province of British Columbia, hereby in consideration of other valuable consideration and the sum of (\$2.60) paid to it by T. KOSHIBA, G. OTSU, C. FURUKAWA, M. KUBA and M. MIYAMOTO. Trustees for the Congregation of Steveston United Church of the United Church of Canada, in the Province of British Columbia, the receipt of which sum it hereby acknowledges transfers to the said T. KOSHIBA, G. OTSU, C. FURUKAWA, M. KUBA and M. MIYAMOTO all its estate and interest in the said parcel of land.

In witness whereof The United Church of Canada has caused to be

Roy, W.F. Bunt, United Church of Canada, 507 Deminion Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirt

Reg The Trustees of the Steveston Congregation of the United Church of Garada. 12/5/10/1/1/2/9

Pursuant to our conversation of a few days ago, we are today requesting the Titles Department to lift our Vesting Order covering the above property. Attached you will find our cheque which is made up as follows:

19 months rent paid by the present tenant, an Weng, to the month ending January 7th,

The tenent is being notified that all rents in future are to be paid direct to you.

The prospective purchaser has been informed to contact you as to the possible sale of this property.

Yours truly,

George Peters Administration Department

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Extract from letter from the Solicitors for the United Church of Canada to Mr. G. W. Hernevson, April 27th, 19121

The understand that in the case of property held by alies trustees it is the procedure of the Controllin to take over and administer the trust property according to the trust food uniter thich the property is hold.

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To which Mr. G. W. McPherson replied personally as follows:

There your labter of April 27th.

The Custodian will not interfore with the trustees of this property, regardless of their unklocality, taking all stops necessary to transfer the property from the trustees to the United Church of Canada.

I have today reserved a letter from the United Church of Canada dealing with this matter and I am forwarding them a copy of this letter!.

Mr. G. W. McPherson's letter to the United Church of Canada, April 30/42, as follows:

I have your letter of April 29th and wish to enclose a copy of my letter of today's date to lossies, Lawson, Clare and Lundall, in reply to their letter of April 22nd.

I trust this will satisfactorily dispose of this matter".

# The United Church of Canada

British Columbia Conference

REV. W. P. BUNT, B.A., B.D. SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

SG7 DOMINION BANK BLOG. 207 WEST HASTINGS ST.

January 28th 1944

#### Attention K.W.Wright:

The Office of the Custodian, 509 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C.

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd 29 1944

File No. Ans'd AR Leane

Dear Sir:

Your file 13048 Evacuee Section

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, addressed to Mr. Bunt. I regret he is at present out of the city and will not return until about the 14th of February.

Meantime, regarding your statement as to ownership of Lots 7,8,2 9, and Lot 12, might I draw your attention to a letter dated May 8th 1943, your file No.10182, which was written to Mr. Bunt by Mr. Ian Macpherson, Title Examiner, Room 506 Royal Bank Bldg., in which he says:-

"Search of Title of Lots7,8, and 9 show as registered owner the Methodist Church."

This is a correct statement of how the title stands for these lots, and if you will refer to Mr. Bunt's reply to that letter dated December 6th 1943, you will note that the United Church of Canada Act, vests all property of the former Methodist Church in the United Church of Canada. These are the lots on which our Japanese Mission stands, and which you are using as a storage place for Japanese effects.

Lot 12, is held by trustees of the Japanese congregation, and the United Church of Canada as a Body Corporate has no interest in that lot. If you will refer to a letter written by Mr. Bunt to your Mr.P.H.Russell, Administration Department, 506 Royal Bank Bldg., on January 11th 1943, you will find the history of this lot, and the names of the trustees.

Your letter will be before Mr. Bunt on his return, and meantime you will be able to check up on the information in your files regarding the ownership of these properties, which are two distinct properties is different parts of the town.

Yours sincerely,

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Office Secretary.

509 Royal Bank Building. 15048 101.00 January 27th, 1944 TO CONTROL The United Church of Canada, 207 Doubtion Date Building. PERCENTER, B. C. Attentiont Rev. No P. Bunt Ret Lot 18, Block 2, Section 10, Block 38, Range FV, Map 849, and Lots 0 and 7, Block 22, Section 3, Block 31, Description Your Latter of December Old Last has just been referred to the Legal Section, and we must spologize for the delay in unking replyo We agree with you that the surplus revenue of the above moted property should be paid to the owners, and not retained by the custodian. Bovever, we notice that both properties are reglutored in the arms of The Bustons of the Storeston Congregation of the balling course of conside, and therefore we would like to have your destinite statement that the revenue from these properties should to puts so the United Church of Cenada and not to the registered . curiors of the proportion. As soon as we have your instructions in the above matter, we will be pleased to make resistance of the funds on head, and Charge of the county of the property of the property of Yours truly. K. W. WELGHT COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN GHP/JT 

# The United Church of Canada

British Commbin Conference

REV. W. P. BUNT, B.A., B.D. BUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

807 DOMINION SANK BLDG. 207 WEST HASTINGS ST VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 8th 1943

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEC 1 0 1943

Mr. Ian Macpherson, Title Examiner, Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Deer Sir:

Your File No. 10102 re Let 6 Block 3 of Section 10
Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 249

On May 8th, you wrote making enquiry as to whether or not the United Church of Canada has any interest in the above lot, and I deeply regret the long delay in replying to your letter.

The United Church of Canada, nor the Methodist Church prior to 1925, had no interest in Lot 6, which as I understand is, and has been, owned by a private individual. However, Lots 7, 8 and 9, constitute the property on which the former Japanese Church in Steveston is located, and is the property, by virtue of the United Church of Canada Act, of the United Church of Canada Act, of the United Church of Canada, it has not been our custom to register the individual transfers unless and until the time should come when we might be selling such holdings.

If you wish to correspond further regarding lots 7, 8 and 9, the official whom you would write would be Rev. George Dorey, D.D., 299 Queen Street W., Toronto, 2, Ont., which is the address of our head office for Canada.

Yours truly.

Superintendent of Home Missions.

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File No. 10/8 2

Ans. A. Mulherary

lear dis: Re Fil no. 10182.

The property mentioned in your letter of Ist I, is registered in the name of. I believe, mantare manjaments and Lamigno Krshiba, now deceased, and the title to the land is if I remember rightly, kept at the Land Registry affect at the Land Registry affect at the West minister.

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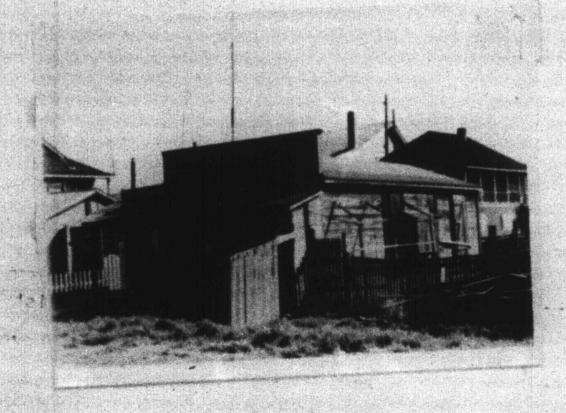
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> Sgd. The United Church of Canada Gordon A. Sisco Secretary The General Council



Registration Number 04518 BOROTO Eyulchi P. O. Box 84, Steveston, B. C. (Cor. Chatham & No. 1 Rd.) LOCATION AND MARTINE OF PROPERTY The land described in Form "JP" herein.
is the property of the United Church of Ganada. It is
registered in the name of the Steveston Japanese Mission. LAND AND BULLDINGS The building is a Mission Hall with a Awelling at the rear which is used by the Pastor, the above Nomoto. This property, together with Lots 7, 8 and 9 of Block 3, Section 10, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 249 which property adjoins and on which the United Church is built, here been, I understand, taken over by the Custodian for storage purposes. REMARKS I am enclosing herewith an inventory of the effects of the above Nomoto, together with the property of the Toman's Missionsry Society of the United Church or Canada and or the Church property which is stored in Me Green Sept. 15, 1942. d'mather

### INVENTORY

# INVESTORY OF GOODS BELONGING TO Kyulchi Nomoto

1 Ironing Board 1 2011 2 Mirrors 1 Broom l Mop Lincleum on Ploor l Winnipeg Couch with mattress
Litchen Stove, Sawdust.
Litchen on Floor 1 Table 2 Kitchen Cabinets 1 Small Table Sunday Glabes Curtains and Blinds on all windows Sundry Kitchen Utensils 1 Mirror 1 Settee 1 Bed and Spring 1 Screen Rester 1 Stove Board Linoleum on Floor S Charles 1 Wicker Chair 1 Table Sundry Books 6 Blectric Globes 1 Bureau 1 Wardrobe 2 Linoleum Ruge Rug on floor 5 Book Cases Chairs 1 Cable Sundry Gems
1 Bamboo Book Gase
15 Cartons Sundry Goods 1 Wicker Basket Sundries 1 Mattress 1 Cast Iron Cooking Pot
1 Bed
2 Book Cases with books
1 Plano and Stool.
1 Pable
2 Soreens
18 Small Benches 1 Heater 1 Bench Ourstine and Blinds on all windows 2 Law Movers

Registration Number 04518 ROMOTO Kywichi

## INVENTORY (CONTID)

# PROPERTY OF WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Sundry Bembhes

\* Chairs

\* Tables

\* Crockeryware

L Step Ladder

Sundry Treatles for Tables

5 Large Games goods

1 Organ and Stool

1 Heater

Linoleum on Ploor

1 Bench (Homemade)

1 Iong Table

1 Table Cloth on table

2 Bamboo Plower Backets

# PROPERTY OF UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

l Alter
1 Reading Dook
74 Chelrs with Cushions
1 Flower Stand
1 Flower Vase
1 Beater
1 Bemboo Table
1 Clock
Plinds on all windows
2 Pictures in frames
2 Small benches
1 Umbralls Stand
10 Electric Firtures
1 Sliding Curtain
1 Set Sliding Curtains not hung.

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File No. 13048

STEVESTON CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, Trustees of the

Civic Address:

Legal Description: Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 22 of Sec. 3, Blk.3 W.,

R.7 W., Map 249, N. W. D.

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Church.

This property is now under the control of the United Church of Canadasee Vacating Certificate on file. (April 14/44).

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File No. 13048

Steveston Congregation of the United Church of Canada, Trustees of the

Civic Address:

Lst Avenue near Moncton, Steveston, B. C.

Legal Description: Lot 12, Blk. 2 of Sec. 10, B3N, R7W, Map 249,

Num. of Richmond, N.W.D.

Classification:

Shack, on town lot.