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MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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COLLECTION

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MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Februarv 4 1952

Dr. M. Miyazaki

~~P. O. Drawer 190~~
~~Lillooet, B.C.~~

252 Oak Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

February 18 1972

Mr. Dennis O'Rourke,
c/o News Advertizer,
Kamloops, B. C.

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

I read your interesting article about Peter Wing in to-day's paper but I find there is a slight error in date which you may not be aware of.

You stated that "Orientals weren't given the right to vote until 1947. You may be thinking about restrictive regulations that were applied to Japanese Canadians during the war and which was finally listed on April 1 1947. We weren't allowed to vote till 1949.

We couldn't vote in British Columbia because we were prevented by theProvincial Statute, Chapter 236,an act to provide for the Incorporation ofVillage Municipalities, or Village Municipalities Act. Section 12 of this Act states;~"No Chinese, Japanese or Indians shall be entitled to vote at any poll held under the provisions of this Act. R.S. 1936, c 203,s10, 948 c:63,s.4" This section was repealed by the "Village Municipalities Act Amendment Act,1949,assented to 24th March 1949.

on March 7 1949

Since this date we in B.C. had the right to vote. I remember this date very well because I exercised my right to vote soon after the Act was passed. Being a property owner I had the opportunity to vote for School Money By-Law, but when I went to vote I was challenged.

The official in charge told me that I couldn't vote as I was disqualified by the Municipal Act. I told him that Section of the Act had been repealed and asked him to get in touch with Victoria. An answer came back that I was right and was allowed to vote. So I presume I was the first Japanese Canadian to cast a ballot after the section of the Act disqualifying us from voting was repealed. At the next municipal election I ran for the office ofVillage Commissioner and was elected in 1950. Province paper of Friday, Dec 8 1950 had this article on page 35: "JAPANESE,EAST INDIAN SEEK OFFICE - Reflecting their expanded citizenship, two Canadians of Japanese and East Indian origin are among candidates in next week's civic election in B.C.

Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki, who moved from the coast to Bridge River in 1941 and later to Lillooet, is offering for village commissioner ~~in~~* at Lillooet. Naranjan S. Grewall is a candidate for similar office at Mission City". Both were elected. I was re-erected and served three terms.

We had Chinese mayor in Kamloops and Japanese mayor, Shohei Saito in Ashcroft and we now have East Indian mayor, Johnder Basran at Lillooet.

If you need more information, I'll be pleased to see you.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

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一九五〇年十二月三十日 草々

ドクター此一家様

西晩にて
田城傳ヒ
外一同

宮崎政次郎様

前略　今回貴殿在住地リル・エット村の村會委員に日系人としてはじめてのシビイック要選挙に当選されました由承り、早速本紙上でそれを発表致しましたがこれは貴殿一個人のみならず、広く一般在加日系人の名誉として更に今後の市勢力と奉仕を祈っております。

貴殿今回の当選に対し本社は衷心より慶賀の意を表すると共に、同封原稿用紙に貴殿の所感なり抱負なりを書いて頂き送って貰えれば幸甚と存じます。尚貴殿並に御家族の略歴記入の上、御所信の一片を頂ければ本紙の幸いとするところで御座います。

十二月二十三日

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お村　研三

TAKAICHI UMEZUKI　THE NEW CANADIAN Phone PL. 5005　479 Queen St. West　Toronto 2-B, Ont.

Form 9

THE VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL

VANCOUVER, B.C.

H. W. RIGGS, Esq., M.D., CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. K. HAYWOOD, M. D.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

December 6th. 1932.

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
193 E. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,- VISITING STAFF.

I have much pleasure in advising you that the Board of Directors, at its last meeting, appointed you a member of the Visiting Staff of the Vancouver General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Haddon.
Secretary.

GH/L.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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FORM 9
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PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY CO.

Squamish. B.C. March 13th. 1944.

REFER TO FILE No. 21.10 B.

Mr. W. A. McBrayne,
Supervisor,
B.C. Security Commission,
Shalalth. B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 6th.

On the distinct understanding that it will only be in case or cases of absolute emergency that Dr. Miyazaki will call on Mr. Raymond Patrick for Gas Car Service, Shalalth to Lillooet, do we agree that such service be rendered, and, subject to cancellation at any time should services of this nature become too frequent and working a hardship on Mr. Patrick, who, because of late trains and other local conditions, which demand his presence at night making for loss of rest, is working a lot of overtime in addition to his daily track work.

Further be it understood that Mr. Patrick shall not be called upon to wait with Gas Car to return the Doctor to Shalalth after transporting him to Lillooet in any instance, to further add to the loss of rest to Mr. Patrick, but on the other hand the Doctor will avail himself of the regular Motor for return on the following day.

Advise if this is fully understood and agreed to.

Yours truly,

JAQ:C.

Superintendent.

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MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

SHALALTH B.C. MARCH 16th. 44

Mr J.A.Quick.

Superintendent;

P.G.Railway.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of March 13th.

I have read your letter to Docter Miyazaki,he wishes me to express his gratitude to you,for the kind consideration you have shown to his request.

I also wish to thank you for the consideration you have shown,and to assure you that the conditions outlined,will be strictly adhered to

Yours Sincerly

W.A.Macbrayne.

Supervisor.

Dr. M. Miyazaki.
P.O. Vancouver 190
Yellow R.R.

Gwen McBrayn N. Sampson

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Lillooet and District Board of Trade

Lillooet, B. C.
March 10 1945

To the B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Whereas there is no Medical Practitioner in Lillooet and we have been unable to find anyone willing to locate here,and whereas besides the White population,there are some 215 Japanese as well as a large Indian Reserve

We the uhdersigned representative citizens of Lillooet respectfully request that Dr. Miyazaki of Bridge River be permitted to take up permanent residence here provided the Japanese Committee at Bridge River consent to the move.

Dr. Miyazaki is willing to make the move and we understand has guaranteed to devote one day in each week to the service of Bridge River.

May this receive your immediate attention,please.

Signed

G. Hurley
Merchant

A.W.A.Phair
Merchant

D. D. Winsby
Bank manager

W. Bouvette
Telegrapher

W. E. Fleming
Farmer

J. Wilson
Soliciter

Hurley Motors
E.B.Hurley

Lillooet Cartage Co Ltd.
E. Jones

O.G.Estabrook
A Stipendiary magistrate in
and for the County of Cariboo

Shigeru Yasuura
Representative
East Lillooet Project

F. C. Parks & Co.
W.F.Hunt

Jim Bros.
Jim San

J. B. Johnson
Post Office caretaker

Joseph Russel

Alex C. Phair

F. Kelly

Mrs. R. Hill

Mrs. Olga Estabrook

E. L. Patten

George C. Rigg

Elsie Norton

Mrs. S. Auld

J. H. Cooper

A. W. Young

Geo.McMurray

Anne Patten

M. Haylmore

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Dr. M. Miyazaki.
P. O. Vancouver 190
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Following signatures were on the sheet.

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Logger

W. Borwette
Telegrapher

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Lillooet Hotels Ltd.

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A. W. Young

Mrs. R. Hill
Gwen McBrayn
Nick Samson
Logger

O.C.Swart
AHCHGYNG
Shoemaker
Got Poy
Ko Sang

Barney James

M. Waymore
Haymore

Nick Sampson
Logger

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police
JAPANESE REGISTRATION
"E" Division

File No. 02139

Vancouver, B. C.
March 21st, 1945.

A. Champion, Esq.,
R.C.M.Police,
BRIDGE RIVER?B.C.

RE: Masajiro Miyazaki - #02139
Bridge River, B. C.

Enclosed please find permit for the above-named Japanese allowing him to travel from Bridge River,B.C. to Lillooet, B. C. on permanent transfer.

2 Could permit please be handed over to subject with the request that he return same to this office immediately upon his arrival in Lillooet,B.C.

Encl.

A/Cpl.
(R.A.Davidson) Reg.No. 11239
i/c Japanese Registration

Sadajiro Nishizawa # 01282

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PERMANENT

Date March 21st, 1945
Place Vancouver, B. C.

Japanese Registration No 02139

This permit authorizes Masajiro Miyazaki

Bridge River, B. C.

to travel from BRIDGE RIVER, B. C.

to LILLOOET, B. C.

Route(By Bus,C.N.,C.P.,etc.) Whatever means available.

For the purpose of Taking up permanent residence at Lillooet, B. C.
He must notify the R.C.M.Police immediately upon his arrival at that point.

Place of Issue Vancouver, B. C.

Issuing Officer
(C.K.Gray)
Commanding "E" Division,R.C.M.P.

Supt.

This permit expires on March 31st, 1945.and must be returned to issuing officer after expiration.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LILLOOET

LILLOOET, B. C.

I ..Masajiro..Miyazaki.....do solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Commissioner, to which I have been appointed, for the Village Municipality of Lillooet, B. C., and that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward, or promise of such, for the exercise of any partiality or malversation or other undue execution of the said office.

.....M...Miyazaki.

I ...Masajiro..Miyazaki....do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George VI, his heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.

Sworn by the above-named
at Lillooet, B. C. this 21..Day of
December, 1950., before me.

....M...Miyazaki.

Signed by...Bert..Manson.....

Commissioner for taking affidavits

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. M. Miyazaki
P. O. Drawer 190
Lillooet, B.C.

December 26 1950

Mr. Kenzo Mori,
The New Canadian,
479 Queen St. W.,
Toronto 2-B, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mori:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22nd inst.

I was quite surprised to learn that my election to Village Council had caused so much interest on the part of newspapers and radio.

True,it was news because I happened to be the first Japanese Canadian ever to become commissioner or alderman but I only did my part as any citizen will do,took part in community affairs and accepted the nomination when it was offered.

Being a newcomer to civic government I have much to learn but hope to fullfil my part as a commissioner when I sit at the first meeting of Village Council,on Jan. 8 1951

I hope the Japanese Canadians in other part of Canada will take interest in municipal affairs and become candidate for commissioner or alderman when the opportunity comes along in the very near future.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Civic Administration

READ BY OVER 10,000 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

481 University Avenue, TORONTO 2, Canada.

February 4 1952

January 8, 1952.

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
P.O. Drawer 190,
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:

Our circulation department has shown me your recent letter about your subscription and our misspelling of your name. I trust this has all been straightened out by now; in any event, it soon will be.

I was interested in the brief details you gave about yourself and your public life in your village, and am writing to ask if you would write us a brief biographical sketch (250 to 300 words) of your public, professional and personal background for our PEOPLE department, and also send us a recent photograph of yourself to illustrate the article.

I was also very pleased to hear that our publication has been of some value to you in your career as a municipal official. That is something that gives us great satisfaction.

Please let me hear from you soon; meanwhile, may I extend best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

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Editor.

WELLS RITCHIE:GB

P.S. Georgina Murray, daughter of the Murrays that used to publish the Lillooet paper, is an old friend of mine, harking back to our CBC days.

W.R.

A MACLEAN – HUNTER PUBLICATION

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

February 4 1952

Lillooet District
HOSPITAL SOCIETY

Lillooet, B.C., September 11th, 19 54

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Doctor: Re: Permission to use the
Lillooet & District Hospital.

Reference recent permission granted to you to use and admit patients to the hospital, the Board regret to advise you that they must,temporarily at least, withdraw that privilege.

The reason for this action is that there is still some confusion as to your status, in order that liability will not devolve upon the Board we are forced to so act.

I expedt that this matter will be cleared up in the very near future and we can proceed with our original plan, to our mutual benefit.

Yours respectfully,

W.D. Nielsen
President.

February 4 1952

May 24, 1966

Mrs. Frances Tucker
Room 252, Brock Hall, U.B.C.
Vancouver 8, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

I am, and I am sure Dr. M. Miyazaki is too, pleased to learn that we were able to add whatever little we can to the Alumni Archives.

I think we can undertake to find addresses for Japanese-Canadian graduates if you let me know the list of names from which mailings are returned.

I am trying to locate Eiko Henmi, BA '39 and in her case, I anticipate no particular trouble.

Yours truly,

Dr. E. C. Banno.

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February 4 1952

EDWARD C. BANNO, D.M.D.

TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.
May 3, 1966

Dr. M. Miyazaki
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki;

How are you and how are the family?

We do not have a chance to see you too often.

The weather is as yet quite uncertain but we do look forward to a more pleasant weather.

I received a letter, (a copy of which I enclose) but I do not have a copy of the Directory, though I remember it well.

I cannot remember if further issues were published. The original issue perhaps was planned due to the uncertainty of the time as to where we all would be in the immediate months following.

Can you add anything at all to the above?

Remember us to the family.

Sincerely,
Dr. E. C. Banno

Yours sincerely
Frances Tucker

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

February 4 1952

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EDWARD C. BANNO, D.M.D.

TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

April 29, 1966

Dr. E. C. Banno, BA, DDM
676 Fraser Street, Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Dr. Banno:

You may have read in the UBC Alumni Chronicle that the Alumni Association is marking our 50th anniversary by publishing an Association history in the Chronicle this autumn. The have commissioned me to write it.

I have just read in the October 1941 issue of the Chronicle that a Japanese Alumni Directory was published in 1941 under your direction, and to my delight found two copies of it in the Universtiy archives.

Tell me, how many directories were published, and in what years? (I have not written to Dr. Miyazaki, - I thought you might be able to give me the information.) Can you give me copies of them, too, for our Alumni Archives?

Does the organization still exist? I hope you can give me an account of it, so that I can include facts about it in the history.

Yours sincerely
Frances Tuckey

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

February 4 1952

EDWARD C. BANNO, D.M.D.

TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

Thank you for the information about Mr. Higashi. Have you an address for Eiko Henmi, BA'39? I have asked Alumni Records to correct your dental degree.

Yours sincerely

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(Mrs) Frances Tucker

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Yours sincerely
Frances Tucker

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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February 4 1952

EDWARD C. BANNO, D.M.D.

TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

May 11, 1966.

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:

Thank you for letting me see the copy of the "UBC Japanese Alumni Directory"-- I had two copies of it made by my secretary minus the art work and sent it to Mrs. F. Tucker at UBC. I also had Sherwood Lett's speech copied and sent it also. I am returning your copies with thanks.

About Yoshimitsu: I asked Mrs. Tucker to check to see if his name appears in the graduation list for that year. My "Members of Convocation-1951" does not carry his name. Possibly it is delisted in case of known death.

Sincerely,

Ed

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
Frances Tucker

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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May 18 1966

Dr. Edward C. Banno, D.M.D.,
676 Fraser Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Dr. Banno;

Thank you and Dr. Miyazaki for the valuable additions to our Archives. I was particularly interested to see that you had undertaken to publish Sherwood Lett's paper given to the Japanese Students' Club of U.B.C. So was Tim Hollick-Kenyon, the Association director, when I showed it to him.

As I remembered Dean Henry Angus giving a paper to the Vancouver Institute after the war listing the injustices suffered by our Japanese Canadians, I telephoned him to ask if he had addressed the Japanese Students' Club. No he said, but he remembered writing an article for the Canadian Bar Review about 1931, and that George Takakasu Tamaki, BA'38, had written it up. And you may know that he contributed parts of a chapter in a book edited by N. S. M. MacKenzie (later president of U.B.C,) and published in 1937, entitled <u>The Legal Status of Aliens in Pacific Countries.</u>

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Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
Frances Tuckey

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

I note that Eiko Henmi, BA'39, and Yoshimitsu Higashi were on the executive in 1939 and 1940. The Alumni records do not list Y. Higashi; did he (or she) graduate? Perhaps they changed their names and addresses. I'd be grateful for any information you can let me have.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Frances K. Tucker, BA'50

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Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
Frances Tucker

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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February 4 1952

Alumni Association of The University of British Columbia

TELEPHONE CASTLE 4-4366
ROOM 252, BROCK HALL, U.B.C.
VANCOUVER 8, B.C.

18 May 1966

Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki,
P.O.Box 190,
163 North Russel Street,
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:

I have just written to Dr. Banno to thank him for contributing to our Alumni Association archives a copy of the UBC Japanese Alumni Directory, 1941, and Vol. 1, No. 1 of Proceedings & Transactions of the Japanese Students' Club of the University of British Columbia, which you also had in your possession.

These are valuable additions to our archives. Our Alumni Association director, Tim Hollick-Kenyon, was delighted when I showed them to him, and he wants to show them to our present Alumni executive right away.

If you have any reminiscences as a graduate or as an undergraduate, I do hope you will jot them down and let me have them for our archives.

In my letter to Dr. Banno I mentioned G. T. Tamaki, BA'38. Did you know he is also an LL.B. of Dalhousie and an LL.M. of Toronto, and is now a member of the legal firm of Stikeman, Elliott, Tamaki, Mercier and Turner, of Montreal? The Turner is John Turner, M.P., and a son of our retiring UBC Chancellor, Mrs. Phyllis Ross.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
Frances Tucker

Lillooet Detachment
Lillooet, B.C.
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February 4 1952

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Lillooet Detachment
Lillooet, B.C.
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EDWARD C. BANNO, D.M.D.

TELEPHONE 372-2326

439 VICTORIA STREET
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

May 24, 1966

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:

I am sending you a copy of the letter received from Mrs. Frances Tucker, also a copy of the reply I wrote.

Let you know what addresses we are short of so that we can take steps to see the lists are as complete as possible.

Sincerely,

Ed Banno

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

February 4 1952

YOUR No.
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Lillooet Detachment
Lillooet, B.C.
14 Jul 70

Dr. M. MIYAZAKI
1724 Clifford Avenue
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Doctor

It was a great relief to me to know that you are up and around again and I understand you were back in Lillooet recently. Of course I read your story in the paper and I received acopy of your letter but nevertheless neither the story nor the letter assured me very much because I think you would do this or have this done no matter how sick you were.

I really don't know what to say except that I am very glad you have done so well.

No doubt you have heard by now that we are transfered to Squamish and leave very shortly and I would like my last official act as D.C. to pay tribute to you for all the good you have done Scouting in Lillooet and this District. I know very well that your goodwill and good work have extended far beyond those in Scouting as well. This is small tribute compared to those you have already received and I suppose it is suffice to say "A job well done".

My very best wishes along with those of my wife to you, to Mrs. MIYAZAKI and to Kenny. Above all take care of yourself.

Very sincerely

(W. E. MASON) 17372 Cpl
i/c Lillooet Detachment.

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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February 4 1952



The Principal

P.O.Box 62
Lytton, B.C.

July 20th 1970

Dr.M.Miyazaki
1724 Clifford Avenue
Kamloops, B.C.

My dear Doctor,

I have received your letter of July 7th and I must apologise for the delay in replying but I have been away on a business trip to Alberta and have only just returned to Lytton.

It is with deep regret that I must, on behalf of the District Council, accept your resignation as our District Secretary-treasurer. Your recent illness has been a matter of great concern to all of us and we sincerely trust that the worst is now over and that the future will see a great improvement in your physical condition.

No words can express the deep appreciation of all of us for your past services. You are one of a kind, a dedicated, understanding and self-effacing man who sees a job to be done and who does it without comment in a manner that sees it through to it's conclusion.

On behalf of the District Council, as we can is our sincere thanks, our gratitude and our very deep appreciation.

We wish you many years of happiness in your new home in Kamloops and assure you of a warm welcome on any return visits that you might make to the Kumsheen District.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly

A.W.Harding
A/ District Secretary-Treasurer

Commissioner,Lillooet Village Council.

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February 4 1952

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November 18, 1971

Dr. M. Miyazaki
P.O. Drawer 190
Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of November 15th, and hasten to accept your generous offer of the documents in your posession. We would be happy to receive them whenever you have finished them. I hope that you will also provide us with a copy of your memoir when it is finished.

I am sure you will be interested to know that we have met with considerable success in our program of collecting documents relating to Japanese Canadians. It is encouraging to see the development of an archives which can act as a resource for historical studies in future years.

Again, your interest and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Basil Stuart-Stubbs.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs
University Librarian

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Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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February 4 1952

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CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LILLOOET

BOX 610

LILLOOET, B. C.

January 4, 1972.

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
252 Oak St.,
Kamloops, B. C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:-

In recognition of the community work you performed, we would be grateful to receive a 5" x 8" glassed portrait of yourself, preferably in black and white print with narrow, black frame, so that we may place it in the Council Chambers of the Village of Lillooet.

Yours truly,

B. M. Woodward,
Municipal Clerk.

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Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

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MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

February 4 1952

PHONE 256-4289

BOX 610

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LILLOOET

LILLOOET, B. C.

February 16, 1972.

Dr. M. Miyazaki,
252 Oak St.,
Kamloops, B. C.

Dear Dr. Miyazaki:-

This will acknowledge receipt of the portrait of yourself which we received yesterday.

We extend our sincere thanks for your interest in giving us the opportunity to place it on the walls of the Council Chambers in recognition of the services you gave to the Village of Lillooet.

Yours truly,

B. M. Woodward,
Municipal Clerk.

BMW:mc

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

February 4 1952

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謹啓 十二月の末の三日間ご訪問を賜りまして誠に有難うございました。

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ご多忙の事とは存じますが、なるべく早くご返事を頂きたいと存じます。

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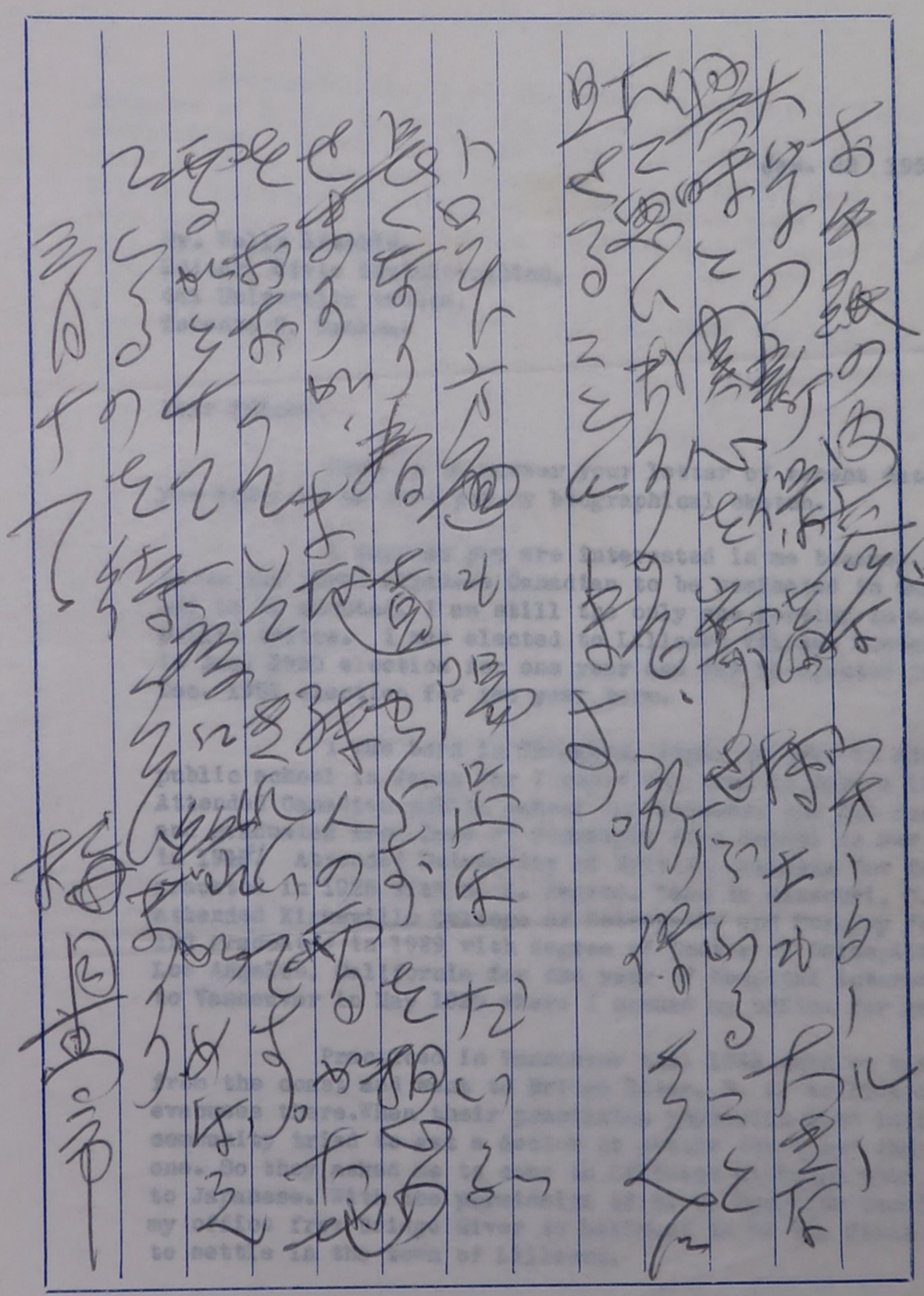
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February 4 1952

Jan. 22 1952

Mr. Wells Ritchie,
Editor, Civic Administration,
481 University Avenue,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear Editor:

This is to answer your letter of recent date in which you asked me to send you my biographical sketch.

I suppose you are interested in me because I happened to be the first Japanese Canadian to be nominated in Canadian election and to be elected. I am still the only one serving in elective public office. I was elected to Lillooet Village Council as Commissioner in Dec. 1950 election for one year and was re-elected to Council in Dec. 1951 election for two year term.

I was born in Shigaken, Japan on Nov. 24 1899. Attended public school in Japan for 7 years and came to Canada in 1913. Attended Canadian public school in Vancouver and New Westminster and graduated from Duke of Connaught High School in New Westminster in 1918~~1~~21. Attended University of British Columbia for four years and grauated in 1925 with B. A. degree. Went to Missouri, U. S. A. and attended Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery for four years and graduated in 1929 with degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. Went to Los Angeles, California for one year of hospital internship and returned to Vancouver in May 1930 where I opened my office for general practice.

Practiced in Vancouver till 1942 when we had to evacuate from the coast and went to Bridge River, B. C. to look after the Japanese evacuees there. When their practicing physician died in 1944, Lillooet community tried to get a doctor to settle there but they couldn't get one. So they asked me to come to Lillooet although this town was closed to Japanese. With the permission of B. C. Security Commission, I moved my office from Bridge River to Lillooet to be the first Japanese family to settle in the town of Lillooet.

I like Lillooet and its people so much I intend to stay here permanently and am taking interest in community affairs.

Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

February 4 1952

Professionally, I am the member of College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C., B. C. Osteopathic Association and Canadian Osteopathic Associatiann. Locally, I am on Board of Directors of Lillooet and District Board of Trade, Director of Lillooet Unit of Cancer Society, President of Lillooet and District Ambulance Service Association. At present I am very busy with our fund rainsing campaign to purchase an ambulance for this district.

Am enclosing the photo which was taken recently.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

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M. Miyazaki

M. Miyazaki, B.A., B. S., D. O.
Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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February 4 1952

Editor,
Bridge River-Lillooet News,

Dear Sir:

In last week's issue there was a letter to the Editor from Dr. Lynn Gunn, Executive Secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C. Quoting from a part of the letter:

" For your information, Dr. M. Miyazaki is registered and is in good standing as an osteopathic physician with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C. since October 1929." Unquote.

This should satisfy those skeptics who doubted my registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C.

In your editorial of January 17th issue re: Hospital Situation, you suggested that the only solution to remedy this situation is to have a medical man establish residence here. This might satisfy a few people but not the majority. Some of our citizens will still be barred from using the local hospital facilities because they can't have their own physician attend them. Dr. Gunn points out in the letter that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C. in no way controls the appointment of doctors to hospital staff and that it is governed by the Hospital Act. In that case the only solution is to amend the Hospital Act and to change the wording " Medical practitioner" to " Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B. C." as it is used in Medical Certificate forms of B. C. Hospital Insurance Service, one of which I recently signed.

Your editorial also intimated that there might be an opposition from my supporters to bring a medical man here. There won't be any opposition, only a good competition. The only requirement for that man is that he be SANE and qualified for country practice and that he obtain a licence from the village council if he wishes to practice within the Incorporated Village of Lillooet.

Yours truly,
M. Miyazaki

M. Miyazaki, B.A., B. S., D. O.
Commissioner, Lillooet Village Council.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

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Bridge River, B. C.
March 13 1945

B.C.Security Commission,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With regard to the request from Lillooet people for me to take up the permanent residence in Lillooet,I wish to present my case for your fovorable consideration.

When I came to Bridge River in August 1942,I came with the understanding that I was to look after the health of Japanese in Minto,Bridge River,McGillivray Falls and East Lillooet,the population of about one thousand. Dr. Hodgens,then of B.C.S.C. thought I could make a living among these self-supporting evacuees since B.C.S.C. wasn't going to pay me the salary like the doctors in government supported project. However when I came to Bridge River,I found that Minto was 37 miles away on the map but I had to cross the Mission Mt. 4000 feet high to get there. As far as amount of gasoline consumed to make the trip was concerned it was more like a hundred mile trip. However, I made the trip twice a month during the summer months but was unable to do so during the winter months because of dangerously bad road. Although I went to Minto,the Japanese in Minto wasn't depending on me for medical care as there was a doctor near by and I didn't see enough patients to pay for the travelling expense. East Lillooet Japanese had medical care by Dr. Paterson of Lillooet so they did not need me much. I only served McGillivray people and Bridge River Japanese.

When Dr. Paterson of Lillooet diedthere was no other doctor to take his place. I started serving the people of Lillooet and vicinity as best I could and large percentage of my present practice is among the White,Japanese and Indians about Lillooet. On the other hand,the population of Japanese in Bridge River and McGillivray Falls have decreased cobiderably. Over one hundred and fifty people have left these two projects during the past two years. At present about 150 people are remaining in Bridge River and only six families in McGillivray Falls. During 1943 when population of Bridge River was at its peak,I delivered 13 babies but during this year only two are scheduled to be delivered , one in June and other in September. During January 1945,I had only two Japanese patients from Bridge River anddduring February,two again. My total income during these two months was $10.00 I can't make a living if I had to depend on Japanese in Bridge River alone. Since my practice consist mostly among the people of Lillooet and vicinity it would be much more convenientfor me to transfer to Lillooet. I could give better service to larger number of people and would be convenient for everybody.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Since I began going to Lillooet to see the patients, sometimes staying overnight there, I had come to know a large number of people and have made many friends. So now instead of objecting to Japanese settling in Lillooet as formerly, they have actually asked me to take up the permanent residence there!

Even when I transfer to Lillooet I could still serve the Japanese of Bridge River as I am coming to Bridge River regularly and at other times if necessary on speeder as well on gas car.

Moreover, if I take up the residence in Lillooet now, my practice would be permanent and I won't have to look for other location to settle down when Bridge River Project close down in near future. Also, my two children could attend the regular school in Lillooet.

When Constable Jack Dowling of Lillooet approached me on February 19th regarding my transfer to Lillooet, I consulted Mr. Etsuji Morii, head of Minto-Bridge River Project, when he came down to Bridge River on following day, Feb. 20th and have received his approval about my transfer to Lillooet. I went to Lillooet on Feb. 24th, have selected the house for my office and residence and began remodelling it. All I need now is the consent from you to make my transfer complete so I would ask you kindly to grant me the permit to take up the permanent residence in Lillooet.

Yours truly

M Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

1724 Clifford Avenue
Kamloops, B. C.
May 13, 1970

Dear Scouter:

Just a few lines to let you know how I got to the hospital and how I am doing.

I was really sick after the Training Course and really sick all week, but attended the District meeting the following Sunday. You will recall I was too sick to drive and had Jim Bodner drive my car. Also, I was too sick to read the minutes of the last meeting and had to let Anthony Harding read it.

The following Wednesday, I became real sick and rushed to Kamloops by car with Jake Essau driving. When I got here, they found I had kidney failure and pneumonia. They operated on my arm to put in a shunt and put me on the kidney machine to take out the poison. It took three sessions and I had to fight pneumonia which is extremely difficult at my age, but I fought.

Later, they found I had bowel trouble and they operated and took out a few inches of small intestine.

I am recovering now, but have difficulty breathing so I was on the oxygen machine for three weeks. I was under Intensive Care for three weeks but now I am on the 6th floor recovering. They are trying to feed me enough protein to get me ready for a prostrate removal operation. I am also put on the kidney machine every 5 or 6 days.

I was quite lucky that Kamloops has a Kidney machine which was donated by the Kamloops Lions Clubs whose President is my son-in-law, Roy. Roy, with the others, worked hard raising the money, little realizing that it was to save my life.

I received many cards and letters of good wishes but the ones most appreciated were from Cub Philip Wyatt and Green Six Cub Pack (Brad W., Billy M., Charles N.) who sent their wishes in their own words, spelling, and handwriting.

If everything goes right, I should be back in Lillooet in July.

Sincerely,

M. Miyazaki per Betty Inouye

(dictated to Betty Inouye)

Copies to: Mr. John Norman
Mr. Anthony Harding
Corp. E. Mason
Mr. John Pat O'Toole
Mr. Jim Bodner

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

COPY

Dr. M. Miyazaki
P.O. Drawer 190
252 ~~Lillooet~~ Cain Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

Phone 367-1884

Oct. 6 1970

Mr. T. Umezuki,
479 Queen St. W.
Toronto 133, Ont.

Dear Mr. Umezuki:

Another history making event happened to me recently when I was made "Freeman of Lillooet" in recognition of my 25 years service to Lillooet.

I was invited to a party in Lillooet on September 26th. On two former occasions when I went there I wasn't strong so my daughter drove me over but this time I was well enough to drive myself all the way to Lillooet, a distance of 110 miles.

When I went there two parties were prepared for me. United Church Women of St. Andrews United Church where I was an Elder for many years was hosting a tea party in the afternoon for old ladies. This gave us the opportunity to meet our old friends again. At 7.30 P.M. we were escorted to Community Hall. When I entered the hall what a surprise waited for me. The Community Hall was filled with people who came to attend the Testimonial Dinner, hosted by Elks Lodge but whole community was invited. I was presented with many gifts from various organizations that I served. Village of Lillooet presented me with a large silver tray with engraving "Dr. M. Miyazaki. Freeman of Village of Lillooet, in appreciation 1970 " and Mayor Johndar Basran conferred on me the title of Freeman, first time the citizen of Lillooet received this honor. I was told that this title entitles me have my name placed at head of voters list and could vote at municipal election whether I live in Lillooet or not. What an honor! Twenty years ago we in British Columbia couldn't be on voters list. Section 12 of Village Municipalities Act stated- "No Chinese, Japanese or Indians shall be entitled to vote at any poll held under the provisions of this Act. R.S. 1936 c 203,S 10; 1948,C 63,S 4. This section was repealed by Village Municipalities Act Amendment Act,1949 and was assented to 24th March 1949. Soon after this Act was passed and I saw the article in newspaper, I went to vote on school money by-law as I was the property owner then. When I went to the poll, I was refused ballot. The registrar in charge told me that Japanese can't vote. I told him that section that disqualified us from voting was repealed and asked him to phone Victoria and find out by himself. The word came from Victoria that I was right and I was given the vote. So I think I am the first Japanese to exercise my franchise after Section 12 was repealed. Following year when vacancy occurred in village council I ran for the office of village commissioner (now alderman) and was elected in December 1950, to become the first Japanese Canadian to be elected to public office in Canada. Since then second generation became of age when they could try for various public office and we now have many alderman, mayor and school board trustees. In our surrounding district we have Chines Canadian, Mr. Peter Wing, as mayor of City of Kamloops, Mr. Shohei Saito, Japanese

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Dr. M. Miyazaki

~~P.O. Drawer 190~~
Lillooet, B.C.
252 Oak Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

Canadian , as Mayor of Village of Ashcroft and East Indian Canadian, Mr. Johndar Basran, as Mayor of Village of Lillooet. Of course, these three are native born Canadians. Yet though they were born in Canada they couldn't vote or become the candidates in municipal election until 1949. Among the Indians we have Mr. Frank Calder, M.L.A. from Atlin, N.D.P. and Mr. Len Marchant M.P. from Kamloops, Lib. Many years ago we had Mr. Douglas Jung, M.P. Cons. from Vancouver.

I was also made a Life Member of Lillooet Lodge # 467 of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada, for my long service to this lodge. I was the charter member and served in various office, last five years as treasurer of the lodge.

This spring I was granted the Medal of Merit by His Excellency, the Right Honourable, Roland Michener, Governor-General and Chief Scout of Canada, for my especially good service to Scouting and I went to Vancouver to receive this award from Lieutenant Governor, Honourable John Nicholson, at a ceremony held at the time of Annual Meeting of Provincial Council of Boy Sccouts of Canada, on March 21 1970 I believe I am the first Japanese to receivedthis kind of honor. I was district secretary-treasurer of Kumsheen District Council for many years. Since moving to Kamloops I have joined Kamloops District Council of Boy Scouts and am keeping up my interest in Scouting.

As to my health, I had to leave Lillooet because of illness and further treatment could only be obtained in Kamloops or Vancouver. I am now comfortably settled in our new home in north Kamloops, near my daughter and grandchildren. Though I go to Royal Inland Hospital, three times a week for my treatment with kidney machine, I have regained my health and could drive my car, and hope to enjoy the life of retirement.

I am looking forward to attending 45th re-union of class of '25 to be held at Faculty Club of U.B.C. on Oct. 24th. It is 45 years since I graduated from U.B.C.- last graduating class to graduate from U.B.C. in Fairview, in May 1925 U.B.C. at Point Grey was opended in Sept. 1925. When I graduated in 1925 total number of graduates from three faculties were 200. Last year U.B.C. alone graduated 2000 students. We now have four universities and many regional colleges in B. C. Cariboo College at Kamloops opened this September for the first time with 600 students. Miss Tose Uchida graduated in 1916. Hers was the first graduating class from U.B.C. She is the ol oldest Japanes U.B.C. graduate living and I am the second oldest.

When I return from Vancouver I might write again if I have any news to report.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. M. Miyazaki

P. O. Drawer 190
Lillooet, B.C.

252 Oak Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

October 27 1970

Dear Mr. Umezuki:

As I mentioned in my last letter, I attended the Re-union of Class of '25 held at U.B.C. on October 24th.

I was well enough to drive all the way to Vancouver, distance of 270 miles in 5 hours.

I visited many friends in the afternoon and attended cocktail party at 5 P. M. held at penthouse home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ross, former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Mrs. Phyllis Ross, graduate of class of 25, mother of John Turner, Minister of Justice. They occupy entire top 9th floor of apartment at 2002 Robson Street, corner of Robson and Chilco.From here one could see the Lost Lagoon of Stanley Park below and could see north Vancouver from one window and see Point Grey from another window. I had quite a chat with Mr. Ross. Press photographer was there and he took picture of me and chairman as we sat and talked in Mr. Ross's study.

We had formal banquet at Faculty Club of U.B.C. at 7.30 P. M. I had another surprise. My wife and I were escorted to headtable and I was introduced as "Distinguished Alumni of the year" and class gave my wife a corsage of orchid. Chairman mentioned that I was honored by Governor General Roland Michenor for my especially good service to Scouting and received "Medal of Merit" and that I was made Freeman of Lillooet whereas I wasn'tallowed to vote 20 years ago. Class was very proud of my achievement and drank the toast to my health.

Since this was our 45th reunion and youngest is at least 65 years old all were retired. Compared to five years ago, number attending were smaller. Some had passes away during past 5 years. I hope to live long enough to attend another reunion in 5 years, our 50th one.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

December 1970

Dear Friends- Far and Near:

1970 has been an eventful year for us with honors, sickness, relocation of whole family and finally retirement. I can't begin to relate all that happened in a short note so I am writing in this manner.

This spring I was awarded the Order of Medal of Merit by Rt. Hon. Roland Michener, Governor General and Chief Scout of Canada for my "especially good service to Scouting", highest honor an executive could receive. We went to Vancouver on March 21st to have Hon. John Nicholson, Lieutenant Governor of B. C. personally hang this order, gold scout medal hung by green ribbon, round my neck at a special ceremony of award held in conjuntion with annual meeting of B.C. Provincial Council, Boy Scouts of Canada.

I was O. K. when I attended Scouter's meeting in Kamloops on April 4th but next day I felt sick as if I was coming down with flue. When I did not improve I was driven to Kamloops and entered Royal Inland Hospital on April 16th. There my illness was diagnosed as chronic renal failure and basal pneumonia. I was hooked to artifical kidney machine to get rid of poison and with oxygen therapy for my pneumonia I improved but I had couple complications. I had emergency operation to resect part of my small intestine and when my doctor tried to operate on my prostate, the cause of my kidney trouble, I was too weak to go through the operation so he did cystostomy. My prostate operation was postponed till I gain more strength and put on more weight. I was in Intensive Care Uit for three weeks. After 65 days of hospitalization I was discharged on June 26th but stayed at Betty's as I needed treatment three times a week. During Easter holiday, Kenneth passed Driver's Test so he was able to drive his mother to Kamloops to visit me. Since my sickness is chronic and I needed hemodialysis three times a week and which was not available in Jillooet Hospital, I decided to close the practice in Lillooet and retire. We put our two houses up for sale and family moved to Kamloops on July 27th. I improved gradually and gained strenth. By middle of September I was able to drive the car.

On September 26th we were invited to Lillooet to attend the Testimonial Dinner put on by Lillooet Elks Lodge and Village of Lillooet. In the afternoon we attended Tea Party put on by United Church Women and at 6.30 P. M. we were escorted to Village Hall and found the hall was packed with our friends. We were showered with gifts from individuals and organization that we served. I was made Life Member of B.P.O.Elks of Canada and Village Council conferred on me the "Freeman of Village of Lillooet"

On October 24th we went back to U.B.C. for 45th reunion of Class of '25. We had wonderful time meeting old friends again at cocktail party at former Lieut. Governor, Hon. Frank Ross's penthouse apartment overlooking Lost Lagoon and Stanley Park and had formal banquet at Faculty Club. Here we were escorted to head table and was introduced as "Distinguished Alumni of the year" because of two honors I received.

After I returned from Vancouver I entered Royal Inland Hospital for my final operation. The operation was successful but I had couple complication oh hemorrhage so I had to stay longer to recuperate. I was discharged on December 5th and hope to enjoy the life of retirement.

I think the whole family is happy that I retired and to be near our daughter and grandchildren, Kenneth had to adjust to large high school but he was able to paticipate in activities that he couldn't take part in Lillooet. This Fall he played football in school team. Enough weight to make the team, as he weighs 185 pounds. He goes to Judo practice every Monday and plays saxophone in Sea Cadet band on Thursday. As for me I'll spend my spare time for Scouting and I am already in Kamloops District Council as treasurer.

In closing I wish to thank all who wrote me the letters or sent me cards during my illness, and Wish You All a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

M. Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. M. Miyazaki
P. O. Drawer 190
Lillooet, B.C.

252 Oak Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

Phone 376-1884

May 22 1971

Mr. T. Umezuki,
479 Queen Street, W.
Toronto 133, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Umezuki:

I note that my subscription to New Canadian is expiring this month so I am enclosing $9.00 for renewal of subscription for another year.

About this time last year I was quite sick and was discharged on June 6th after staying at hospital for 65 days. Then I entered the hospital gain on October 27th and had my last operation on Oct. 28th and this time I stayed 35 days. Since then I had regained my strength and could do almost anything. Though I go to hospital for hemodialysis three times a week, I have four days and seven evenings a week to enjoy my retirement.

I am enclosing the co y of article about me that appeared in Naph News of National Association of Patients on Hemodialysis. Besides the things that I did appearing in the News, I lectured to students of Nursing School of Royal Inland Hospital, three times about hemodialysis and my experience with artificial kidney machine.And they all liked my talk.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. M. Miyazaki
P. O. Drawer 120
Lillooet, B.C.

252 Oak Street,
Kamloops, B. C.

December 1 1971

Dear Mr. Umezuki:

Please find enclosed cheque in the amount of $15.00 for which please send me a copy of Miss Takashima's "A Child in Prison Camp" and use the balance for Christmas Greeting Ad in English Section.

Since I wrote you last I learned that you got married again and your new wife is an accomplished lady and most suitable for you. Congratulation.

As for us we are all well and happy that I have recovered. I am off kidney machine since July 13th this year. Until then I had to go to the hospital for hemodialysis treatment three times a week and lie on the bed eight hours each time while taking treatment. But by July after 15 months and 188 dialysis my kidney started working again. I think it is a miracle. At the beginning of treatment in April 1970 I was told that I will be dependent on kidney machine for the rest of my life. My case was diagnosed as chronic kidney failure. Usualyy chronic kidney patients don't recover like I did. So everyone was surprised when my kidney started functioning again. So I don't have to go hospital for treatment any more. For a while I used to go to hospitak for blood test once a week, then once every two weeks. But now I go only once a month for blood test.

I am well enough to go back to work but I am not resuming my practice. I like the life of retirement. It gives me more time to travel and I have been travelling quite a lot.

On December 11th after voting in Kamloops I am going to Lillooet to cast my vote there. In Lillooet I have two votes, one as the property owner and extra one because I am "Freeman of Lillooet" which entitles me to vote whether I live there or not.

My wife has more time now since she doesn't have to answer the door for the patients as she did when I was in practice. She hasn't resumed her oil painting but spends her spare time doing craft work.

My son Kenneth is in Grade twelve and recently he was selected on the team of "Reach for the Top" from North Kamloops Secondary School. He went to Nelson to participate against other teams from Interior Region of B. C. There were eight teams taking part but his team won twice and went to final but lost to Cranbrook by five pints. Score was 300 to 305. He was away from Friday to Wednesday and all his team's expense was paid by B.C. Telephone Company ,the sponsor of this T.V. program. He appeared three times on C.B.C. -T.V. show here. He is also interested in Judo and since he won in Interior elimination tournament he is going to Quesnel on December 11th to take part in British Columbia Provincial Championship Tournament. Because he weighs 183 lbs, he has to tuckle the adult though he is only 17 years old.

I have plenty of time now so I started writing my memoir.

MIYAZAKI - CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. M. Miyazaki
~~P.O. Drawer 190~~
~~Lillooet, B.C.~~

As you know, U.B.C. library is gathering documents concerning the history of Japanese in Canada. I have plenty of documents that they want and I am donating all I have. As I was treasurer of Canadian Japanese Association for many years, president of Japanese Student Club and U.B.C. Japanese Alumni Association I have many interesting documents. I even found a Certificate when I received Scholarship at the time of graduation from high school,from Canadian Japanese Association in 1921. Mr. Matsunoshin Abe was president then. But these documents are proof but don't tell the story so in my memoir I am going to relate the incidents that have never been written. To my knowledge nothing have been written about self supporting evacuation camps like Minto, Bridge River and East Lillooet and how they spent their war days. I just happened to have the list of Householders in East Lillooet and Bridge River and from this list I can recall many incidents connected with these people.and I am going tp elaborate on life of evacuees in these camps.

I stayed in Lillooet for 25 years and I can write about plenty of events that took place and in which I was connected. Also about my sickness in Royal Inland Hospital and my miracurous recovery,

I hope to finish this writing by early nest year. The title of my book will be "My 60 years in Canada"

Mr. Basil Stuart - Stubbs, librarian of U.B.C. wrote to me asked me to provide a copy of my memoir in U.B.C. Library.

On November 24 1969, my family put on a big birthday party when I became 70. Then I became sick and almost dies last year and I spent my birthday in hospital last year. This year I had my party at home and on my birthday cake they put only two candles , because I have lived the life span of three score and ten years and starting out on my second life and already I am enjoying my life of leisure.

I hope you will be happy with your second wife and wish you many happy years together.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki

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Corporation of the Village of Lillooet,

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Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of January 4th, I am sending this glassed portrait of myself.

I feel it a great honor to have my picture placed in the Council Chamber of the Village of Lillooet.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Dennis S. Okada,
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Dear Mr. Okada:

Received your aerogram of Feb. 19th on morning of Feb. 21st. I learn that you are collecting materials for your thesis about Miyagikenjin and am pleased to give you some information about Miyagikenjin.

I don't know any Miyagikenjin personally, but I found the account of two Miyagikenjin in Canada Nogyo Hattengo, published in 1930 by Canada Daily News. On page 97 I note the account of Mr. Takahashi

Mr. Takahashi went to Port Hammond, B. C. in March of 1912 and worked at Brown Brothers, Florist. Then he leased and operated his greenhouse for six years. Bought 11 acres of land in 1919, cleared it and grew strawberries and raspberries. He served as president of Hammond Farmers Association and as trustee of Japanese language school. His only daughter received Diamond Jubilee medal from Mapleridge High School.

On page 174 is the account of Mr. Rintaro Takahira of Sendai-shi. He seems to be a well educated man. He graduated from and studied at

In 1906 he travelled extensively through Canada, United States and Mexico. He liked Canada and returned in 1918 with idea of settling permanently in Canada. He went to Burquitlam, B. C., bought 11 acres of land and grew berries. On sideline, he raised chickens. He had 1000 laying hens.

The books that you mentioned in your letter are not easy to find. I don't have them but I think University of B.C. Asian Study Library may have them as they were asking for these through the newspaper.

In 1940 Mr. Jinshiro Nakayama was planning to publish another revised edition of History of Canadian Japanese and sent out a 96 page pamphlets of index of proposed book. I was one of those who endorsed his project as I was a treasurer of Canadian Japanese Association at that time. But this book never materialized because of Pacific War and evacuation. On page 80 of this index book is a mention of Miyagikenjinkai as one of many Kenjinkais of the past. I don't recall any Miyagikenjinkai in operation when I started practice in Vancouver in 1930.

You want some information about Japanese immigration to Canada. You can find these in various articles and books.

Kazumi Miyata wrote an article " A Capsule History of the Japanese Canadia" which appeared in The New Canadian. (479 Queen St. W. Toronto 133, Ont.) in two parts. Part one appeared in Aug. 13 1971 and part two in Aug. 17 1971 issues.

Victor Ujimoto wrote an article about Japanese Immigration, which appeared in The New Canadian in 1972? I don't have the copy but I remember reading it. Ujimoto gave lots of statistical information but Miyata revealed the

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prejudice and discrimination inflicted upon the people of Japanese ancestry from the time they landed until to the present (I have these copies)

In 1935 The Survey of the Second Generation Japanese in B.C. was published by Canadian Japanese Association. (in English) 57 page memiographed legal size pages. This survey was conducted by four University of B.C. students, Mr. Koji Tasaka,(graduate of Waseda University) and Nobuichi Yamaoka (graduate of University of Alberta)

In 1940, Canadian Japanese Association published (in English) The Japanese Contribution to Canada. A summeary of the Role Played by the Japanese in the developement of Canadian Commonwealth. 45 page, mimiographed on legal size paper. Four pages are devoted to the Japanese Immigration into Canada.

Mr. Rigenda Sumida made a survey in 1934 and wrote a thesis on The Japanes in B.C. for his degree of M.A. to Dept. of Economic of U.B.C. These books are in U.B.C. Library.

In 1938 A book,The Japanese Canadian by Charles H.Young and Helen R.Y.Reid, , with a second part on Oriental Standards of Living, by W.A. Carothers was published by The University of Toronto Press. 295 page book.

The contents of this book are under following chapters,

I Japanese Immigration
II Settlement and Expansion
III Japanese in the Primary Industries
IV Commercial Activities and Urban Colonies
V Japanese-Canadian Society and its Institutions
V1 The Relations between the Japanese and White Canadians
VII Social Problems in Japanese Settlements.
VIII Conclusions

Part II Oriental Standards of Living.

I Oriental population
II The Chinese in British Columbia
III Occupations in relation to Standards of Living
IV Oriental Standards of Living.

I have a copy of this book The Japanese Canadians

I have finished my memoir but much have to be corrected and rearranged so I don't know when it will be ready for printing.

I hope this letter will help you in your search forthe writings about Canadian Japanese, but regret I can't help you much about Miyagikenjin.

Yours truly,

M. Miyazaki