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VICTORIA

1894 - 1897	Hirowo Saijo
1897 - 1900	Koichi Ichu
1902 - 1906	Ukichi Oyama
1908 - 1910	P.E. Kuwabara
1911 - 1914	A. Kato
1914 - 1918	M. Ozawa
1918 - 1924	S. Nakanishi
1924	Y. Ogura

CUMBERLAND

1892 - 1894	K. Tajima
1894 - 1897	U. Oyama
1902 - 1903	Kotoku Imaki
1903 - 1913	U. Oyama
1914 - 1916	G. Suga
1916 - 1929	Supplied from Victoria
1929 - 1933	Student supply - K. Nomoto
1934 - 1936	" " K. Nomoto(6 mos.'36)
	" " Y. Ono " "
1936 - 1939	" " Y. Ono
1939	Rev. Y. Ono, B.A.

STEVESTON

1897 - 1901	U. Oyama
1902 - 1903	P. Norimoto
1903 - 1904	G. Nakagawa
1904 - 1910	P.E. Kuwabara
1910 - 1911	A. Kato
1911 - 1912	P.E. Kuwabara
1912 - 1913	G. Suga
1913 - 1916	C. Shiokawa
1916 - 1921	M. Saito
1922 - 1924	Y. Yoshioka
1924 - 1927	S. Nakanishi
1927 - 1936	J. Mizuno
1936	K. Nomoto, B.A.,B.D.

VANCOUVER

1893 - 1895	Okamoto
1896 - 1906	Goro Kaburagi, M.A.
1906 - 1907	Z. Ono
1907 - 1914	K. Kanazawa
1914 - 1917	Fumio Matsunaga
1917 - 1924	Y. Akagawa
May-Sept.1922	K. Shimizu,B.A.
1924 - 1925	Y. Yoshioka
1925	K. Shimizu, M.A.

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NEW WESTMINSTER

1898 - 1902	Paul Norimoto
1903 - 1905	Yokoyama
1905 - 1906	K. Imaki
1906 - 1907	K. Sato
1907 - 1910	T. Nishimura
1911 - 1912	Y. Akagawa
1912 - 1913	Abe
1913 - 1914	G. Suga
1914 - 1917	Y. Akagawa
1918 - 1920	A.M. Ozawa
1920 - 1924	Y. Ogura
1924 - 1934	Y. Akagawa
1934 - 1937	Attached to Steveston
1938 - 1939	K. Inouye

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1918 - 1922	T. Mizuno
July-Oct.1922	Y. Akagawa
1923(6 mos.)	T. Harano, B.D.
1924	K. Shimizu, M.A.
1926	Dr. Y.Kokita
1928	M. Maekawa
1929	J. Kabayama

OKANAGAN VALLEY (Kelowna)

Summer Supply	1920	K. Shimizu, B.A.
	1921	"
	1923	T. Harano, B.D.
1924 (Nov.)	1926	I. Taira
1926 (July)-Apl.	1929	K. Sato, B.D.
1929 (May)		Y. Yoshioka, M.A.,B.D.

FRASER VALLEY

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CERTAIN FACTS RE JAPANESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
(Supplied by Rev. Y. Yoshioka; May 1940)

IN THE NORTH:
Population approx. 2000;
Ocean Falls: 1 United Church; 1 Language school with 3 teachers.
On the Skeena: 1 Buddistpriest.

VANCOUVER ISLAND:
Population approx. 3500;
13 Language Schools;
2 United Churches;
1 Shinto priest;-Buddhist
1 Anglican, 1 Shinto, & 1 United Church ministers visit West Coast.
1 United Church W.M.S. worker; --Kindergarten.

OKANAGAN VALLEY:
Population about 1000;
1 United Church; 6 Language Schools; 1 Buddhist Priest; United Church minister visits 5 points.

NEW WESTMINSTER: (and vicinity)
Approx. population, 1000; 6 language schools;
1 Buddhist priest; 1 United Church minister and
1 W.M.S. worker.

FRASER VALLEY:
Approx. pop.--3000; 10 Language schools; 2 Buddhist Priests with 2 temples; 1 United Church minister and 1 W.M.S. worker.(Kindergarten)

BURRARD INLET, WOODFIBRE AND BRITTANIA:
Approx. population 1000; 2 Language schools; 1 student visitor (summer); 1 Buddhist priest visiting.

STEVESTON:
Approx. population, 2000; 1 Language school-8 teachers
1 United Ch. minister; 1 Buddhist priest; 1 W.M.S. Kindergarten teacher.

MARPOLE AND TERRANOVA:
Approx. population, 1000; 4 Language schools; 1 United Ch. minister visits; 1 Buddhist & 1 Shinto priest visit; W.M.S. Kindergarten worker.

VANCOUVER:
Hastings & Heaps Mills; Approx. pop.--1000;
1 Language school; United Church, Anglican and Buddhist ministers visit; S.S. and W.M.S. Kindergarten.

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POWELL ST.
Approx. population , 2000;
1 United Ch. minister and W.M.S. Kindergarten
worker; 1 Anglican, 2 Buddhist and 3 Shinto priests.
4 other priests of other Japanese religions.

FAIRVIEW MISSION
Approx. population , 1000; 1 Buddhist language school.
1 United Church Student; 1 Anglican minister;
1 United Church Kindergarten teacher.

KITSILANO:
Approx. 1000 Japanese; 1 Language school;
1 Anglican and 1 Buddhist ministers visit;
1 Kindergarten teacher.

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CUMBERLAND JAPANESE

Date of Visit: June 20-24, 1940.

CUMBERLAND:
No. 5 "Japanese Town"--18 families; 9 Christian and 9 Buddhist. Mission House and Minister's residence (under one roof) are here. Property kept in good shape; belongs to Home Mission Board.

Sunday School: about 35 enrolled; 4 Japanese teachers in addition to Rev, Y? Ono--pastor. Mrs. Wood gives voluntary leadership as organist and C.G.I.T. leader.

No. 1 "Japanese Town"--17 families, of wgich 2 are Christian. Mrs. Saito and family-leading Christians here.

71 Christians--men, women & children--at Cumberland. 2 Sunday services & 4 prayer meetings held per month. Approx. total Japanese population--261; Mr. T. Nakanichi, senior member at Cumberland.

COURTENAY:
6 miles from Cumberland; about 25 Japanese; visits only.

COOMBS:
50 miles from Cumberland, on Alberni road; about 100 Japanese; 1 Christian. 1 service a month.

CAMPBELL RIVER:
34 miles from Cumberland; about 20 Japanese; 1 Christian; visits only.

DEEP BAY:
About 21 miles from Cumberland; approx. 100 Japanese; no Christians; 1 service a month.

GREAT CENTRAL LAKE: (Large mill camp)
About 80 miles from Cumberland: approx. 60 Japanese; no Christians; 1 service a month.

FANNY BAY:
About 16 miles from Cumberland; approx. 100 Japanese; 2 Christians; 1 service a month.

NANOOSE BAY:
About 50 miles from Cumberland; approx. 50 Japanese; no Christians.

PORT ALBERNI:
About 70 miles from Cumberland; approx. 160 Japanese; 2 Christians; 1 service a month.

SPROAT LAKE:
About 75 miles from Cumberland; approx. 20 Japanese; 2 Christians; visits only.

WEST COAST: approx. 200 Japanese; 3 Christians; visits only.
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NEW WESTMINSTER JAPANESE

Names of Places	Families
Queensboro	45
Strawberry Hill	50
Fraser Mills	18
Surrey Centre	36
New Westminster City	47
Sapperton	7
South Westminster	20
Sunbury	23
Annacis Island	7
Lion Island	7
Road No.19	15
Port Mann & Cloverdale	15
White Rock	7

Representing an approximate total of 1400 persons.

United Church families (Christian) 36
United Church families, with at least one member a Christian - 40.

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OCEAN FALLS JAPANESE:

Family of Rev. and Mrs.J.Kabayama.

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Koko Kabayama		Girl	May 7th 1925	17
Michiomi	"	Boy	April 18th 1926	16
Yoshiomi	"	(boy)	Feb. 1st 1928	14
Choko	"	(boy)	Nov. 2nd. 1929	13
Yeiko	"		Nov.10th 1931	
Kaori	"		Nov.13th 1933	
Taikwan	"	(boy)	Dec.19th 1936	
Izumi	"		Apl. 10th 1938	

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FIRST SESSION: 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, Miss Madeleine Bock of Greenwood, presiding.

Worship conducted by Rev.J.Kabayama of Raymond, Alta.

On motion the conference was constituted to include (a) all W.M.S. workers present, and Mrs. A.Campbell,Branch President; (b) all pastors working under the Home Mission Board and present, and the Supt. of Home Missions; (c) the following laymen:- R.Ide (Tashme), Hanji Yamazaki(Grand Forks),Heiji Yamazaki and Dr.Shimo Takahara(Kaslo), and Mrs.T.Komiyama,Sr. (Slocan Valley S.)

On motion Rev.T.Komiyama was appointed secretary.

Agenda adopted with minor changes.

Rev. W.P. Bunt, Supt. of Home Missions for B.C., made a statement, outlining the scope of the service rendered the Japanese both by the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society, since the evacuation of the Coastal area under the B.C.Security Commission. The resolution as passed by the recent General Council was read. He then raised the question of how best the Church might continue to serve, particularly during the process of re-settlement and asked that each one come prepared to participate in a discussion on that problem tomorrow.

Press Reports: Rev. K. Shimizu and Miss Margaret Rempel were appointed to prepare report of the Conference for "The New Canadian".

COMMUNION SERVICE: Rev. Y. Akagawa of Morris, Man., conducted, gave the address and administered the Sacrament; assisting with the distribution of the elements were Revs.Y.Ogura and T.Komiyama.

Adjournment at 5 p.m.

SECOND SESSION: The Welcome Supper: Hosts - Members of the New Denver Japanese congregation; guests - all visiting members of the Conference. Time and place - 6.30 p.m., in the Buddhist Temple Hall; Chairman- Rev.K.Shimizu, who, along with Mr.T.Takashima of New Denver, welcomed the guests.

After the meal, all of the ministers and several of the W.M.S. missionaries briefly described their work. Vocal solos were rendered by Rev.Y.Ogura. Greetings were read from Rev.R.E.Cribb, Chairman of Kootenay Presbytery, Rev.H.E.Horton, President of the B.C.Conference, Rt.Rev.J.H. Arnup, Moderator of the General Council, Rev.Dr.Hugh Dobson, Associate Secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service and Rev.S.S.Osterhout, former Supt. of Home Missions.

THIRD SESSION: Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 9.30 a.m., with Miss Helen Hurd, presiding.

Worship was conducted by Rev.Y. Yoshioka of Kelowna.

Round Table Discussion - on "Our Church and its work among the Japanese in Canada"; opened by Rev.K. Shimizu, recently returned from a period of three months work in Ontario and Quebec. The speaker expressed appreciation for what the United Church as a whole had done, and also named some individual congregations worthy of mention for their interest in the

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Japanese - Carleton and Metropolitan in Toronto; Centenary, Wesley and Zion in Hamilton, First Church in Galt, and others.

Looking ahead he urged the Japanese to think in terms of what they might give rather than get, and to forget that they belong to a minority group. The Church should function as a church both in its prophetic and priestly ministries. It should not only make pronouncements on living issues, but it should give guidance to local congregations in the practice of such proclamations, socially economically and politically. More specifically it might -

1. Educate the public on meaning of true Christian brotherhood.
2. Promote mutual fellowship both socially and economically.
3. Act as a watch-dog against unjust or discriminatory laws.

Mr. Shimizu thought the time for maintaining Japanese churches is past. Policy of geographical dispersion creates more problems for the church; Japanese pastors ought to rethink their whole work and technique. We must keep in view the ultimate as well as the immediate purpose. The ultimate - not to perpetuate racially segregated churches. Speaker suggested evangelism by visitation and by the printed page.

He stated three immediate tasks of Japanese pastors:

1. Help overcome spirit of cynicism, resentment and helplessness which prevails; try to replace with Christian optimism.
2. Promote practice of Christian Brotherhood, fellowship, and interdenominationalism.
3. Prepare the people for the future to enable them to adjust themselves to changing conditions and situations.

A general discussion, with many participating, followed. On motion, Miss Hurd, Mr. Hanji Yamazaki, Rev.T.Komiyama, Rev.Y. Yoshioka and Miss May McLaughlin were appointed to bring in recommendations arising from the morning's discussions.

Rev. W.P. Bunt made a statement re the sale of former Japanese churches in Victoria and New Westminster. This was in answer to a question from Mr. Yamazaki. The Supt. also gave an explanation of the published account of the estate of the late Rev.K.Nomoto.

Adjournment at 12.30 noon.

FOURTH SESSION: Wednesday, Oct. 18th, at 2.15 p.m., with Miss Nota Sadler, presiding.

On motion Rev. Mr.Savary of the Anglican Church was made a corresponding member.

Worship was conducted by Rev.T.Komiyama of Lemon Creek.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY:

Rev. W.R.McWilliams led the Round Table Discussion on the Prime Minister's statement of policy re the future of the Japanese in Canada. The Speaker stated he wished the Government's policy had been stated much earlier; he found much in it that is hopeful. He thinks that this statement is only a starting point, and that the ultimate solution will probably be better than most of us can see at present.

Unfortunately the Statement makes no reference to such important matters as property rights, citizenship, and the permanency, or otherwise, of the distribution scheme.

Mr. McWilliams thought that in listing those who may return to Japan and those who will stay in Canada, the words "disloyal" and "loyal" were not the best that might have been used. He said the Church should press for full citizenship rights for those who remain in Canada, and full

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restitution for dispossession of property.

General discussion followed; on motion a committee to bring in recommendations based on the discussion was appointed - W.R.McWilliams, K.Shimizu and Miss Hamilton.

Conference adjourned for a few minutes for photographs, and to say farewell to Mr.R.Ide, about to leave for Hamilton,Ont. Mr. Ide has been a Christian for over 47 years.

REV. K. NOMOTO: On motion of Rev.T.Komiyama, seconded by Rev.Y. Ogura, the following resolution re the late Mr.Nomoto was adopted:-

"We pause at this time in our deliberations to pay tribute to one of our beloved colleagues, the Reverend Kyuichi Nomoto, who was with us at our first Conference held in Kaslo last year,but who on the thirtieth of June this year was called by death to a higher service.

The Rev.Nomoto, born in Japan forty-four years ago,came to Canada at an early age. In his studies both at the University of British Columbia and at Union College of British Columbia, from which Institutions he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity respectively, he proved to be a very earnest and able student, winning many academic honors. In his brief ministry of ten years, after his ordination in 1934, Mr. Nomoto served with great acceptance in every pastoral charge to which he was appointed - Cumberland, Steveston, New Westminster Revelstoke and New Denver. He proved to be a Christian of exemplary habits. He was truly a lover of Jesus Christ and he spent himself without stint in the service of his Master.

In the tragic death of Rev.Nomoto, we feel that we have lost a beloved brother and the Church has lost a most faithful servant.

He has finished his labours and the will of God has been accomplished in his life. We hold him in grateful remembrance and this Conference of Japanese workers extends its sincerest sympathy to Mrs.Nomoto. We commend her to God and pray that He will comfort her in her sorrow." CARRIED.

With the singing of a hymn and the pronouncement of the Benediction, by Rev.Y Akagawa, this brief period devoted to the memory of the late Rev. K.Nomoto was brought to a close.

Adjournment at 5.30 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION: Wednesday Oct. 18, at 7.30 p.m., with Mrs. A.Campbell, President of the B.C.Branch of the W.M.S.,presiding.

The entire evening's programme was planned and given by the workers of the W.M.S., and was built around the theme - "The Woman's Missionary Society at work among the Japanese". It provided an interesting relief from the more serious sessions which preceded it and proved to those present that a full church programme can be portrayed both humorously and convincingly. A social hour preceded the adjournment.

SIXTH SESSION: Thursday Oct.19 , at 10.00 a.m., with Rev.W.P.Bunt presiding.

Resolutions of appreciation were adopted re Rev.K.Shimizu and the New Denver congregation for generous hospitality; re Board of Turner Memorial Church for use of the building; re Board of Home Missions and Mrs.K.Nomoto for their generous financial help toward travelling expenses; re Editor of "New Canadian" for editorial of Oct. 7th; re Mrs. Campbell,Branch President W.M.S., and Mr. Bunt, Supt. of Home Missions for their presence; re those who sent written greetings. Resolution of sympathy was ordered sent to Rev.Olivia Lindsay re her illness.

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RESOLUTION RE THE CHURCH AND ITS FUTURE WORK:

On motion of Rev.T. Komiyama and Miss Helen Hurd, the following was adopted:-

"That inasmuch as our groups of Nisei are scattered across Canada, and as many are not yet connected with any Church, we feel the need for evangelism by means of literature, so we recommend:-

1. That the United Church Observer be asked to set aside one column in every issue for material adapted to nisei needs, as one means of bringing the Church to the nisei.
2. That the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada be asked to set aside a sum of two hundred dollars($200.00) for literature needs among the issei Christians." CARRIED.

Re LIAISON WORK, JAPANESE MINISTER AND CO-OPERATIVES. The following was on motion adopted -

"That we recommend to the Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Canada, and the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada:

(a) More liaison work between the nisei and Canadian pastors. We have a deep conviction that in order to do this, young men and women,(if possible young Japanese of deep Christian devotion) should be appointed immediately to do this work; and further that such workers be connected with Canadian Pastors in each large centre to which nisei have gone.
We further recommend that as early as possible a young Japanese Minister be associated with a Canadian Pastor of a Church which nisei attend.
(b) Having heard with deep gratification of co-operatives among the nisei in Ontario, we urge that this technique be encouraged and expanded and that our Church Boards and such liaison officers as may be appointed take this aspect into serious consideration in planning the future of the issei and nisei.
As a related means of meeting the economic and social needs of Japanese Canadians, we urge that local congregations in smaller towns invite and take responsibility for settlement of two or more families in their town or neighbourhood by helping them to become economically and socially a part of that church and community".
Carried.

RESOLUTIONS BASED ON STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER:

On motion of Miss F.G.Hamilton and Rev.W.R.McWilliams, the following was adopted:-

"That we recommend that the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada urge the Government of Canada to proceed immediately with the implementing of the Prime Minister's policy as stated August 4th 1944, concerning the people of Japanese origin now resident in Canada, urging that the method employed in distinguishing between so-called loyal and disloyal persons be such as meets the demands of the Christian conscience." Carried.

On motion of Rev. W.R.McWilliams and Rev.K.Shimizu, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That following the division to be made by the Government, of people of Japanese origin who choose to settle in Canada, and those who wish to return to Japan, we recommend, for those who remain in Canada:-

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(a) The full rights of citizenship re property ownership, conduct of business, free speech and freedom of movement, be granted at once; and, when peace is established, the citizenship rights be extended to include the franchise.
(b) At the earliest opportunity, full and satisfactory restitution of real property and compensation for personal belongings be made, in each and every instance, where sales have been effected by the Custodian without consent of owner." Carried.

RESOLUTION RE SECONDARY EDUCATION: On motion of Miss Hamilton and Miss McLauchlan, the following was adopted:-

"That the Conference of Japanese Workers gathered in New Denver, recognizing the absolute necessity of meeting the need of adequate educational opportunity for all High School age boys and girls in the Evacuation Centres, urges:-
(a) That the Government be further petitioned to provide such opportunity especially in communities where there is no prospect of early closing out.
(b) That in the meantime our two Boards help financially (according to the immediate need in each centre) with building and equipment to make more effective the schools now being carried on by the W.M.S." Carried.

ACTION RE SUGGESTIONS SENT BY REV. MISS OLIVIA LINDSAY:

In regard to the suggestion from Miss Olivia Lindsay that arrangements be made for a pastor to visit the Lillooet Field in case no one is available to be her successor - It was moved by Rev.W.R.McWilliams and seconded by Miss F.G.Hamilton:-

"That this recommendation be referred to the Supt. of Home Missions and the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions for favorable consideration providing there is no pastoral supply for the field."

In regard to Miss Lindsay's suggestion for a central church registry, it was moved by Rev.Y.Yoshioka and seconded by Rev.Y.Akagawa:-

"That each minister try to make as complete a list as possible of members of his former church, designating where each member has gone, if known. After such a list has been made, every minister will send to the minister of every field the list of names of the members of his former church who are known to have moved to the latter's field, and also a list of the names of members of his former church whose present whereabouts he does not know." Carried.

Adjournment of business at 12 noon.

WORSHIP SERVICE: Under the leadership of Miss McLauchlin the Conference engaged in a half hour of worship. At 12.30 the benediction by Rev.W.P. Bunt brought the sessions to a close.

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After lunch Mr. Bunt and the ministers met informally to talk over matters of mutual interest. At the same time Mrs. Campbell met with the workers of the W.M.S., for a similar purpose.

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Those present were:
W.M.S. Workers: Misses Madeleine Bock & Grace Namba from Greenwood; Neta Sadler,Kaslo; Helen Hurd & Gertrude Hamilton, Lemon Creek; May McLauchlin,Tashme; Mrs.A.Campbell, Vancouver; Gwen Suttie,Ella Lediard, Helen Lawson & Margaret Rempel from New Denver.
Ministers: Revs.Y.Akagawa,Morris,Man., J.Kabayama,Raymond,Alta.,W.R.Mc Williams, Tashme,Y.Yoshioka,Kelowna,Y.Ogura,Grand Forks, K.Shimizu,Kaslo, T.Komiyama,Lemon Creek and W.P.Bunt, Vancouver.
Laymen: R.Ide, Tashme, Hanji Yamazaki & E.Nakatani of Grand Forks, Dr.Shimo-Takahara and Hoiji Yamazaki of Kaslo, Mrs.T.Komiyama Sr.,Lemon Creek, also Laymen from New Denver.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd 1946 - 10.00 a.m.

A meeting of the Special Committee on Japanese Work convened in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, at 10.00 a.m., on Monday, January 3rd 1946.

Rev. Hugh M.Rae presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Other members present were - Mrs.A.Campbell, Rev.Dr.Andrew Roddan, Revs.W.R. McWilliams, B.H.Wallace, W.H.H.Norman and W.P.Bunt. Rev.J.H.Matthews,M.P., being present was accorded corresponding privileges.

On motion, the Minutes of the meeting held on June 14th, were adopted as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: The Superintendent reported that while efforts had been made to hold a Conference of Workers during the Fall months, it was found impossible to find a time when those most vitally concerned could arrange to attend. Owing to the probability of the process of deportation beginning in the near future, it was the considered opinion of the meeting that our workers would be needed on their missions, until such time as any movement of the people from the camps would have been completed.

Regarding the motion, asking that a delegation consisting of our Moderator, and the Official Heads of the other Christian Churches seek an interview with the Prime Minister with a view to protesting against unfair and unchristian treatment of the Japanese in Canada, it was reported that considerable correspondence had been carried on with Dr.Dorey, but that it was not known what action, if any, had been taken in the matter, other than referring it to the Canadian Council of Churches. On motion of Dr.Roddan and Mr.McWilliams, a letter was ordered to be sent to the Moderator, expressing concern that our request had not been implemented, and also stating that in our opinion it was not yet too late for such action to be taken.

A lengthy discussion followed, during which the seriousness of deportation of Canadian Japanese to Japan, at a time when, according to the reported statement of General McArthur, there is insufficient food in that country to prevent thousands from starving to death, was brought up. It was agreed that protest should go forward to Ottawa from as many of our organizations as possible, seeking delay in the process of the deportation until such time as there were ample food supplies in Japan.

Rev.W. H.H.Norman moved, Dr.A.Roddan seconded, and the motion carried - that a letter be sent to the Vancouver Presbytery Executive, requesting a place on the Agenda at the next meeting of Presbytery for consideration of the emergency in connection with the proposed deportation of Canadian Japanese. It was the opinion of some members that the urgency was so great that the date of Presbytery should be advanced.

Rev. J.H.Matthews, M.P., at the request of the Chairman, then spoke briefly of the problem, telling the committee of some of the difficulties of gaining a hearing in the House when this matter was under discussion. The remarks of Mr. Matthews proved to be very informative.

On motion of Rev Bryce H.Wallace, seconded by Dr.A. Roddan, it was agreed that a telegram, to be drafted by the Chairman of the Committee and the Superintendent of Missions, should be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr.W.L. MacKenzie King, requesting delay in deporting Canadian Japanese in view of starvation conditions in Japan. The following telegram was sent forward later in the day:-

"Rt.Honorable W.L.MacKenzie King
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.
Committee on Japanese in B.C.Conference United Church of Canada unanimously urges delay sending Japanese to Japan in view statement General McArthur regarding food shortage immediately imperilling millions of lives in that country. stop Humanitarian principles forbid aggravating conditions in Orient by sending more people to certain death."

H.M.Rae, Chairman.
3524 W. 24th Ave.,Vancouver."

On motion of Rev. W.P.Bunt, seconded by Mrs.A.Campbell, it was ordered that a letter be sent to the editor of the Daily Province commending him for the editorials on the Japanese problem which from time to time have appeared in that paper and which in every case have consiituted a plea for decent, fair, and Christian treatment of these people who live within the bounds of the Dominion.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction being offered by Dr.Roddan.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK
THURSDAY, JUNE 14th 1945 - 10.30 a.m.

A meeting of the Committee on Japanese Work convened in the Home Mission Office, 806 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, at 10.30 a.m., on June 14th 1945, with Rev. Hugh M. Rae in the Chair. Rev. H.E.Horton led in the opening prayer. Other members present were Revs.W.H.H.Norman, W.R.McWilliams, Dr.Andrew Roddan, W.E.Galloway, W.P.Bunt and Mrs.J.S.Muldrew. Organization of the Committee for the ensuing year was left in abeyance until a later date.

Rev.W.H.H.Norman acted as Minute Secretary, and read the Minutes of the meeting held on March 22nd 1945, which, on motion of Mr.Norman and Mrs.Muldrew were adopted as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: The Superintendent reported that the Home Mission Board, after carefully considering all that was involved, decided that no material advantage would accrue to the Japanese from a minister being appointed to canvass the situation in Eastern Canada in the interests of relocation. Mr. Bunt read the correspondence which had passed between Mr. McWilliams and Dr. Dorey relative to this matter. No further action was taken.

" WHAT ABOUT JAPANESE CANADIANS?" On motion of Rev.W.P.Bunt and W.R.McWilliams a vote of appreciation for the booklet prepared by Mr. Norman was unanimously passed. Every member of the committee commented on the timeliness and the value of this publication.

VERBAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Bunt gave a few details of his recent trip to a number of the Japanese Centres in the Interior, mentioning in particular Midway, Greenwood, Grand Forks, Lemon Creek and New Denver. He reported that there is much confusion among the Japanese in resepct of the application of the Government's policy of segregating those who have elected to return to Japan and those who desire to remain in Canada. That policy would indicate,that Kaslo is to be a manning pool for those who wish to remain in Canada, and are capable of being located east of the Rockies; that New Denver is for those who are staying in Canada but who, in the main, are not capable of moving east; that Lemon Creek, Slocan and Tashme are for the repatriates. There is no doubt that giving effect to this policy is causing a great deal of inconvenience and discomfort to many of the Japanese. Mr.Bunt also stated that from information given him nearly all the Christian Japanese have chosen to remain in Canada, and said that he felt there was significance in this decision, particularly for the Christian Churches.

With particular reference to Lemon Creek, some statistics were given: That in spite of the removal of about ten Christian families to the east, the average attendance at Sunday School during May was 196. There were over 50 in the Service at which he spoke on June 3rd, and in the service on the same date at New Denver there were about 35. He made reference to the fine work which Mr.Komiyama has done at Lemon Creek and stated that the student assistant Edward Yoshioka, had made a splendid start at New Denver.

With reference to the question raised by Dr.Dorey in his letter of May 11th to the Superintendent,Mr.Bunt stated that he had discussed this with both the W.M.S. and the Home Mission Board workers at all the points visited and found that they were unanimous in the conviction that we should continue work both in the schools and in church services in these centres even although the majority of the Christians were moved elsewhere.

The committee unanimously agreed with this position taken by our workers, and expressed the conviction that the challenge to remain and continue our work is even greater now that the Christians are likely to move to other centres.

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PLACEMENT OF JAPANESE PASTORS: Kaslo: Although there may, in the near future, be nearly as many Japanese in Kaslo as at any time since the evacuation, it was felt that for the present, the Japanese in that community, should be encouraged to participate in the life and work of our United Church of which Rev.H.J.Armitage is the minister, and where the community as a whole is very friendly to the Japanese. Should conditions indicate a different policy in the near future, the committee will again study the situation.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA: A statement was made by the Superintendent, that there was considerable dissatisfaction with the work of Rev.J.Kabayama. Inasmuch as this work is under the oversight of the Presbytery of Lethbridge, it was felt that no recommendation should be made by this committee, at least until further facts are available.

CONFERENCE OF WORKERS: On motion of Mrs. J.S.Muldrew and W.P.Bunt, it was agreed that it would be wise to have a Conference of Japanese Workers some time in October and a sub committee to make arrangements for such a gathering was appointed,with the following members:- Mrs.J.S.Muldrew, or Mrs. G.H.Villett, Rev. W.P.Bunt and Rev. W.R.McWilliams.

Information was given to the effect that the workers in Greenwood would be glad if the Conference could be held there.

RE AN INTER/CHURCH APPEAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER: Moved by Rev.W.H.H.Norman, and seconded by Rev.W.R.McWilliams and carried:-

"That this Committee ask the Secretaries of the Home Mission Board to take the necessary steps towards asking the Moderator to approach the Heads of the Anglican, Presbyterian,Baptist, and Roman Catholic Churches in Canada, inviting them to join in a delegation which would personally interview Mr.Mackenzie King, urging him to implement his statement of policy made on August 4th 1944, with regard to the Japanese in Canada, and that the subtended statement be sent to Dr. Dorey on behalf of the Committee."

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev.W.R.McWilliams.

Hugh M. Rae
Chairman

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Secretary

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June 22nd 1945

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

Dear Dr. Dorey:

At a meeting of the Committee on Japanese Work, held on June 14th, the following motion was passed:-

> "That this Committee ask the Secretaries of the Home Mission Board to take the necessary steps towards asking the Moderator to approach the Heads of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Roman Catholic Churches in Canada, inviting them to join in a delegation which would personally interview Mr.Mackenzie King, urging him to implement his statement of policy made on August 4th 1944, with regard to the Japanese in Canada, and that the subtended statement be sent to Dr. Dorey on behalf of the Committee."

In that statement Mr.King said "We must not permit in Canada the hateful doctrine of racialism which is the basis of the Nazi system everywhere. Our aim is to resolve a difficult problem in a manner which will protect the people of British Columbia and the interests of the country as a whole, and at the same time preserve in whatever we do, principles of fairness and justice." The policy is stated under four heads:

(1) The problem of persons of the Japanese race in Canada has been inflamed in the past owing to the fact that virtually all of these people were concentrated in B.C. They should not be allowed to concentrate in this Province after the war.

(2) Those who have shown that their allegiance is to Japan, and those who wish to go there, should be sent there after the war.

(3) No immigration of Japanese into this country should be allowed after the war.

(4) Those who have shown that their loyalty is to Canada should be treated "fairly and justly".

Finally, Mr.King states that while the policy of the Canadian Government need not be identical with that of the United States, "There is merit in maintaining a substantial consistency of treatment in the two countries".

For the carrying our of this policy, Mr.King suggests a

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quasi-judicial commission to examine the "background, loyalties and attitudes of all persons of Japanese race in Canada to ascertain those who are not fit persons to remain here". The commission should be established in the "fairly near future". After those who have shown that their allegiance is not to Canada, and those who have indicated a desire to go to Japan after the war have been listed, the remainder "should be given encouragement to move and remain" in various parts of Canada, care being taken "that they do not present themselves as an unassimilable bloc or colony which might again give rise to distruct, fear, and dislike."

We would suggest the following points for the consideration of the Moderator and the heads of the other Churches, as making a delegation timely and urgent in the very near future.

(1) Ten months have elapsed since Mr.King's statement of policy, but there has been nothing during that time to c nvince the Japanese-Canadians that the Canadian Government intends to treat them "fairly and justly".

(2) The war in Europe has ended, and the demobilization of lar ge numbers of Canada's armed forces has already begun. Further delay in the settlement of the Japanese-Canadians will make it increasingly difficult as far as economic conditions are concerned.

(3) We believe that persons of Japanese race in Canada has suffered unnecessary discrimination during the past 3 years. This has reduced large numbers of them to despair. An immediate positive policy is necessary to restore in them the hope that tolerable life in Canada is possible, that hope which will once again make industrious citizens of them. Continued delay in carrying out such a policy means that the sense of frustration and despair among these people increases. Protection against racial discrimination, and in some cases, more aid than has hitherto been granted, together with the removal of certain restrictions will be necessary for Japanese-Canadians who are willing to co-operate with the Government in relocating.
Many of these people have lost confidence in the Canadian Government because its policies towards them have been vacillating and inadequate, and because certain under-officials in charge of Japanese affairs have misrepresented conditions in other parts of Canada in attempting to relocate the Japanese-Canadians.(see par.3 of Mr. Komiyama's May report). It is true that there has been sullen-ness and refusal on the part of some Japanese to co-operate with the Government in moving east. Much of this is natural in view of what has taken place during the past three years. However no fair solution of the problem is possible as long as certain official administer the affairs of the Japanese in Canada in such a way as to destroy confidence.

(4) A conspicuous example of this was the administration of the Government Order for persons of Japanese race in British Columbia announced on March 12, 1945. This was carried out in such a way that many law-abiding persons of this rase who wished to remain in Canada ended up be signing to go to Japan after the war. In order to prevent these people from taking back to Japan a bitter hatred of Canada, and to prevent as many divisions of families as possible, we belive that an opportunity should be given those who genuinely with to remain in Canada and are willing to co-operate in the Government's policy of dispersion, to re-register.

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Then better provision sh uld be made for their re-settlement.

(5) Mr.King's Government has been returned to power with a working majori y. We would point out that though the Japanse problem was mentioned during the electoral campaign in British Columbia, it occasioned little excitement or debate. On the other hand the CCF party which has consistently pleaded for fairer treatment of the Japanese minority in Canada, apparently suffered no harm from this plank in their platform, for they increased both in the total vote polled for them and members elected as compared with 1940. In view of the stated policy of this party, Mr. King should be able to count on its support in any fair or just measures he proposes on behalf of the Japanese-Canadians.

(6) Earlier this year between 50 and 100 Japanese Canadians were taken into the Canadian Armed Forces.

(7) So far, there has not been "the substantial consistency of treatment" of Japanese in Canada as compared with the United States. After the initial measures of evacuation of these peo le from the Pacific Coast, which were largely similar in both Countries, Canada has lagged far behind the United States. he real estate of the Japanese-Canadians on the acific Coast has been sold. The Government has prevented Japanese-Canadians from purchasing real estate anywhere in the Dominion. Bill 135, by which Japanese-Canadian citizens who had moved east of the Rockies since evacuation were prevented from exercising the vote, was passed in July, 1944. There has been nothing similar to these steps, taken inthe United Stated. Since January 2nd 1945, Japanese Americans have been permitted to eturn to their homes in the Pacific Coast. Thus while the United States has moved towards a relaxation of the restrictions on the Japanese-Americans, Canada has moved towards an increase of restrictions on the Japanese-Canadians

This Committee is firmly convinced that the time has arrived for such an appeal to the Prime Minister from the Christian Churches, speaking with one voice. Canadians should hear utterances re its citizens of Japanese origin from other than race-baiting politicians.

Most sincerely,

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd 1945

The Conference Committee on Japanese Work met in the Church Office 807 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, on Thursday, March 22nd 1945 at 2.00 p.m., with the following members present, Rev.Hugh M.Rae, Chairman, Revs.W.P.Bunt, H.E.Horton, W.H.H.Norman, W.R.McWilliams, Mrs. J.S.Muldrew and Mrs. Archibald Campbell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Hugh M. Rae, and Mrs. J.S. Muldrew was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Report of Mr. McWilliams trip to Kamloops & Revelstoke in February. A verbal report was given - no meetings were held, but calls were made. Three hundred Japanese are located in Kamloops and vicinity. Only work being done among them is by Miss Lang an Anglican worker. In Tappen, about 20 men. In Revelstoke, about 30 families. In Rogers, 20 or 30 men.
Mr. McWilliams was asked to prepare a written report for Toronto.

2. A report has been filed of Mr. Yoshioka's trip into Lillooet, which will be sent to Toronto.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. 1. Letter from Rev. R. Magowan of Lethbridge, Alta, re Rev. J.Kabayama.

2. Letter re Rev. K. Shimizu

3. Re the "whole work"

4. Re Alberta

5. Re. Edward Yoshioka - candidate for the Ministry.

All the above relate to the manning of fields.

It was moved by Rev.W.P.Bunt, seconded by Mrs. A. Campbell, that we recommend to the Board of Home Missions, that Edward Yoshioka be placed on the Slocan Valley to work under the direction of Rev. T.Komiyama. Carried.

It was moved by Rev. W.H.H. Norman, seconded by Rev.W.R.McWilliams, that since we unanimously concur with Dr. Dorey's letter of March 14th, to Rev. Robert Magowan, the suggestions contained therein be carried out, and no action be taken in regard to Mr. Kabayama for the present. Carried.

It was moved by Rev.W.P. Bunt, seconded by Mr. McWilliams, that Rev. Wm. Stott, Convener of Conference Home Mission Committee, be given corresponding privileges. Carried.

B. Re Grand Forks: A letter re Education Costs was read. Moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Rev.W.R.McWilliams, that this letter and a recent Province Editorial be sent on to Dr. Dorey, and that this Committee recommend that he urge Ottawa to deal with this matter of education in Grand Forks, if at all possible.

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RE DISPERSAL POLICY: Moved by Rev.W.H.H.Norman, seconded by Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, that this Committee recommends that someone be appointed by the United Church of Canada to visit Eastern Canada to facilitate the movement of the Japanese.

Moved by Rev.W.P. Bunt, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, that Rev.W.R.McWilliams and Rev. W.H.H. Norman, be the names we send forward from this Committee.

Moved by Rev.W.P.Bunt, seconded by Rev.W.H.H.Norman, that the Chairman of this Committee write the Editor of the Daily Province, commending him for the splendid attitude taken re the Japanese situation.

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m., with the benediction.

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COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

Nov. 21st, 1944.

The Conference Committee on Japanese Work met in the Church Office on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 10 a.m., with the following members present: Mrs. A. Campbell, Revs. H. E. Horton, W. R. McWilliams, W. P. Bunt and W. E. Galloway. The Chairman, Rev. H. M. Rae, and Mrs. J. S. Muldrew were absent on account of illness. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Horton was asked to preside.

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence. Mr. Bunt read a letter from Miss Olivia Lindsay, For information.
A letter from Miss Tait was received and referred to Mr. McWilliams for action, on motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell.

A letter was read from Dr. Dorey re Camp Visitation, and on motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. McWilliams was asked to make a trip to the camps in the vicinity of Kamloops, on the C.N.R. north of Kamloops and on he C.P.R. east of Kamloops, including the Revelstoke area, at his earliest convenience.

Mr. Bunt read a letter from Dr. Dorey re the transfer of Mr. Shimizu East, and also his own reply. These were received and left to be considered later.

Mr Bunt read for our information a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister by the representatives of five Christian Communions in Toronto. On motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell, the letter was received and filed.

WORKER'S CONFERENCE. Extracts of the Minutes of the Workers' Conference held in New Denver on Oct. 10th were read, particularly with reference to the recommendations regarding liason work between the Nisei and the Canadian pastors and the possible appointment of young Japanese pastors. After some discussion, the Minutes were received and pleasure expressed that such a satisfactory Conference had been held, on motion of Mr. McWilliams and Mrs. Campbell.

LIASON WORK On motion of Messrs. Bunt and McWilliams, it was resolved that, while this Committee agrees with the principle involved, it is of the opinion that such responsibility should not be a part of Mr. Shimizu's work, should he be transferred to Ontario; and further, that we recommend that action be deferred until the Government's resettlement policy is further developed.

With reference to the association of young Japanese ministers with pastors, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. McWilliams and Mrs. Campbell that at the present time we consider it advisable that no action be taken.

LILLOOET. On motion of Messrs Bunt and McWilliams, it was resolved that we ask Mr. Yoshioka to visit the Lillooet field early in the New Year, if possible.

TASHME. Mr. McWilliams reported that he had received a letter from Dr. Dorey, stating that he had written to Ottawa, backing the telegram sent from Tashme, as reported in the last Minutes.

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REV. K. SHIMIZU. On motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell, it was resolved that we reaffirm our position taken at the meeting of Oct. 10th, with respect to the transfer of Mr. Shimizu to the East at a time when the Secretaries consider it advisable. At the same time we would draw the attention of the Home Mission Board to the fact that it will be difficult for us to supply the work here unless another man is given to us to replace Mr. Shimizu.

VACANT PASTORATES. On motion of Messrs. Bunt and McWilliams, it was resolved that we recommend to the Home Mission Committee of the Kootenay Presbytery that, after Mr. Shimizu's removal, Mr. Komiyama be made Supervising Pastor of the Kaslo and Slocan Valley North fields.

On motion of Mrs. Campbell and Mr. McWilliams, it was resolved that the matter of further supplies be referred to Mr. Bunt, with power to confer with the workers on the ground.

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL SITUATION. Mr. McWilliams reported his visit to Grand Forks. A large meeting there discussed the School situation. The School Board will not allow Japanese children who came in after the evacuation to attend school without paying a fee of $5.00 per month. The Commission has recognized the claims of the School Board. Many families wish to reside permanently in that area. Mr. McWilliams has written to Dr. Dorey regarding the matter. The Commission takes no responsibility.

On motion of Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Bunt, it was resolved to write to Dr. Dorey, asking him to take the matter up with Ottawa, to see if anything can be done to provide free elementary education for the children of evacuated Japanese in Grand Forks, drawing to his attention the unjust and un-Canadian action of the Grand Forks School Board.

The meeting adjourned, with the Benediction by the Chairman.

Hugh M. Rae
Chairman.

C. E. Galloway
Secretary.

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October 10, 1944.

The Conference Standing Committee on Japanese work met in the Church Office on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 1944, at 10 a.m.

The following members were present: Mrs. A. Campbell, Messrs. Horton, Rae, McWilliams, Bunt and Galloway.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bunt submitted a report of the proposed program for the coming Conference in New Denver. On motion of Messrs. Bunt and Horton, the report was received. A letter was read from Mr. Shimizu regarding the Tuesday evening meeting, with a supper for the guests. The program for the Thursday morning meeting was not arranged, but would probably take the form of a round-table conference, closing with a devotional service, to be arranged by Miss McLachlan.

Property. Mr. Bunt reported that the building and lot on Ewan Ave. in New Westminster had been sold for $2800.00.

Supply of Fields. Mr. Horton reported his conversation with Dr. Dorey. Mr. McWilliams also reported his conversations with Dr. Dorey in July and August. He, along with Mr. Earnest Truman, Miss Burd and Mr. Konio Shimizu, think that Rev. K. Shimizu should go East, where a man is badly needed. Moved by Mr. McWilliams and seconded by Mr. Horton and carried, that as soon as adjustments can be made, we agree to the removal of Mr. Shimizu to the East.

On motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell it was resolved that, in view of the probability of the early removal of Mr. Shimizu from British Columbia, we feel that the situation should be canvassed in the East with reference to another man for the work in this Province, and that we request the Home Mission Board to consider the matter. We suggest that, if Mr. Paul Seto is available, and in possession of the Japanese language, he would be worthy of consideration for this work.

It was felt that further consideration of the problem should be left until after the Conference in New Denver.

Tashme School. Mr. McWilliams reported on the School situation in Tashme. There are about one hundred and sixty High School students, having the use of the school building. The people of Tashme have gotten together and are proposing to put up a building. Though not making enough money to care for their families, they have submitted four plans. The first was submitted to Mr. Collins, who gave grudging consent to take the matter up with Ottawa. The following Night Letter was sent to Dr. Dorey:

"Tashme parents assuming complete responsibility propose to Commission as in Lemon Creek provide building for school. Collins as counter grudgingly promises taking proposal to Ottawa. We believe plan requires and merits full and immediate Church support in Ottawa, and urgently recommend prompt action by yourself. (signed) McLachlan, Greenbank, McBride, McWilliams."

The people of Tashme are proposing a new building for oil

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storage, the present building to be used as a school. They also have other plans, calling for new buildings. They feel that the Church should be asked to provide part of the expense.

On motion of Messrs. McWilliams and Bunt, it was resolved to back the Night Letter and to urge the Toronto office to give all possible support.

Miss Lindsay. It was also reported that Miss Olivia C. Lindsay has been compelled on account of ill health to give up her work at Lillooet, and must stay within reach of a medical specialist in the East.

Daily Province Editorials. It was suggested that the Chairman and the Superintendent of Missions call on the Managing Editor of the Daily Province and commend the Province editorials on the Japanese situation in B.C. and Canada.

On motion of Messrs. Horton and McWilliams, the meeting adjourned, with the Benediction by Mr. Horton.

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Chairman Secretary.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

July 4th, 1944

The Conference Special Committee on Japanese work met in the United Church office on Tuesday, July 4th, at 2.15 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. J. S. Muldrew, Mrs. A. Campbell, Revs. W.P. Bunt, W. R. McWilliams, H. M. Rae, W. H. H. Norman and W. E. Galloway.

Mrs. Muldrew was asked to take the chair temporarily, and Mr. Galloway to act as Secretary.

Mr. McWilliams led in prayer.

On motion, Mr. Rae was elected Chairman, and Mr. Galloway Secretary.

As Mr. Rae had not yet arrived, Mrs. Muldrew continued in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Fall Conference. Mr. Bunt reported that the Board of Home Missions had approved the holding of a Conference in the fall and had made a grant of $100 towards the expenses. On motion of Messrs. Bunt and Galloway, it was resolved that a Conference about the middle of October, under the joint auspices of the H.M.B. and the W.M.S., and that a special committee, consisting of the Supt. of Missions, the Chairman and the Branch President of the W.M.S., be appointed to arrange details. On motion of Messrs. McWilliams and Galloway it was further resolved to ask the W.M.S. to co-operate in the arrangement and expenses of the Conference on a basis similar to that of the H.M.B.

2. Re the New Westminster Japanese property. Mr. Bunt reported that he had investigated the situation and found that the tenant, who had been facing difficulties, had finally made satisfactory arrangements for the payment of the rent. The sale of the property is not being considered at the present time.

Re the late Mr. K. Nomoto. The Committee noted with regret the illness and death of Rev. K. Nomoto. He was born in Japan on April 1st, 1900, ordained in Vancouver on May 18th, 1934, and passed away in New Westminster on June 30th, 1944.

Mr. Rae came in at this stage of the proceedings and assumed the Chairmanship.

High School Accomodation at Tashme. Mr. McWilliams referred to the lack of facilities for school work and the need of a building with three rooms. Mr. Bunt reported his visit to Tashme about a month ago with Mr. Rae and Mr. Horton, and expressed concern for the physical well-being of the workers, who seemed tired and in need of a holiday. Reference was made to the possibility of using the new school building now being erected by the Govt.

On motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Campbell it was resolved to ask the Commission for the privilege of erecting a building for Church and High School work.

Mr. Bunt read a memo from Dr. Dorey re the whole situation as he sees it.

Placement of Workers.

(a) A request has come from Ontario for a Japanese minister.

(b) There is a vacancy at New Denver.

(c) The Sicamous-Revelstoke camps are likely to be closed within two months.

(d) Revelstoke City Japanese. There are about 34 families, mostly Buddhists. The Anglican minister, Mr. Savary, of Salmon Arm, visits Revelstoke occasionally. But he is being moved to New Denver, to become rector, and will do both Japanese and white work. He has not as yet a very complete grasp of the language.

(e) Camps in Blue River area north of Kamloops. It was suggested that Mr. McWilliams might go up ~~there on his way~~ to Revelstoke, and that Mr. Yoshioka might visit Revelstoke once a month.

Possible Re-alignment of workers.

After considerable discussion it was resolved, on motion of Messrs. Bunt and Norman, that in the opinion of this Committee Mr. Shimizu should be asked to assume the pastorate of the Slocan North work and of Kaslo for an indefinite period, on the understanding that if the situation in Ontario develops we shall be ready to review the situation here.

The meeting adjourned, with the Benediction by the Chairman.

Chairman Secretary

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN EQUIPMENT
FOR TASHME HIGH SCHOOL
FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 1944

A new grade 9 class of at least 80 pupils will bring the total students in the High School to be accommodated to over 150.

1. The present arrangement by which two or three rooms in the "A" building are converted into a single room to accommodate the present grade 9 pupils Monday through Thursday 3.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and Saturdays all day and evenings, would be inadequate, unless this building were available from the mornings of each week day, instead of as at present, afternoons and evenings.

   The work, in order to be done on terms and conditions obtaining this year, would require the full use of all of "D" building, with the partitions arranged to make possible three enlarged rooms - two for grade 9 and one for grade 10. The use of this building would be necessary Monday through Thursday from 3.30 to 9.30 p.m., and all day Saturday including Saturday evening.

2. In addition to the above, provision will have to be made for supervised study for at least 100 pupils when the new school year begins. This year we are using the house occupied by Mr. Best and Mr.McWilliams, and that occupied by Miss Ryan and Miss McLaughlan, for supervised study purposes, but from September, this arrangements would be far short of our requirements. It is unnecessary to emphasize that adequate provision will have to be made for this need, if the minimum requirements for study are to be met in the coming year.

3. The lighting in "D" building would have to be considerably improved.

4. An alternate plan would be the granting of permission to the Church to erect a building "Barracks type" 18' x 60' to take care of our total school requirements.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th 1944 - 2.00 P.M.

A meeting of the Committee on Japanese work was held on Friday, February 11th at 2.00 p.m., in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building.

Present: Rev.Bryce H.Wallace, Chairman, Dr. George Dorey, Revs.W.R.McWilliams. H.E. Horton, G.A.Wilson, H.M.Rae, W.H.H.Norman, Mrs.A.Campbell and Mrs.J.S.Muldrew.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman, and the Minutes of the previous meeting, November 29th, were, on motion,adopted as read.

Kaslo Conference:
The Chairman made some comments on the report of the Kaslo Conference, including the report of Rev.K.Shimizu on re-settlement. He expressed his belief that the Kaslo Conference had been very successful and that another be held this summer.

Discussion followed on the sectarian conditions at New Denver, where six Denominations are at work, and Kelowna, where high schools are closed to Japanese evacuee children.

Mrs. Muldrew suggested that since the W.M.S. have so many workers among Japanese, if another Conference be held, they be represented. Mr.McWilliams suggested that they have a little longer session than one day.

Moved by Rev.W.H.H.Norman, seconded by Rev.W.R.McWilliams:-
"That this committee recommend to the Conference Home Mission Committee - to be passed on to the Home Mission Board, that another Conference of Japanese workers be arranged for next Fall, and that the W.M.S. be invited to co-operate in the carrying out of this Conference. Agreed.

Dr. Dorey stated that it had been decided that Rev. K.Shimizu be given leave from Kaslo for three or four months for work in Eastern Canada, on request of Mr.E.Trueman, agreed to by Mr. Bunt. Dr. Dorey requested that no other Japanese minister be encouraged to travel east.

Moved by Rev.H.E.Horton, seconded by Rev.Hugh M.Rae, that arrangements for the trip east of Mr. Shimizu, under the direction of the Home Mission Board, be approved.

Re Itinerary of Rev.W.R.McWilliams:
Re Ministerial Support: Dr. Dorey reported that Southern Alberta field had raised $200.00 for Missionary and Maintenance last year. They had been asked to give $50.00 towards Mr.Kabayamas salary.

Report on accommodation at Tashme: Mr. McWilliams reported on arrangements made for high school. They expect at least 90 students to enter Grade 9, from Public School, making a total of 150 High School students. Many students in Grade 9 and 10 have dropped out to cut wood; their work is needed to support their parents. Grade 11 and 12 boys have practically all disappeared.

Mr.McWilliams reported that they would have no room for the High School from the Fall, and would ask the B.C.Security Commission for the privilege of putting up a two room building for 2 classrooms; failing that they ask for accommodation elsewhere for classes.

The Chairman nominated Revs.Hugh M.Rae, W.P.Bunt, Mrs.Campbell/or Mrs. Muldrew to be a committee to meet the B.C.Security Commission to make the above request.

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Re New Westminster Japanese Property, 325 Ewen Avenue: A letter from W.R. Walkinshaw was presented, regarding the probable sale of this building, as the tenant is now in arrears for rent. Referred to Mr. Bunt.

Mr. McWilliams urged that ministers and laymen of our church be urged to facilitate the movement of Nisei eastward.

It was moved by Dr. G.A.Wilson, seconded by Mr. McWilliams, that a letter of greeting be sent to Dr. S.S.Osterhout.

..... Chairman

..... Secretary.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 1943 - 2.00 p.m.

The Special Committee on Japanese Work met in the office of the Supt. of Home Missions on Monday November 29th 1943 at 2.00 p.m. , with the following members present:- Rev. Bryce H. Wallace, Chairman, Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, Mrs.A.Campbell, Revs. W.R. McWilliams, H.E. Horton, G.A.Wilson, H.M.Rae, W.P. Bunt and W.H.H.Norman.

On motion of H.E.Horton, seconded by G.A.Wilson, the minutes of the previous meeting, having been read were adopted. Prior to this Rev.W.H.H.Norman was appointed secretary.

REPORTS: Re Kaslo Conference: On motion of Rev.W.P. Bunt, seconded by H.M.Rae, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Conference of Japanese Workers held in Kaslo on September 30th, be referred to a sub-committee for study and report at a later meeting. The members of the committee to be Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, Rev.B.H. Wallace and Rev.W.R.McWilliams. It was ordered that a resume of the Minutes be sent to the Secretary of Conference for information and filing.

Re Itinerary of Rev.W.R.McWilliams: The Supt. reported that Mr. McWilliams had visited most of the Japanese centres in British Columbia as well as in Southern Alberta, and that a comprehensive report of the trip had been submitted by Mr. McWilliams. On motion of Mr. Bunt and Mrs. Muldrew a special committee, consisting of W.H.H.Norman, H.E.Horton and H.M.Rae was appointed to study the report and to bring forward any recommendations thought necessary at the next meeting of the committee.

Re Superintendent's visit Lillooet Japanese: Mr. Bunt gave a verbal report of a recent visit to the Japanese in the Lillooet area who are being ministered to by Rev. Olivia C. Lindsay. Meetings were addressed at East Lillooet, Lillooet, Minto and Bridge River. Other points on the field consist of Taylor Lake and McGillivray Falls. There are approximately 1200 Japanese in all of these points, and in each community the people are self-supporting. A very earnest effort is being made by Miss Lindsay to carry on religious work at the different points.

Re Shipments of Furniture: The Superintendent reported on having received requests for furniture, books, etc., from a number of the missions, and that Miss Sadie Tait, secured what was requested from the various buildings in which the goods are stored, and attended to the shipping of the same.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR REV. T. KOMIYAMA: Moved by W.P. Bunt, seconded by W.R.McWilliams and carried, that a vote of appreciation be sent to Rev.T.Komiyama, for the very careful and thorough way in which he had written up the Minutes of the Kaslo Conference. From the thoroughness with which the work was done, it was evident that a great deal of labour had been given to it.

RE SECONDARY EDUCATION: On hearing a further report of Mr. McWilliams, regarding the teaching of high school work in the various centres , it was the unanimous opinion of the committee, that the special committee set up at the last meeting to prepare a brief on this work with a view to securing improvements in the facilities for carrying it on was no longer required. On motion of Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. McWilliams, the committee was discharged.

RE UNITED CHURCH ACCOMMODATION AT TASHME: The matter of a special building for United Church work in Tashme, having been brought forward in a recommendation from the Westminster Presbytery, in which a grant was requested to help erect such a building, the Superintendent reported that Mrs. Muldrew and he had waited upon Mr. George Collins of the B.C.Security Commission to see what could be done along that line.

Resulting from that interview, Mr. Collins suggested that the A Building presently being overhauled for school purposes might be placed at the disposal of the United Church for its activities. The period covered by this offer would be from 3.30 on each day, from Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday. As the suggestion represented something much better than our workers have hitherto enjoyed, it was agreed that we advise Mr. Collins that the offer would be accepted, providing that in re-building the partitions they be left so that sufficient class room could be thrown together to accommodate a congregation of seventy-five.

Mr. Collins was so advised by telephone, and it was agreed that final action and decision would await his return from a visit to Tashme on December 1st.

RE SUPERVISION OF TEACHERS: Mrs. Muldrew informed the committee that reports had come to her, of the need of some expert coaching for the voluntary teachers who are carrying on in the Lillooet area. The committee agreed that Miss Lindsay should be conferred with and asked to supply the W.M.S., with essential information and statistics. This will be done by W.M.S. Advisory.

RE COMPULSORY SALE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS: The Superintendent reported that the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property had advised him of their intention to sell by auction the contents of the former Japanese Mission at New Westminster. After considerable discussion it was the unanimous decision of the committee that the custodian be advised that any goods stored in United Church buildings had been entrusted to us for safe-keeping, and that we could not see our way clear to agreeing to the sale of these goods without the consent of the owners. A committee consisting of the Supt., Rev. H.M.Rae, Rev.W.H.H. Norman, and Rev.B.H.Wallace, was appointed to draft the letter giving the custodian the decision of the committee.

On motion of W.P. Bunt, seconded by W.R.McWilliams, it was agreed that we seek permission of the Security Commission for bringing any of our Japanese ministers to the coast, should they desire to come, in order to make their own disposition of their personal effects which have been left in most cases in their former residences.

RE MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Mr. Bunt stated that it was desirable to have the Japanese in so far as they are able, make some contribution toward the support of our work amongst them, which at the present time is costing the Home Mission Board possibly double what it did prior to the evacuation. After some discussion, it was agreed to defer action in this matter until the report is brought in of the special committee studying the report of W.R.McWilliams.

DR. S. S. OSTERHOUT: On motion of Rev.H.E.Horton, seconded by W.R.McWilliams it was unanimously agreed that a letter of greetings and good wishes be sent to the Rev.S.S.Osterhout now a patient in the Vancouver General Hospital, and that the earnest prayer of the committee be expressed for a speedy and complete recovery from the injuries suffered in his recent accident.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by the Chairman.

Bryce H. Wallace - Chairman
W.H.H. Norman - Secretary

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Rev. Dr. George Dorey made a report on his visit to the evacuation centres in the Kootenay. (Typewritten report on file)

The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

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To the Committee on
Japanese matters.

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by The Presbytery of Kootenay at its meeting held in Nelson B.C. on March 2nd and 3rd 1943.

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Resolved that we ask the conference committee on Japanese affairs, to investigate and establish the facts surrounding the matters of taxation of lands compulsorily evacuated by the Japanese, and the fact of having to pay personally for education in their new location.

Also to establish the exact nature of the authority recently set up by the Dominion Gov't for the sale of Japanese lands. "

As a comment upon the foregoing, it is felt that there is grave injustice being done by the Provincial Gov't by refusing to make arrangements whereby the japanese receive what they pay for through taxation on their vacated lands.

It can be said of course that any land owner has to pay taxes whether he avails himself of the educational facilities at the point of taxation or not. This is true but the cases are different. The one is voluntary and quite incidental; in the other they are compulsory and en masse, time and localities affected often being co-incident. It is not a protest gainst the paying of taxes, but rather that universal benefits are here denied. If a tax payer be not resident where he pays the taxes, his children are still allowed to get school facilities where residence is had. The Japanese are denied this right, which is manifestly unjust These people have not been shown disloyal and have in the main cheerfully responded to the demand for national security and have sacrificed therefor. Therefore it is felt that some arrangement could be made either for the transfer of part of taxation from point of levy, to point where advantages are sought. Og course it would have to be determined what proportion of these lands are vacant and rented in such consideration. In any case these Japanese are now residents , but do not enjoy the p privileges customarily granted such.

The item regarding sale of Lands, is raised so that any compulsory sale of these lands may be guarded against as being not only unjust, but prejudicial to the free determination of a National Policy regarding the Japanese after the War. To dispossess is the first step toward repatriation and it must not take place through default of protest.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 16th 1943 - 3.00 p.m.

A meeting of the Committee on Japanese Relations was held in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C., on Tuesday, March 16th 1943 at 3.00p.m.

Present: Revs. Bryce H. Wallace, in chair; Drs. G.A.Wilson, S.S.Osterhout, Revs. H.M.Rae, W.P. Bunt, W.R.McWilliams and Mrs. J.S.Muldrew. Dr. George Dorey, Associate Secretary of Home Missions was also present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

RE SALE OF JAPANESE PROPERTY:

Mr. Bob McMaster, a lawyer and active layman in the United Church was introduced, and spoke on the matter of the Order in Council dealing with the sale of Japanese Property.

Mr. Bunt read a resolution from the Kootenay Presbytery as follows:-

"Resolved that we ask the Conference Committee on Japanese Affairs, to investigate and establish the facts surrounding the matters of taxation of lands compulsorily evacuated by the Japanese, and the fact of having to pay personally for education in their new location. Also to establish the exact nature of the authority recently set up by the Dominion Government for the sale of Japanese Lands."

Moved by Rev.W.P. Bunt, duly seconded, that we protest as a Church against the sale of Japanese owned property and form a committee to set forth the issues in detail. Carried.

A letter re Lands and Taxes was handed to Dr. Dorey for attention.

It was reported that looting of properties is going on. The Custodian is aware of this.

RESIDENCE AT TASHME: One house has been given, and the women workers(3 Anglicans and 2 United Church) are living in it. It is too small. Another will be given when vacated.

Moved that the Commission be approached on this matter. (Supt. and Dorey)

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Mr. Shimizu was read, in which he stated that some Japanese were going east. The Christian people are more trustful and venturesome.

A letter was read from the B.C.Security Commission, in which they agreed to a refund on the moving expenses of five of our Japanese Ministers. Cheque for $263.67 had been received and forwarded to Toronto.

REPORT ON JOINT MEETING WITH ANGLICANS:(see Minute of Feb. 3rd 1943).

Rev. Bryce H.Wallace went to Victoria as representative from the United Church, along with representatives of the Anglican Church, to interview Dr. Willis(Supt. of Education)re High School Correspondence Courses. The interview was fairly satisfactory, Dr. Willis stating that if we could supply the names of Japanese who were unable to pay the fees it would be taken up with the Cabinet. The W.M.S. has undertaken to secure this information.

Mr. Wallace was asked to submit his bill for expenses of this trip, to ~~Toronto.~~ Ottawa

REV. Y. ONO: It was moved, duly seconded, that we take no action regarding the status of Mr.Ono, the committee not having sufficient grounds for a charge against his Christian character, and recommend that his ministerial relationship should not be changed meantime.

MAINTENANCE GRANTS: As per sheet attached. Moved, duly seconded, that these be sent forward to the Conference Home Mission Committee.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE WORK

Wednesday, June 16th 1943

The Committee on Japanese work met in the Church Office, on Wednesday June 16th 1943 at 4.00 P.M. Rev. Bryce H.Wallace presiding.

Present: Revs. Bryce H.Wallace, Dr.S.S.Osterhout, Hugh M.Rae, W.R. McWilliams, Dr. G.A.Wilson, W.P.Bunt, H.E.Horton, and Mr.T.Shimotakahara.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received, from Mrs. A. Campbell and Rev.W.H.H. Norman.

Corresponding privileges were given Mr T.Shimotakahara.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 16th were read and adopted.

Extracts were read from reports of Rev.Y.Yoshioka, Rev.K.Nomoto, Rev.T. Komiyama and Rev.W.R.McWilliams.

Moved by Rev.W.P.Bunt, seconded by Rev.H.M.Rae, that in view of the serious situation existing in regard to Secondary education, we express the opinion that immediate attention should be given to the provision of such facilities, and that the W.M.S. representative be asked to co-operate with the following committee to prepare a statement to be forwarded to the General Board and the W.M.S., and that the following be the committee: Revs. Bryce H.Wallace, W.P.Bunt, H.M.Rae and W.R.McWilliams.

Moved by Rev. H.E.Horton, seconded by Rev.W.R.McWilliams, that Revs Bryce H.Wallace, W.P.Bunt and the President of Conference, be a committee to arrange a Conference of Japanese Pastors in the Fall at some interior point, preferably in the Kootenay Presbytery.

The Superintendent reported that Rev.K.Shimizu had postponed his visit to the East until September.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr. G.A.Wilson.

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MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23rd 1942:

A meeting of the Consultative Committee on Japanese Relations was called by Rev. W.P. Bunt, to meet in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, on Monday March 23rd 1942 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Revs. W.P. Bunt, K.Shimizu, Bryce H.Wallace, Y.Akagawa, W.R.McWilliams, and co-opted members, Dr. G.A.Wilson, Rev.Wm.Deans, Rev.Peter Henderson and Mrs. J.S.Muldrew.

Rev. W.P. Bunt reported the inability of the Committee of three, to meet the Taylor Commission, and the consequent failure of presenting the proposals of this committee which were drawn up to be submitted to the Commission.

A progress report was made by Mr. Bunt on the setting up of an inter-church committee to meet the responsibility of the churches, in Hastings Park.

It was moved to incorporate Mr. Bunt's report in the Minutes of the Committee. The following is the report:-

"A request came from the B.C.Security Commission to the churches already working with the Japanese to send representatives to a meeting with Dr. Lyall Hodgins for the purpose of setting up an inter-church advisory committee."

It was moved and resolved to request the Acting President of Conference to authorise Rev.W.P. Bunt from our group, and Mrs. J.S.Muldrew from the Women's Organizations, to the official representatives of the United Church on this inter-church committee, to contact the B.C.Security Commission.

On motion Rev.H.M.Rae was appointed alternate to Mr. Bunt, and Mrs.A. Campbell alternate to Mrs. Muldrew.

The action taken by Mr. Bunt, in the interim, of placing certain matters before the Commission was accepted and approved.

Mrs. Muldrew reported that the W.M.S. had requested permission of the B.C.Security Commission, to remove the W.M.S. Oriental Home and School in Victoria (18 girls) to Assiniboine in Saskatchewan. This recorded for information only.

Moved by Dr.G.A.Wilson, seconded by Rev.Bryce H.Wallace that the programme of work drawn up by Rev.K.Shimizu and Rev.W.R.McWilliams be adopted as our programme of work and that we present the same to the next meeting of the Inter-church Committee.

Resolved that the Missionaries prepare statements of the financial status of their churches and forward to the Board not later than April 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 p.m., with prayer by Rev.Peter Henderson.

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Chairman

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Secretary.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Inter-Church Committee held in the Office of the B. C. Security Commission, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C. on Thursday, May 28th, 1942, at 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

Rev. W. P. Bunt, Chairman.
Rev. W. H. Gale
Rev. H. M. Rae
Mrs. A. Campbell,
Mrs. C. E. Lightfoot
Major P. Alder.

ALSO PRESENT:

Sir Francis Heathcote, Bart., D.D.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, May 7th, 1942, were read by Major Alder, and on motion of Mr. Gale, seconded by Mr. Rae, were adopted.

MISS M. E. RIDGWAY

Mr. Bunt reported that he had received a visit from Miss Ridgway, when he had informed her, in accordance with resolution passed at the last meeting, that the Committee were agreeable to her working at the park and conferring with Miss Moscrop. Mr. Bunt mentioned, however, that Miss Ridgway had expressed a strong desire to go to Kaslo.

VACATION SCHOOL

Dealing with the question of arranging for a vacation school in the Park, Mr. Gale explained that the High and Grade Schools were at present open under the Education Department; also that Mr. McRae, who had been loaned by the School Board, is training a class for teaching, presumably in the "ghost" towns as the population at the Park is dwindling. It was agreed that Mr. Gale should make inquiry as to whether the Grade and High School work would be continued during July and August, and pending Mr. Gale's report the matter be tabled.

KINDERGARTEN, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH SERVICES.

Mr. Gale reported that the Kindergarten was carrying on, but the numbers were down, for various reasons. The weather had been cold, and there was no heat in the building; parents came and took the children away for the day, and so on. There were about 150 on the roll, but the attendance that day had been 63, and the day before 64. There are five teachers, three from the United Church and two Anglicans at the present time.

The attendance at Sunday School also fluctuates. On the 17th May there had been 90 present, and last Sunday there were 300.

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City Sunday Schools had been helpful in contributing papers for use in the Park.

The Church services continued as before, the Japanese service being held at six o'clock, and the English service, for the 'second generation' at seven. The Salvation Army had assisted in the service.

Mr. Gale reported that Mr. Kabayama was leaving shortly. He had been making the arrangements both for the Japanese and the English services, and had also been Superintendent of the Sunday School, while Mrs. Kabayama assisted in the Kindergarten. Mr. Gale was of the opinion that someone should be appointed in his place, and the suggestion was made that one man might be responsible for the Japanese service and another for the English service. It was also considered advisable that any person, or persons, so appointed should consult with Mr. Gale or Major Alder for the sake of oversight.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote,
SECONDED by Major Alder

"That it be left to Mr. Gale to find some person, or persons, to take the place of Mr. Kabayama in arranging for services and Sunday School superintendence at the Park."

CARRIED.

MISSIONARY WORK AT THE CAMPS.

A discussion followed as to the placing of men for missionary work at the various road camps and interior settlements. Mr. Bunt mentioned that he had received word from Silverton that there was urgent need for a clergyman in Slocan, and Mr. Gale explained that Mr. Brown, from New Denver, held a service there every Sunday; that Miss Cox and Miss Harriman are there, and that he had told Mr. Nukayama he could prepare to go up.

Mr. Bunt stated that the United Church was sending a man to Revelstoke, but no arrangements were being made with regard to Jasper, ~~which was Anglican territory.~~ Sir Francis Heathcote explained that this was part of the Diocese of Edmonton, and that he had written to Edmonton offering to work with them if they so desired. It was understood that Jasper included Blue River and Yellowhead.

With regard to the settlement at Seton Lake in the Bridge River area, Mr. Bunt stated that his Church had sent Miss Lindsay, an ordained minister, there. She had been a worker in Japan, and would work with the Japanese around Lillooet.

Mr. Bunt also mentioned that they had under consideration the sending of a young man to work under the direction of the man at Kelowna who, at the request of the Engineer at Hope, went to Hope-Princeton every second week.

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The understanding at the present time was that the work would be divided as follows:-

Anglican Church	to take care of the Jasper Area, including Blue River and Yellow Head; also Slocan City.
United Church	to serve the Bridge River area, Alberta, Kaslo, Princeton-Hope, Grand Forks, Christina Lake and the Protestants at Greenwood.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on call of the Chairman.

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Chairman.

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April 16, 1942.

Rev. W. P. Bunt,

at TORONTO.

Dear Percy,

I have been reflecting upon our Japanese situation since writing you yesterday about immediate problems and the methods of maintaining our Christian work. Perhaps the making of these people CANADIAN is subsidiary to the main problem of making them Christian, but they are two problems which should be faced together. A visit to Hasting Park is evidence enough to prove that we have not made them Canadian: I speak of the people who actually came from Japan. The old folks never could have anticipated the changes which would come into the lives of their descendents and how their own families would in time be more at home among Canadians than with themselves. So we have the second generation Japanese tending to separate themselves from the parents, feeling themselves at home with members of the R.C.M.P., and the various servants of the Security Commission, and at the same time thrust by the exigencies of war and the panic of the whites into one indiscriminate mass in Hastings Park.

It is something of a tragedy that none of our ministers belong to the 'nisei' group, and no matter how effective they may be with the Japanese nationals, the younger groups are bound to grow away from this 'foreign' ministry just as they have grown away from their parents. Of course if the Japanese are to be herded together in Jap-towns and concentrated in particular areas, the Canadianization of these people will be unduly prolonged. We may even be in danger of setting up a cleavage in this Western section of Canada as distinctive and and as difficult to cope with as the cleavage which exists between what we used to call Upper and Lower Canada. However I think that forward looking leaders are only too well aware of the danger to consent to the perpetuation of a Japanese culture in isolation from the general culture of Canada.

Our Home Mission Committees and Board will recognise the limitations of our Japanese pastors and the suspicions which must be expected at such a time as this is concerning their sympathies with Japanese nationalism. Even if every last one of them is free from any taint of Axisism, it is too much to expect that they would be very positive in their inclinations towards Canadian ideals. At the present juncture they would have to be very profound in their analysis of their immediate plight to maintain an entirely favorable disposition towards Canada. Many, of course, are shrewd enough to recognise that

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the restrictions applied to their Canadian citizenship are more to be desired than the limitations of Japan.

In the nature of the case our Japanese ministers must be trusted to carry forward the work, as they will agree to do wherever they are sent, and I am glad to hear that the Board is anxious to make generous provision for that. Presumably you have canvassed the problem of location very thoroughly. This is how it occurs to me that we might use our material to the best advantage:

Kabayama..... to Raymond.
Nomoto..... to Manitoba.
Akagawa..... to the Park at first and then a Ghost-town.
Shimizu..... to the largest group in a Ghost-town.
Ono..... to the Jasper area.
Ogura..... to one of the lesser Ghost-towns.
'Tak'..... to Revelstoke.

Even so, it might be that certain appointments might be considered in consultation with the Anglicans.

Mr. McWilliams has indicated his preference for Ontario where, on the whole, he would be dealing with a younger generation of men. Of course his attitude, and I entirely agree with him, is that these people should establish fellowship relations within the white churches. In these days they will hesitate to thrust themselves upon the attention of our Christian people: it will remain for our people to make the Christian approach. Many are eager to have Christian fellowship, and our folks should be instructed from the Home Mission Board that a great missionary opportunity has suddenly come to them through the evacuation of these people. I would hope that the spirit of our people does not lag. The camps will have schools. We understand the Frontier College will come to their aid in this respect. Our Church should be as forward as the educational authorities; we ought to co-operate with them in many respects for education and religion are two of the fundamental forces essential to a desirable assimilation. I take it that it is our business to cause these people to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.

The location of the men in camps, however, may make it difficult to make formal acquaintance with our existing congregations. Road camps are inevitably moveable, but in Pulp Mills and Ghost-towns there should be opportunity for some contacts, and, on the Prairie, if it is necessary to have Japanese language services, the white churches should be made available for this. It might be impressed upon the Japanese pastors that we are not seeking to be regarded as a generous hearted Board by keeping them professionally employed, but we are primarily interested in Christianization of the Japanese people, and we also believe that for their own good the 'nisei' should be encouraged in the support and achievement of Canadian ideals and such worthy ways of living as shall cause our people to regard our Japanese citizens as so friendly and beyond suspicion that, in the event of another national crisis, they would not seem to stick out in the body politic as the proverbial 'sore thumb'. Japanese nationalism in Canada is the sure way back to repatriation.

Yours,

Hugh M. Rae

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MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd 1942

A special meeting of the Consultative Committee was called for April 3rd 1942 at 2.00 P.M., in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building.

Members present were, Rev. K.Shimizu, Chairman, Rev. Y.Akagawa, Rev. H.M.Rae, Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, Rev. H.E.Horton and Rev.W.R.McWilliams.

Following discussion of the Roman Catholic project scheme for a religious camp at Greenwood, it was resolved that we proceed to list our Christian families and adherents, with a view to setting up a camp in one of the ghost towns of British Columbia, where Christian leadership would be easy and natural.

Resolved, that Rev. H.M.Rae and Rev. W.R.McWilliams see the Commission, and if possible send one of our men to Kaslo to investigate conditions in Kaslo and the facilities for accommodation of the proposed camp.

It was decided at the meeting to appoint Rev.J.Kabayam, who is already in Hastings Park as our temporary minister to the people in the park, and to request the Commission, that Rev.Y.Akagawa be appointed as part time minister in the camp.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev.H.M.Rae.

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COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

JUNE 29th 1942

A meeting of the Conference Committee on Japanese Work was called by the Superintendent of Missions to meet in the Office of the Superintendent on June 29th 1942 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Dr. G.A.Wilson, Dr.S.S.Osterhout, Dr. K.Shimotakahra, Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, Revs, W.P. Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace, H.M.Rae, H.E.Horton, and W.R.McWilliams.

Owing to the evacuation of the Japanese, new officers were required to be elected and Rev.Bryce H.Wallace was elected Chairman, and Rev.W.R.McWilliams, Secretary.

The matter of Rev.Y.Ono and the Church's responsibility towards him was discussed at length and it was carried unanimously, the we recommend to the Home Mission Board that he be not appointed to Church work for the present and that a small commi tee to be composed of Revs.W.P.Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace and W.R. McWilliams meet with Mr. Ono to report this decision to him, and also discuss with him his future.

The matter of placing Mr. Kabayamain Kaslo and Mr. Shimizu in Raymond was discussed and it was resolved to recommend that this be done as it was felt that such appointments would contribute most in the best interests of the work of our Church in these places.

The summary of the report of Mr. McWilliams on his recent trip to the Beet fields in Alberta, and to the Camps on the Sicamous-Revelstoke Highway, and also to the "ghost towns" and to Grand Forks, was read and it was recommended that a brief of the relevant points contained therein be prepared by a committee of Revs. W.P.Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace, H.M.Rae and W.R.McWilliams for presentation to a later meeting of this committee on Thursday July 2nd and that this Brief be passed on from the full committee to the Security Commission and also to the Dominion Government for reference and consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 12.55 p.m., with the benediction by Dr.S.S.Osterhout.

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Chairman Secretary.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

Thursday, July 2nd 1942

A meeting of the Conference Committee on Japanese Relations was called by Rev.W.P. Bunt, in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, on Thursday July 2nd 1942 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Revs.Dr.S.S.Osterhout, W.P.Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace, H.E.Horton, H.M.Rae, W.R.McWilliams and Mrs.J.S.Muldrew.

The report of the smaller committee on the consultation with Mr. Ono, was made. Considerable discussion followed, and on motion of Rev.W.P.Bunt, seconded by Rev.H.E.Horton, it was resolved to accept the report and advise the Security Commission that for an indefinite period we are not employing Mr. Ono in our Church. It was further resolved that the small committee should write Mr.Ono pointing out to him that he is on trial, and that his future relations to the Church depend on his conduct during the coming year.

The report of the Committee on the matter of stationing Mr.Kabayama at Kaslo, and Mr.Shimizu in Raymond, was made to the large committee, and it was resolved to Dr. Osterhout interview Mr.Kabayama in order to encourage favourable consideration of Kaslo and that Mr. Bunt contact Mr.Shimizu by night letter to ascertain his attitude toward going to Raymond.

The "brief" on Mr.McWilliams report, to be presented to the Security Commission was read, and on motion of Dr.S.S.Osterhout, seconded by Mrs.J.S.Muldrew, approval was given for sending it forward.

Moved by Rev.W.P. Bunt, seconded by Rev.H.E.Horton, "That it is our firm conviction that Mr.McWilliams should be immediately designated as Missionary at Large in our United Church to any points in B.C., and Alberta, where the Japanese are evacuated." It was further resolved that we appraise the Anglicans of this appointment.

Re Kaslo: After considerable discussion of the work for Japanese in relation of this work to the Kaslo Church, and the membership of that church, on motion of Mr.McWilliams, seconded by Dr.Osterhout, it was decided to write the minister and Official Board relative to their preference for:-

1. Renovating the old church to be placed under Japanese Church Board for their use.

2. Enlarging facilities in the present building, together with a grant for maintenance.

3. All work to be done in separate building.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr.S.S.Osterhout.

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August 25th 1942

Re Hastings Park: Rev. W.P. Bunt reported that during his holidays and absence from Vancouver, Rev. H.M. Rae had suggested that Rev.W.R.McWilliams be appointed to look after the work of our Church in Hastings Park. This appointment had been made, and the confirmation of the Committee was given to it.

It was decided that in the absence of Mr. McWilliams from Vancouver, Rev.Takashi Komiyama be asked to do this work.

Rev. W.R. McWilliams made a brief report on the work of the Committee appointed to work with the Spanish Consul in matters affecting Japanese Nationals.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev.H.E. Horton.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

Tuesday, August 25th 1942

A meeting of the Conference Committee on Japanese Relations was held in the Church office, 807 Dominion Bank Building at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 25th 1942.

Present: Revs. Dr.S.S.Osterhout, Dr.G.A.Wilson, W.P. Bunt, Bryce H. Wallace, H.M.Rae, H.E. Horton, K. Shimizu, W.R.McWilliams and Mrs. J.S. Muldrew.

Rev. Bryce H. Wallace presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

Re Kaslo Church: A report of the Kaslo Church Co-operative scheme was given by Rev. W.P. Bunt, to the effect that the Kaslo Church Board preferred that the Home Mission Board and the W.M.S., assume responsibility for the expense of adding the necessary accommodation to the present plant, in order to make possible the carrying on of the Japanese work. Amounts named were $125.00 from each Board, and the B.C. Security Commission has offered to contribute the work.

Rev. W.R. McWilliams: Rev. W.P. Bunt reported that the approval of Dr. Dorey and Dr. Cochrane had been given for Rev.W.R.McWilliams to work as Missionary at Large among the evacuated Japanese communities, in accordance with the recommendation of this committee on July 2nd.

Re Exchange of Pastors -Kaslo & Raymond: A further report from Rev.W.P. Bunt statdd that the plan to station Mr. Kabayama in Kaslo and Mr. Shimizu in Raymond, had been given up owing to the preference of both men for the original appointments. It was further stated that Kabayama had gone forward to Raymond.

Re Hope: There was discussion re the stationing of workers in Hope and the problems regarding the providing of accommodation for them. No action was taken.

Re Revelstoke: A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Savary of the Anglican Church now stationed in Revelstoke, saying that he was personally ready to leave the work in the Revelstoke-Sicamous road camps if they find themselves able to look after it.

Re Work in Kaslo: Rev. K. Shimizu gave a report on his work and its development in Kaslo during the past three months. He outlined the difficulties and opposition he had found and pictured the successes in terms of Sunday School work, boys work, Y.P.S., Kindergarten work, A.O.T.S., Woman's Work and regular church services.

Re Slocan Valley: Moved by Rev.W.P. Bunt, seconded by Rev.Dr.S.S.Osterhout - that this committee having heard from Rev.K.Shimizu of his work and its success with great pleasure and profit, ask him to assume responsibility for work among the Japanese in the Slocan Valley until such time as we are able to appoint a regular pastor to that area.

It was decided to have a committee of Rev.H.M.Rae, W.P.Bunt and Mrs. Muldrew visit the Anglicans to review the total Japanese work with them.

It was decided that a committee consisting of Revs.H.M.Rae, W.P. Bunt, Bryce H. Wallace and W.R.McWilliams, contact the B.C.Security Commission in order to clarify certain matters of policy affecting the work of our Church.

It was further decided that this committee, following its discussion with the B.C.Security Commission arrange to have Mr. McWilliams make a tour of the evacuation areas, if they consider such action wise.

1. At Greenwood: Miss Bock had started a voluntary school
2. ~~Grand Forks~~ Lemon Creek: Miss Hurd was working along similar lines.
3. Kaslo: A voluntary school set up under Security Commission.

Mrs. Muldrew moved, seconded by Mrs. A.Campbell and carried:

"That the B.C.Security Commission be interviewed in an effort to ascertain the general educ tion policy of the Commission, including the matter of the taxation of the property of Japanese owners, without the provision of educational facilities for the children. Failing a satisfactory result, the Dominion Government be interviewed, and that if they will make no general provision, the W.M.S. and the General Board of Home Missions be asked to conside r the advisability of jointly setting up temporary schools, in order to maintain the morale of the Japanese young people."

The Committee appointed to handle this matter was Messrs. W.P.Bunt, H.M.Rae, W.R.McWilliams and Mrs. J.S.Muldrew.

Rev. H.E. Horton, moved that Rev. Andrew Roddan be given corresponding privileges.

Mr. Roddan reported that the Powell Street property was being cared for adequately. Arrangements were made with Mr. Chris Edwards, that in return for the free use of the living quarters, he and his family would take care of the property. Arrangements were being made forthe holding of services and classes in the building.

Rev. T. Komiyama reported that he had collected all important records and would take them to Union College, and an inventory of all furnishinfs would be given to Mr. Bunt.

The meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m., to meet again at 1.45 p.m., the benediction being pronounced by Rev.Andrew Roddan.

The Committee reconvened at 1.45 p.m.

PROPERTY REPORTS:

Fairview: Rev. W.P. Bunt reported that St. Giles Church was considering the openeing of Sunday School work in this building.

Victoria Japanese: Building sold to C.C.F., and they have taken over the property.

Queensboro: Property rented to satisfactory tenant.

Steveston: Turned over to Official Custodian for the duration of war. He to pay taxes and repairs and upkeep and $1,00 per year. The building to be used for the storage of furniture etc.

Mr. McWilliams resumed his report. Arising from the report the following recommendations were considered:-

Re Relief: In view of the fact that there are some cases of Japanese families evacuated to the beet fields, or other private enterprises,who will ~~who will~~ find their income insufficient to meet all necessary winter

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"living expenses, and in view of the fact that their efforts in self support are fully conformable to Government Policy, we recommend that the Government investigate all cases of appeal for relief from such persons and after investigations provide such relief as will enable these families to remain in their present places of abode until by their own efforts, they are able to maintain themselves in the coming Spring."

Re Renting or owning Property: "That in cases of Canadian Born Japanese of good standing , he restrictions preventing the renting or purchase of property in other provinces than B.C., be relaxed so that they may be encouraged to become self-supporting."

It was agreed to refer this recommendation to the Home Mission Board.

Appointments: The following appointments were recommended:

Tashme & Revelstoke Camps - Rev. W.R. McWilliams.

New Denver: Rev. K. Nomoto

South Slocan: Rev. T. Komiyama

That the arranging of the boundaries of the New Denver and Sth.Slocan fields be deferred until the Supt. of Missions has visited the fields and reported.

Resolutions: That the matter of the books of Yoshihara Sugaya of Chemainus be referred to Rev. W.R.McWilliams, in consultation with Rev.E.S.Fleming of Ladysmith.

That we express our appreciation of the"Consultative Council for co-operation in War Time Problems of Canadian Citizenship" re their submission to the Vancouver City Council.

That the Superintendent be asked to write Japanese Ministers requesting them to make a list of members, with the name of the churches from which they came.

Mr. Bunt expressed appreciation of the work of Rev.W.R.McWilliams during his recent tours; also good wishes to Rev.T.Komiyama on his departure for his field and assured him of our prayers.

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 p.m., with the benediction by Dr.C.A.Wilson.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
JAPANESE RELATIONS

The above Committee met at the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, on Tuesday, December 22nd 1942, at 2.00 p.m.

Members present: Revs. B.H.Wallace, W.P. Bunt, H.M.Rae, Dr.S.S.Osterhout, Dr.G.A.Wilson, H.E. Horton, W.R.McWilliams, Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs.J.S.Muldrew; and Dr. Andrew Roddan.

Rev. Bryce H. Wallace presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. S.S.Osterhout.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on motion adopted.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Andrew Roddan was accorded corresponding privileges.

POWELL ST. CHURCH: Dr. Roddan gave a report on the Powell Street Church Property, noting the results due to an appeal to the community to respect the property. He also outlined a suggested programme for using the Powell Street Property as a "Neighbourhood House", which would minister to entire families under the auspices of the Church, and regarding these plans he was in close touch with the Supt. of Home Missions and when the plans were sufficiently developed for presentation to the Presbytery Home Mission Committee that would be done.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE EVACUATION AREAS: Mrs. J.S. Muldrew reported on education in the evacuation area. She said that the W.M.S. had decided to confine their educational efforts to the teen ages, not touched by the Government Authorities.
At New Denver, Mrs. James has been appointed to assist Miss Suttie.
At Lemon Creek, Miss Hamilton to help Miss Hurd.
At Greenwood, help is under consideration for Miss Bock, but no definite word had been obtained from the Board.
At Grand Forks, plans for work not yet definitely worked out.
At Tashme, the Board had been asked for Miss May McLaughlan to assist in the educational needs.
At Kaslo, the situation is already well in hand, and no special effort is necessary.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH, VANCOUVER: Mr. Bunt reported that St. Giles Church people were using the church building for Sunday School work, and with some success. Mr. Rae recommended the placing of a notice outside the Church, in order to prevent further damage being done to the windows. Mr. Bunt reported that repairs of glass had not been made, but had been authorised.

GRAND FORKS WINTER RELIEF: A report was made on the Security Commission's disposition of the problem, and it was decided to ask our "contact" committee to carry this conversation further with the Commission at their next visit.

BOUNDARIES OF THE WORK IN THE SLOCAN AREA: Mr. Bunt reported that this district was divided geographically into two sections - Slocan Valley North and Slocan Valley South. To the former, which includes Roseberry and New Denver, Rev.K.Nomoto had been transferred from Revelstoke as from November 1st. He will live in New Denver. To the latter, which includes Lemon Creek, Bay Farm, Popoff and Slocan City, Rev. T. Komiyama has been appointed as from November 1st, and will live at Lemon Creek. The Superintendent stated that he had instructed Mr. Nomoto and Mr.Komiyama to exchange work on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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KASLO: In a recent letter from Mr. Shimizu, it was reported that the work of repairing the church was well under way and the hope was expressed that it would be finished by Christmas.

MISSIONARIES RESIDENCES IN TASHME: A report was made of a meeting of the Anglicans and ourselves, with Mr. Austin Taylor, regarding the obtaining of houses in Tashme, to house the workers of the two churches. The Committee which called on him found him ready to meet our needs. On the 15th of December a letter was written by Mr. Eastwood, saying that he had instructions from Mr. Austin Taylor to say that two cabins were being set aside for the use of each denomination, one for the women and one for the men, and when arrangements were completed he would inform us of the same. It was resolved to send a reply of thanks for this co-operation.

REV. W.P. BUNT'S REPORT: Mr. Bunt reported onthe friendly relations between our Church, the school workers, and the Commission, in the different communities.
At Christina Lake the Christians are few, and the opportunity for work is very little.
At Grand Forks, Mr. Bunt outlined the elements in the situation requiring adjustment.
At Lemon Creek, building construction poor, accommodation the minimum. Kindergarten housing quarters which are too small for the work, necessitates it being carried on in shifts. Church services have to be held in the Kindergarten building. But even so, Lemon Creek he felt was better than the other places he visited in regard to many points, one being location, another water, another the arrangement of the buildings. Mr. Bunt thinks we should have a church building later to care for the needs of our work. He reported that Mr. Nomoto had been delayed in getting to New Denver, but since coming he had discovered many families there who were connected with the United Church. He reported that the "sects" were also strong in the New Denver area.
In Kaslo, he spent three days, and reported work in good shape, saying that many Powell Street people were there.

Re School Books: The matter of school books for the children of the Evacuation Centres, was introduced by Mr. Rae. On motion of Mr. Bunt, it was decided to appoint Mr. Rae, Mr. McWilliams, Mrs. A.Campbell and Dr. A.Roddan, a Committee to study and take what action seemed necessary and report to the Committee later.

Mr. McWilliams made a brief report on Tashme, and the Revelstoke Camps. In the former place he reported that the difficulties were many, that the Commission's Supervisor was not friendly; but in spite of the opposition, ground was being gained and progress made. In the Revelstoke Camps, the situation is more quiet and promising than at any previous time he had observed it.
The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Roddan and the meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

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..... Secretary.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th 1942 - 10.00 A.M.

A meeting of the Conference Committee on Japanese relations was held in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver on Tuesday, October 27th 1942, at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Revs. B.H.Wallace, W.P. Bunt, W.R.McWilliams, H.M.Rae, S.S.Osterhout, G.A.Wilson, T. Komiyama, A.Roddan, H.E.Horton, and Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs.J.S. Muldrew.

Rev. Bryce H.Wallace presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. H.E.Horton was appointed Secretary pro tem, and the Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bunt reported:-

1. That the Home Mission Board had approved grant of $125.00 for Kaslo and the work was proceeding.

2. That Rev. R.N.Savary, Anglican Minister at Revelstoke, had moved to Salmon Arm.

3. That the Committee to meet the Anglicans had not been able to arrange a meeting.

4. That Committee to interview the B.C.Security Commission, had done so, following which Mr. McWilliams had made a tour of the evacuation area.

Rev. W.P. Bunt moved, and it was seconded and carried, that Rev. T.Komiyama be granted corresponding privileges.

Mr. Bunt made a brief statement re Mr.McWilliams' tours, and the need of consideration by the Committee of property matters.

Mr. McWilliams reported on his trip as follows:-

1. Sugar Beet Workers: Conditions in housing and treatment by whites in many instances leave much to be desired. Work done on setting up Extension Courses.

2. Grand Forks: Some relief will be necessary to get through the winter.

3. Education of the children the great problem in all B.C.Evacuation areas.

4. Slocan Valley: In general creative of greatest problems, - Education among the young - deterioration among the men folk, mainly because of no work and receiving relief.

5. Revelstoke- Sicamous: Five Camps all Naturalised and Canadian Born. Majority speak English. Deterioration worst here of any of the road camps.

6. Princeton: 3 camps. All Nationals. Morale the best of any of the camps. Best work being done.

7. Tashme: Morti's influence real, but men folk, inasmuch as they have work, are in a far better condition re morale and spirit, than in the other evacuation camps.

Mrs. Muldrew reported on her tour of the camps, dealing with the educational problems:

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MINUTE OF JOINT MEETING OF
ANGLICAN AND UNITED CHURCH WORKERS
AND COMMITTEES ON JAPANESE RELATIONS.
FEBRUARY 3rd 1943.

A Conference of the workers and Committees on Japanese work of the Anglican and United Churches was held in the United Church Home Mission Office at 10.00 a.m. February 3rd 1943.

Rev. Bryce H.Wallace was asked to take the Chair.

For information Mrs. J.S.Muldrew read some correspondence.

It was noted that there were about 630 elementary children and 150 about High School age in Tashme, but there were very few in Tashme able to assist in school work. Mr. McWilliams reported there was no prospect of the Security Commission offering High School Courses.

To share the work according to available workers it was suggested the Anglican Church give direction to those taking High School Correspondence Courses. Such a plan would require to be considered by the Committees separately, and report.

It was moved by Rev.H.M.Rae, seconded by Mrs. Hillards that this joint Committee ask the Anglican Church to be mainly responsible for the kindergarten work, and the United Church be mainly responsible for the High School work, and all the workers to co-operate with each other according to the needs of the whole work at Tashme. Carried.

Mr. McWilliams suggested we jointly confer with Dr. Lucas in an endeavour to secure the usual terms for Correspondence Courses for Japanese students.

It was moved by Mr.McWilliams, seconded by Miss Walker that we confirm the High School situation by interview with the Security Commission, and then approach the Dept. of Education re the whole policy of education of Japanese children including the matter of costs. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Joint meeting of Anglican & United Church bdrs

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To share the work according to available workers it was suggested the Anglican Church might supervise kindergarten work and the United Church give direction to those taking High School correspondence courses. Such a plan would require to be considered by the Committees separately, and report. It was moved by Mr. Rae, seconded by Mrs. Hilliard that this joint Committee ask the Anglican Church to be mainly responsible for the kindergarten work, and the United Church be mainly responsible for the High School work, and all the workers to co-operate with each other according to the needs of the whole work at Tashme. Carried.

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Woman's Missionary Society

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United Church of Canada

British Columbia Conference Branch

2690 Cambridge Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
February 24th 1943

After a joint meeting of Anglican and United Church key missionary people and workers, held recently in Mr.Bunt's office, it was decided that a delegation should go to Victoria to confer with Dr. Willis, (Superintendent of Education) and Dr. Edith Lucas (Superintendent of the Provincial Correspondence School) re matters relating to the education of High School students in the Japanese Evacuation Centres. Accordingly, Rev. Bryce H.Wallace, Miss May McLachlan, Miss Hilliard and I went over to Victoria. Here we were joined by Bishop Sexsmith and Rev.Dr.A.E.Whitehouse of Victoria.

We were received very graciously by Dr.Willis and Dr. Lucas, and feel that we made some headway, in thus discussing together the problems facing our missionaries in these centres, as they seek to take the lead in guiding the high school students in undertaking correspondence work. As you know the Department of Education is taking no responsibility in the education of the Japanese children. The B.C.Security Commission, is however, providing schools for the children of the elementary grades, but they are doing nothing whatever for the students of High School age. We stated that the Church would undertake responsibility here. We pointed out however, that the expense involved in paying for correspondence courses was a matter of great concern to all. We realise that the students themselves, are in many cases unable to pay for these courses. We asked that some consideration be given those who could not afford to pay the necessary amount. Dr. Willis suggested that we take steps to secure names of prospective high school students in each centre, whom we consider definitely to be unable financially to meet this expense, and submit the information to him. Then, he might, he said, be able to do something about it. He is not promising anything definite, but he is sympathetic, and we believe that he will try to make matters easier for these students.

Accordingly, we are asking you to secure this information in your centre, in co-operation with the other missionaries in your field, and to forward it to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.J.L.) V.L. Muldrew

President, Conference Branch.

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JAPANESE WORKERS:

1943 Maintenance Grants: Recommendations:

	FIELD	MISSIONARY	SALARY	RENT	TRAVEL
✓	Grand Forks	Rev. Y. Ogura	$1250	$60.	$100 to 30/6 50 thereafter
✓	Kaslo	Rev. K. Shimizu	$1250	$180.	
✓	Slocan Valley North.	Rev. K. Nomoto	$1250	$120	
✓	Slocan Valley South	Rev.T.Komiyama	$1100		
✓	Tashme and Revelstoke Camps.	Rev. W.R.McWilliams	$1300	$ 300	$500 estimate
✓	Camps:-Princeton and North from Kamloops	Rev.Y.Yoshioka			$50 if required.

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HOME MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENT (BUNT)

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Francis Newbolt Saunders
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SUGGESTED PLAN OF CHURCH POLICY

1. We respectfully request the Government, or the B.C.Security Commission, that our Japanese Pastors be exempt from the Curfew Law as in the case of the Japanese doctors, so that they may be with their people to consult with and comfort them wherever such need exists..

2. We recommend to the Security Commission that in the interests of preserving calm among the people during the evacuation process, the Japanese Missionaries be free to remain with the Japanese Communities so long as their service among them may be needed.

3. In view of the indefiniteness in the policy to be worked out in settling the Japanese we propose that the various church groups prepare a list of all affiliated families and persons with a view to having these established in separate communities in the new and temporary settlements, in order to achieve the fullest measure of fellowship and happiness among the people who will have no other visible satisfactions.

4. We request that the Church be given freedom to appoint its missionaries to these several communities to render in so far as is humanly possible the maximum of Christian service, and continue and develop the work of the past.

5. In the immediate situation confronting us in the evacuation, racial and anti-social attitudes may very easily develop and these might in turn create post-war problems of a most serious nature. We recommend that the Church be given the fullest opportunity of organizing Night Schools and Clubs among the Japanese people old and young; this policy if well planned and properly executed might prepare the young people to take up normal creative life and also to promote the assimilation processes that in many sections are already far advanced. The Second Generation young people have the ability,and in many cases the training, for exceptional leadership in this direction, provided suitable programme and curricula are provided in advance and adequate oversight given and sustained.

6. We recommend that in all but cases of necessity, the families be moved from their present situation intact and permitted, as far as may be, the privilege of normal family life.

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THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR CO/OPERATION IN
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MEMORANDUM OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and
VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 9, 1942

Function and Constitution of the Consultative Council

While everyone recognizes that in time of war some of the peacetime rights and liberties of Canadian citizens must necessarily be curtailed or suspended, it remains one of the duties of the good citizen to protect these rights and liberties from undue invasion or permanent cancellation. Consequently the Consultative Council, of which we are delegates, was organized to provide for co-operative study of wartime problems of Canadian Citizenship. That Council consists of representatives chosen by, or co-opted from numerous organizations likely to have special interest in citizenship and problems relating thereto. The "wartime problems of Canadian citizenship" which in recent months have engrossed most of the attention of the Consultative Council are those relative to Canadian residents of Japanese origin.

The Delegates of the Consultative Council appear as representative citizens concerned for the welfare & honour of Canada

Though many members of the Consultative Council have intimate friends in the Japanese community, it is not as their spokesmen or champions that we appear before you. We are here because we believe that certain policies, the approval of which by this City Council is being urged in some quarters, are contrary to the interests and honour of Canada and subversive of rights inherent in Canadian citizenship. We refer especially to proposals for the wholesale compulsory evacuation to Japan of Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Let us not go to the enemy for precedent and leadership

It is now all but universally recognised that we are engaged in a war of ideologies. In so far as we allow ourselves to be governed by the ethics of the enemy rather than by those traditional to us as British people, we are adopting the ideology which we have taken up arms to destroy. To commit ourselves to policies embodying the characteristic evil features of fascism and Naziism would be a spiritual surrender involving shameful and ruinous consequences. We protest against the proposed exile of Canadian citizens because we believe it based upon the characteristic Nazi concept of race, which, we submit, is contrary to British Tradition and to the facts of science and experience.

Should be no room in Canada for Fascist racial doctrines

Naziism rests upon blatant exaltation of racial arrogance and animosities, the development of which would be fatal to the British Empire. In that Empire people of the White race(so-called) constitute a numerically very small minority and policies of violent exclusion and expulsion directed against residents of another colour

or blood, would be likely to have dangerous reactions in other parts of the Empire.

Expulsion would complicate relations with colored races within the Empire

The Canadian residents of Japanese origin constitute only approximately one fifth of one percent of the population of the Dominion, and those who are Canadian Citizens by birth or naturalization one per thousand of the people of this country. If they are wisely dispersed, so as not to constitute a bloc of serious size in any province, and if they are allowed and encouraged, perhaps required, to engage in an indefinite variety of ordinary occupations, like other citizens, they will cease to provide a problem beyond the wit of the Canadian people to solve. Capacity for good citizenship does not depend upon complexion.

Punishment except for breach of law is un-British

It is a basic principle of British institutions that no man shall be dispossessed of his property or otherwise subjected to public punishment and humilation unless convicted of an offense against the laws of the land. The Prime Minister of Canada, the officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and many other official representatives of the Canadian people have been at pains to make clear that against the overwhelming majority of the Canadian residents of Japanese origin no charge of disloyalty or other criminal activity exists, but we are nevertheless being urged to treat them all as public enemies.

Expulsion would complicate the making of durable peace.

We believe that the proposed policy of expulsion would seriously complicate the problem of reconstruction and maintaining a peaceful world when the war is over. Indeed we are convinced that the policy which Vancouver City Council is now considering would be a further contribution toward the most terrifying danger that has ever threatened humanity, namely, the alignment of nations on the basis of colour. The military implications of another world war ensuing from such an alignment of the peoples are too dreadful to be contemplated with equanimity.

Proposed policy would undermine the economic prosperity of Vancouver

To force back into Japan thousands of people who would nurse in their hearts a justifiable antipathy to the country that had treated them with such indignity would be to create centres of irremediable disaffection to all things Canadian. That this would have a disastrous effect on trade relations, upon which the prosperity of Vancouver so largely depends, is not open to question.

Certainly this is not the time for crucial decisions involving violent clash of opinion and relative to conditions and events belonging to comparatively distant future. Let us not cross our bridges prematurely. Policies relative to repatriation will be matters for co-operative study by great international conferences to which the problems of racial and national minorities will no doubt be entrusted by the Free Nations.

Proposed policy would violate the Christian conscience and ethical principles of many non-Christians

Many other reasons could be raised in opposition to the proposed policy of indiscriminate exile but we must content ourselves with only one further basis of protest. We feel that the expulsion of thousands of Canadian citizens would be a violation of the basic principles of the Christian religion and of the ethics of a multitude of good citizens who are not identified with any organized

Christian body. Let the authorities go very slowly and be very sure of their ground before committing themselves to action that so many of the not least thoughtful members of the citizen body will feel to be shameful and wicked beyond defense.

We can encroach upon your time for nothing but the briefest reference to the arguments embodied in the preamble of the resolution that is under advisement. "The constant irritation" which the resolution imputes to the presence of persons of Japanese race prior to the war certainly did not involve the whole population and was quite as much the fault of the Whites as of the Japanese; and it is undeniable that many Japanese Canadians enjoyed the goodwill and respect of large circles of occidental friends and neighbours.

In recent decades very great progress has been made in assimilation of Canadian outlook and modes of life, especially on the part of second generation citizens of Japanese stock. The suggestion that the economic welfare of Canada would be bettered by the expulsion of a few thousand industrious and law-abiding workers seems to us absurd. Finally, the assumption that we are going to perpetuate in times of peace the unreasoning animosities incidental to the strain of wartime conditions and events ill-befits the sons and daughters of a nation that has justly prided itself on its traditional magnanimity toward former foes.

We have thus candidly expressed our solemn convictions in the belief that the members of this honourable body will approve candor in a great public emergency and that the views which we have presented are shared by a section of the citizen body that is very large though not ordinarily as audible as some others.

For the foregoing and other reasons we respectfully petition the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver to withdraw the Resolution that has occasioned this protest, and to consider the substitution of a resolution requesting the Federal authorities (1) to lay and implement plans for the dispersion throughout Canada of residents of Japanese origin; and (2) to provide for the compulsory post-war repatriation of any Canadian residents of Japanese nationality who may have manifested disloyalty to Canadian institutions, and the voluntary transfer to Japan of such other Japanese Canadians as may desire it at the close of the war.

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17th March 1942.

Rev. W.P. Bunt,
United Church Office,
Dominion Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bunt:

I saw Mr. Taylor for a second this afternoon. He asked me to write a letter explaining what we suggest. He seemed to be very pleased with the suggestion. He didn't think he could see us in the morning. Will you co-operate with me in writing a letter?

Thanks very much for the lunch.

Yours very truly,

'Francis - New Westminster'

per E.M.C.

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COPY OF LETTER TO THE BISHOP FROM CANON L.A.DIXON, M.S.C.C, TORONTO

March 19/42.

Your Grace:

I understood that at the meeting of the House of Bishops of the Provice of British Columbia a short time ago, a resolution was passed expressing the hope that whatever action the Government may take regarding the Japanese in British Columbia, that action might be worthy. Since then the Government has acted/ So far as it is possible for us to judge here, it would appear that the action has been satisfactory! If this is correct, may I venture to suggest that the Church in British Columbia express approval of what the Government has done.

My reason for venturing this suggestion is that I have reason to believe that Ottawa would appreciate such action on the part of the Church. All things considered, it would seem better that this expression come from British Columbia, rather than Toronto.

If this suggestion meets with your approval, may I further suggest that whatever action be taken it be taken quickly.

Signed)

LA.Dixon.

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Jan. 9/42.

Rev. W. P. Bunt,
United Church of Canada,
207 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting on the 8th inst. of the Administration Committee of the Provincial Board of Missions to Orientals in British Columbia, which is composed of members of the Church including all the Bishops in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia, the present Japanese situation was given full consideration and the following resolution passed, with instructions to forward a copy to you.

"THAT this Board realizing the present National peril affirms that the safety of the Country is the first consideration.

AND PROVIDED that the National Security is duly safeguarded, trusts

1. THAT the true British tradition of justice and fair play will operate in any protective measures the Government may feel necessary to adopt towards the Japanese residents of the Country - AND

2. THAT whatever changes may be adopted full facilities be afforded the Christian Missionaries for the continuation of their work."

Yours very truly,

Chairman
Administration Committee

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF MISSIONS TO ORIENTALS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

January 10th 1942

Rt. Rev. Sir Francis Heathcote,
Bishop of New Westminster
198 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Bishop Heathcote,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Administration Committee of your Provincial Board of Missions to Orientals, and to thank you for sending it to me. Personally, I could endorse the resolution passed by your Committee, and wish to say that I shall present it to our special committee when we meet on Monday, and possibly that Committee will refer it to the Executive of our Conference which meets on Tuesday.

If you think that there would be any value in joint action on the part of our churches in this matter, I am sure that our church, through its representatives, would be glad to confer with you towards such an end.

Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

WPB/AM

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE STEVESTON JAPANESE/CANADIAN ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th 1942

We wish to record our confidence in the Canadian Government, in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and in the Standing Committee on Oriental Relations in British Columbia, in their handling of matters relating to Canadian Citizens of Japanese origin, and particularly in their dealing with the fishing community.

We earnestly desire to contribute our utmost in the Canadian War Effort, and hereby offer our services in any capacity the Government may decide.

(Signed) On behalf of the Japanese-Canadian Citizens Association,

H. Nishi,
President.

Woman's Missionary Society

of the

United Church of Canada

British Columbia Conference Branch

Condensed statistics of W.M.S. work in B.C. among Japanese.

Vancouver: 285 Children, 100 Young People, 155 Women — total 540
2 Missionaries with Teacher's Certificates - Speak Japanese - will teach, or do neighborhood work.

Steveston: 130 children, 70 Young People, 200 women — total 400
1 Missionary with Teachers Certificate - Speaks Japanese.

Fraser Valley - 228 children, 81 Young People 252 Mothers — total 561
2 Missionaries - both speak Japanese, both with Teachers Certificates, 1 an ordained minister. Community workers.

Vancouver Island -
161 Children, 25 Young People, 50 mothers — total 236
3 Missionaries with Teacher's Certificates

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Oriental Home in Victoria.
24 Children; 6 Chinese, 18 Japanese.
Japanese children range in age from 2 yrs to 16 yrs.
Three Missionaries in home, one of whom I have mentioned
does Missionary work in Victoria among the Japanese.

Missionaries			child.	Y.P.	Women
Van.	2	with Jap. lang.	285	100	155
Stev.	1		130	70	200
Fr.V.	2.		228	81	252
Van.I.	3		161	25	50
Home	1		18		
			822	276	657
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WHEREAS The United Church (and the Methodist Church before 1925) has carried on missionary work among the Japanese people in British Columbia since 1892, and has achieved a gratifying measure of success, not only in interesting the Japanese in the Christian religion, but in building up those Christian Institutions which are found among our own Canadian people;

AND WHEREAS at the present time, the United Church has 17 congregations, ministered to by 7 Japanese Ministers, which congregations number 1116 families, comprising 5500 persons, with a membership of over 1000;

AND WHEREAS the War has created a very critical situation, - not only for the Japanese people, but for our own Canadian people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

(1) The Church recognizes the need of such action by the Government as will adequately protect the country against subversive activity on the part of any enemy group and commends the vigilance of police authorities throughout the country. The Church commends the Statement of Policy issued by the Prime Minister's Office on January 14th, 1942, and the appointment of the British Columbia Security Commission.

(2) The Church believes that it is its duty in these days of terrible upheaval for our Japanese congregations to follow them with its ministry and to assure them of sympathy; that the United Church should, by rendering this service, assure our Japanese fellow-Christians that a great Canadian Church, while realizing that our Government must protect us so far as is possible from insidious attackes, wishes to dissociate itself from vicious and unchristian attitudes and to hold fast the faith that in Christ there is no distinction of race andcolour.

(3) The Church would express the hope that concentration camps for women and children will not be a permanent policy, and that in the very near future provision will be made for their residence under more normal conditions. In this connection, the Church would commend the proposal that large numbers, particularly of women and children, be accommodated in certain suitable localities in the interior of British Columbia; and particularly that a certain number of selected families be employed in the beet-growing and other agricultural areas of Canada; and in employment of real economic value. And that we appeal to the whole Church to help find positions in homes and on farms for such second-generation Japanese as may be recommended by our Church authorities in British Columbia; subject to such regulations as may be laid down by the Governments concerned.

5.- We therefore confidently expect:

(a) That the authorities will allow our ministers to continue their ministry:

In the Camps, which are now being established both in British Columbia and in Ontario, and in any which may be set up in other localities;

Among those who may be removed to the selected localities in the interior of British Columbia.

To those families which it is proposed to settle in the beet growing areas on the Prairies;

In general among all our Japanese people.

(b) That the authorities will immediately grant facilities for the free movement of our Missionaries, subject, of course, to the necessity of assurances as to their loyalty.

6.- The United Church, with wide contacts in all parts of the Dominion, further requests that the authorities will permit it through the Woman's Missionary Society, to facilitate the placing of young Canadian Japanese women in such individual employment as may be found outside the protected areas, the Woman's Missionary Society assuming any responsibility that may be involved.

7.- The United Church requests the authorities to allow Canadian Japanese who are in a position to do so to continue their studies at Colleges and Universities outside the protected areas.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the broad purpose of the above named voluntary and unofficial organization, to supply in itself whatever machinery may be necessary for co-ordinating the constructive efforts of individuals and organizations in meeting wartime citizenship problems as humanely and wisely as possible.

Three principles will guide the Council in working out its purpose:

1. The principle of thorough going co-operation with the B. C. Security Commission and the other authorities concerned, in so far as such co-operation seems to contribute to the humane solution to the existing or future problems.

2. The principle of integrity in analyzing the real and immediate problems. Prejudice will be guarded against in the interest of a realistic view. Decisiveness will be encouraged in the interest of effectiveness.

3. The principle of the long view will be kept in mind in order to see the immediate problems in to-morrow's light, and plan their solution accordingly.

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The meeting was opened by the Chairman giving an explanatory statement concerning the reason for the meeting and the interests of the Council.

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A lengthy discussion followed concerning how the Council might best care for the urgent needs and welfare of the Japanese. The form of organization of the Council was a matter of careful consideration. Out of the discussion a motion was made by Mr. Alex Grant, seconded by Mr. Harold J. Pritchett that the minutes of the meeting be distributed to all those in attendance and made available for the organizations that have been approached with the request to consider co-operation with the Council.

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A lengthy discussion followed concerning how the Council might best care for the urgent needs and welfare of the Japanese. The form of organization of the Council was a matter of careful consideration. Out of the discussion a motion was made by Mr. Alex Grant, seconded by Mr. Harold J. Pritchett that the minutes of the meeting be distributed to all those in attendance and made available for the organizations that have been approached with the request to consider co-operation with the Council.

At this point the Chairman requested the names of the organizations which were officially represented and was able to list the following:
Fellowship for a Christian Social Order
Women's International League
Vancouver Christian Youth Federation.
It was unanimously agreed that all individuals present at the meeting should consider themselves associates of the Council, regardless of whether they officially represented an organization.

It was also agreed that all present should use their influence in securing the official backing of their organization.

Rev. Hugh Rae brought to the attention of the Council the case of the young Japanese apprehended and receiving no privilege of appeal. This matter and any others like it were tabled for consideration by a proper committee to be appointed.

A request was made that Mr. Norman draw up a chart outlining all the organizations and their relationships to the Commission for the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be Wednesday at 12:30.

It was moved by Mr. D. R. Poole, seconded by Rev. K. Shimizu that Rev. Howard Norman, Dr. Norman F. Black, and Mr. Alex Grant lay before the Commission a proposal that a liason committee be formed including Issei and Nisei, and one or two whites.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Mr. Bunt that Miss Foster, Miss Hird, Mr. Shimizu, and Mr. Nakayama be an Investigating Committee for the purpose of checking grievances and welfare needs drawn to the attention of the Council.

At the time of adjournment one member requested that the Commission be asked to leave girls as domestic help in the homes where they are. No action was taken.

Mr. D. R. Poole asked for financial support and $3.75 was received.

The meeting then adjourned.

MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 16th 1942

A special meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Home Mission Committee was called by Rev. W.P. Bunt, to follow the meeting of Dr.R.B. Cochrane with the Japanese Pastors and Church Representatives in Powell Street Church on Monday March 16th 1942. The Committee met at 3.30 in the afternoon in the office of the Superintendent of Missions, 807 Dominion Bank Building.

Present: Messrs. Y.Akagawa, H.E.Horton, Bryce H.Wallace, K.Shimizu, W.P. Bunt, Dr. R.B.Cochrane and W.R.McWilliams. Co-opted members Dr.G.A. Wilson and H.M.Rae.

After discussing at some length the immediate problems arising out of the evacuation of the Japanese Communities, it was d ecided to have a committee consisting of Dr. R.B.Cochrane, Rev.W.P. Bunt, and Mr. Bryce H.Wallace, contact the Austin Taylor Commission, if possible, on the morning of Wednesday March 18th, and immediate steps were taken to arrange this appointment.

It was resolved that Dr. R.B.Cochrane and Rev.W.P. Bunt should prepare a preamble, setting forth the work and history of our Church in connection with the Japanese people in British Columbia, and that Mr. Shimizu and Mr. McWilliams should draw up suggestions of a practical programme which might indicate the Church's policy for work among the Japanese during the evacuation period; this preamble and suggested programme to be submitted to the Austin Taylor Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th 1942:

The Consultative Committee of the Home Mission Committee, on Japanese Relations, called to meet on Saturday 7th March 1942 at 10.00 a.m., in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, opened its session with prayer by Dr. George A.Wilson.

Present: Revs. Bryce H.Wallace, K. Shimizu, W.R.McWilliams, Dr.Shimotakahara; co-opted members were Rev. Hugh M. Rae and Dr. G.A.Wilson; and from the W.M.S., Mrs. J.S.Muldrew, Mrs. A. Barner, Mrs. J.S.Gordon, Miss Netta Sadler, Miss S. Tait, Miss Helen Hurd and Miss Gwen Suttie.

The Minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. S.F. Mead of the R.C.M.P., also of the B.C. Security Commission, in reply to one sent by Mr. Bryce H.Wallace, stating that this Commission would be glad to receive a small committee from our Committee to discuss the removal matters affecting the Japanese. After some discussion, Mr. Wallace, Mr.McWilliams and Mrs. Muldrew were appointed this committeee to interview Mr. Austin Taylor, when arrangements for the meeting couldbe completed.

The Agenda suggested by the Consultative Committee to this smaller committee for discussion was as follows:-

1. Waiving of the Curfew in the case of Ministers as in the case of doctors to permit access to their people in cases in need.

2. To request that the Security Commission postpone the removal of ministers until the main population had been removed.

3. To discuss the matter of a custodian to handle Japanese Properties.

4. To suggest plans for the removal of Christian Japanese groups, with a view to keeping them together and thus contributing to the happiness and helpfulness of theseppeople during the period of enforced evacuation.

5. To discuss the matter of education, hospital facilities etc., for the Japanese Communities during evacuation.

It was resolved to ask Mr. Bryce H.Wallace to frame a motion of sympathy with the Japanese Christian Communities in their present distress, to be presented to the Vancouver Presbytery on Tuesday the 10th of March, to be published if possible as from them, in order to clarify the Church's position in regard to the present distressing circumstances.

The adjournment of the meeting followed,with prayer by Mrs. Muldrew.

Future meeting to be at the call of the Chairman and Secretary.

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Chairman Secretary.

MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd 1942

At the Call of the Secretary, the Consultative Committee of the Home Mission Committee met in the Office of the Superintendent of Missions at 2.30 P.M., on Monday February 23rd 1942.

Those present were:- Revs. W.P. Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace, H.E.Horton, Y.Akagawa, Dr. Shimotakahara, Mr.Tak Uyeda, Revs. K. Shimizu, H.M.Rae and W.R.McWilliams.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Bryce H.Wallace.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent of Missions, in consultation with Mr. McWilliams, had arranged for the latter to accompany him to Ocean Falls on the night of February 23rd, but at the request of the New Westminster Japanese Mission and the urgency of certain matters affecting the transfer of Japanese Nationals, it was felt that Mr. McWilliams ought to cancel his trip to Ocean Falls and stay by his people to give whatever assistance might prove possible.

After general consideration of several aspects of problems affecting the Japanese people in B.C., it was decided to appoint an Emergency Committee consisting of Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Rae to contact the City Council for information regarding the Trade Licenses likely to be affected by the removal of Japanese Nationals, and also other matters calling for Government action and for judgment and decision of the R.C.M.P.

On motion it was decided that such information as we have regarding the case of a Japanese girl in Steveston being raped by a Canadian Soldier, be reported to Rev. A.E. Cooke, Chairman of the Evangelism and Social Service Committee of the Vancouver Presbytery, for consideration by them and possible action.

The matter of securing ownership of the newly constructed Japanese Church at Mission was voted to be referred to the Convener of the Home Mission Committee of Westminster Presbytery, Rev. W.R.Walkinshaw for action.

Adjournment took place at 4.30 P.M., and the committee was to be called again to meet at the call of the Chairman and Secretary.

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Chairman Secretary.

MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
ON JAPANESE RELATIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th 1941:

At the call of the Home Mission Superintendent, the Consultative Committee on Japanese Work was called to meet in the Church office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C., on Thursday, 27th November 1941, at 2.00 P.M.

Members present were - Messrs.W.P.Bunt, Bryce H.Wallace, Y.Akagawa, H.E.Horton, K. Shimizu, Dr. K.Shimotakahara and W.R.McWilliams.

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the Committee appointed Rev. K. Shimizu, as Chairman, and Rev.W.R.McWilliams as Secretary.

The Agenda presented was as follows:-

(a) The matter of language schools referred to the Committee by the Westminster Presbytery.

(b) Work of Mr. T. Komiyama.

(c) International tensions and possible effects on our church work.

The Committee were fully in sympathy with the proposal to have the teaching of Japanese language a part of the curriculum of the schools of British Columbia; and the Chairman and Secretary were appointed a Committee to gather and present fuller information on the number of Japanese Language Schools in the Province, their cost of maintenance and other related facts, at a later meeting of the Committee.

The case of Mr. Komiyama was discussed, and possible fields of work in Woodfibre and Vancouver were considered. A small committee consisting of Messrs. K.Shimizu, Dr.K.Shimotakahara and W.R.McWilliams, was appointed to gather and present population and residential facts relative to the Japanese Communities in Vancouver and Woodfibre, especially with a view to revealing the immediate need for extension of the Church's work among the Japanese people.

It was decided to call the committee again for Tuesday, January 6th 1942, at 10.00 A.M., inthe Church Office.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev.H.E.Horton.

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Chairman. Secretary.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th 1942:

The Consultative Committee on Japanese work met on Tuesday, January 6th 1942 at 10.00 A.M., in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C., with Rev.K. Shimizu in the Chair.

Members present were - Messrs. W.P. Bunt, H.E.Horton, Bryce H.Wallace, Y.Akagawa, K. Shimizu, Dr.K.Shimotakahara and W.R.McWilliams. Rev.Dr.G.A.Wilson,

and Hugh M. Rae from the Home Mission Committee were asked to sit with the Committee, and were given corresponding privileges.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev.H.E.Horton.

The Committee appointed at the former meeting to report on Japanese Language Schools, gave the following brief summary:-

No. of Schools in British Columbia.....	51	
No. of Pupils.....	3,966	(2,034 boys; 1,932 girls)
No. of Teachers.....	98	(50 men; 48 women)
No. of hours per week.....	5	as a rule, though this varies; one school reported a 4 hr.school; six reported 3hr.schools two reported 1hr.school.
No. of families related to language schools.....	1,707	
Amount of money for salary and upkeep.....	$64,036	(figures are for 1937)
No. of Christian Schools.....	3	Kelowna,Victoria and Cumberland.
No. of Buddhist Schools.....	4	(Vancouver(Moiwa) Port Hammond,Royston, and Raymond(Alta.)

The influence of the Buddhists is very strong in most of the schools, though there are several Christian teachers scattered among them.

It was decided to ask a committee of Messrs. K.Shimizu, Dr.K.Shimotakahara, and W.R.McWilliams to continue the study of possible solutions of the language school problem, looking forward to the post-war period.

A brief report on the location of the Japanese population in Vancouver was presented by Rev.K.Shimizu.

The Committee spent considerable time in reviewing the situation in B.C., resulting from the war, especially noting the deplorable attempts to fan racial hatred. A Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs.Bryce H.Wallace, W.P.Bunt, Dr.G.A.Wilson and W.McWilliams, to contact the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches with a view to issuing a joint statement publicly on the Japanese situation

It was decided to call together the representatives of the Japanese Churches of the Fraser Valley, New Westminster, Steveston and Vancouver, to meet at 2.30 P.M., on the 8th of Janunry in Powell Church, to forward to Ottawa a statement setting forth the readiness of the Japanese in British Columbia to render any possible service to Canada in the present crisis.

On the suggestion of Mr. McWilliams, and since immediate action seemed necessary, it was decided to send Messrs.Shimizu and McWilliams to Steveston the same afternoon to contact the Japanese Fishermen's Organizations there, and if possible encourage them to inform Ottawa of their readiness to serve in any work or place the Government might have need of them during the duration of the war.

It was decided to have a meeting of the same Committee on Monday, January 12th at 10.30 A.M., in the Church Office, 807 Dominion Bank Building,Vancouver.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr.G.A.Wilson.

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Chairman Secretary.

The Consultative Committee on Japanese Work met in the Church Office on Monday, January 12th 1942 at 10.30 A.M., as arranged. Rev.K.Shimizu in the Chair.

Members present were - Messrs. K.Shimizu, W.P. Bunt, Y.Akagawa, H.E. Horton, Bryce H. Wallace and W.R.McWilliams; and the two co-opted members, Dr.G.A.Wilson and H.L.Rae.

Prayer was given by Dr.G.A.Wilson,

The Minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Church Contacts, presented a statement to the effect that the Anglican Church had already issued a statement of its position regarding the Japanese situation and that a copy of this statement had been sent to Mr. Bunt, and also given to the Press on January 9th. This statement was read and on motion it was decided to accept this, and to have it considered by the committee.

Portions from a statement on policy regarding "Axis Aliens in America" by Francis Riddell, Attorney General of the United States(Graphic for Jan.1942) were read by Mr. Bunt.

Mr. McWilliams made a report on the visit to Steveston on the 6th, and the Committee individually expressed thanks and appreciation for the work of this sub-committee and the success gained by their efforts. The Secretary was instructed to include the resolution of the Steveston Fishermen in the Minutes of this meeting. The following is the resolution:-

> "We wish to record our confidence in the Canadian Government, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Standing Committee on Oriental Affairs in British Columbia, in their handling of matters relating to Japanese in Canada; particularly in their dealing with the fishing community. We earnestly desire to contribute our utmost to Canada's war effort and hereby offer our services in any capacity the Government may decide."
> (signed) "Hiroshi Nishi"

Mr. Shimizu reported for the Japanese Churches, and the resolution sent forward by them on the 9th of January. The Committee moved to receive Mr. Shimizu's report of the action of the Japanese Churches and expressed high appreciation of the same. The secretary was instructed in include in the Minutes for record, the resolution sent to Ottawa by this Body. The following is the resolution:-

> We, the Executive Body of the Japanese United Churches in British Columbia, meeting in Vancouver, January 8th 1942, sincerely believe that the Christian Japanese appreciate the meaning of Democracy to the Canadian people, and that they understand what the Canadian people are fighting for in this war. We are grateful for the attitude towards the Japanese community of the Canadian Government, and the Standing Committee on Oriental Relations. We do hereby resolve to redouble our efforts in the work of reconciliation and declare our readiness to perform any service to Canada in the present crisis, which the Government may desire of us."
> (signed) "On behalf of the meeting,
> K.Shimizu"

After consideration, it was moved by Mr. Horton and seconded by Mr. Bunt, and carried, that a Committee of Mr. Wallace and Mr.Rae be appointed, to draft a resolution to be presented to the B.C.Conference Executive for consideration and action at its meeting on Tuesday the 13th of January, in St.Andrew's-Wesley Church. The Secretary was asked to represent the Consultative Committee at the Conference Executive, and to present this resolution, but more particularly, to report to them the work of this Consultative Committee at Steveston and in regard to the action taken by the Japanese Churches.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer, and to meet at the call of the Chairman and Secretary.

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Chairman. Secretary.

GIST OF REPORT OF REV. W.R. McWilliams

June 11th and 12th

In camps between Sicamous and Revelstoke, contacts with Rev.R.W.Hibbert, and K. Nomoto, Dr. Gordon Wilson and Mr. Willett (who is Engineer in charge of all the camps:- only Canadian-born and Naturalized Japanese.

OBSERVATIONS:

Sag in morale of the men; on average not doing more than from two to four hours work a day; men feel very keenly work they are doing not only futile but demoralizing; policy re road camps creating indigents; from this arises the opposition among the Japanese to the splitting up of families, although the majority of cases men are submitting;in the minority is to be found "dynamite" which may blow up at any time.

June 14th to 16th

Alberta Beet Growing Area: Points visited Raymond, Magroth, Taber, and Kipp. Contacts with Andrew, Magowan, Shirras, Marsden and Collett; P.W.Cope, Mayor of Raymond.

Observations:

1. Housing of families: - lack of adequate accommodation a serious problem in almost every community.

2. The problem of idleness will be a big one once the beet-growing season is over.

3. Beet growing, due to weather etc., is delayed.

4. Spirit of people is good, leaving little to be desired: Employers of the Japanese farmers well satisfied with the spirit and work of Japanese.

June 18th to 21 st

At Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver, Slocan.

Contacts: Rev. H.J.Armitage and K. Shimizu. Miss S.Tait, Miss N. Sadler, Mr. Lougheed representative of B.C.Security Commission, and many Japanese.

Observations:

1. Kaslo too crowded: more so than any other camp.

2. Social welfare better developed than in any other place: In fact only place in which social welfare machinery is in motion. B.C.Security Commission has done its utmost to make Japanese comfortable and happy.

3. The opinion of Mr.Shimizu, Mr.McWilliams and Miss Tait, is that some representatives of the B.C.Security Commission (e.g.Mr.Boultbee) make the work of the Church more difficult - apparently they do not think the work of the church is necessary.

4. The problem of securing adequate facilities for church activities is very difficult. The difficulty does not lie in the attitude of Mr. Shimizu or the W.M.S. workers.

5. Re Sandon:
Least desirable location of any of 'ghost' towns, but more old buildings available and adaptable for residential purposes. Buddhists will probably dominate; but United Church should not fail to minister to its people here.

6. Re Slocan: Anglican.

Most satisfactory place of any for building camps, and for establishing Japanese as families in self-supporting activities.

7. Hospital:
600 bed T.B. Hospital will probably be erected at Silverton three miles from New Denver.

June 23rd and 24th:
At Grand Forks & Greenwood:
Contacts: Rev. T. Keyworth and Mr. Moryson of B.C.Security Commission.

Observations:

1. About 150 to 175 people working for local farmers at $2.00 per day; pay rent for their houses; these people self-supporting.

2. These people and those in suger beet industry are much higher in morale, and much more contented than those in road camps or 'Ghost Towns': In 'Ghost Towns' spirit much superior to that in road camps.

3. Greenwood:

(a) People here have best living conditions of those in any other place.

(b) Roman Catholics are in nominal leadership, but here the Security Commission's representative very friendly to us, and evidently desirous of having our church do work in Greenwood.

(c) No more Japanese will be taken to Greenwood; about 1100 there now.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Owing to the break between first and second generation Japanese, which still prevails, the utmost in co-operation between our Canadian Ministers and the Japanese Pastors must be encouraged.

2. Wherever possible the English Speaking Canadian-born Japanese should enter into the life and fellowship of our Canadian Churches.

3. Night Schools - in English - for the Young People should be set up to provide constructive activities during the idle months of the year:

applies particularly to suger-beet workers and to those at Grand Forks. This is urgent.

4. That our Church give its best effort to bringing into the road camps if possible, a nightly programme in order to stimulate morale, and to prepare the men in a concrete way to undertake whatever avenues of work are open to them after the war is over. Situation in these camps is now serious and will probably get worse.

5. That our Church continued to urge upon Ottawa, the only satisfactory solution to the evacuation process be the rehabilitation of the family life of the Japanese. This conviction is held by the B.C.Security Commission.

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING IN SYNOD OFFICE
2.00 p.m. on Friday June 12th 1942

Present: Sir Francis Heathcote and Revs.Craig, Clark, and Gale of the Church of England in Canada; Rev.H.M.Rae, Revs.W.E.Galloway, W.P. Bunt and Mrs. A. Campbell, of the United Church of Canada.

Agreement was reached on the following points:-

1. Re the new Japanese Communities - each Denomination to feel free, if it so desires, to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in any of these communities.

2. That the Church of England investigate the need of the Japanese in the community of Minto, and if it so decides, to appoint workers.

3. That the possibility of co-operation in kindergarten and related work be investigated in respect of the town of Sandon.

4. That the United Church of Canada will look after protestant work among the Japanese in Grand Forks, Greenwood and Christina Lake area.

STATEMENTS:

1. By Rev. W.H. Gale: That he had written their minister in Lethbridge, regarding sending a worker into Southern Alberta ; that the Bishop of that Diocese would be communicated with.

2. By Rev. W.P. Bunt: That the United Church should send a pastor to Sandon, inasmuch as that Denomination has a church building there, and until fairly recently carried on regular church work in that community.

RE KITSILANO JAPANESE:

Mr. Bunt reported that the United Church Mission to the East Indians on Second Avenue West of Granville Street was being closed at the end of July, and raised the question of a possible co-operative work along the lines of social service and through-the-week religious education activities. He suggested that the buildings which have been used by the Church of England for work among the Japanese might be made available for such work, and on behalf of the United Church of Canada, offered a measure of financial support, and to provide some workers in the event of the undertaking being carried on co-operatively.

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Submit Report

Mr. Morrison suggested that a report from each denominational group be made on the equipment their kindergarten has and that this report be submitted to the B.C. Security Commission.

Mrs. Muldrew suggested that every church organization with paid kindergarten workers have a representative on the commission, with the approval of the Security Commission.

Mr. Morrison stated that if the plan of the Advisory Committee is not acceptable to Dr. Hodgins' committee, then another recommendation would have to come from this committee. Nothing can be organized until Dr. Hodgins' approval is secured.

Special Kindergarten Committee

Rev. Gale explained that at the last meeting, it was decided that a special committee of kindergarten workers be set up, with himself as Convenor. He interviewed Miss Suttie and Miss Foster, who have been asked to investigate building quarters, methods, etc. They also met Mr. Bill Sakamoto on the Nisei Committee in the Park, who is a representative of the Japanese Committee in charge of recreation, as a temporary measure.

Rev. Rae stated that the Advisory Committee will submit information regarding all workers who are available.

Kindergarten Organization

A motion was made by Mrs. Muldrew, and seconded by Major Alder, that the Advisory Committee request the Security Commission to grant us the privilege of carrying on our denominational kindergarten work, under the direction of a duly appointed member of the staff of the B.C. Security Commission and that these independent kindergartens be willing to accept this supervision. The kindergarten work is to be carried on separately, as it has heretofore been done in the Japanese Missions of British Columbia. The workers are to be paid by the churches, with the supplies provided by the B.C. Security Commission. The people are to be given freedom of choice as to the group they attend. Non-Christians have the privilege of attending the kindergarten provided, but they are under no compulsion to send their children.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Father Quigley requested permission to sit on the Kindergarten Committee, or be represented by his appointee.

Girls' Work Group

Mrs. Lightfoot read a report of the Girls' Work Group -- A sub-Committee of the Nisei Committee and it was requested by Rev. Gale that a copy of this report be made to attach to the minutes for each member. Father Quigley requested that the name of Miss Sasaki be added, as a member of the Girls' Work Group.

Mrs. Lightfoot asked that permission be secured to call a meeting within the park for girls 12 to 18 years of age as the Sub-Committee of the Nisei Committee wish permission to work among the teen age girls.

Chairman of this group is Mrs. V. Osterhout.
Secretary - Mrs. G.F. Cousins.

Other Members - Miss G. Suttie, Miss M. Hart, Miss Kay Smith, Miss K. Hidaka, with the addition of Miss Sasaki.

Rev. Rae moved that the Advisory Committee is satisfied that these are the proper persons to continue Church Club work among the girls in Hastings Park and that they be granted permission to work there.

Boys Aged 7 to 16

Rev. Rae asked about the young boys and suggested that Mr. Norman be asked to find out how many boys there are from kindergarten age up to 16.

Mrs. Lightfoot spoke about a recent meeting she attended where a very fine letter from a Japanese boy in camp between Hope and Princeton, was read out. He said that they had all settled down and were quite satisfied with living conditions, food, etc.

Sunday School

Rev. Gale mentioned that a Sunday School meeting was held Tuesday, April 7th, when it was suggested that the hour be changed to 9 a.m. The teacher for the Senior Department boys, was changed from Miss Cox to Mr. Kobayama and it was suggested that the latter be named as Superintendent for the whole school.

Rev. Gale also reported for the Sunday Schools. There were 20 present on Easter Sunday at the service from 10 to 10.45, held in the Manufacturers' Building. In the evening a lantern talk was given on the "Easter Story" with 100 to 125 men and boys present, while on Good Friday 250 to 300 women and children attended a similar meeting. It was felt that this was a very gratifying attendance. Miss Cox gave the address at both meetings, while lantern slides were shown by Rev. Gale.

Hymn Sheets

Regarding Hymn sheets, Rev. Gale stated that they have a certain number and it is not necessary to mimeograph more at the present time.

Sub-Committee Kindergarten Work

Rev. Gale said that the Sub-Committee was instructed to go ahead on the Kindergarten organization.

Rev. Rae brought up the subject of evacuation of denominational religious units. Father Quigley mentioned that he had been to Greenwood and that at a meeting he addressed there, the people were very much in favour of groups of Japanese coming on the basis of a religious unit. However, the matter of whole community transfers is under consideration and this question was discussed generally.

The next meeting will be held, Monday afternoon, April 13th, 1942, at 3 p.m.

The meeting then adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

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Report of Girls' Work Group - Sub-Committee of Nisei Committee

Realizing that next to the children of nursery school and kindergarten age, the group which is in greatest need of leadership and organization is the group of girls 12 - 18 years now in Hastings Park, this committee submits the following plans in the hope that they may be implemented immediately.

A. LEADERSHIP must come from outside the park until the girls and young women within can be found to take this responsibility.

Therefore
1. Miss Gwen Suttie who now has a pass is suggested as Supervisor of Girls' Work.
2. Miss Grace Tucker who also has a pass is named as her assistant or co-worker.

But as both of these named are already occupied in kindergarten and other work, it is urgent that passes be secured for other workers immediately. We submit the names of:

Miss Margaret McDuffee
Mrs. F.G. Cousins.

both of whom are experienced workers and willing to assist with this group.

B. ORGANIZATION

1. That permission be secured to call a meeting of all girls within the Park who are between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Time and place to be arranged in conjunction with Miss Suttie.

Purpose of this Meeting

(a) To offer to the girls what personal services they may need,- e. g. shopping, information etc. i.e. anything of this nature not handled by the welfare workers.
(b) To discover what talent there is within the group with the idea of encouraging them to provide entertainment for themselves and others.
(c) To enlist their voluntary cooperation in helping with:

(1) the kindergarten
(2) repairing of clothing for children and others.
(3) sewing and knitting
(4) to discover the special interests of the girls in reading, music, dramatics, etc.

2. That these girls be organized into groups of 10 or 12 for the purpose of carrying out a varied daily program of organized games (unless this is cared for by Pro-Rec), sewing, knitting, and other handicrafts, music, reading and other cultural activities.

3. That the Park Authorities be asked to set aside for the use of these girls special rooms in the recreation building.

SPECIAL NOTE -- It is strongly recommended that these plans be implemented at once. The fine weather makes it possible to call this meeting and organize some groups out-of-doors. It is not necessary to wait for the completion of the recreation building.

Chairman - Mrs. V. Osterhout. Secretary - Mrs. F.G. Cousins.
Other members - Miss G. Suttie, Miss M. Hart, Miss Kay Smith, Miss K. Hidaka & Miss Sasaki.

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Inter-Church Committee of the Four Christian Churches working at Hastings Park, held in the Office of the B. C. Security Commission, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, 23rd April, 1942, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Miss A.M. Hilliard, Chairman.
Rev. H.M. Rae.
Rev. W.H. Gale.
Mrs. C.E. Lightfoot.
Father Quigley.
Major P. Alder.

Also PRESENT:

Sir Francis Heathcote, Bart., D.D.
Mr. W. A. Morrison.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, April 17th, 1942, were read by Mrs. Lightfoot, on behalf of Miss Hilliard.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote,
SECONDED by Rev. H.M. Rae:

"That the Minutes be adopted as read."

CARRIED.

Miss Margaret A.E. RIDGEWAY.

There was a discussion, during which a letter was read from this lady regarding Missionary work in connection with the Japanese. In this letter Miss Ridgeway stated that she was willing to work under the auspices of the Japanese Mission of the United Church, in Camps in the Interior, or at Hastings Park, with the children.

(At this point Mr. Morrison joined the Meeting.)

During the discussion which followed, Mr. Morrison stated that he had seen this lady since she wrote the letter, and that she stated that she was willing to work under any auspices; she said she felt that if these Camps were opened up in the Interior, that the Baptist Church would undertake to pay her expenses for working among children, particularly in Sunday School work.

In connection with the Baptist Mission it was stated that this work had been carried on since 1934, and it was further stated that references from both English and Japanese could be furnished if desired, as to Miss Ridgeway's qualifications.

Sir Francis Heathcote suggested that some one of the Committee write Miss Ridgeway a letter to this effect, and it was suggested that Mr. Rae should do so.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote;
SECONDED by Miss Hilliard:

"That Mr. Rae write to this Applicant".

CARRIED.

REV. ~~CUTHBERT~~ Warder,
Schreiber, Ont.

During the discussion of last week's Minutes of Meeting, Sir Francis Heathcote stated that he had not said that he undertook to arrange for a Missionary to be sent to Schreiber; but that he would try to arrange for one. However, Sir Francis said that he understood there was already a Missionary there in the town, a Rev. Cuthbert, who was doing yeoman service amongst the Japanese there; and that he, himself, had sent Mr. Cuthbert a personal message of congratulation on the way he was doing his work.

MISSIONARY WORK AT THE CAMPS.

Sir Francis Heathcote stated that Mr. McVety had not been able to do anything further about getting permission for a Missionary to go through the various Camps at Tete Jaune, Geike, Albreda, Hope, Red Pass, etc. etc., but that he was going to write to the Minister of Mines and Resources for us to get leave to go visiting at these Camps; Sir Francis had met Mr. McVety only to-day in the street. It was a week ago last Saturday since a letter was written to Mr. McVety, but that he had never got any recognition at all by letter.

Mr. Rae said that he did not see how the Minister of Mines and Resources could reasonably say "No".

It was felt by all concerned that this missionary work could only be handled from the Central Office here in Vancouver; that we could not have a Station at Jasper and the other camps separately, and that our Bishop up there felt the same way.

Sir Francis Heathcote stated that the Rector at Schreiber, the Rev. ~~Cuthbert~~ Warder, will visit and look

after things generally, as he is already doing, and doing well.

Mr. Rae stated that they had a Superintendent at Edmonton whose business it was to travel, but that we will be better able to know our procedure after Mr. Bunt comes back on Saturday.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote,
SECONDED by Mr. Rae:

"That the matter of the survey be left over "to the next meeting, when the Committee will try "to make arrangements for a joint survey for the "Edmonton district."

CARRIED.

It was suggested that the Committee write and ask the Minister of Mines and Resources for permission for a Missionary to visit Road Camps, and see that other Churches are doing the same.

(Father Quigley joined the Meeting at this point.)

REPORT ON THE KINDERGARTEN.

Mr. Gale stated that work was going ahead on the carrying on of Kindergarten work. The room was not yet ready, but they had been holding kindergarten in other parts of the building, but that it was hard to hear. However, as soon as the proper place was ready all that would be remedied. It was not thought necessary to lay linoleum, as the floor was made of wood, not concrete.

Mr. Gale and Mr. Rae said that jointly they had the following equipment for the kindergarten:-

90 chairs
1 piano
18 tables and desks
1 blackboard

and that it was thought that this was all the equipment needed at present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Mr. Gale said that the Sunday School is going ahead; they had 220 children, divided into departments, last Sunday. They were short on papers, and needed more Sunday School teachers.

A discussion arose at which it was suggested

that some of the Japanese girls at the Park be given an hour or so off from their work on Sunday mornings in order to teach in the Sunday Schools.

Asked if they could get enough supplies for the Sunday School, Mr. Gale replied that they could get some, but nowhere near sufficient to meet their needs.

Mr. Rae stated that if an appeal was made to the congregations of all denominations to send literature to Hastings Park, that we would have enough. There would be enough for nearly 100 children per week from Mr. Rae's own congregation, as there were 254 absent from Church last Sunday alone.

JAPANESE GIRLS GOING TO TORONTO.

During the discussion, it was thought desirable that the suggestion for their (the Japanese) being sent to other parts of Canada should not come from this end, but that the suggestion should come from the towns to which they were to be sent, and to let the townspeople act about it in their own way.

Mr. Rae stated that he thought we should make our approach from our Boards in the East. Father Quigley said that they should explain how law abiding the Japanese were, and that there was no danger of, as the Greenwood citizens at first thought, that the "Japanese would kill our children in the night". Sir Francis Heathcote thought that each member of the Committee should do all he or she personally could in this matter.

POLICIES.

A discussion arose as to the way in which the Commission publishes its policies. Miss Hilliard and the other members of the Committee all stated that these policies were published in the "New Canadian", which is now definitely the Commission's official organ. It is now on sale, and it is the organ through which we inform the Japanese. Up until recently it has been printed entirely in English, but we are now putting in some articles written in Japanese. We have a man who writes little articles for this paper, and if all the members of the Committee were to read the "New Canadian", they would get a better grasp of what is going on.

USE OF CARS AND CURFEW PRIVILEGES.

Mr. Rae stated that, with reference to the use of cars and curfew privileges which had been granted to two of the Japanese ministers, one of whom

was Mr. Shimizu, these privileges had been withdrawn, we were never satisfied as to why. Application should again be made for these privileges, as these two men have been very valuable both to the Church and to the Commission.

A discussion followed regarding these privileges, during which the Committee agreed with Mr. Rae that these ministers should be given the same rights and privileges as Doctors and professional men to carry on.

During this discussion Sir Francis Heathcote suggested, and the other members of the Committee agreed, that Mr. Gale and Mr. Rae be responsible for the sending of a letter to Dr. Hodgins protesting that these privileges have been cancelled. We do not know that there was any wrong use made of the Permits, and we regret if there is any change of policy with regard to Japanese ministers, in the use of cars and the curfew.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote,
SECONDED by Major Alder:

"That a letter should be written to Dr. "Hodgins regarding the re-issuance of these "privileges for these Japanese pastors".

CARRIED.

Mr. Gale asked what would be the Committee's policy on Curfew matters, and Identical Surveys of Camps.

Miss Hilliard, the Chairman, stated that it was the Committee's policy to carry on.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, 28th April, 1942, at 2.30 p.m.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Inter-Church Committee held in the Grain Exchange Board Room, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, 7th May, 1942, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rev. W. P. Bunt, Chairman.
Rev. H. M. Rae,
Rev. W. H. Gale,
Miss M. Moscrop,
Mrs. C. E. Lightfoot,
Mrs. Campbell.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Wm. A. Morrison.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 23rd April, 1942, were read and adopted.

MISS M. E. RIDGWAY

Mr. Rae read a letter from the Rev. W. Arnold Bennett to the Inter-Church Committee strongly recommending Miss Ridgway for work among the Japanese, and Mr. Morrison read a letter which he had received from Miss Ridgway in this connection. Copies of these letters were placed on file. After discussion

It was MOVED by Mr. Rae,
SECONDED by Mrs. Lightfoot:

"That since Miss Ridgway has been working among certain Japanese and is vouched for by the Rev. W. Arnold Bennett, she be given entrance to the park and confer with Miss Moscrop concerning her activities in order to keep the co-operative endeavour properly safeguarded."

CARRIED.

PASSES TO THE CLEARING STATION.

Mr. Morrison stated that it had been found necessary to tighten the restrictions on visitors to the park in order to curtail "visiting" as such. The Commission had given instructions to cancel all outstanding passes and re-issue new permanent and one-day passes of a different colour; also to ask the Church groups to submit a list of the people whom they look upon as their representatives, so that new passes may be issued to them. Mr. Morrison pointed out that there was no intention to restrict the church workers, but that they should be instructed that under no circumstances must they take anyone in who has not a pass.

It would be necessary for workers to have credentials from the church they represented so that, if found advisable, their statements could be confirmed by telephone.

It was the feeling of the Meeting that such restrictions would be helpful to the work of the church organizations, and it was agreed that it would be left to each group to submit the names of their bona fide workers immediately. Mr. Morrison explained that persons applying for a one-day pass would also require to be vouched for, and it was found advisable that workers who would not be at the Clearing Station very long should return their passes when their work was completed.

WELFARE WORK

Asked for her views on the Welfare work placed under her charge, Miss Moscrop said she would like to know all the workers, and to have them know that they could refer to her cases of destitution or any social problems that she might not otherwise get to know about. Mr. Morrison suggested that Miss Moscrop be given a list of the persons to whom passes were issued.

It was MOVED by Mr. Rae,
SECONDED by Mrs. Campbell:

"That a letter be sent to each worker giving facts regarding the availability of Miss Moscrop's office for Social Welfare Work."

CARRIED.

Mr. Morrison undertook to see that the letters were sent out.

VACATION SCHOOL.

The question of arranging for a vacation school was brought up, and Mr. Morrison read a letter from the Religious Education Council of Canada. After a short discussion, it was decided to hold the matter over to the next meeting of the Committee.

MISSIONARY WORK AT THE CAMPS.

In reply to a question by Mr. Bunt as to when men could be moved out to fields where they could work, Mr. Morrison stated that the Interior towns should be open for ministers at once, but that the Camps were under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mines & Resources, and permission would have to be obtained from them. Mr. Bunt read a letter from the Rev. Yoshioka of Kelowna detailing conditions at various camps, and Mr. Morrison expressed the opinion that a letter of identification from Commissioner Mead for each of these missionaries would obviate all difficulty. It was his suggestion that after conference as to how and by whom the various districts could best be served, each group should, on its own initiative, address a letter to the Commission asking for permission to send certain Japanese ministers into certain areas.

KINDERGARTEN

Mr. Gale reported that after a good deal of difficulty the Kindergarten is now well organized, although the attendance fluctuates. The room is shut off, but there is no heat, which is a disadvantage. The United Church and the Anglicans hold classes jointly in the mornings; the Roman Catholics have the afternoons. At one time there were about 120 on the roll, with an attendance of over 90, but that has dropped a great deal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Gale reported that the Sunday School is going on very well. Sunday before last there had been an attendance of 280; last Sunday there were 205, the reduction possibly being due to the competition of a baseball game. The church services had been carrying on as usual, and next Sunday evening they thought of asking Miss Webster Smith to speak.

USE OF CARS AND CURFEW PRIVILEGES.

Mr. Rae reported that he had written to Dr. Hodgins requesting a re-issuance of car and curfew privileges to two Japanese ministers whose services had been very valuable, and that Dr. Hodgins had replied that owing to complaints about Japanese people being out after hours, the privilege could not be renewed.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned until Thursday, May 21st, 1942, at 2 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Inter-Church Committee held in the Office of the B. C. Security Commission, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, May 28th, 1942, at 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

Rev. W. P. Bunt, Chairman
Rev. W. H. Gale,
Rev. H. M. Rae,
Mrs. A. Campbell,
Mrs. C. E. Lightfoot,
Major P. Alder.

ALSO PRESENT:

Sir Francis Heathcote, Bart., D.D.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, May 7th, 1942, were read by Major Alder, and on motion of Mr. Gale, seconded by Mr. Rae, were adopted.

MISS M. E. RIDGWAY

Mr. Bunt reported that he had received a visit from Miss Ridgway, when he had informed her, in accordance with resolution passed at the last meeting, that the Committee were agreeable to her working at the park and conferring with Miss Moscrop. Mr. Bunt mentioned, however, that Miss Ridgway had expressed a strong desire to go to Kaslo.

VACATION SCHOOL

Dealing with the question of arranging for a vacation school in the Park, Mr. Gale explained that the High and Grade Schools were at present open under the Education Department; also that Mr. McRae, who had been loaned by the School Board, is training a class for teaching, presumably in the 'ghost' towns as the population at the Park is dwindling. It was agreed that Mr. Gale should make inquiry as to whether the Grade and High School work would be continued during July and August, and pending Mr. Gale's report the matter be tabled.

KINDERGARTEN,

Mr. Gale reported that the Kindergarten was carrying on, but the numbers were down, for various reasons. The weather had been cold, and there was no heat in the building; parents came and took the children away for the day, and so on. There were about 150 on the roll, but the attendance that day had been 63, and the day before 64. There are five teachers, three from the United Church and two Anglicans at the present time.

The attendance at Sunday School also fluctuates. On the 17th May there had been 90 present, and last Sunday there were 300.

City Sunday Schools had been helpful in contributing papers for use in the Park.

The Church services continued as before, the Japanese service being held at six o'clock and the English service, for the 'second generation' at seven. The Salvation Army had assisted in the service.

Mr. Gale reported that Mr. Kabayama was leaving shortly. He had been making the arrangements both for the Japanese and the English services, and had also been Superintendent of the Sunday School, while Mrs. Kabayama assisted in the Kindergarten. Mr. Gale was of the opinion that someone should be appointed in his place, and the suggestion was made that one man might be responsible for the Japanese service and another for the English service. It was also considered advisable that any person, or persons, so appointed should consult with Mr. Gale or Major Alder for the sake of oversight.

It was MOVED by Sir Francis Heathcote,
SECONDED by Major Alder,

"That it be left to Mr. Gale to find some person, or persons, to take the place of Mr. Kabayama in arranging for services and Sunday School superintendence at the Park."

CARRIED.

MISSIONARY WORK AT THE CAMPS.

A discussion followed as to the placing of men for missionary work at the various road camps and interior settlements. Mr. Bunt mentioned that he had received word from Silverton that there was urgent need for a clergyman in Slocan, and Mr. Gale explained that Miss Cox and Miss Harriman are there, and that he had told Mr. Nukayama he could prepare to go up.

Mr. Bunt stated that the United Church was sending a man to Revelstoke, but no arrangements were being made with regard to Jasper. Sir Francis Heathcote explained that this was part of the Diocese of Edmonton, and that he had written to Edmonton offering to work with them if they so desired. It was understood that Jasper included Blue River and Yellowhead. The Committee agreed that the Anglican Church should provide a missionary for these camps.

With regard to the settlement at Seton Lake in the Bridge River area, Mr. Bunt stated that his Church had sent Miss Lindsay, an ordained minister, there. She had been a worker in Japan, and would work with the Japanese around Lillooet.

Mr. Bunt also mentioned that they had under consideration the sending of a young man to work under the direction of the man at Kelowna who, at the request of the Engineer at Hope, went to Hope-Princeton every second week.

The understanding at the present time was that the work would be divided as follows:

Anglican Church	to take care of the Jasper area, including Blue River and Yellowhead; also Slocan City.
United Church	to serve the Bridge River area, Alberta, Kaslo, Princeton-Hope, Grand Forks, Christina Lake and the Protestants at Greenwood.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on call of the Chairman.

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Chairman.