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"It was a two part wood structure. The two storied section had an upper floor used as a manse for the minister, the lower part for social events and English School for Japanese speaking people. The part abutting this building was the Chapel. The two parts were separated in 1936 and an insert put in for enlarging the hall. This was located on the south-west corner of Chatham and No. 1 Roads. As the land belonged to the United Church it was not confiscated during the evacuation of the Japanese from Steveston. On the return of the Japanese they re-opened the church and had toilets installed when a sewer connection was made. The building became too small and was demolished in the early 1960's. The church had been called the Japanese Methodist Mission up to 1925 and became the Japanese United Church Mission after Union. The land was rented out to Super-Valu for the use as a parking lot and is still rented out as of 1975. The Japanese were integrated into the Steveston United Church in 1953.
