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Custodian File 4933

REAL PROPERTY

Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)			V.L.A. Mission Village			Total
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices: % of Total	Amount	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Total	Amount	

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear						
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column	

NETS

Total award for Nets plus Sale Price	Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing	Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
			559.00 141.00		285.00	205.00

MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS

Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price	
			General 46%	150	69.00			69.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION 274.00

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CASE NO: 37.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Lytton, B.C.,

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UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

Original.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

B E F O R E

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
R.J. McMASTER? Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,	Secretary.
D.J. HANFORD, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, to expedite the matter, the claimant is prepared to amend his claim to bring it in direct line with his J.P. form to save any arguments in that respect. Therefore, in the claim for personal property underneath the "Nets and Lines List" attached, he would ask to change "15 cords" to "10 cords of wood", change the value from $100.00 to $50.00; change 100 feet of 3-inch galvanized --

THE COMMISSIONER: Three-quarter inch.

MR. McMASTER: Three-quarter inch, I am sorry, my lord,-- to "200 feet of 3/8ths inch and 5/8ths inch galvanized cable", and to increase the value to $35.00; to abandon his claim for 2 propellers, value $15.00; 2 gas lanterns, value of $10.00;

THE COMMISSIONER: He is abandoning that as well.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord. And 100 records, $25.00.

For guidance to my learned friend I would point out that the 2 kitchen cabinets were included on the J.P. form just under the heading "Kitchen Utensils".

THE COMMISSIONER: That makes $150.00 under the heading of "personal property". The total claim then will be --?

MR. McMASTER: $150.00, my lord, less $17.50. He has increased one.

THE COMMISSIONER: Do you think you will find it is $150.00? The total claim will be $565.00.

MR. McMASTER: That is right, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: $150.00 and $415.00, is that it?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, proceed.

UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Is this your signature on this claim form and did you swear this declaration?

A Yes.

Q I produce to you a statement with regard to certain fishing gear and equipment. Did you instruct your solicitor to prepare this statement?

A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

Q Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q Mr. Sakamoto, how long had you been a fisherman prior to your evacuation?

A About twenty-two years.

Q In that time did you have any experience in the purchasing and sale of nets and lines and fishing gear? A: Yes.

Q Immediately prior to evacuation, did you dispose, yourself, of any of your nets?

A Yes.

Q Were you able to get the prices which you thought

were fair prices for those nets?

A Yes.

Q Would those prices compare favourably or otherwise with the price which you claim to be the fair market value of the nets which you have shown in this form and on your claim form?

A Some of the nets that appear on the form are a little low in price.

Q According to the form that we filed as Exhibit 1, you left these nets in a net house of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Canadian Fishing Company, on your evacuation, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And you have been advised that the Custodian subsequently received those nets and sold them?

A Yes.

Q Did the Custodian ever suggest to you that the priees of your nets were too high and suggest to you that you might reduce the value that you have shown on your declaration?

A No.

Q Witness, I produce to you a form with respect to personal chattels other than your fishing equipment. Did you instruct your solicitor to prepare that form?

A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

Q Are the contents of that statement true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Exhibit 2, my lord.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

Q I notice that the property shown in this form you state was left at Canadian Scottish Cannery at Steveston in one of the companies' houses?

A Yes.

Q And you received no instructions from the Custodian's office as to what you were to do with your goods when you evacuated?

A No.

Q You state that Mr. Townsend of the cannery arranged for all of the Japanese working for the cannery to store their chattels in these company houses? A: Yes.

Q And your goods were put in one room by themselves?

A Yes.

Q Witness, with regard to the personal property shown in Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, did all of those goods and chattels belong to you?

A Yes.

Q Were they left as shown in these forms at the time of your evacuation?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever receive any of them subsequently?

A No.

Q Are the values shown for the respective goods on these forms in your opinion a fair market value at the time of your evacuation?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: I take it this furniture was never accounted for by the Custodian, is that the case?

MR. McMASTER: I might ask my friend to put in the claim analysis, my lord. A great deal of it states, "Not in our possession at any time, unaccounted for".

MR. HUNTER: My lord, there is a claim analysis here which I might file as Exhibit 3, which would give you the picture, I think, pretty rapidly.

(CLAIM ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. McMASTER: Just one other question, my lord.

Q When you stored these nets at the cannery, in what manner did you store them?

A They were left in net house No. 3.

Q Having regard to the manner in which they were stored, in his opinion and from his experience, would those nets have deteriorated by January of 1943? A: No, he thinks not.

MR. McMASTER: Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, when you stored these household goods in the cannery house, did you personally supervise their storage?

A Yes.

Q Were there other people storing goods in the house? A: Yes.

Q And did you personally lock the door to this room? A: Yes, he

locked it personally.

Q What did you do with the key?

A He handed it to the cannery bookkeeper.

Q I see. And what did the cannery bookkeeper say that he would do with your property?

A No, there was nothing said by the bookkeeper.

Q What did Mr. Townsend say he would do with your property? A: He said that he would watch it.

Q The key which you gave to the bookkeeper, was that a key to the room or a key to the house?

THE WITNESS: A: House.

Q Key to the house. Did that same key lock the room? A: Only the house.

Q Well then, the door to the room was not locked, is that correct?

THE INTERPRETER: A: No, it was not locked.

Q And did other people have keys to that door, the other people who were storing goods in that house? A: No, they did not.

Q Well how did they get in and out of the house?

A They all left at the same time after storing their goods.

Q Did they put their property in separate rooms? each person? A: Yes.

Q What percentage of your goods were labelled?

A He said they were not all labelled -- about half.

Q What form did the labels take?

A With paint.

Q What did you paint on them?

THE WITNESS: A: "U.S.", my initials.

Q "U.S."?

THE INTERPRETER: "U.S." is his initials.

Q You did not put on your name in full?

A No.

Q Did you price these nets in the sense that did you, on the tags you put on your nets, indicate the price at which you evaluated them?

A No.

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any re-examination?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Was there any representative of the Custodian's office around Steveston at the time you were evacuated to whom you might have handed these keys to the premises?

MR. HUNTER: I submit, my lord, that is not a proper question. You might say, "Did he know of his own knowledge?"

MR. McMASTER: I presume he is speaking from his personal knowledge, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: You had better hear what the answer is.

A No.

MR. McMASTER: Q: That is, not as far as you know?

A Mr. Robinson came down after the goods were stolen.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

MR. McMASTER: That is all.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

Gordon Hambleton

"G. Hambleton"
Official Reporter.

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IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

NOTIFIED

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME SAKAMOTO (Print) Surname UNOSUKE Given Name (male) (RCMP) Reg. No. 05040

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P. O. 115 Steveston, B. C.

(3) Present Address P. O. Box 29, Minto Mine, B. C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) ~~Municipality of Richmond~~ City or Municipality, B. C. Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe)

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.)

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $
(ii) Buildings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
Gulf of Georgia Cannery Net House; Canadian Scottish Cannery

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Net house and in the house.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation left in the above premises.

(over)

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care") In Custodian's care.

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1. WRITTEN ON SEPARATE SHEET — Estimated Value $
2. — Estimated Value $
3. — Estimated Value $
4. — Estimated Value $
5. — Estimated Value $
6. — Estimated Value $
7. — Estimated Value $
8. — Estimated Value $
9. — Estimated Value $
10. — Estimated Value $ 565

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ ~~647.50~~ 565

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - $ ~~647.50~~ 565

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.) Kamloops, B. C.

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no Yes

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA)
of)
TO WIT:)

I, UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO of the Townsite
of MINTO MINE in the Province of B. C.
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of 'The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the Townsite)
of Minto City B.C.) U. Sakamoto.
in the Prov. of B.C.)
this 27 day of Nov.)
A.D. 1947. A Commissioner &c. A Notary Public

N.B. — THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

Personal property left by the claimant at
GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY NET HOUSE.

Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

Nets and Lines List				Estimated Value.
SIZE (inch)	LENGTH (fathom)	MESH	DESR'N	
10	90	40	New	$ 185.00
9	85	45	1 season	60.00
7	17	60	New	20.00
6 3/8	50	60	1 season	30.00
5 7/8	60	60	New	70.00
5 1/2	350	60	1 season	200.00
5 1/2	15	60	New	15.00
	220	CORK LINE		30.00
	350	LEAD LINE		40.00
	500 double fathoms	LEAD LINE		50.00
TOTAL				$ 700.00
LESS AMOUNT CREDITED FROM THE CUSTODIAN				285.00
PROPERTY LOSS				$ 415.00 $ 415.00

Personal property left by the claimant at
CANADIAN SCOTTISH CANNERY.

2 kitchen cabinet	25.00
1 book case	10.00
10 ~~15~~ cords of wood	50 ~~100.00~~
~~2 propellers~~ abandon	~~15.00~~
~~2 gas. lanterns~~ -10	~~10.00~~
1 heater	10.00
4 gas. stove 2/3 5/3	20.00
2 100 feet of 3/4 in. gal. cable	35 ~~17.50~~
~~100 records~~ abandon	~~25.00~~
	130
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS	$ ~~647.50~~
	or. 565

UNOSUKI SAKAMOTO
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY
(Fishing vessels, gear and equipment)

05040
Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimateded value at Evacuation
(White) Spring	10	40	90	new	185.00	185.00
Spring	9"	45	85	1 season	150.00	60.00
Coho k	7"	60	17	new	20.00	20.00
Coho e	6 3/8"	60	50	1 season	75.00	30.00
Sockeye	5 7/8"	60	60	new	70.00	70.00
Sockeye	5 1/2"	60	350	1 season	350.00	200.00
Sockeye	5 1/2"	60	15	new	15.00	15.00

VESSELS SOLD BY CUSTODIAN

NAME	Reg. No.	Type	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Maintenance Work	Condition When Evacuated	With whom left	Estimated Value

EXHIBIT No. 37-1
DATE 15 Jan 1948
FILED BY R. J. McMaster.

Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:

Type	Date	Cost

OTHER GEAR:

Description		Date Purchased (age at evacuation)	New or Used	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at date of evacuation
Cork Line	220 fathoms	1 year	used	40.00	good	30.00
Lead Line	350 "	2 years	"	60.00	"	40.00
Lead Line	500 "	5 years	"	150.00	fair	50.00

Arrangements made for storage when evacuated:

Left in Net House Gulf of Georgia Cannery (Canadian Fishing Co.) on evacuation. The custodian subsequently took these nets and lines and sold them

Additional Comments, if any:

U. Sakamoto.
SIGNATURE

UNOSUKI SAKAMOTO
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

05040
Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
2 kitchen cabinets	5 years	new	50.00	Good	25.00
1 book case	5 years	(hand made) new	Don't recall	"	10.00
10 cords of wood					50.00
1 wood stove	3 years	new	Don't recall		10.00
4 gas stoves (for boats)	Don't recall	new	Don't recall		20.00
200 ft. of 3/8" + 5/8" galvanized cable		new	35.00		35.00

EXHIBIT No. 37-2
DATE 15 Jan 1948
FILED BY
R. J. McMaster.

Description of Storage of Goods:
Left at Canadian Scottish Cannery at steveston in one of company's houses. Advised the custodian in J.P. form. No one from the custodian's office told me where to have my goods. Mr. Townsend of the Cannery arranged for all of the Japanese working for the cannery to store their chattels in the Cannery houses. My goods were all put in one room by themselves and the large articles marked.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Additional Comments , if any:

U. Sakamoto
SIGNATURE

Claimant: Unosuke SAKAMOTO — Personal Property Claim — File No. 4933.

	Nets:	Amount	Sold for:	Date Sold:
1.	10" x 90 fa. x 40 mesh, new	$185.00	$60.00	Dec. 3/42
2.	9" x 85 fa. x.45 mesh, 1 season	60.00	30.00	Dec.21/42
3.	7" x 17 fa. x 60 mesh, New	20.00	20.00	Sept.19/42
4.	6-3/8" x 50 fa. x 60 mesh, 1 season	30.00	15.00	Jan.10/43
5.	$5\frac{7}{8}$" x 60 fa./mesh, New	70.00	40.00	Jan.8/43
7.	$5\frac{1}{2}$" x 15 fa. x 60 mesh, 1 season	15.00	10.00	Feb.9/43
6.	$5\frac{1}{2}$" x 350 fa. x 60 mesh, 1 season	200.00	30.00(piece)	Jan.13/43
8.	220 fa. cork line	30.00	20.00	Sept.24/42
9.	350 fa. lead line	40.00	15.00 - 150 fa. 20.00 - 200 fa.	Sept.24/42 Sept.29/42
10.	500 double fathoms lead line	50.00	25.00	Jan.29/43
	Totals:	$700.00	$285.00	Loss $415.00

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J.W.G.Hunter

Personal Property Claim — File No. 4933

Claimant: Unosuke SAKAMOTO

Chattels Claim Amount	Article	Auctioned	Taken to Storage Later Missing	Not in our possession at any time. Unaccounted for:
$10.00	1 heater	$1.00 (SUSPENSE) SEE GENERAL SUMMARY - 26/11/46.		
$25.00	2 kitchen cabinets		x	
$10.00	1 book case			x
$100.00	15 cords of wood			x - Declared as 10 cords of of wood worth $50.00 - JP Form.
$15.00	2 propellers			x
$10.00	2 gas lanterns			x
$20.00	4 gas stove			x
$17.50	100 feet of ¾ in. gal. cable			x
$25.00	100 records			x
$415.00	forward			
$647.50	Total claim for Property Loss.			

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

DATE: May 6th.1948

T.W. Miles