Name of Claimant KURAMOTO, Shinji Case 272

Custodian File 1119

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	
			138.00 823.00		60	612.70

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	

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	612.70

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PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99

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B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE ERIC P. DAWSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government
A.E. COBUS, Esq.,	Appearing for the Claimant.

L.A. DODD, Esq.,	Secretary to Grand Forks Sub-Commission
G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,	Official Interpreter
G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,	Official Reporter

MR. COBUS: Your honour, the next claim is that of Shinji Kuramoto, No. 33 on the Secretary's list, which becomes, I take it, Mr. Secretary, No. 272.

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

SHINJI KURAMOTO, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would ask leave to amend this claim by striking out the list under "itemized description of personal property," and substituting "Total claim, nets and lines, $1081.00," a credit to the Custodian of $60.00, leaving the total claim under 5 (f) at $1021.00. The itemized list of nets and lines will be filed as part of the statement concerning the claim for personal property.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, the statement attached, then, goes out, too, does it?

MR. COBUS: That goes out as well, your honour.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning your claim for nets and lines herein. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement for you and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: And I produce to you now a list of fishing gear under your name to which reference is made in your statement. Was that list prepared by you?

A: Yes.

Q: And you have shown in the second to the final column a number of figures under the heading "Improvements." By that do you indicate the repairs or the cost of repairs which you made on the individual nets over the number of years indicated in that column? A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the statement and the list, your honour, as one exhibit.

(STATEMENT AND LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to the statement, your honour, the claimant indicates that the nets and lines for which he is claiming were stored in the net house of the Phoenix Cannery at Steveston, B.C. He adds that he has allowed for depreciation on the items claimed and points out that in that special column on the lists attached, he has shown the value of the annual replacement of parts of nets. The total estimated value of the items at evacuation is shown as $1081.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Under "improvements" are these the values you place on the nets at the present time?

MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour, those are what he terms in his statement the replacement costs.

THE COMMISSIONER: Replacement costs.

MR. COBUS: It might have been useful, your honour, in referring to the list which is part of Exhibit No. 1, to indicate that the lines are described as float lines and lead lines. That actually is

a combined or complete line, consisting partially of a cork line and partially of a lead line, and that is why, in the column indicating the age of the articles at evacuation, the ages are linked by bracket.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. COBUS: And in each case it is to be noted that the cork line is usually the younger of the two lines.

Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It is submitted, first, your honour, that these nets were not declared in the J.P. form and hence do not necessarily come into the control of the Custodian and we are not responsible therefor. It is further submitted that any of the lines, nets and lines, that did come into the possession of the Custodian and were sold were sold for their fair market value, and that, in the case of any that came into the possession or control of the Custodian which were/not sold, the amount claimed by the claimant is exhorbitant.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Mr. Kuramoto, you signed a J.P. form at Hastings Park? If you don't understand my question, see if that is your signature. That is the J.P. form. A: Yes.

Q: And you understood that to be a statement of your assets in the protected area?

A: I reported my nets afterwards.

Q: But just answer my question, please, Mr. Kuramoto. I am asking you now if you did complete this J.P. form, and my understanding is that you say you did, is that correct?

A: I cannot read English and so I did not know this thoroughly, but I was told to put my boat down and I did so.

Q: And you also put down your personal property, household goods and furniture?

A: No, I did not put it down.

Q: Would you please read to him, Mr. Interpreter, just what that is on there.

A: I only thought that it was in connection with a boat, I knew nothing about the household furniture.

Q: You did not declare your nets until some time later? A: I went away to the road camp and I reported the nets to the Custodian subsequently.

Q: I am showing you a letter dated November 20, 1942 which I believe to be a letter from you to the Custodian. A: This is my letter.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you filing that letter?

MR. McINNES: I will, yes, your honour.

Q: And it contains a description of your nets and lines? A: Yes.

Q: And that is the first information you gave the Custodian about the nets and lines?

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the date of that, Mr. McInnes?

MR. McINNES: November 20, 1942.

A: That was the first letter I sent to the Custodian.

THE COMMISSIONER: November 20th, did you say?

MR. McINNES: November 20th. I tender that as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

Q: Now, I direct your attention, Mr. Kuramoto, to the second item under the nets. Just read it out to him, please.

(Interpreter to witness)

Q: Now, that net appears to be identical with the second net which you have set out in the list filed as part of Exhibit 1. Is that the same net?

A: It is the same net.

Q: Well, now, in your letter filed as Exhibit 2, you value that at $70.00 and in your claim filed today you value it at $190.00.

A: The price was wrong in the letter which I signed, there was a mistake.

Q: And today it is right? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the first two nets, is it?

MR. McINNES: It is the second net, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. McINNES: Q: What is the life of a fishing net?

A: I am not perfectly certain.

Q: Well, how long have you been a fisherman?

A: Four years. Since I bought my boat.

Q: Well, did you have any experience in fishing before you bought your own boat?

A: Yes.

Q: Well, when a fisherman bought a net, how long did it generally last him before he had to buy a new one? A: I do not know the life of a net perfectly.

Q: Well, do you know anything about it at all? Can you give us any idea? A: A spring net, I think you can use for about 8 years.

Q: What about a sockeye net? A: Three to four years.

Q: And a cohoe net? A: About six or seven years.

Q: At the end of that time they would have to be replaced with new nets? A: They alternate them by halves every year.

Q: Now, I am directing your attention now to the column in this list filed as part of Exhibit 1 to the column, "improvements." Do these various amounts represent hours of work on your part or materials that you purchased for the boat? A: One ball of twine for repairing these nets costs $2.66. In one year I used three balls and in six years there would be eighteen, which would about approximate that amount.

Q: In other words, this represents money you spent for twine to repair the nets? A: Yes.

Q: You were evacuated in April of 1942?

A: The 24th of April.

Q: Yes. And we have it that it was in November that you declared the nets for the first time?

A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: That is all, thank you.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I take it that it would depend a good deal upon the care that you would take of a net as to how many years a net would last, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q: So that for one man a spring net might last eight years, for another man it might last nine years? A: Yes.

Q: Were you a good fisherman?

MR. McINNES: Spare the man's modesty.

A: I was an average fisherman.

MR. COBUS: Q: Did you take good care of your nets?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: That is all, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, Mr. Kuramoto.

(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

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

Eric P. Dawson

E.P. Dawson,
Sub-Commissioner

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

(1) NAME MR. KURAMOTO SHINJI (RCMP) Reg. No. 03697
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P.O. Box 172, Steveston, B.C.

(3) Present Address P.O. Box 609, Greenwood, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) ..... City or Municipality, 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 Phoenix Cannery at Steveston, B.C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Fishing Gears, Left at Cannery's Net House Personal Property left at my former residence

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Some packed up and some unpacked

(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 no one's care

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

1.	Total Value of Fishing Nets (as per separate sheet)	Estimated Value $ 825.00
2.	Total Value of Net Line (as per separate sheet)	Estimated Value $ 340.00
3.	Total Value of Personal property (as per separate sheet)	Estimated Value $ 244.25
4.		Estimated Value $ 1409.25
5.		Estimated Value $ 60.00 RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN
6.		Estimated Value $
7.		Estimated Value $ 1349.25
8.		Estimated Value $
9.		Estimated Value $
10.		Estimated Value $ 1,349.25

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ ~~1,409.25~~ S.K.

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) - $

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

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I, Shinji Kura, oto of the City of Greenwood in the Province of British Columbia

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 City of Greenwood in the Province of B. C. this 15th day of November A.D. 1947.

Shinji Kuramoto

A Commissioner &c. Notary Public for the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

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.

Discriptions of Nets

Quantity	Kind	Length	Depth	Size of Mesh	Size of Twine	Remarks	Value
1	Spring Net	150 FTM	35 MESH	TOP $9\frac{1}{4}$" BT. $8\frac{3}{4}$"	$\frac{10}{40}$ PLY & $\frac{9}{40}$ PLY	Used 6 years	100.00
1	Spring Net	145 "	40 "	9"	$\frac{9}{40}$	100 FTM Used 3 years 45 " " 2 Months	190.00
1	Cohoe Net	135 "	60 "	$6\frac{3}{4}$" & $7\frac{1}{8}$"	$\frac{6}{40}$ PLY & $\frac{5}{40}$	Used $2\frac{1}{2}$ years	180.00
1	Cohoe Net	120 "	50 "	$7\frac{1}{4}$"	$\frac{6}{40}$ " & $\frac{5}{40}$	Used 2 years	110.00
1	Sockeye Net	150 "	55 "	$5\frac{3}{8}$"	$\frac{4}{40}$	Used 1 year	140.00
1	Sockeye Net	200 "	50 "	$5\frac{7}{8}$"	$\frac{4}{40}$	Used 2 years	90.00
1	Spring Net	35 "	40 "	$8\frac{3}{4}$"	$\frac{12}{40}$	Used 6 years	15.00
							#825.00

Note

The abovee ~~Copy~~ stored in the net house of the Phoenix Cannery at Steveston, in 1942, under the care of Mr. R. Lord, the manager.
Later, made report to the Custodian's Office about this and received #60.00 in check from Custodian.

Schedule

Descriptions of Float and Lead Lines

Quantity	Kind	Length	Remarks	Value
1 Coil	Cotton Float Line	150 FTM	Used 2 years	60.00
1 "	" Lead Line	150 "	" 4 "	
1 "	Cotton Float Line	150 "	" 2 "	70 00
1 "	" Lead "	150 "	" 1 "	
1 "	Cotton Float Line	135 "	" 4 "	50 00
1 "	" Lead "	140 "	" 1 "	
1 "	Cotton Float "	125 "	" 5 "	40.00
1 "	" Lead "	125 "	" 5 "	
1 "	" Float "	150 "	" 1 "	65.00
1 "	" Lead "	200 "	" 1 "	
1 "	" Float "	150 "	" 1 "	55 00
1 "	" Lead "	150 "	" 4 "	
				$340 00

Note The aboves stored in the net house of the Phoenix Cannery at Steveston, in 1942, under the care of Mr. R. Lord, the manager.

Kitchen utencils Tools. Fixtures etc.

The under mentioned left at my former residence at Phoenix Camery Steveston BC in 1942.

Quantity	Descriptions	Value
1	Kitchen Stove (Range)	25 00
4	Beds	20 00
1.	Washing Tub	2 75
1	Capper Tank	3 50
1.	Search Light (for fishing Boat use)	16 50
1	Storage Battery	12 50
1.	monila anchor Rope	8 50
1.	Ditto	6 00
1.	Baby. Carriage	12 50
1.	Baby. Cycle	13 00
1.	W axe	2 00
1.	Hand axe	2 50.
1	Dresser	15 50
1.	Sledge Hammer	1 50
1.	Wedge	75
1.	oil Stone	1 50
1.	Wooden Bath Tank	20 00
1.	Hand Saw.	2 00
1. Box	Corpenter Tools.	35 00.
1 cord ½	Wood	10 00
1. Carton	Kitchen utencels	11 30
1.	Salmon net Twines	15 00
2.	Pipe Wrench.	5 00
1.	Stilson wrench.	1 95
		$. 244 25

EXHIBIT NO. 172-1
DATE 26/5/48
FILLED BY Clerk

LIST OF FISHING GEAR, SHINJI KURAHOTO

NET TYPE	SIZE	MESH	FATHOMS	AGE AT EVACUATION	ORIGINAL VALUE	IMPVEMENT	CLAIMED AMOUNT.
1. SPRING	TOP. 9 1/4 — BT. 8 1/2	10/40 PLY ≒ 35 — 9/40 " ≒ ~~35~~	150	6 YEARS	194 20	FOR 6 YEARS 47 88	100 00
1. "	9	— 9/40 — 40	145	3 YEARS	229 14	3 YEARS 18 62	190 00
1. COHOE	6 3/4 × 7 1/2	60	135	2 1/2 YEARS	220 00	2 YEARS 14 20	180 00
1. "	7 3/4 —	6/40 50 5/40 MESH	120	2 YEARS	170 00	2 " 22 70	110 00
						1 " 20 50	140 00
1. SOCKEYE	5 3/8 - 4/40	55 —	150	1 YEAR	175 00		
1. "	5 7/8 4/40	50	200	2 YEARS	185 00	FOR 2 YEARS 17 10	90 00
NET LINE							
1. COIL-COTTON	FLOAT LINE (Cork) 150 FA			2 YEARS } 4 YEARS }	60 00		45 00
1. " "	150 FA LEAD						
1. " "	150 FA (Cork)			2 YEARS } 2 " }	70 00		60 00
1. " "	150 FA LEAD						
1. " "	135 " (Cork			4 " } 1 " }	50 00		38 00
1. " "	140 " LEAD						
1. " "	125 " (Cork)			5 " } 5 " }	40 00		30 00
1. " "	125 LEAD						
1. " "	150 " (Cork)			1 " } 1 " }	65 00		50 00
1. " "	200 " LEAD						
1. " "	150 " (Cork)			1 " } 4 " }	55 00		48 00
1. " "	150 " LEAD						
							1,081 00

S Kuramoto —
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY
(Fishing vessels, gear and equipment)

03697
Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimateded value at Evacuation
For nets and lines claimed see list herewith						
Total est. value						$1091.00

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

Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:

Type	Date	Cost

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FILLED BY Claimant

OTHER GEAR:

Description	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at date of evacuation

Arrangements made for storage when evacuated: all of the nets and lines were stored in net house of Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, BC. —

Additional Comments, if any: I have allowed for depreciation on items claimed. In a column on lists attached, I have shown the value of the annual replacement of parts of nets —

S Kuramoto
SIGNATURE

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EXHIBIT No. 26/5/48

DATE

FILED BY Crown

Greenwood, B. C.
Nov. 20th 1942

Custodian of
Japanses Property
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly put these following items in below on account of Shinji Kuramoto Reg.No.03697 which I left on hand of Mr Barl Lord Manager of Phoenix Cannery Steveston, B. C.

If this my property was sold at above mentioned place, I like the cash to forward to me at your convenience. If possible please make the check to my wife name NOBUYE KURAMOTO Thank you.

NETS

Spring net	150	fathom	(10/40 9/40)	35	mesh	9¼", 8¾"	6 yr old	$100.00
" "	145	"	(9/40)	40	"	9"	100 fathom 3 yr old	70.00
							45 " 1 " "	
Cohoe "	135	"	(6/40 5/40)	60	"	40-6¾"	2 yr old	
						20-7½"	3 yr old	180.00
" "	120	"	(6/40 5/40)	50	"	7¼"	2 yr old	110.00
Sokeye "	150	"	(4/40)	55	"	5⅜"	1 " "	140.00
" "	200	"	(4/40)	50	"	5⅞"	2 " "	90.00
Spring "	34	"	(12/40)	40	"	8¾"	6 " "	35.00
								$725.00

LINES

Cork Line	150	fm	2	yr old)	
Lead "	"	"	4	" ")	60.00
Cork "	150	"	2	" ")	70.00
Lead "	"	"	1	" ")	
Cork "	135	"	4	" ")	50.00
Lead "	140	"	1	" ")	
Cork "	125	"	5	" ")	40.00
Lead "	"	"	"	" ")	
Cork "	150	"	1	" ")	65.00
Lead "	200	"	1	" ")	
Cork "	150	"	1	" ")	55.00
Lead "	"	"	4	" ")	
Cork "	4	"	4	" ")	15.00
Lead "	"	"	"	" ")	
					355.00

Yours truly,
"S. Kuramoto"

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

August 18th 1948

M. Scott
EJ