Name of Claimant MIKI, Masao Case 840

Custodian File 4524

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	
					2509.						1940.70

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	

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	1940.70

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J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
S.M. CHERNIACK, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,	Secretary.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

M. Miki,
In Chief.
Discussion.

THE COMMISSIONER: What are you starting with, Mr. Cherniack?

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to proceed with the case left over from yesterday, my lord, No. 17, Masao Miki. I have an amendment, my lord, but I think it would be more readily presented if I file the statement first.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very good.

MASAO MIKI, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Mr. Miki, I show you a typewritten statement. Was this prepared in accordance with your instructions?

A Yes.

Q Is this your signature? A: Yes, sir.

Q Do you swear the contents to be true to the best of your information andbelief? A: Yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. CHERNIACK: At the same time, my lord, I will file, on behalf of my learned friend, the S.S.S.B. appraisal as Exhibit 2.

(APPRAISAL MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. CHERNIACK: You will note, my lord, on Exhibit 1 the estimate for the land is totalled there at $2,835.00. That is correct, as shown in the original claim.

THE COMMISSIONER: He is claiming 7 acres at $150.00 an acre, 12.7 acres at $50.00 an acre, and the remainder at $35.00 an acre.

MR. CHERNIACK: That is correct. He then shows his fruit trees as adding to the value to the extent of $1450.00 and if your Lordship will turn to the page attached to the original claim, you will find the trees itemized with the exception he has shown his estimate of the value of the trees at the date of evacuation. We have changed that to average $2.00 per tree cost. That is how we arrive at the figure of $1450. 00. The next item, the flowering plants, is also changed in the same manner.

THE COMMISSIONER: Was the claimant growing bulbs with a view to the sale of the bulbs or flowers?

MR. CHERNIACK: Of the bulbs, yes. There was a question that was brought up yesterday as to whether this is personal or real property. In this claim it has been included with the real property, mainly because there is no other chattel claim, so it is all combined.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. CHERNIACK: At the bottom there, my lord, of the right hand margin of Exhibit 1 is the estimated value of the property, $15,460.00. The gross sale, my lord, was $2,509.00, showing a loss of $12,951.00. If I may proceed now, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I notice that the credit is $2257.00 for the sale price. The gross was $2509.00, was it?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes. There was an encumbrance, apparently, of almost $250.00, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, I see. Is that all?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, my lord. According to Exhibit 1, the

claimant states that he bought this property in two portions. Lots 19, 20 and 21, were purchased by his father and his uncle in 1926, and subsequently or rather, correction, my lord, in 1926 the claimant's father gave him his half interest in 19, 20 and 21, and he purchased the other half from his uncle at $850.00. In addition, in 1936, he purchased the balance of five lots from Robert George Dupleix and Helena May Dupleix for $379.60. At the time of purchase all land was uncleared. Of the total of 52 acres , he cleared 7 acres, 12 acres he used as a reservoir for fuel for the various buildings he had on the premises, and 33 acres were uncleared, and at the time of purchase your Lordship will note there was a shack and an oldlog house upon the land. In addition to clearing the 7 acres, the claimant put in about a thousand feet of cedar covered ditching, dug two wells, equipped with an electric pump, and built fencing and xplanted 727 mixed fruit trees with an estimated crop which is shown on Exhibit 1. In addition there were 52 flowering plants at a cost also shown in Exhibit 1.

The reference inthe appraisal is to old orchard and some bulbs, my lord. The appraiser states, "This layout appears to have been run strictly as a greenhouse proposition. The five acres under cultivation is a mass of grass and weeds in among several hundred badly kept fruit trees. South of the greenhouses are 210 young pear trees, 2 years old. The others on the north are a mixture of

apple, pear, prune, cherry", etc. He sets out, "There is an occupant on the place, she has the use of the buildings including the greenhouses, just for protecting them against damage by trespassers". That would refer only to the buildings, my lord, and at the bottom of the comment he states, "The soil throughout the place is of good quality loam with considerable moisture lying all through the timbered area."

As to the buildings, my lord, a fairly substantial discrepancy in the ages is shown in some of the buildings. The house is stated to be old, but it was 12 years at that time. The greenhouse is stated to be 18 years old and it was only seven years old. Another greenhouse shown as old was five years old, according to Exhibit 1. The estimated values of the buildings are as shown.

Q Witness, I show you a snapshot of a greenhouse. Can you identify that?

A This is my newest greenhouse.

Q Do you know when this snapshot was taken?

A In 1947.

Q Has the building changed in any way from its condition when you were evacuated?

A Yes, a few broken panes of glass.

Q And can you identify what that white line would be at the foot of the building?

A It is snow.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

Q I show you a further snapshot. Can you tell me

what that is? A: This is a 12 year old cherry tree.

Q And what is this low bush? A: Those are strawberry beds.

Q When was this snap taken? A: In 1938.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. HUNTER: Mr. Cherniack, I presume that is of his property?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, he said it was his cherry tree.

Q Is this on the property for which you are claiming?

A Yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: The comment, my lord, in Exhibit 1 says, "The appraiser ignores the large number of fruit trees and flowering plants and bulbs 317,250, although this was referred to in my J.P. form. The buildings are much newer than the appraiser states, and he has left out two buildings from his list. The greenhouses were in very good state of repair. When I was evacuated the land was clear of weeds and grasses. The soil is excellent for orchard and bulb growing purposes."

Turning to the bulbs, my lord, may I ask my learned friend to produce the J.P. form? My lord, I produce from the Custodian's file J.P. form, dated the 16th of April, 1942, signed by the claimant. I would like to read into the record, my lord, only two of the clauses. There is the item which is as to occupancy and leases, "Miss Beryl Underhill. All property houses, buildings, crops and flowers etc., have been leased to her

as stated in Indenture, made 13/4/42, at Bradner, before Justice of Peace Roach". And item 9, "In greenhouse: tomatoes, carnations, chrysantamum, 727 fruit trees, 317,200 bulbs, 131 flowering plants". May I draw to your Lordship's attention that although this form is typewritten, the signatures are in ink, and in pencil, opposite clause 9 which I have just read, is written the word "leased". I file that as an exhibit, my lord.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Miki, where is Brander? Is it on the south side of the Fraser?

A Yes, on the south side.

Q It is between Aldergrove and Abbotsford, is it?

A Yes, my lord.

MR. CHERNIACK: My lord, I also produce the lease referred to in that J.P. form, dated April 13th, 1942, between Miki and Underhill. The excerpt which I would like to read into the record is "The owner agrees to rent the above to the tenant for the period which he is away on the following terms vix. The tenant is to pay all taxes, to keep in repair all buildings, to keep and take charge all tools, equipment, etc., which are left on the place, according to the list which is attached and included in this agreement, she is to have full use of all buildings including greenhouse, she shall have and sell all produce from the place and grown thereon including fruits and flowers, but it is understood

that no bulbs must be dug and sold, but that the bulbs must be left in the ground." I file that as Exhibit 6, my lord.

(LEASE MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: What was your water supply? Was it dependent on a well?

A Yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: It will be argued later, my lord, that the Custodian was made immediately aware of a large quantity of valuable bulbs on the premises, and was also made aware that the lease did not provide for the care of the bulbs.

THE COMMISSIONER:. How do you say the Custodian was made aware? Was there written notice of some sort?

MR. CHERNIACK: The J.P.form.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are relying on the J.P. form?

MR. CHERNIACK: And the fact it is so clearly shown in the J.P. form identifying this lease, and the appraisal, my lord, which comments that the tenant is looking after -- well, it speaks of the buildings just for protecting them against damage by trespassers. That will be our contention, my lord. I might make this statement that in perusing the Custodian's file, I received the impression the first time the bulbs were looked at by the Custodian was in September, 1944, and this would be as good a time as any to correct me on that if I am wrong.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hunter, have you anything to say in that regard?

MR. HUNTER: I don't know when he first looked at them, my lord. I don't know whether he ever did look at them. They were in the ground.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are notaware that there was any inspection of the property with a view to determining how it was looked after following evacuation by the claimant?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord. All I know is the claimant insisted on leaving the bulbs in the ground and the Custodian acceded to his request.

MR. CHERNIACK: Q: Witness, could you tell us something about the care of bulbs while they are in the growing stage? that is, when they are planted, when they are taken out, and in what form they are taken out as compared to the original form? Is that a little too much, Mr. Interpreter?

THE COMMISSIONER: I do not know that you need it. It is my impression, and the claimant will correct me if I am wrong, that bulbs are taken out of the ground and dried out at least once annually and then re-planted. Would you put that to him?

Q Is that a correct conclusion?

A That is true in the case of tulips but not in the case of daffodils.

Q And what were your bulbs? A: A few tulips but largely daffodils.

THE COMMISSIONER: Does that meet the situation?

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to go into the daffodils.

THE COMMISSIONER: He has said there was no need to lift the daffodils. They are left in, except to

break them up periodically because they do multiply.

MR. CHERNIACK: That is the idea, my lord.

Q Other than leaving them in the groundand keeping the place clean, that is to clean out the weeds, is there anything else that has to be done in the care of these bulbs? A: Once a year they have to be fertilized. I have to put down fertilizer.

Q Once a year they have to be fertilized. What is the normal length of time that the bulbs are left in the ground? A: Three years.

Q And how much longer can they be left in the ground before they are destroyed?

A They are quite all right up until five years, but after five years the flowers are not so good.

Q Should the place become overrun with weeds and neglected, what will be the result to the bulbs?

A The flowers will become smaller and less in number.

Q And will the bulbs rot? A: Yes. They will be attacked by insects.

MR. CHERNIACK: I think that covers the bulbs fairly well, my lord. My learned friend, no doubt, will inform your Lordship as to the assessed value of the property. I am wondering whether he has the 1941 assessment in addition to the 1942.

MR. HUNTER: I have the 1943 one. That seems to be the only one I have, my lord. Land, $822.00, improvements, $300.00, a total of $1122.00, my lord.

MR. CHERNIACK: Is that for all the land?

MR. HUNTER: That is for 32.82 acres.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well we are speaking of 52 acres.

MR. HUNTER: For 19.7 acres, $493.00 for the land, $3200.00 for the improvements, a total of $3693.00. So that the total assessment for the two properties would be $4,875.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: $4,875.00 in 1943, my lord. I only want to point out that the 1941 assessment, my lord, is $4,815.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: What are you concerned about, Mr. Cherniack, the 1941 assessment?

MR. CHERNIACK: The 1941 assessment, my lord. Land, $1255.00, improvement $1600.00. My only purpose in bringing this to your Lordship's attention is to show there is a large increase in the valuation of improvements which I can tell you substantiates the reference in Exhibit 1 to the building of his greenhouse at an estimate of $2500.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: It goes to show the assessor was on the job to realize on it for taxation. Is that all?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted, my lord, that this property was sold for its fair market value. There are a number of letters that I would like to put in for information to be verified later by the writer in connection with these bulbs. The odd letter is from the claimant which will be, of course, identified.

The first letter, my lord, is a copy of a letter from a rather Dickensonian character, Fenwick Fatkin, dated September 14th, 1944.

"Dear Sir: Herewith is enclosed my report on the

four Japanese properties of I.T. Yamamoto, Masao Miki, Yamada, and the brothers Imamura ((Kazuo and Kojiro). In the cases of the last three some part of the present conditions can be charged to inexperience on the part of practically all connected with the disposition of these properties. To cite one phase as an illustration. No provision was made where the lease or rental called for replanting to compel the lessee or rentor to plant any particular variety of daffodil or narcissi, nor was any grade such as ten centimetres or up called for. The consequence is that only the smallest grade of planting stock has been held for replanting, and, in the main, only the varieties with the least value have been retained for this purpose. There are other reasons, but I cite these two as the particular reasons why the remaining stock on these four places is of small value, and it is the value I was asked to assist in determining."

Attached thereto is his report addressed apparently to the Bradner Bulb Growers Association, and referring to the claimant here he says,

"On this farm , there are two bulbs dug this winter, and the operator, Miss Underhill, has replanted, unfortunately, about 5000 King Alfred. This appears to be all she could be expected to do, under a penalty clause which, on payments, seems to be a sufficient discharge of her obligation. The greater quantity, by far, of the bulbs on this farm are still in the ground, and, in

my opinion, will likely stay there, as after investigation, we find it almost impossible to find them, they are down so deep and very badly diseased. Here, I would like to point out that the conditions regarding the bulbs on this farm are entirely the fault of the owner, Maseo Miki, who resolutely refused to allow Miss Underhill to handle the bulbs, with the consequences as above. The 5000 King Alfred replanted by Miss Underhill will not be salvaged this year. From my inquiries, I gathered they were very small and would be almost impossible to trace in newly worked soil and most certainly not at any advantage to anyone."

THE COMMISSIONER: That is speaking as of 1944, is it?

MR. HUNTER: September 14th, 1944, my lord. That is within the period alleged by this claimant to preserve the health of these bulbs.

The next is a letter from the Custodian to the Soldier Settlement & Veterans Land Act, my lord, dated October 11th, 1944. "Re: Masao Miki. Before arrangements could be made to dispose of the bulbs on this property, the tenant had re-planted the salvaged, planting bulb stock and it was, therefore, impossible to negotiate sale of them.

"Under the circumstances, it will be necessary that the Custodian be allowed to dispose of this stock next spring when bloom is showing and we have no doubt that some mutual arrangement can be made

regarding this situation."

In reply to that is a letter from the Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act, I.T. Barnet, District Superintendent, to the Custodian. "This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the11th instant in which you inform us that the tenant has already re-planted the salvaged bulb stock on the above noted property.

"In arranging a new lease for the land with Miss Underhill, we shall point out to her that these bulbs are the property of the Custodianand we take it that you will come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement."

By a further letter of January 13th, 1945, from the Custodian to the Director Veterans Land Act, "Re: Masao Miki. In reply to your letter of January 5th in reference to your file numbers 364, 365, 376, 404, and 405P, we wish to confirm that the Custodian has no interest in bulbs other than the Masao Miki property, to which we would refer you to your letter of October 13th, 1944. It is the intention of this office to dispose of the bulbs on this property this spring at a time when the bloom can be seen to distinguish the quantity and varieties.

"It is possible that someone from the experimental station might be interested in seeing what is on the property at that time, and if so, we would be only too pleased to co-operate in any way possible."

Next is an original copy of a letter from I.T. Barnet to J.J. Woods, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Saanichton, B.C. This letter is dated January 15, 1945.

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant and further to the copy of my letter written to the Custodian regarding your inquiries about bulbs, I now have an answer from Mr. W.E. Anderson of the Farm Department, copy of which I am enclosing.

"The property to which Mr. Anderson is referring, and where you might find some bulbs, is the former Masao Miki property located 400 yards from Lombard Station on the B.C. Electric and approximately 2 miles from Bradner Station. This holding is now under lease to Miss Berl Underhill whose address is Brander, B.C., and you could communicate with her direct if you so desire. You will note that the Custodian's Department is still interested in the bulbs and I take it that any dealings you have with the tenant would require their sanction."

The next is a letter from the Bradner Bulb Growers Association, Jay W. Scofield, Secretary-Treasurer, May 10th, 1945, addressed to the Custodian.

"Sirs:

"On April 23rd we were advised by the Regional Supervisor of the Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act, New Westminster, B.C., that they had passed on to you a copy of our April 13th

letter regarding the diseased bulbs on the M. Miki (former Japanese property) Lots 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26, and Lots 8 and 9 of the N.E. ¼ Section 5, Twp. 14, Map 2514, Matsqui Mun.

"We would very much appreciate an early reply as these bulbs are a menace to our industry here in Bradner."

The next letter is June 6th, 1945, from the Custodian to the Bradner Bulb Growers Association.

"Re: Masao Miki - Bulbs.

"In reply to your letters of April 23rd and May 10th, we regret that we have not answered your letters but have been, however, attempting to sell these bulbs. We realize that it is entirely a salvage proposition and were attempting to dispose of them on that basis, with a guarantee that the bulbs on the property would be handled in such a way to alleviate any menace of pests spreading to surrounding bulb farms.

"We have been unable to obtain any reasonable sale of these bulbs, but it may be that your Association would have some suggestion as to how it could be handled. This office can arrange a year's lease on this property for consideration of the taxes, amounting to approximately $80.00, to assist anyone who might be interested, thereby giving them two summers to remove the bulbs. Any way you can help us in this matter would be

appreciated and in the long run would be, no doubt, very much to the advantage of your Association."

Letter of July 10th, 1945, from the Bradner Bulb Growers Association, Fenwick Fatkin, re the claimant's property.

"Dear Sir:

"Referring to the diseased bulbs on the above property, it is my contentionthis should be cleaned up immediately, and the costs charged to the Japanese owner, Masao Miki, for these reasons.

"Mr. Miki consistently refused to adopt the sanitation required to keep these bulbs in a healthy condition, and also refused to allow the person rentingthe property from him upon his evacuation, to handle the bulbs in any shape, form, or manner. It is thus clearly the responsibility of the owner, Masao Miki, that the present dangerous condition exists on this farm, and, as a lifetime bulb grower, as well as being president of the above Association, I know the existing conditions to be intolerable, and the expense of rectifying these conditions should be properly charged as above. Yours truly".

I am sorry, my lord, there is an earlier letter that should have gone in before. This is dated June 18th, from Mr. Scofield, addressed to the Custodian.

"Sir:

"Replying to your letter of June 6th, file 4524, re conditions on the Miki farm, regarding bulbs. We gret we are unable to help you in any

way. Our members are all well aware there is no salvage of bulbs to be had on this farm and that the remedy is to employ someone to remove these diseased bulbs. At present the larger narcissi fly is being released in very large quantities. This being the time of year when this pest is most active. Re renting: The Miki place is in such poor shape, heating apparatus, housing, greenhouses, etc., that it is not likely anyone who knows about it will take a chance on renting. Certainly anyone asking for advice around here from the members of our Association, re the property, will be advised as above. In the meantime conditions are simply scandalous especially for our members living adjacent to this farm."

A letter of January 23rd, 1947, from the claimant to the Custodian, which I presume my learned friend will admit.

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: My learned friend has admitted this as a letter from the claimant. It is dated January 23rd, 1947, to the Custodian.

"Dear Sirs: Re: Sold propeрty of my farmland at Bradner, B.C. In 1943 the above property had sold compulsory by youto the director the Veterans Land Act, at the price $2,509.00 for 53 acres of land, with 10 buildings, 727 fruit trees, and 317,000 bulbs of daffodils, tulips, lilies, etc., and I got only $2,207.00 out of it. I was not consented of course with such unreasonable price

at all, and sent letters at the time. My wishing was to keep it until we are returned.

"I am a Canadian. I got the naturalization paper in 1923 at Bradner, B.C. I think it is unlawful that the Custodian or the Government would act such compulsory sale on the Canadian's property without understanding and even though the forcing act had been proceeded in the war time, it should be returned to the owner or compensate fully for the total loss upon one's property at the later date.

"The Government of the United States had already sent all Japanese people back to their coastal homes who wished to be returned. I believe that we the Canadians too should be sent to the old homes in B.C. coast anyone wishes to do so.

"In the regal agreement of renting my property to Miss Beryl Underhill"--
I presume he means "legal", but it is "regal",
--"which we signed on April 13th, 1942, is written 'The crops on this property would have and sell, but it is understood that no bulbs must be dug and sold but that the bulbs must be left in the ground'.

"My old neighbours informed me a few weeks ago that those over 300,000 bulbs had almost been dug out and took away from this property.

"The wartime emergency powers of the Federal Government are due to expire on or before March 31st in this year, and if we would be allowed to be returned in B.C. coast, my intention is to pay the sum what I got from you back and go to the

old home and continue the old business. Therefore I beg to you that let no one have this property or send into until everything set.

"I forward this letter before I request the indemnity for my total loss on my property. Yours truly."

THE COMMISSIONER: Since that letter has been proved, it should be filed as a separate exhibit.

MR. HUNTER: Very good, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: The bulk of the correspondence can be marked Exhibit 7, all of which is subject to later proof.

MR. HUNTER: This will go in first and then the protesting letter will be the next exhibit. Is that satisfactory, my lord?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

(GROUP OF LETTERS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

MR. HUNTER: This is a reply to the letter previously filed from the claimant, my lord, and I suggest it go in as part of the same exhibit, Exhibit 8. This is the 31st of January, 1947, my lord, addressed to the claimant and says,

"We wish to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd January, and we have carefully noted its contents, expressing your dissatisfaction regarding the liquidation of your property.

"The liquidation of properties in the Protected Area was carried out by this office on instructions from the Canadian Government at Ottawa on the basis

of appraised valuation. We are, therefore, not in a position to consider any alternative in the matter.

"You undoubtedly have a considerable quantity of bulbs on the property, and as soon as possible after the sale of the land, the Custodian's representatives did everything in their power to liquidate them to your benefit. We solicited the aid of the Bradner Bulb Association of which you were a member, and also outside parties in an attempt to salvage the bulbs. However ,we regret to report that we had no success whatsoever, and according to experienced bulb men, the reason for being unable to salvage them was that you had not allowed your original lessee to handle the bulbs. The writer was personally on your property from time to time, and the number of tulip bulbs seen were not worth considering. According to the bulb men who were with me, they stated that as the ground was not kept cultivated and cared for, it was quite possible that the fieldmice, moles and insects ravaged them.

"As previously stated we are not in a position to take any further action in the matter. However your letter showing your dissatisfaction is being placed on your file where it willbe available at any time."

That is a letter from Mr. Anderson of the Custodian's Office, my lord.

I should like to merely call to your Lordship's attention next,to the next to last paragraph on

the appraisal, where the appraiser in no uncertain terms gives a very adverse opinion on the dwelling.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I have read that, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, your issue is pretty clearly defined there now with regard to the bulb situation.

MR. CHERNIACK: I believe it is, my lord, and I don't want to press the point but I would like to point out to your Lordship that a detailed list of the types of bulbs is shown on the sheet attached to the original claim form and I would like to make one comment on the exhibits filedby my learned friend, and that is to confirm what I said at the beginning that the evidence so far shows that although the J.P. form was dated in April of 1942, the first reference of any attempt to examine the bulbs is shown in a letter which is datedSeptember, 1944, and that the Custodian's letter of January 31st, 1947, states that as soon as possible the Custodian had the bulbs inspected.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are not overlooking the position taken by Government counsel, namely that the fact that the claimant had made this lease imposing upon the tenant the obligation to leave the bulbs in the ground was the cause of the claimant's misfortune?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes. It is our submission, my lord, that in view of that clause, and in view of what the Custodian knew at the time of evacuation, it was his responsibility to see to it that the bulbs were properly cared for, just as it was his responsibility to store goods and personal property.

THE COMMISSIONER: I follow you there. Do you wish to examine on the subject of the correct husbandlike procedure to be adopted in the handling of bulbs, or are you content to rest on the evidence you have secured from the claimant, namely that the bulbs should be left in the ground?

MR. CHERNIACK: And I think he said properly weeded and fertilized once a year and kept clean.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. CHERNIACK: We will no doubt bring other evidence in Vancouver.

THE COMMISSIONER: It will be open to you to do so.

MR. CHERNIACK: I might point out there are a number of local conditions shown in the exhibits that have yet to be proven, and no doubt the bulb men will be able to justify themselves that they know something of the legal position.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, Miki.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED S INE DIE)

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

T. P. Horrobin

"T.P. HORROBIN"
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

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

(1) NAME Miki (Print) Surname Masao Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 13001

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Bradner, B.C.

(3) Present Address 548 College Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) R.M. of Matsqui, B.C. City or Municipality, Province

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

R.M. of Matsqui, Lots 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26 N.E. ¼ of Section 5 Township 14, Map 2514, District of New Westminster.

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(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.) sole owner

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

(i) Land only - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $2,835.00
(ii) Buildings Dwelling, Greenhouses (3) - - - $ 350.00
4,400.00
525.00 (Log House, Chicken House and Brooder, Woodshed)
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) Bulbs, Fruit-Trees, Flower-plants $8,693.00
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $ 16,803.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 2,257.20
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 14,545.80

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation

N/A

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

N/A

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

N/A

(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") Property leased to Beryl, Underhill, Bradner, B.C. and taken over by Custodian latter part of 1942 according to Custodian's statement.

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

1. _____ Estimated Value $_____
2. _____ Estimated Value $_____
3. _____ Estimated Value $_____
4. _____ Estimated Value $_____
5. N/A Estimated Value $_____
6. _____ Estimated Value $_____
7. _____ Estimated Value $_____
8. _____ Estimated Value $_____
9. _____ Estimated Value $_____
10. _____ Estimated Value $_____

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $_____

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) - $14,545.80

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

(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 Manitoba)
TO WIT:)

I, Masao Miki of the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba

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 Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba this 7th day of November A.D. 1947.

M. Miki

A BARRISTER AT LAW ENTITLED TO PRACTISE IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

A Commissioner &c.

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.

MIKI, MASAO R.C.M.P. Registration No. 13001
formerly of Bradner, B.C.
Present address: 548 College Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Itemized list of claim in reference to Bulbs, Fruit trees and

Flower plants totalling $8693.00.

Bulbs:

(a)	Tulips			
	30,000	different kinds $20.00 @ 1000 -		$600.00
(b)	Narcissus			
	60,000	King Alfred @ $45.00 -		2700.00
	150,000	Princeps @ 15.00 -		2250.00
	5,000	Emperor @ 20.00 -		100.00
	5,000	Sir Watkin @ 25.00 -		125.00
	2,000	Barth Flame @ 40.00 -		80.00
	2,000	Ornatus @ 15.00 -		30.00
	60,000	Recurvis @ 10.00 -		600.00
(c)	Lilies			
	1,000	Auretum	25¢ each -	250.00
	1,000	Rubrum	15¢ "	150.00
	1,000	Formosa		25.00
	200	Tigar lilies		10.00
	50	English Iris		5.00
				$6325.00

Fruit Trees:

(a)	Japanese Pears				
	34	14 year old @ $15.00			$510.00
	26	6 " "	5.00		130.00
	228	4 " "	3.00		684.00
	136	2 " "	1.50		204.00
(b)	Plums				
	5	12 " "	5.00		25.00
	13	5 " "	3.00		39.00
	186	2 - 3 " "	1.50		279.00
(c)	Cherries				
	5	14 " "	5.00		25.00
	6	6 " "	5.00		30.00
	2	2 " "	1.50		3.00
(d)	Apples				
	12	14 " "	5.00		60.00
	18	5-8 " "	2.00		36.00
(e)	Peaches				
	8	8-14 " "	4.00		32.00
(f)	Nut Trees				
	35	Chestnuts 7-14 yrs. old @ $4.00			140.00
	5	Walnuts 6 " "	3.00		15.00
	8	Filbert nuts 4-14 yrs. old	2.00		16.00 $2228.00

Flowering Plants:

11	Japanese flowering Cherry 2-14 yrs. old 3 kinds @ $5.00 -		$55.00
3	16 years old Wisterias @ $10.00 -		30.00
12	2 " " "	1.00 -	12.00
2	10 " " Snow Ball	3.00 -	6.00
2	10 " " Japonica	2.50 -	5.00
14	roots, 4 yrs. old Peonies	2.00 -	28.00
8	" Roses	.50	4.00
			$140.00

Masao MIKI
(Claimant's Name)

REAL ESTATE
(Farm Land)

13001
Reg. No.

LAND	Acres	Date of Purchase	From Whom	Cost Price	Cleared Uncleared or cultivated at date of Purchase	Improvements at date of Purchase	Estimated value at Date of Sale
Uncleared ~~----33 acres~~ ~~full land~~ 12 acres Cultivated ~~not planted~~ Cultivated and ~~not~~ in crop 7 acres List Crops fruit trees and flowering plants as set out in claim form	total 52 acres	Lots 8,9,23,24 25 & 26, Sept. 1936 Lots 19,20,21, 1926	Robert George Dupleix and Helena May Dupleix undivided ½ from father, undivided ½ from Uncle R. Shiozaki	379.60 inherited 850.00	uncleared uncleared	Shack 1 old log house	7 ac. at 150.00 - 1050.00 12.7 ac. at 50.0 - 635.00 32.86 ac. at 35.00 - 1150.00 2835.00
Total						fruit trees -	2835.00 1450.00
						flowering plants -	75.00
						bulbs	6325.00
							10,685.00

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE PURCHASE OTHER THAN BUILDINGS (e.g. cultivation, plants, trees or special equipment)

Description	When Made	Cost
cleared 7 acres	from time to time - hired help - approx.	1050.00
put in 1000 ft ditches with cedar covers -	hired help "	150.00
dug 2 wells outfitted with electric pump -	hired help and bought equipment -	250.00
built fencing with hired help -		50.00
727 mixed fruit trees at cost of $2 each (from 1927 to 1941)		1450.00
52 flowering plants total cost approx. -		75.00

Bulbs planted from 1934 to 1941 annually as itemized. Cost - $6325.00

BUILDINGS

Type	Size	Finish	Date Built	Cost Material	Paid for Labour	Value of Own Labour	Allowance for Depreciation	Estimated Value
House	24 x 50	frame house shingle roof, 6 rooms unfinished	1930	own labor and new material total cost $600 - hired labor $300 Own labor $700				350.00
Greenhouse	31 x 100	glass and wood cement foundation	1941	"1200" pd. welding pipes 300				2500.00
Greenhouse	24 x 86	glass & wood	1935	own labor & day labor, new material- cost $1500				1100.00
Greenhouse	9 x 76	glass & wood	1937	" " " " " cost ~~xxxx~~ $400 ~~xxxxxxxx~~				300.00
log house	18 x 24	cedar logs shake roof	purchased with land					100.00
chicken house	20 x 30	shiplap	1934	Own labor new material				75.00
brooder house	18 x 20	shiplap & shakes	1935	" " " "				100.00
wood-shed	20 x 30	board & shakes	1938	" " " "				50.00
shack	14 x 20	frame with shiplap	~~purchased with land~~ 1936	" " " "				200.00
								4775.00

4775.
15,460

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DATE 15 April 1948
FILED BY D. M. Thomack

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered by above information: The appraiser ignores the large number of fruit trees (727) and flowering plants (52) and bulbs 317,250, although this was referred to in my J.P. farm. The buildings are much newer that the appraiser states, and he has left out two buildings from his list. The greenhouses were in very good state of repair. When I was evacuated the land was clear of weeds and grasses. The soil is excellent for orchard and bulb growing purposes.
The bulbs would have remained in excellent condition for 3 to 5 years after I left, providing the land were kept clear of weeds. I believe that the fair market value of this land with the improvements to the land and the erections on same would be at least $15,460 at the time of sale by custodian. However, I have had no experience in assessing values of real estate and improvements to same and will have to leave the matter of determination of fair market value to the Commissioner with such assistance as Counsel will be able to give him.

Total value - 15,460

Masao Miki
Signature

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L. 679

Land Description Lots 19-20-21-23-24-25 &26 and lots 8-9-N.E.5 Tp. 14 Matsqui

Containing 62.66 ac. Acres

Owner's Name Maso Miki. Post Office Address Bradner

Nearest Rail Point Lombard Station on B.C.E.R. Distance 400 yards.

Market Town Abbots ford Distance 11 miles

Church (give denomination) United at Bradner Distance 2 miles

Nearest School Bradner Distance 2 miles

State how property was identified: Map location and enquiry.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

No. It is in off the main road a mile a fair gravel road to N.E. corner.

Is this district a good one? no, a lot of undeveloped land in the vicinity.

Employment opportunity seasonal only

Predominating Nationality and religion: Mixed.

Describe Fencing and its condition: none except along north end Value $

Water supply: well with electric pump Value $

BUILDINGS ON FARM

4524

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	24 x 50	frame	6&6"	shing	old	none	poor	125.00
	x							
old shed	18 x 20	frame	6	shing	old	none	poor	25.00
BARN	x							
Greenhouse	31 x 100	glass	7/5'6"	glass	new	cement	good	1200.00
BARN	x							
reenhouse	20 x 90	glass	7/5'6"	glass	18	wood	fair	500.00
reenhouse	8 x 90	glass	6'6"	glass	old	wood	poor	75.00
GRANARY	x							
Old shed	18 x 30	shakes	9	shakes	old	no value		
old hen house	18 x 30	shakes	6	shakes	old	no value.		
	x							
	x							

Total present day value $ 1925.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm $ 1500.00

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? No If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? Actually the house is not f t for habitation, a new dwelling is needed. This one was origannly a hen house, and should remain as such. $

Describe the basement and chimneys dug out basement no floor, dirty & wet, No brick chimney, just roof jacks for stove pipes.

No. rooms downstairs? 6 Upstairs? none How finished bare studding.

Are buildings painted? no Condition of paint N.A.

Distance from nearst bush twenty five yards.

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R.M. Thurmack

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
5.	undulating	8to 10 in clay loam	12 in loam	old orchard and some bulbs.	$50.00	$ 250.00

Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
nil						

Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE	
47	undulating	10 to 12 in. clayloam	loam 12in	medium to thick bush and stumps	$75.to $150.00	$15.00	$705.00

Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.

CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.	NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE

Total value of Land $ 955.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm $ 1500.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) $ 100.00

Total value of farm $ 2555.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

The cultivated land has been allowed to get into a poor state, there has been no work done on it this season, and the grasses and weeds are thick in among the fruit trees, that are close together and have had little or no attention for quite some time. There is a caretaker in charge at present.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any:

This has the makings of an enterprise, from a mixwd farm to a small fruit & greenhouse proposition, when the bush land is cleared.

Noxious weeds:

very few, some Canada thistle and a little couch grass.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities: Matsqui Municapility Taxes $ 52.56.

Date: June. 14th 1942
Place: Abbotsford B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 11th day of June 1942 19

Inspector's Signature C J Brackay

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: This layout appears to have been run strictly as a greenhouse proposition. The five acres under cultivation is a mass of grass and weeds in among several hundred badly kept fruit trees. South of the Greenhouses are two hundred and ten young Pear trees two years old. The others on the north are a mixture, of apple pear prune, cherry and some ornamental.

The balance of the area is the wood supply for the home made heating plant installed for heating purposes in the greenhouses.

There is an occupant on the place, she has the use of the building including the greenhouses, just for protecting them against damage by tresspassers.

There is electric power serving the property, and the road up the east side is fair.

The house is very poor, it had been used as a henhouse and was converted into a dwelling, dug-our cellar below with no floor very wet and dirty. It can hardly be cladded as fit for white habitation, without considerable expense, might better be used for the purpose for which it was origenally intended and a new dwelling erected.

The soil throughout the place is of good quality loam with considerable moisture lying all through the timbered area.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUIITS, ETC. (Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

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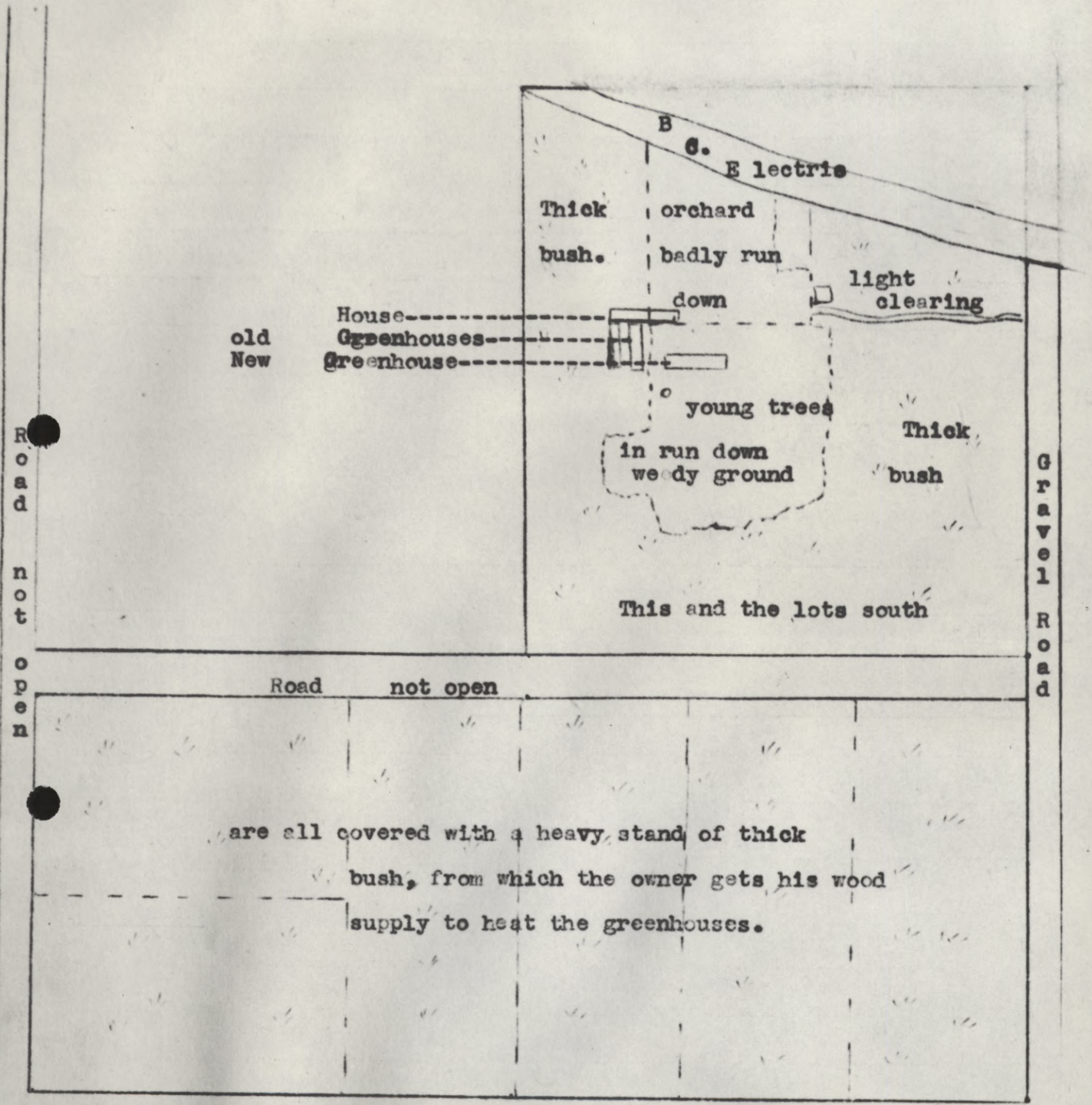
Total $

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm $

Diagram of Property

Maso Miki. Lots 19-20-&21 of N.E. Sec. 5Tp. 14. and Lots 8-9-23-24-25-26. Matsqui.

4 Chains to 1 inch.



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is $ 2000

Date 30th July 19 42.

"I. T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.



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12 yrs old cherry trees

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EX. 3

EX. 4

FORM "JP" MT. LEHMAN FILE No. 4524

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: MIKI Masao

HOME ADDRESS: Bradner P.O., Bradner, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 13001 SEX: Male AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Farmer

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Self.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Tamako 4369

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Bradner P.O., Bradner, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Patrick (M) Joan (F) Henry (M)

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ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Bradner P.O., Bradner, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 12, 11, 6 yrs.

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: "a" Title #64487E - Lots: 19 & 20 of NE quarter of Sec. 5, Twp. 14, Map 2514 in the District of New Westminster, B.C.

"b" "Agreement for sale" Municipality of Matsqui, Blks. 8,9,23,24,25,26. ~~Sub-div. NE quarter Sec. 5, Twp. 14, group 2. Dist. of New Westminster.~~ Agreement between Dupleix & Dupleix & Miki (Rand & Fowler, agents) Vancouver, B.C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 1 storeyed 6 roomed wooden frame dwelling house, 1 log cabin, 1 chicken house, 1 brooder house, 1 barn, 3 glass houses, 1 boiler house, 2 wood sheds. ("b"-1 incompleted house) All other buildings on property "a".

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) $57.89 1941 paid at Municipal Hall-Mt. Lehman

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) "Agreement for Sale" $213.00 still owing - to E.E.Rand & Fowler Ltd. 543 Granville St., Vancouver.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Miss Beryl Underhill. All property houses, buildings, crops and flowers etc., have been leased to her as stated in Indenture, made 13/4/42 at Bradner, before Justice of Peace-Roach.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In owner's possession. Copy of Indenture with Miss Beryl Underhill, Bradnery B.C.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: E.E.Rand & Fowler Ltd. Vanc.

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN In Greenhouse: tomatoes, carnations, chrysanthamum, 727 fruit trees, 317200 bulbs, 131 flowering plants. Leased

See page 1 #1.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

For details, see list attached.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

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4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
Seven $10.00 shares in Western Can. Hop Co-operation .
Four $ 5.00 War Savings Certificates. (Both in owner's possession.)

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank of Canada, New Westminster, B.C. $10.00

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life Assurance Co., Vancouver Branch, $1000.00
Pol.#657047. Beneficiary, brother, Toranosuke MIKI, policy in owner's possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 16th day of April. 1942.

(Signature) M. Miki

J. F. Williams
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

EXHIBIT No. 840 - 6
DATE 15 apl 1948
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This Indenture.

Made the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

Between.

Masao Miki, of Bradner District, in the Province of British Columbia, Farmer.

Hereinafter called the Owner of the first part.

and

Beryl Underhill, of Bradner. P.O. in the Province of British Columbia. Farmer.

Hereinafter called the Tenant, of the second part.

Witness that on certain considerations that the Owner will Rent the following lands which are more particularly known and described as being in the Municipality of Matsqui Province of British Columbia. namely

Lots, 8,9,I9,20,2I,22,23,24,25, 26, of the North East Quarter (N.E.¼) of Section Five (5). Township Fourteen (I4). Map.25I4.

to the said Tenant. the conditions are as follows

The Owner agrees to rent the above to the Tenant for the period which he is away on the following terms viz.

The Tenant is to pay all Taxes, to keep in repair all buildings to keep and take charge all tools, equipment, etc which are left on the place according to the list which is attached and included in this agreement, ~~he~~ she is to have full use of all buildings, including Greenhouse, she shall have and sell all produce from the place and grown ~~te~~re thereon including Fruits and Flowers, but it is understood that no Bulbs must be dug and sold, but that the Bulbs must be left in the ground.

List of Equipment. etc.

I- Electric Washer
IElectric Pump.
I-Stump Puller.
75ft, of I" cable.
35ft, of I" -do-
I2ft, of I" -do-
I- shortning Block.
I- Pulley.
920, Egg Electric Incubater.
I- Furnise Sawdust Burner.
I000 ft I" Water Pipe.
200ft of I¼" -do-
3 rolls of new carpet
2 basins.
I baby bed.
I roll of ½" mesh I8" wire netting.
I grinding-mill
2-6 volt storage batteries.
40lbs of putty.
I horse collar.
5 sacks of cement.
I00lbs of new #I6. Galvanizes wire.
30lbs of old #I6. -do- -do-
60lbs of new #6. -do- -do-
I large Chinese Rice Boiler.
I 45gal Galvanized Drum.
I box of I6"x I6" glass.
I grass sythe with handle.
I sythe handle.
3 sythe blades.
one box of water pipe fittings.
I I8" propeler
I I2" boat steering wheel.
4 gal of machine oil.
3 sets of Japanese plates.
I pipe clamp.
I long handled pruner.
I I0' I I/8 inch brass shaft.
30'-½in: water pipe.
I scale (200lb)
Spraying liquid.
I-3½ gal: sprayer.
I trunk of books
I Box of books
I 6 gal stone crock.
3 electric extencion wires
I electric Toaster
I electric Fan,
I0 chairs
9 Tables
I Mirror Stand
I Singer Sewing Machine
I Kitchen Stove
I Box Carpenter Tools
I0lbs Sulpher
2 wheel barrows.
36 pieces 2x3" I0'xI2'
Greenhouse sash bars.
I stool.
I2 boxes Kitchen utensils
I box of oil and drills.
3 boxes of Gill net cork lines

I-¼gal Sprayer.
I-20 gal Gas tank.
I-45 -do- -do-
30lb of "Buisoal" spray.
I-Horse pulley.
2 picks.
I. iron bar.
I hand cultivator.
2 hay forks.
2 shovels.
2 pitch forks.
5 hoes.
3 grub hoes.
3 mathooks
I pevie.
2 pevie irons.
I-8 pound hammer.
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5 axes.
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2 30" buck saws
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I 2"-36" auger
2 Japanese hand sythes.
I iron rake.
I0 new 6" stove pipes.
I, -do-6" Gal: pipe.
2 new 6" elbows.
I new 6" gal: Cap.
I new 6" gal Roof Plate.
5 Lanterns.
I-24" pipe wrench.
I-I8" -do- -do-
I-I0" -do- ¾do-
I-6 volt Generator.
I-6 volt Starter.
I vacuam Tank.
7-32x4 rubber tubes
8-32x4 Tires.
I Cart.
I truck.
I Gramophone
I box of Records
2 trunks of clothen
I gas stove.
I electric Iron.
I electric stove
3 Beds with matresses
I sofa
I bureau
2 Kitchen cabinets
I Wash Tub
5 Heater Stoves
One box of tins of paint.
50 lbs Lime.
600 sq ft, #3 Ship-lap
6 cord of wood.
I box containing, 2 Generators
I pr Atwater-Kent Timers
I Magneto Iprimus oil stove.
2 lengths of I" manila rope
I -do- -do-½" -do-

2 large iron pulleys.
2 pump jacks.
4 bundles of wood tools.
2 large wash tubs
I box of I0 Window blinds.
30 I0"xI2",-6 pane windows.
I black-smith Bench screw.
2 Heater stoves.
I Baby bed.
6 Iron beds
2 Double beds with springs
I box containing Oil Oilcan
7- 6' to 7½' cross cut saws.
I box dresses and clothen
2 trunks of dresses
I box of toys
2 boxes of Carpenters tools.
I50lbs of Sock-eye Net web.
I2 Lanterns

-Sig- In Witness Whereof the
their hands and seals,

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the Owner in the presence

George. Howard. Loa
Bradwer BC
A Justice of the Peace in and for
the Province of British Columbia

Signed Sealed and Delivered

by the Tenant in the presenc

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Seal of Office at Bradn
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lb of "Buisoal" spray.
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I jack screw.
I Kitchen stove.
I baby carrage.
I3 bed matresses.
I bed spring.
2 Boxes Glass jars.
I roll of 3 pieces of carpet
I2 chairs.
I box of Quilts and cotton
I box of dolls.
I basket of clothen.
I Singer Sewing Machine.
I box Electric blobes and wir
I new kettle

-Sig- In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their their hands and seals, the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
by the Owner in the presence of
George. Howard Loach.
Bradner BC
A Justice of the Peace in and for
the Province of British Columbia
Masao Miki

Signed Sealed and Delivered

by the Tenant in the presence of

George. Howard Loach.
Bradner BC
A Justice of the Peace in and for
the Province of British Columbia
Beryl Underhill

I hereby certify that on the thirteenth day of April I942. at Bradner in the Province of British Columbia; Masao Miki and Beryl Underhill, personaly know to me , appeared before me and acknowledged to me that they are the persons mentioned in the annexed instrument as the makers thereof and whose ~~neam~~ names are subscribed thereto as parties and that they know the contents thereof and that they executed the same voluntary and they are of the full age of twenty-One years.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto set my Hand and Seal of Office at Bradner in the Province of British Columbia this I3th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

G. H. Roach

A Justice of the Peace in and for
the Province of British Columbia

BRADNER



AFFILIATE MEMBER
CANADIAN FLORISTS & GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION

OVER 300 VARIETIES OF
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F. FATKIN BRADNER, B.C.

EXHIBIT No. 840 - 7
DATE 15 April 1948
FILED BY
J. W. G. Hunter.

July 10th 1945

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUL 12 1945
File No.
Ans.
Referred Henderson

To the Custodian
Alien Enemy Property

Re Miki property at Lombard

Dear Sir

Referring to the diseased bulbs on the above property, it is my contention this should be cleaned up immediately, and the costs charged to the Japanese owner, Masco Miki, for these reasons.

Mr Miki consistently refused to adopt the sanitation required to keep these bulbs in a healthy condition, and also refused to allow the person renting the property from him upon his evacuation, to handle the bulbs in any shape, form, or manner. It is thus clearly the responsibility of the owner, Masco Miki, that the present dangerous condition exists on this farm, and, as a life time bulb grower, as well as being President of the above association, I have the existing conditions to be intolerable, and the expense of rectifying these conditions should be properly charged as above.

Yours truly Fenwick Fatkin

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 26 1945
File No.
Ans
Referred

June 18, 1945.

Office of the Custodian
508 Royal Bank B'ld.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of June 6th, File 45-24, re conditions on the Miki farm regarding bulbs. We regret we are unable to help you in any way. Our members are all well aware there is no salvage of bulbs to be had on this farm and that the remedy is to employ someone to remove these diseased bulbs. At present the large Narcissi fly is being released in very large quantities. This being the time of year when this pest is most active. Re renting: The Miki place is in such poor shape, heating apparatus, housing, greenhouses etc that it is not likely anyone who knows about it will take a chance on renting. Certainly anyone asking for advice around here from the members of our Ass'n., re the property, will be advised as above. In the meantime conditions are simply scandalous especially for our members living adjacent to this farm.

Yours truly
Bradner Bulb Ass'n,
Jay W Scofield, Sec.

4524

June 6th, 1945.

The Bradner Bulb Growers Association,
Bradner, B. C.

Attention: Jay W. Scofield - Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Sir:

Re: Masao MIKI - Bulbs

In reply to your letters of April 23rd and May 10th, we regret that we have not answered your letters but have been, however, attempting to sell these bulbs. We realize that it is entirely a salvage proposition and were attempting to dispose of them on that basis, with a guarantee that the bulbs on the property would be handled in such a way to alleviate any menance of pests spreading to surrounding bulb farms.

We have been unable to obtain any reasonable sale of these bulbs but it may be that your Association would have some suggestion as to how it could be handled. This office can arrange a year's lease on this property for consideration of the taxes, amounting to approximately $80.00, to assist anyone who might be interested, thereby giving them two summers to remove the bulbs. Any way you can help us in this matter would be appreciated and in the long run would be, no doubt, very much to the advantage of your Association.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

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May 10th, 1945

EVACUATION SECTION
MAY 15 1945
Rec'd
File No. 45-1
A WFA
F Anderson

Farm Dept.
Office of the Custodian Alien Enemy Property
Vancouver, B.C.

Sirs,

On April 23rd we were advised by the regional supervisor of the Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act, New Westminster, B.C. that they had passed on to you a copy of our April 13th letter regarding the diseased bulbs on the M. Muki (Former Japanese Property) Lots 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 & 26 & Lots 8 & 9 of the N.E. 1/4 Sec. 5, Twp. 14, Map 2574-Matsqui Mun.

We would very much appreciate an early reply as these bulbs are a menace to our industry here in Bradner.

Yours truly,
Bradner Bulb Growers Ass'n.
Jay W Scofield Sec-Treas

NO FORCING LOSSES WITH BRADNER GROWN BULBS

Copy - Mr. W. E. Anderson, Farm Department, Office of the Custodian.

CANADA

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO. 4524

PLEASE QUOTE BC/376P

518 Rogers Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.,
January 15, 1945.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 16 1945
File No. 4524
Ans.
Referred Farm

Mr. J. J. Woods,
Superintendent, Experimental Station,
SAANICHTON, B. C.

Dear Mr. Woods:

Re: Daffodil and Tulip Bulbs

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant and further to the copy of my letter written to the Custodian regarding your inquiries about bulbs, I now have an answer from Mr. W. E. Anderson of the Farm Department, copy of which I am enclosing.

The property to which Mr. Anderson is referring, and where you might find some bulbs, is the former Masao Miki property located 400 yards from Lombard Station on the B. C. Electric and approximately 2 miles from Bradner Station. This holding is now under lease to Miss Berl Underhill whose address is Bradner, B.C. and you could communicate with her direct if you so desire. You will note that the Custodian's Department is still interested in the bulbs and I take it that any dealings you have with the tenant would require their sanction.

Yours truly,

I. T. Barnet
District Superintendent
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January 13th, 1945.

Your File BC/376P

The Director,
Veterans' Land Act,
518 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. A. Berner

Dear Sir:

Re: Masao MIKI - Reg. No. 13001

In reply to your letter of January 5th in reference to your file numbers 364, 365, 376, 404 and 405P, we wish to confirm that the Custodian has no interest in bulbs other than the Masao MIKI property, to which we would refer you to your letter of October 13th, 1944. It is the intention of this office to dispose of the bulbs on this property this spring at a time when the bloom can be seen to distinguish the quantity and varieties.

It is possible that someone from the Experimental Station might be interested in seeing what is on the property at that time and, if so, we would be only to pleased to co-operate in any way possible.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

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CANADA

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO. 4524

PLEASE QUOTE. BC/376P

Vancouver, B.C.
October 13th, 1944.

Attention - Mr. Anderson

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd OCT 13 1944
File No. 4524
Ans.
Referred Anderson

Dear Sir: Re: Masao Miki

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant in which you inform us that the tenant has already replanted the salvaged bulb stock on the above noted property.

In arranging a new lease for the land with Miss Underhill we shall point out to her that these bulbs are the property of the Custodian and we take it that you will come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

Yours truly,

I.T. Barnet,
District Superintendent

Per

AB/GW

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4524
Your File BC/376P

October 11, 1944.

Soldier Settlement & Veterans' Land Act,
518 Rogers Building,
470 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. T. Todrick.

Dear Sir:

Re: Masao MIKI.

Before arrangements could be made to dispose of the bulbs on this property, the tenant had re-planted the salvaged, planting bulb stock and it was, therefore, impossible to negotiate sale of them.

Under the circumstances, it will be necessary that the Custodian be allowed to dispose of this stock next spring when bloom is showing and we have no doubt that some mutual arrangement can be made regarding this situation.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

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F. Fatkin
Bradner, B.C.
Sept. 14th 1944.

To the Custodian Alien Enemy Property.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is enclosed my report on the four Japanese properties of I. T. Yamamoto, Maseo Miki, Yamada, and the brothers Imamura (Kazuo and Kojiro) In the cases of the last three, some part of the present conditions can be charged to inexperience on the part of practically all connected with the disposition of these properties. To cite one phrase as an illustration. No provision was made where the lease or rental called for replanting to compel the lessee or rentor to plant any particular variety of Daffodil or Narcissi, nor was any grade such as ten centimetres or up called for. The consequence is that only the smallest grade of planting stock has been held for replanting, and, in the main, only the varieties with the least value have been retained for this purpose. There are other reasons, but I cite these two as the particular reasons why the remaining stock on these four places is of small value, and it is the value I was asked to assist in determining.

Yours very truly,

Fenwick Fatkin

Original re Claim File
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F. Fatkin
Bradner, B. C.
Sept. 14, 1944.

Report on the Bulb Situation on the I. T. YAMAMOTO, MIKI, YAMADA, and IMAMURA Farms situated in Bradner & Rand, B.C.

1. I. T. YAMAMOTO.

There is nothing here to salvage. Mr. Ratzloff, the present tenant, informs me he shipped two sacks of bulbs last year to I. T. YAMAMOTO at Kelowna. Anything left there is so badly overgrown with weeds, never having been either dug or cultivated since YAMAMOTO left, that it would cost more to salvage them than they could possibly be worth. We tried digging on this farm, but it is hopeless.

2; Maseo MIKI.

On this farm, there are few bulbs dug this year, and the operator, Miss Underhill, has replanted, unfortunately, about 5000 King Alfred. This appears to be all she could be expected to do, under a penalty clause which, on payments, seems to be a sufficient discharge of her obligation. The greater quantity, by far, of the bulbs on this farm are still in the ground, and, in my opinion, will likely stay there, as after investigation, we find it almost impossible to find them, they are down so deep and very badly diseased. Here, I would like to point out that the conditions regarding the bulbs on this farm are entirely the fault of the owner, Maseo MIKI, who resolutely refused to allow Miss Underhill to handle the bulbs, with the consequences as above. The 5000 King Alfred replanted by Miss Underhill will not be salvaged this year. From my inquiries, I gathered they were very small, and would be almost impossible to trace in newly worked soil, and most certainly not at any advantage to anyone.

3. YAMADA.

I cannot see any greater value than on hundred dollars hers. Stock reserved for planting is of the smallest and least useful varieties, with the exception of a few King Alfred. These carry the only value there. The present tenant does not want them.

4. IMAMURA PROPERTY.

There are a lot of stock reserved there for planting, but again much of it is of little value, and like the rest,of the smallest size. Harvey Konrad has told me he has offered eight hundred dollars for this stock. Well, it is more than I would care to give, including the stock from the greehouse after forseeing, so I am not mentioning any value.

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In conclusion, I wish to state one or two reasons for what may appear to be rather a pessimistic estimate of bulb values on these four Japanese properties.

Reason No. 1: is that none of this planting stock has nay chance to gain any marketable value for three years. Practically none of it is King Alfred, and very little of it is of varieties with any value when other bulb producing countries are in a positon to ship again. Three years will likely make considerable difference.

Reason No. 2: is that most of this stock will be unsaleable at once if any reasonable quantities are available from England or Holland after the war is over. The sale or dump of most of this tock entirely depends on the continuance of the war.

I do not know how an auction sale of this tock would go, but I am of the opinion the varieties, when mentioned, would cause a stalemate while enquiries were made as to their relative values. If I can help further, I will be happy to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Yours very truly,

Fenwick Fatkin

RDR/pls

EXHIBIT No. 840 - 8
DATE 15 apl 1948
FILED BY
J. W. G. Hunter.

548 College Ave.
Winnipeg Man
Jan 23rd 1947

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 27 1947
File No. J 52 J
Ans. Required

The Custodian Farm Dept.
Japanese Evacuation Section.
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sirs—

Re- sold property of my farm land at Bradner B.C.

In 1943 the above property had sold compulsory by you to the Director The Veteran's Land Act, at the price $2,509.00 for 53 acres of land, with 10 buildings, 721 fruits trees, and 317,000 bulbs of daffodils. tulips. lilies. etc. and I got only $2207.00 out of it. I was not consented of course with such unreasonable price at all, and sent letters at the time. My wishing was to keep it untill we are returned.

I am a Canadian. I got the naturalization paper in 1923 at Bradner B.C. I think it is unlawfull that the Custodian or the government would act such compulsory sale on the Canadian's property without understanding, and even though the forcing act had been proceeded in the war time, it should be returned to the owner or compensate fully for the total loss upon one's property at the later date.

The gavernment of the United States had already sent all Japanese people back to their coastal homes who wished to be returned. I believe that we the Canadians too should be sent to the old homes in B.C. coast any one wishes to do so.

In the regal agreement of renting my property to Miss Beryl Underhill which we signed on April 13th 1942 is written — "The crops on this property would have and sell, but it is understood that no Bulbs must be dug and sold but that the Bulbs must be left in the ground."

My old neighbours informed me a few weeks ago that those over 300,000 bulbs had almost been dug out and took away from this property.

The wartime emergency powers of the federal government are due to expire on or before Mar. 31st in this year, and if we would be allowed to be returned in B.C. coast, my intention is to pay the sum what I got from you back and go to the old home and continue the old business. Therefore I beg to you that let no one have this property or send into, until everything set.

I forward this letter before I request the indemnity for my total loss on my property.

Yours Truly

M. Miki

4524

31st January, 1947.

Mr. Masao MIKI,
Reg. No. 13001,
548 College Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd January, and we have carefully noted its contents, expressing your dissatisfaction regarding the liquidation of your property.

The liquidation of properties in the Protected Area was carried out by this office on instructions from the Canadian Government at Ottawa on the basis of appraised valuations. We are therefore, not in a position to consider any alternative in the matter.

You undoubtedly had a considerable quantity of bulbs on the property, and as soon as possible after the sale of the land, the Custodian's representatives did everything in their power to liquidate them to your benefit. We solicited the aid of the Bradner Bulb Association of which you were a member, and also outside parties in an attempt to salvage the bulbs. However we regret to report that we had no success whatsoever, and according to experienced bulb men, the reason for being unable to salvage them was that you had not allowed your original lessee to handle the bulbs. The writer was personally on your property from time to time, and the number of tulip bulbs seen were not worth considering. According to the bulb men who were with me, they stated that as the ground was not kept cultivated and cared for, it was quite possible that the fieldmice, moles and insects ravaged them.

As previously stated we are not in a position to take any further action in the matter. However your letter showing your dissatisfaction is being placed on your file where it will be available at any time.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,
Office of the Custodian.

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