Name of Claimant MORITA, Hirokichi Case 951

Custodian File 4985

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	
		200.00	20.00	.00 12.50							32.50

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	
						~~99.44~~ ~~1018.56~~x		

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	
			99.44 1018.56	782.60	67.50	715.10

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	
			46%	209.95	96.57			96.57

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	844.17

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(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.G. BUCKINGHAM, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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APPEARANCES:

F.M. FERG, Esq., Appearing for the Dominion Government.

S.M. CHERNIACK, Esq., Appearing for the Claimant.

G.N.R. UPTON, Esq., Official Interpreter.

MARK H. PEARCE, Esq., Sr., Official Reporter.

HIROKICHI MORITA, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

MR. CHERNIACK: Your honour, about the only amendment is in regard to real property. The Custodian's sale price was $200.00. The loss claimed, therefore, is $300.00 on the real property.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Mr. Morita, I show you three typewritten statements, were these prepared in accordance with your instructions, did you read these over this morning?

A Yes.

Q And are they in accordance with your instructions, or prepared in accordance with your instructions?

A Yes.

Q And are these (indicating) your signatures?

A Yes.

Q You swear the contents to be true to the best of your knowledge and recollection? A Yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: I tender as Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 respectively, your honour, the Real Estate Statement, the Personal Property Statement as to nets and fishing gear and the Chattel Statement, and on behalf of my learned friend I will file as Exhibit 4 the Appraisal, and as Exhibit 5 the Custodian's Analysis Sheet.

(Real Estate Statement, EXHIBIT 1.)

(Personal Property Statement, EXHIBIT 2.)

(Personal Chattels Statement, EXHIBIT 3.)

(Appraisal, EXHIBIT 4.)

(Custodian's Analysis Sheet, EXHIBIT 5.)

MR. CHERNIACK: Your honour, in relation to the real estate,

you will note this property, consisting of 3 lots each 33 x 120 was purchased in 1940 at a cost of $255.00. The claimant sets out that in 1940 he constructed a bridge 14 x 20 at a cost of $50.00, he levelled and cultivated three lots at a cost of $10.00, planted about 30 mixed fruit trees at a cost of about $20.00, and planted one lot with raspberries. He sets out that the property was bought for him by the River Fish Company, together with about 6 more lots, and was therefore bought cheaply. The widow told him that she bought lots immediately next to him about two or three years prior to his purchase fof $200.00.

Q Mr. Morita, this lot next to you was owned by a widow; was it a lot the size of one of your lots, or all of your lots? A I think the widow's lot was about the size of four lots.

Q Did she pay $200.00 for each of those four lots, or all of those four lots? A As I heard it at the time, she paid $200.00 for one lot, making $800.00 for the total purchase.

MR. CHERNIACK: The claimant further sets out, your honour, that these lots were sold in 1944 when land prices were much higher than when he bought the lots and he thinks the fair market value at the date of sale was at least $500.00. Your honour will note from the Appraisal, Exhibit 4, that the Appraiser comments that the surroundings and locations of the lots are good. He then indicates the three lots total value at $200.00, which appears to have become the sale price of the lots. I would like to indicate, and I think my learned friend

will confirm it, that the 1942 assessment for these three lots was $117.00 each, or a total of $342.00.

MR. FERG: $351.00.

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, that is right. I have on my file, and I am showing to my learned friend, a Certificate of Title No. 135784E, dated March 13, 1940, in the name of the claimant, affecting the three lots in question. Turning now to the chattels, your honour, I would like to deal first with the fishing gear, which according to the claimant were stored at the Atlas Cannery, Steveston, British Columbia. Your honour will note in the Analysis, Exhibit 5, that the J.P. Declaration states there were 10 fishing nets, 600 fathoms of fishing line, 800 fathoms of cork line, stored at the Atlas Cannery in Steveston, British Columbia.

Q Do you remember completing this net form?

A Yes, I took this from a book which I had made notes on in Japanese.

(Fishing Net Inventory, EXHIBIT 6.)

MR. CHERNIACK: I also have a note, your honour, that this was inventoried July 10, 1942.

THE INTERPRETER: He said that was made out by his boy on his instructions from his book.

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes. My learned friend has produced from his file, your honour, a report signed by J. D. Mather, July 10, 1942, and your honour will note in connection with the nets that Mr. Mather said he interviewed the Imperial Cannery with regard to the nets and the cannery find they are stored as per inventory, but the prices given are high. This is dated July 10, 1942. Your

honour will note when you receive this inventory that all nets for which claims are made are shown here and the valuation for some is the same as shown in the inventory. And I should point out the last nets that the claimant speaks of, 310 fathoms 5-5/8 inch and oil nets $60.00, whereas the inventory speaks of two nets, one 5-5/8 and one 6-1/4, each 55 fathoms, each $15.00, and at the foot of the inventory is a net, one net 200 fathoms 5-3/4, $30.00. That makes up a total of $60.00, which would compare to the final net in the claim $60.00. Your honour will note the total in the fathom length is the same as what is shown in the form, a total of 310 fathoms, so that these goods were inventoried July 10, 1942, and for that reason I am at a loss to understand the statement of the Custodian that these goods were declared but not found.

(Statement dated July 10, 1942, EXHIBIT 7.)

MR. CHERNIACK: If the Custodian will state that Mather didn't actually see the nets, I have only this inventory to answer that. If he didn't see the nets, the question arises how could he make the inventory, or what attempt he made to confirm that inventory. Not only the Custodian said in the Analysis that they are declared but not found, but I find out it appears also that no attempt was made to obtain the nets according to the file, which I have had with them, dated May 17, 1944, at which date the Custodian wrote a letter to the Atlas Cannery and it appears this ought to be filed for information. My learned friend has produced from his file a copy of a letter dated May 17, 1944, from the Custodian to the Imperial Cannery.

(Letter dated May 17, 1944, EXHIBIT 8.)

MR. CHERNIACK: I think it is important and I would like to read it into the record.

" May 17th, 1944.

The Imperial Cannery,

B. C. Packers, Ltd.,

Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sirs:- Re: Japanese-owned nets at Atlas Cannery

We understand that at the time of evacuation of the Japanese, a number of nets were left in the Atlas Cannery. None, however, were ever removed from this Cannery by our representatives with the exception of 375 loose corks belonging to Hirokichi Morita and found in August 1943 when we believe the Cannery was to be renovated; nor does any equipment from this Cannery appear in your settlement with this office, except some old lead and cork lines belonging to the same man.

We are, of course, aware that you advised the Japanese that you could assume no responsibility for nets left in your buildings. In practice, however, you were so good as to exercise a measure of supervision and were, of course, interested yourselves in buying a number of nets.

Several Japanese have claimed that nets were left by them at the Atlas Cannery but in no case have we been able to trace the disposal of a single net. Reference to the file of Rinosuke Morimoto shows that this man visited the Cannery on August 7th, 1942 and reported some nets missing. At that time Mr. Gillespie advised that the Atlas Cannery was not being used and

" had been broken into. We scarcely think, however, that the complete contents could have been removed without this becoming general knowledge.

Can you throw any light on this matter? We have several concrete cases in mind, in particular that of Masao Tanaka whose father you recently advised that you had a record of nets stored by him at this Cannery. We have additional cases, but this one will illustrate our point as well as any.

We should be glad of any information you can give us as the present position is unsatisfactory as far as our records are concerned. Perhaps, also, it reflects on your Company though we quite understand that you assume no responsibility and have made this attitude clear from the beginning.

It occurs to us that it might be helpful if you give us a list of the nets originally stored at the Atlas Cannery according to your records, together with the disposition made of them as far as your records show. In this connection, we should mention that in the case of some nets held by you, we seem to have received duplicate payment and you might care to investigate this at the same time.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green

HFG:IF Protection Department. "

MR. FERG: For the record, your honour, I will quote from a paragraph of a letter from the Custodian to the claimant dated 21st of May, 1945, in which he says this - it is written as a postscript: "Further to the last paragraph

" re chattels, our Protection Department advises you only declared chattels left at the Atlas Cannery House, but nothing was found there by the Investigating Agent on July 10, 1942."

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, that is for information, I presume there will be some evidence to back it up. July 10, 1942, I believe is the date of that exhibit where he doesn't mention that he didn't find the goods.

THE COMMISSIONER: Nothing in this exhibit---

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, I am speaking of the Cannery---

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I see.

MR. CHERNIACK: But as to his nets, he actually enclosed an inventory, which he attaches to his report.

Q Mr. Morita, did you in any way prepare your nets for storage by washing them? A No, I didn't do anything. There were the nets of six fishermen altogether in there.

Q What was your practice with these nets after returning from fishing as to hanging them, or washing them, or whatever you did? A A correction to the other question. Prior to putting the nets in the house, I blue stoned them, washed them and hung them up and put them in the house.

Q How long have you been a fisherman?

A From 1914 I would say.

Q Now, in that time I suppose you have had occasion to buy nets, and did you sell any nets? A Yes.

Q Did you sell any nets? A Yes, sometimes sold them.

Q Now, you have shown certain valuations for these nets

for which you are claiming. A man from the Custodian's Office says that the prices you have shown are much too high, what do you think? A I consider that the prices which I put down in my statement were fair market prices.

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to indicate for the record that these nets seem to have a very substantial depreciation on the basis of the value shown and estimated value at the date of evacuation, except they were only used for one season, except two which were used for two seasons. On the Custodian's Analysis Sheet where they give the details of our claim they show the skiff with a question mark. I checked my original claim and I see there was an omission made for valuation of $20.00 for the skiff and you will note that Exhibit 2 does give value as $20.00 for the skiff and that $20.00 should have been added in the claim, but was inadvertently omitted. Dealing now with the household chattels, you will note the first item, Exhibit 3, refers to a kitchen stove. When we prepared this form we found that the first reference to the Analysis and also the first reference in the claim itself showed a loss of $29.00 for items sold by auction. They refer only to the kitchen stove, which was sold by the Custodian for $1.00 and that is that claim for $30.00. I am pointing out in our claim and Analysis Sheet the item is shown, sold by auction $20.00, and we find out that meant only the kitchen stove and in Exhibit 3 we are showing it as a kitchen stove, although we show it as sold for $1.00. The all other larger items are shown in Exhibit 3 with the

approximate date of purchase, with the original price paid and the estimated value. All these goods your honour will note were stored at the home of J. Tanaka, on Exhibit 3 it was reported as early as 1935, that would be a little too early, my original copy says 1943, not 1935, that is just a typographical error.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right to alter it to 1943?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes. But before dealing with that problem I would like to point out that the Custodian shows several items, "No record at any time." The first one is a Walnut extension table. I would like to see in the declaration form, referring to the first column, reference is made to 4 tables, so that I submit that item should possibly be declared not found.

Q This kitchen linoleum, Mr. Morita, how many yards did you have? A I had about ten yards on the kitchen and over and above that I had twenty yards which I had rolled up and left in Tanaka's house.

Q The ten yards that you had on the floor, was that nailed down in any way? A They were put down with carpet nails.

Q And besides that you say you had about twenty yards?

A All inlaid.

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to point out the balance of the articles shown, "No record at any time," are the small articles not normally shown in the J.P. Form, to my experience. My learned friend advises me that according to records which he has the first reference that the Custodian had of goods at Tanaka's house was in February 1943 when the claimant requested certain

goods be sent to him. I think that should go into the record. Might I ask my learned friend as to what attempt the Custodian made to locate the goods and let us have whatever list or inventory that was obtained at Tanaka's house.

MR. FERG: Well, the record I have, your honour, I might as well give it with regard to the chattels as well as the nets. On the 14th of August, 1942, Mr. King, the Custodian's agent, sent in a signed list from the tenant, Arthur Hubert, which was identical to the list submitted by Mr. Mather. Now, Mr. Mather submitted a list apparently on the 10th of July.

MR. CHERNIACK: That was filed as an exhibit.

MR. FERG: Mr. Tanaka confirms on October 30, 1944, a list of chattels submitted by Morita, which was claimed to be stored in Tanaka's house.

THE COMMISSIONER: I do not see any list made of the personal property.

MR. FERG: I am speaking of chattels, apparently the list is not there, but at any rate on November 4, 1944, Mr. Harris, the Custodian's agent, was requested to move the chattels from this house and on November 16, 1944, under the name of Morita he removed these chattels to No. 3 Warehouse at Steveston. This list was placed on Morita's file. Now, with regard to nets, the situation is this, taken from the memorandum on the file of the Custodian. With reference to the nets, in Morita's original declaration he states he left 10 fishing nets, 600 fathoms of fishing line and 800 fathoms of cork line, stored at the Atlas Cannery Net House. Mr. Mather, the

Custodian's agent, sent in an inventory on July 10, 1942, giving description of the nets. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Mather, it was admitted he didn't attend to nets but left this work to Thomas C. King. On questioning, Mr. King admits that he didn't take physical inventory of any nets in the cannery, but this information was taken from a ledger which the cannery company supplied at a later date. The Custodian's agent took possession of these books and it was found that this inventory is exactly as entered in the ledger, no nets were found, or inventoried, by the Custodian under the name of Morita. However, lead line, cork line and lead roller and corks were sold and credited to his account, that is the Custodian's statement as to the history of the things.

MR. CHERNIACK: It is of interest to note the incompetence of some of the officials that were supposed to have inventoried the nets and we now see they didn't. I am still wondering if we could obtain an inventory of the chattels at Tanaka's place.

MR. FERG: Well, here is something now, here is an inventory dated the 16th of November, 1944, under the name of H. Morita taken from 33 Chatham Street.

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to see that.

MR. FERG: There is a statement attached to it signed by Mr. Harris and you can have that too.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, your honour, I believe this is only chattels which Harris decided belonged to Morita. I am wondering about Tanaka's list. We can file this if you like, there is a copy of this on the Analysis

Sheet. Again I may not have heard correctly, but I am under the impression that my learned friend mentioned Mr. Tanaka confirmed the storingof certain goods. Might I ask my learned friend if he has a copy of the letter sent to Tanaka on November 4, 1943.

MR. FERG: To Tanaka?

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, a copy of which was sent to Morita.

MR. FERG: Not on this file.

BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Do you remember receiving this letter from the Custodian, it being a copy of a letter to Tanaka?

A Tanaka showed me this letter.

(Letter dated November 4, 1943, EXHIBIT 9.)

MR. CHERNIACK: This is a letter from the Custodian to Tanaka. It is shown as a copy writtento Tanaka and I believe it was sent to Mr. Morita. This letter addressed to Tanaka mentions the request of numerous articles by Morita for goods stored at Tanaka's home and the list is as follows: new sofa, bedstead, bed frame, stove, walnut table, inlaid linoleum, 2 chairs, cupboard set, electric toaster, iron, clock and lamp-stand, portable coat hanging set, big picture with frame, several book cases with books, cotton twine 5 lbs., bird cage, nickel boiler, carpenter and other tools, and a 4-gallon kerosene barrel. I have read this out because I think this list includes all the items for which claim is being made by the claimant and I mention that because the Custodian states in his Analysis there is no record at any time, yet we find this letter dated November 1943 which actually gives

that list and that is the reason why I asked my learned friend if he had a copy of the inventory of all chattels at Tanaka's house, and I might also ask my learned friend if he has a copy of Tanaka's reply to that letter.

MR. FERG: There doesn't appear to be a letter from Tanaka to the Custodian in reply, but there is a memo that a reply was received November 3, 1944, stating that the goods in the house at 33 Chatham Street belonged to Morita.

MR. CHERNIACK: Now, I think we should put on the record the letter from the Custodian to Morita dated September 4, 1946, which I will show to Mr. Morita.

Q Do you remember receiving this letter from the Custodian telling you that Tanaka's house had burned down? A Yes, I received that.

(Letter dated September 4, 1946, EXHIBIT 10.)

Letter read as follows:

" September 4, 1946.

Mr. Hirokichi MORITA, Registration No. 04869,
c/o Mr. A. W. Dearborn, Arnaud, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30th, 1946.

On your original declaration made to this office on April 16, 1942, you stated you left certain goods stored at the Atlas Cannery House. Later it was discovered, before evacuation you removed these goods to the home of J. Tanaka situated at 6th Avenue Chatham Street in Steveston, B.C. All goods

" that could be identified as yours were removed by the Custodian. Three bedsteads and one homemade table were discarded as of no value and the balance were auctioned and credited to your account. Mr. Tanaka's former house was completely destroyed by fire on December 24, 1944 and if any chattels or furniture were left in this house at that time, belonging to you, they too would have been destroyed.

We hope this will clarify the matter for you.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Geo. Peters

George Peters

GP/ic Administration Department. "

MR. CHERNIACK: May I ask my learned friend if he knows whether there was any insurance on the chattels which burned.

MR. FERG: There was insurance on chattels according to the master file my information is, but insurance was not paid for the reason that the Custodian reported that Morita's chattels had been removed prior to fire in November 1944.

MR. CHERNIACK: It appears to me now that the situation is that Morita stated in his J. P. Form certain goods would be at his home. Subsequent to that, at the request of the Custodian, the Custodian discovered these goods were at Tanaka's. Then it would appear that they wrote Mr. Tanaka in 1943, in November, asking for confirmation of all these goods, and from the Custodian's file it would appear that they received a letter a year later that the goods were Morita's,

Then we found an inventory of Morita's goods, which was made in some fashion or other on November 16, 1944, where only certain goods were removed and now we are told that the insurance was cancelled because everything was taken out.

MR. FERG: Well, the insurance wasn't cancelled, if I recollect correctly, but when they made claim for the insurance it was discovered that the chattels that were in Tanaka's house had been removed prior to the fire.

MR.CHERNIACK: Do you mean that all chattels were removed?

MR. FERG: Yes, apparently so.

BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Where is Mr. Tanaka? A He has gone to Japan.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, this is something the Custodian will have to try and straighten out. I have put as much as I can on record without having access to the Custodian's master file, or the little brown envelope. I don't know if I have to put everything relevant on the record, but I have put everything I know on the record and I submit it is now up to the Custodian to account for their various attempts to locate the goods which were indicated to have belonged to Morita and which they learned about in February of 1943. Possibly they might be able to do so by checking Tanaka's file and see what was found there, and possibly that might open up new vistas of investigation. That I cannot say because I haven't had proper access to the file. I might indicate that in relation to the fishing boat, the claim is withdrawn subject to extension on terms of reference.

MR. FERG: It is submitted, your honour, that the real

property was sold at its fair market value and that the articles of chattels sold were sold at their fair market value and also the personal property concerned with fishing gear was sold at its fair market value and the amount claimed for articles not found and for theft, and so on, that the price claimed is excessive and unreasonable. I have been trying to assist my learned friend to ascertain where these goods are and were, but the whole thing in the case is this, that these goods were reported stored in one place - as far as the personal chattels are concerned - and later removed by the claimant to another and not reported to the Custodian. As far as their fishing nets are concerned, I have already read into the record the report there.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. FERG:

Q Mr. Morita, I show you a statement dated the 24th of February, 1943, is that in your own writing, or prepared by your son under your instructions and signed by you? A I cannot write English and therefore it was written by my son and signed by myself.

Q Yes, and you know the contents of it? A Yes.

MR. FERG: I will file that, it is a request to the British Columbia Security Commission to ship to the claimant certain chattels informing him where the chattels were.

(Statement dated February 24, 1943, EXHIBIT 11.)

Q In this document, Exhibit 11, you informed the British Columbia Security Commission where the goods you are asking to have shipped may be found and you give the

address as 6th Avenue Chatham Street. Is this the first time you have informed them, after evacuation, where the goods may be found?

A I think this is the first occasion I told them that.

Q When you completed your first form with the Custodian, that is the J.P. Form, at the time of evacuation, you informed him your chattels would be stored at the Atlas Cannery House? A Yes.

Q And you didn't store them there?

A The things that I left at Tanaka's house I had not reported and I reported them subsequently and I heard subsequently from a friend that I should have reported these to the Custodian and, therefore, I reported them.

Q And when did you report to the Custodian about the goods you had left at Tanaka's? A I am not certain of the date in 1943.

Q That is when you wrote the British Columbia Security Commission asking them to ship the goods, that was the first time you told anybody that the goods were at Tanaka's? A Yes.

Q Now, when you left the goods at Tanaka's, did he undertake or agree to look after them for you?

A When I left, Tanaka left shortly afterwards, and he had everything securely tagged and put away there.

Q Tanaka had? A Tanaka came at the same time as I did.

Q Who did you leave your goods with when Tanaka was evacuated? A They were left in the house, packed up.

Q And you didn't report that to the Custodian?

A There was no time, as we had to go off right away and we didn't report it.

Q With regard to the fishing nets, what was your arrangement with the Atlas Cannery regarding leaving your nets there, did you make any arrangements at all with the cannery company as to the care of your nets while you were evacuated? A When we left, the understanding was we were working for the cannery, we left our nets there. We had a man down from the cannery to check over the nets, the net house was locked up and I, personally, gave the key to the cannery man.

Q You left the key with the cannery man?

A Yes, I left it with the manager of the cannery.

Q Did the cannery company make a list of the nets that you left? A The cannery came and checked the items of the nets from my book and the nets were tagged and I left my book with the cannery.

Q Did you put a price on the nets? A Yes, I put the price on the tags.

MR. FERG: That is all, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q In Tanaka's house were there any goods that belonged to Tanaka, or were they all yours?

A They were both Tanaka's goods and my goods in the house.

MR. CHERNIACK: Your honour, I find there were two more letters which I think should go on file in order to give a clearer picture. One is a letter to Tanaka from the Custodian dated October 18, 1944. I do not know if my

learned friend has it, and the other is December 2, 1944. I have the originals.

MR. FERG: You can put them in.

MR. CHERNIACK: These are both original letters from the Custodian. The first is October 18, 1944, addressed to Tanaka.

(Letter dated October 18, 1944, EXHIBIT 12.)

Above letter from the Custodian to J. Tanaka read as follows:

" October 18th, 1944.

Mr. Jiroichi TANAKA,
c/o F. Penner,
Lorette, Man.

Dear Sir:

Having received no answer to our letters of November 4/43, and September 21/44 we shall assume that the furniture and effects stored in your house at 33 Chatham St. Steveston, belong to Hirokichi MORITA as stated by him.

When these goods are sold at auction we shall credit the account of H. Morita with all the proceeds.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) R. B. Mackedie.
R.B. Mackedie,
Protection Department. "

RBM:LM

MR. CHERNIACK: And your honour will note that my learned friend mentioned a memo on file which indicates that in November 1944 a reply was received from Tanaka agreeing that these goods belonged to Morita. And there is

another letter to the claimant dated December 2, 1944.

(Letter dated December 2, 1944, EXHIBIT 13.)

Letter from the Custodian to Mr. H. Morita, dated December 2, 1944, read as follows:

" December 2, 1944.

Mr. Hirokichi MORITA,
Reg. No. 08869,
c/o Mr. A.W. Dearborn,
Arnaud, Man.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of October 30th, asking for shipment of some of your effects stored in the house of Jiroichi TANAKA, at 33 Chatham Street.

We will be unable to send the goods requested to you with the exception of the framed picture. For some time now it has been the policy of the Canadian Government to make no shipments of household effects which have a resale value, but to sell them at public auction.

For your information we enclose circular letter G-534 from the B.C. Security Commission.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) R.B. Mackedie.

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RBM:LM
Encl. Protection Department. "

MR. CHERNIACK: So that the fire took place shortly after that and in view of this last letter I am again at a loss to understand the statement that all the goods were taken out and I hope that will get clarification

in Vancouver.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified to be a true and accurate transcript.

MARK H. PEARCE, Sr.,
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Sub-Commissioner, hereby certify that the foregoing 22 pages of typewritten matter contain a true and accurate record of the Sub-Commission held in the Law Courts Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the time and date first above mentioned.

SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Case # 951

NOV 28 1947

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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W/G.

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

(1) NAME MORITA (Print) Surname Hirokichi Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 04869

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P.O. Box 401, Steveston, B.C. (6th Avenue)

(3) Present Address 1821 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) 6th Avenue, Steveston, B.C. City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) R.M. of Richmond, Lots 12, 13, 14 Block 18, Section 3 Block 3, North Range 7 West, Map 249, District of New Westminster.

(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 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 500.00

(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) - $ 500.00 → 500

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 192.81 200

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 307.19 300

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Part in the dwelling of J. Tanaka, Chatham St., Steveston, part in house of Atlas Cannery, Steveston

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Stacked in room and locked

(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") Left in custody of J. Tanaka and taken over by Custodian

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

			sold	Loss
1.	Items sold by auction Nov. 24, 1944	Estimated Value $	30 1.00	29.00
2.	Items unaccounted for by Custodian as per attached list	Estimated Value $		277.45
3.		Estimated Value $		
4.	Fish gear as per attached list	Estimated Value $	1098 73.50	1024.50
5.		Estimated Value $		
6.	GILL NET VESSEL NW 1559 NW 0616	Estimated Value $		
7.	POWERED BY 6 H.P. EASTHOPE	Estimated Value $	70000 2697.5	430.25 Gmt
8.		Estimated Value $		
9.		Estimated Value $		
10.		Estimated Value $		

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $761.20 ~~1330.95~~ Gmt

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) - $ ~~1,658.14~~ 2068.39 Gmt

(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, Hirokichi Morita 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 10th day of November)
A.D. 1947.)

H. Morita

A Commissioner &c.

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

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.

MORITA , HIROKICHI

Reg/ # 04869

1 - 200	fthms	7"	45	Mesh	160.00
1 - "	"	"	"	"	50.00
1 - 140	"	9"	40	"	120.00
1 - 200	"	8 1/2 "	42	"	75.00
1 - 150	"	5 7/8"	50	"	50.00
1 - 180	"	"	50	"	60.00
1 - 200	"	5 1/2 "	54	"	75.00
1 - 210	"	10"	35	"	200.00
1 - 140	"	9"	40	"	75.00
1 - 310	"	5 5/8 "	and oil nets		60.00
					$925.00

925.00

450	fthms	Cord and line	120.00
600	"	Lead "	13.00
363	- 7" Cork		20.00
422	Cork Float		20.00
1	Skiff		
			$173.00

173.00

Total $1098.00

MORITA, Hirokichi, Reg. #04869

List of chattels unaccounted for by Custodian

1 sofa (new	$56.50
2 sets beds and springs	30.00
1 heater	12.50
1 walnut Extension table	35.00
20 yds. Inlaid Linoleum	55.00
2 chairs	2.00
1 cupboard and table set	15.00
1 bird cage	2.75
1 electric clock	3.25
1 table lamp	3.50
1 electric iron	6.50
1 electric toaster	5.75
1 wardrobe	5.95
10 lbs. cotton twine	5.50
1 food chopper	3.25
1½ gals. paint	5.00
sledgehammer, crow bar, carpenter's tools, light bulbs, wire cord and small articles	30.00
TOTAL	$277.45

MORITA, Hirokichi
(Claimant's Name)

REAL ESTATE
(Other than farm)

04869
Reg. No.

Type of Premises (e.g. House, Store, etc.)	No. of Rooms	Type of Finish	Use of Premises	Size of Lot	When Purchased	Date of Purchase
none				3 lots, 12, 13, 14. size 99 x 120	1940	

Type of Locality	Cost Price	Improvements made by Claimant		Estimated Value	Date of Sale
Residential	255.00	constructed bridge 14 x 20 over ditch -1941- cost -	50.00		
		leveled and cultivated 3 lots - cost -	10.00	500.00	
		planted about 20 mixed fruit trees - cost -	30.00		
		planted 1 lot of raspberries			

Comments re upkeep of premises:

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered above: This property was bought for me by the River Fish Co. together with about 6 more lots, and was therefore bought cheaply. A widow whose name I do no remember told me that she bought the lot immediately next to me (separated by a lane) about 2 or 3 years before I did, for $200 rough pasture land. These lots were sold in 1944 when land prices were much higher than when I bought them. I think the fair market value of this property at date of sale was at least $500.00.

EXHIBIT No. 951-1
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant

H. Morita
Signature

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MORITA, Hirokichi

(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Fishing Vessels, gear and equipment)

04869

Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimated value at Evacuation
	7"	45	200	1 season	250.00	160.00
	7"	45	200	2 seasons	250.00	50.00
	9"	40	140	1 season	250.00	120.00
	8½"	42	200	2 seasons	275.00	75.00
	5 7/8"	50	150	1 season	150.00	50.00
	5 7/8"	50	180	1 season	170.00	60.00
~~VESSELS SOLD BY CUSTODIAN~~	5½	54	200	1 season	175.00	75.00
	10	35	210	1 season	325.00	200.00

~~NAME~~	~~Reg. No.~~	~~Type~~	~~Date Purchased~~	~~New or Used~~	~~Price Paid~~	~~Maintenance Work~~	~~Condition When Evacuated~~	~~With whom Left~~	~~Estimated Value~~
	9	40	140	1 season	250.00		75.00		
	5 3/8	50	310	1 season	300.00		60.00		

925.00

Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:

Type	Date	Cost

OTHER GEAR:

Description	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at date of evacuation
450 fathoms Cork & line	2 seasons		75.00)		133.00
600 fathoms lead & Line	1 season		100.00)		
363 Corks 7"	1 season		25.00		20.00
422 Corks	1 season		25.00		20.00
1 skiff	1941		cost 22.00		20.00
these nets and line and other fishing gears were left at Atlas Cannery, Steveston, B.C.					193.00

Arrangements made for storage when evacuated:

Additional Comments, if any: I have depreciated the value of these nets and lines according to age & use.

EXHIBIT No. 951-2
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant

H. Morita

Signature

MORITA, Hirokichi
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

04869
Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation	sold for
kitchen stove	1939	new	75.00	1942-replaced sides at cost of $10.00	30.00	1.00
1 new sofa	July 1942	new	56.50	new	56.50	
1 bed	1941	new	$18-$20	very good)	30.00	
1 bed	1938, Spring 1941	new	20.00	good)		
1 heater	1940	new	17.00	good	12.50	
20 yards inlaid Linoleum	1941	new	over 60.00	used one month	55.00	
Cupboard and table set	1939	new	20.00	good	15.00	
Electric Iron	1941	new	about $9.00-$10.00	"	6.50	
Electric Toaster	1941	new	about $7.00	"	5.75	
1 Wardrobe	1941	new	7.50	"	5.95	

Description of Storage of Goods:

Stored at home of J. Tanaka, 6th Avenue & Chatham Street, Steveston and reported to Custodian early in 1943

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

I have depreciated all value according to age and use.

Additional Comments, if any:

EXHIBIT No. 951-3
DATE Sept. 27/46
FILED BY Claimant

H. Morita
Signature

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO., LTD.
ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENTS
CAR FINANCING

TELEPHONE 106

609 COLUMBIA STREET,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

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Catalogue #769.
File: 4985.

April, 18, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

APPRAISAL
RE: Lots 12 - 14 Block 18, Section 3, B3N/7W,
Map 249, Steveston TOWNSITE.

Dear Sir:

These lots measure 33' X 120' and are located on Broadway Street which has not been gravelled for vehicular use. The lots are not fenced but the surroundings and location are good.

VALUATION:

Lot #12 ..cultivated	$75.00
Lot 13 ..in raspberries	75.00
Lot 14 ..rough pasture	50.00
	$200.00

Yours very truly,

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.,

F. H. Coulthard.

EXHIBIT No. 951-4
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 4985 EXHIBIT No.

NAME Hirokichi MORITA REG. No. 04869

DATE
DECLARATION 16 Apr 42
EVACUATION 26 Apr 42

INVENTORY
TAKEN BY Cstdn
DATE 16 Nov 44
(STORAGE REMOVAL LIST)

3 Beds
4 Tables
8 Chairs
10 yds of flooring
2 Stoves
1 Cabinet
1 Boiler
1 Sofa
1 Water tank
1 Dressing table
STORED AT THE ATLAS CANNERY HOUSE NO. None, P.O. BOX 401, STEVESTON B.C.

10 Fishing nets & 600 F. of fishing line, 800 F. of Cork Line, stored AT THE ATLAS CANNERY NET HOUSE NO. None, STEVESTON, BC

1 Kitchen stove
3 Kitchen chairs
1 Bed spring
1 Rubber mat
1 Bench
1 Kitchen table

ABANDONED:
3 Bedsteads
1 H.M. Table

DETAILS OF CLAIM

			SALES: AUCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
ITEMS SOLD BY AUCTION NOV. 24, 1944: Est. value $30. less Cstdn cr $1. LOSS-	29		9 50	(3- Rubber mat, Bed & spring, Kitc		
LIST OF ITEMS UNACCOUNTED FOR BY CUSTODIAN:						
1 Sofa (new)	56	50				
2 sets Beds & springs	30					
1 Heater	12	50				
1 walnut Extension Table	35					
20 Yds Inlaid Linoleum	55					
2 Chairs	2					
1 Cupboard & table set	15					
1 Bird cage	2	75				
1 Elec. clock	3	25				
1 Table Lamp	3	50				
1 Elec. Iron	6	50				
1 Elec. Toaster	5	75				
1 Wardrobe	5	95				
10 lbs Cotton Twine	5	50				
1 Food Cho pper	3	25				
1½ gals. Paint	5					
Sledgehammer, crow bar, carpenter's tools, light bulbs, wire cord & small articles	30					
200f; 7" 45 mesh	160					160
200f 7" 45 mesh	50					50
140f. 9" 40 mesh	120					120
200f. 8½" 42 mesh	75					75
150f. 5⅞" 50 mesh	50					50
180f. 5⅞" 50 mesh	60					60
200f. 5¼" 54 mesh	75					75
210f. 10" 35 mesh	200					200
140f. 9" 40 mesh	75					75
310f. 5⅝" & oil nets	60					60
450 f. Cork & line	120		26 (260 F.)			
600f. Lead & line	13		34 (385 F.)			
363f. Cork 7"	20					20
422 Cork Float	20		7 50 (375 corks)			
1 Skiff	??					
FISH GEAR est. value $1098. less Cstdn cr $73.50 LOSS $1024.50						
Gill Net vessel NW 1559 NW o61E, 6HP Easthope est. value $700. less Cstdn cr $269.75 LOSS 430.25			Vessel sold 5 June, 1942 by Sale of Vessel signed by Cla			
ALLEGED TOTAL LOSS	1761	20				

EXHIBIT NO. 951-5
DATE Sept. 27/46
FILLED BY Claimant

No. 4985 EXHIBIT No. CASE No.

No. 04869 VENUE

SALES ON	SALES TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
9 50	(~~3~~ Rubber mat, Bed & spring, Kitchen Table stove, 3 Kitchen chairs)							
						56 50		Chattels to est value $ 30.00 Sold auction $~~9.50~~ 9.50
					30			120.00 No record at anytime
						12 50		37.50 Abandoned
				35				111.95 Not accounted for
				27 50 (10 yds)		27 50 (10 yds)		307.45
						2		
				(Table) 7 50		7 50 (cupboard)		
				2 75				
				3 25				
				3 50				
				6 50				
				5 75				
						5 95		
				5 50				
				3 25				
				5				
				30				

160	FISHING GEAR to value	$ 945.00	Declared not found
50	do	153.00	Sold for $ 67.50
	not claimed		Sold for 6.00
120		$1098.00	--- $ 73.50
75			
50			
60			
75			
200			
75			
60			
26 (260 F.)			
34 (385 F.)			
20			
7 50 (375 corks)			

Vessel sold 5 June, 1942 by J.F.V.D.C. -- Claimant advised of sale 3 Aug 43 -- Agreement for Sale of Vessel signed by Claimant 3 Aug 43. No funds received by Cstdn.

EVACUATION SECTION
MAR 1 1943
Rec'd
File f.o. 4985
Ans.
Referred 912

Name of Owner: HIROKICHI MORITA

Registration No.: 04869

Address: c/o A.W. DEARBORN, BOX 23, ARNAUD MANITOBA

EXHIBIT No. 951-6
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILED BY Claimant.

FISHING NET INVENTORY

1. Place of Storage ATLAS CANNERY

(a) In whose care IMPERIAL CANNERY

(b) Whereabouts of key (if any) IMPERIAL CANNERY OFFICE

2. Description of nets as follows:

NOTE: LENGHT ARE TAKEN WHEN HANGING

	Type	Mesh	Ply	Meshes Depth	Fathom Length	Valuation	Any other marks of identification
1.	COHOE ~~7 INCH~~	7 INCH	6 4 5	45	200	$ 160.00	All these nets have tags with length and valuation marked on.
2.	COHOE	"	"	"	"	$ 50.00	
3.	SPRING	8½	8 9	42	"	$ 75.00	
4.	SPRING	9	9	40	140	$ 120.00	
5.	SOCKEYE	5⅞	4	50	150	$ 50.00	
6.	SOCKEYE	5⅞	4	50	180	60.00	
7.	SOCKEYE	5¼	4	54	200	75	
8.	SPRING	~~12~~ 10	12	35	210	200	
9.	SPRING	9	9 4 10	40	140	75	
10.	SOCKEYE	5⅝	5	50	55	15	} on claim
11.	SOCKEYE	6¼	4	50	55	15	
12.	SOCKEYE	5¾	5	50	200	30	GREEN
13.	CORK AND LINE			200 ft	450	120	} Sold to Imperial $60.00
	LEAD AND LINE			285 ft	600		
14.	7" CORKS					13	350 CORKS } 375 sold @ 7.50
18	CORKS					20	422 CORKS
	LOW BOAT					20	INITIALS H.M. MARKED
20.	ROLLER					12	* Imperial - 6.50

N. B. Please do not exaggerate fathom length or valuation, as this will only make it harder to identify your nets, and to credit any money received from their sale to their rightful owners.

Above noted on cards March 2/43

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Registration Number 04869

MORITA, Hirokichi

P. O. Box 401, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Description as per Form "JP" is apparently correct.

OWNERSHIP

I have been unable to examine the Certificate of Title, but apparently these lots are owned by Hirokichi Morita.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

There are no buildings on this property - 3 City lots in the Town of Steveston undeveloped.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventory of Nets attached hereto.

REMARKS

This man has been living in a house at the Atlas Cannery which my Agent has examined. There is nothing left in the house except a few broken chairs of no value. Have interviewed the Imperial Cannery with regard to the Nets and they find that they are stored as per inventory, but the prices given are very high.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the Nets as per inventory be sold.

July 10, 1942.

H. A. Mather

EXHIBIT No. 951-7
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant.

Registration Number 04869

MORITA, Hirokichi

INVENTORY OF NETS STORED AT IMPERIAL CANNERY

1	Net	200 Fath.	7"	6/40	45 Mesh	$160.00
1	"	200 "	7"	"	"	50.00
1	"	140 "	9	9/40	40 "	120.00
1	"	200 "	8½	8/40	42 "	75.00
1	"	150 "	5 7/8	4/40	50 "	50.00
1	"	180 "	4/40	4/40	50 "	60.00
1	"	200 "	5¼	4/40	54 "	75.00
1	"	210 "	12/40	10"	35 "	200.00
1	"	140 "	9"	10/40	40 "	75.00
1	"	55 "	5 5/8	5/40	50 "	15.00
1	"	55 "	6¼	4/40	50 "	15.00

Cork Line	450 Fath.	}	120.00
Lead "	600 "	}	

7" Corks	363	13.00
Corks	422	20.00
Small Boat		20.00

1 Net	200 Fath	5¾"	5/40	50 Mesh	30.00

1098.-

All the above nets are without lines.

~~2092~~
~~6/169~~
4985
~~1911~~
~~8250~~

May 17th, 1944.

The Imperial Cannery,
B. C. Packers, Ltd.,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Japanese-owned nets at Atlas Cannery

We understand that at the time of evacuation of the Japanese, a number of nets were left in the Atlas Cannery. None, however, were ever removed from this Cannery by our representatives with the exception of 375 loose corks belonging to Hirokichi Morita and found in August 1943 when we believe the Cannery was to be renovated; nor does any equipment from this Cannery appear in your settlement with this office, except some old lead and cork lines belonging to the same man.

We are, of course, aware that you advised the Japanese that you could assume no responsibility for nets left in your buildings. In practice, however, you were so good as to exercise a measure of supervision and were, of course, interested yourselves in buying a number of nets.

Several Japanese have claimed that nets were left by them at the Atlas Cannery but in no case have we been able to trace the disposal of a single net. Reference to the file of Rinosuke Morimoto shows that this man visited the Cannery on August 7th, 1942 and reported some nets missing. At that time Mr. Gillespie advised that the Atlas Cannery was not being used and had been broken into. We scarcely think, however, that the complete contents could have been removed without this becoming general knowledge.

Can you throw any light on this matter? We have several concrete cases in mind, in particular that of Masao Tanaka whose father you recently advised that you had a record of nets stored by him at this Cannery. We have additional cases, but this one will illustrate our point as well as any.

EXHIBIT No. 951-8
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant.

(Over)

We should be glad of any information you can give us as the present position is unsatisfactory as far as our records are concerned. Perhaps, also, it reflects on your Company though we quite understand that you assume no responsibility and have made this attitude clear from the beginning.

It occurs to us that it might be helpful if you give us a list of the nets originally stored at the Atlas Cannery according to your records, together with the disposition made of them as far as your records show. In this connection, we should mention that in the case of some nets held by you, we seem to have received duplicate payment and you might care to investigate this at the same time.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 4120

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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November 4, 1943

Mr. Jiroichi TANAKA,
Registration No. 09399,
c/o F. Penner,
Lorette, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

On your original Declaration Form you did not declare any furniture, but on checking over your property later we found the enclosed list is situated in your house at 33 Chatham Street.

We have received a request from Hirokichi MORITA that he had stored numerable articles at your home, such as a new sofa, bed stead, bed frame, stove, walnut table, inlaid linoleum, 2 chairs, cupboard set, electric toaster, iron, clock and lampstand, portable coat hanging set, big picture with frame, several book cases with books, cotton twine 5 lbs., bird cage, nickel boiler, carpenter and other tools, and a 4 gallon kerosene barrel.

Kindly let us know if this is correct.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Administration Department.

GP/EB
encl.

EXHIBIT No. 951-9
DATE Sept. 27/48
FILLED BY Claimant

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 4985

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

September 4, 1946.

Mr. Hirokichi MORITA,
Registration No. 04869,
c/o Mr. A. W. Dearborn,
Arnaud, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30th, 1946.

On your original declaration made to this office on April 16, 1942, you stated you left certain goods stored at the Atlas Cannery House. Later it was discovered, before evacuation you removed these goods to the home of J. Tanaka situated at 6th Avenue Chatham Street in Steveston, B.C. All goods that could be identified as yours were removed by the Custodian. Three bedsteads and one home-made table were discarded as of no value and the balance were auctioned and credited to your account. Mr. Tanaka's former house was completely destroyed by fire on December 24, 1944 and if any chattels or furniture were left in this house at that time, belonging to you, they too would have been destroyed.

We hope this will clarify the matter for you.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

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EXHIBIT No. 951-10.
DATE Sept. 22/48
FILLED BY
Claimant.

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EXHIBIT No.

DATE Sept.27/48

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address c/o A. W. Dearborn Date 24/2/43

Arnaud, Manitoba.

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B. C.

I, Hirokichi Morita, Police Registration No. 04869 hereby request you ~~in~~ to release to me the under-noted property stored at 6th Avenue Chatham Street in possession of J. TANAKA and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

New Sofa, Bedsets (2), Bed Frame (1), Stove (1), Walnut Table (1), Inlaid Linoleum - 20 linear yard, Chair 2, Cupboard Set, Electric Toaster, Iron, Clock and Lamp Stand, Portable Coat Hanging Set. (See under)

Original Address Box 401, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver _____

Date Evacuated to Present Address May 2, 1942.

Number in Family - 12 years and over 6

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 1

Number in Family - under 5 _____

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 7

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____ "H. Morita"
Claimant Signs Here

Big Picture with Frame (5), Several Book Cases with Books, Cotton Twine 5 lbs., Bird Cage -1, Nickel Boiler -1, Carpenter and other Tools, 4 Gal. Kerosene Barrel.

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

January 15, 1949.

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SPECIAL REQUEST

When replying be sure to quote our file number, sign your full name, and state your Registration number.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 4120

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

October 18th, 1944

Mr. Jiroichi TANAKA,
c/o F. Penner,
Lorette, Man.

Dear Sir:

Having received no answer to our letters of November 4/43, and September 21/44 we shall assume that the furniture and effects stored in your house at 33 Chatham St. Steveston, belong to Hirokich; MORITA as stated by him.

When these goods are sold at auction we shall credit the account of H. Morita with all the proceeds.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackedie.

R.B. Mackedie,
Protection Department

RBM:LM

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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 4985

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 2, 1944

Mr. Hirokichi MORITA,
Reg. No. 08869,
c/o Mr. A.W. Dearborn,
Arnaud, Man.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of October 30th, asking for shipment of some of your effects stored in the house of Jiroichi TANKA, at 33 Chatham Street.

We will be unable to send the goods requested to you with the exception of the framed picture. For some time now it has been the policy of the Canadian Government to make no shipments of household effects which have a resale value, but to sell them at public auction.

For your information we enclose circular letter G-534 from the B.C. Security Commission.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackedie.

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Protection Department

RBM:LM
Encl.

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