Name of Claimant SAITO, Chise Case 1116

Custodian File 5072

REAL PROPERTY

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

NETS

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

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	
						50.00	6.00	6.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION 6.00

1540

CASE NO: 1116

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Toronto, Ontario,

October 12, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MRS. CHISE SAITO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

Original.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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A p p e a r a n c e s:

K.A.CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C., appearing for the Dominion Government,

F.A. BREWIN, ESQ., appearing for the Claimant.

A. SMITH, ESQ., Secretary,

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

A.G. VEITCH, ESQ., Official Reporter.

MR. BREWIN: Your honour, in this case the claimant is here, her daughter also is here, who is familiar with the facts and who speaks English.

The procedure we adopted when Mr.Justice Bird was here was to call the mother, or the parent, and ask her if she was willing to have the evidence presented through the son, or daughter, as the case might be, and if the answer was "Yes" we would call the son or daughter.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is fine.

MR. BREWIN: I will first call Mrs. Saito.

MRS. CHISE SAITO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BREWIN:

Q. You are the claimant in this case?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you willing to have the evidence in respect to your claim given by your daughter?

A. Yes.

Q. Thank you. That is all for the moment.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Do you want her to identify her signature on the claim first?

MR. BREWIN: The daughter can do that, too.

Q. However, is that your signature on this document entitled Real Estate Other than Farm?

A. Yes.

Q. And the facts have been explained toyou and

they are correct? A. Yes.

MR. BREWIN: Then, that will be Exhibit 1, Particulars of Real Estate Other than Farm.

(PARTICULARS OF REAL ESTATE OTHER THAN FARM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.1)

FRANCES F. SAITO, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BREWIN:

Q. You are the daughter of the claimant?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that right? A. Yes.

Q. I suppose you are familiar with the house at Cumberland, in regard to which she is making the claim? A. Yes, I am.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You may sit down, if you like, withess.

THE WITNESS: Thankyou.

MR. BREWIN: Q. I understand this house was built by your father?

A. He did built it, but he had some assistance, too.

Q. According to the form we have put in here it was built in 1933. Would that be about right?

A. Yes.

Q. And, on whose property was the house built?

A. It was built on the property which belonged to the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited.

Q. Did your father work for this company?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it a mining company? A. Yes.

Q. It was a mining company and he worked for it?

A. Yes.

Q. And, this house was built on property which belonged to the company?

A. Yes.

Q. I do not suppose you know directly, but can you tell me anything about the arrangement which was made with the company at that time?

A. Well, as far as arrangement is concerned, in erecting the house, I would say that there was no written agreement.

Q. No written agreement?

A. No, there was not.

Q. So far as you know?

A. But my father did get permission from the Canadian Collieries Limited before it was built.

Q. I see. Then, when did your father die?

A. In January 1936,he died.

Q. And before he died and after the house was built did he remain for all that time in the employment of the company?

A. No, he did not.

Q. He worked somewhere else?

A. Yes.

Q. Where else did he work?

A. For the Deep Bay Logging Company.

Q. I understand he was killed in an accident

at work? A. Yes.

Q. For the Deep Bay Logging Company?

A. Yes; that is right.

Q. However, he and the rest of your family remained in possession of the property after he stopped working for the Collieries Company?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know if the Collieries Company objected to that at all?

A. No, I do not think there was any objection as far as the Canadian Collieries Company was concerned.

Q. No. He died in 1936, and did your mother and the rest of you live there after that?

A. Yes.

Q. Yes; do you know whether the Collieries Company made any objection at that time?

A. No, not that I know of.

Q. Did you or your family pay any rent on this property?

A. No, we did not.

Q. I see that the value which your mother has put on this is $1,000. Do you know on what she bases that value?

A. That $1,000. is based on the value of the house, I would say; I mean, it cost $2,000. to build it but we lived in the house for 10 years.

Q. So, you have taken the original cost of $2,000. and allowed so much off for the reduced value through living in it? A. Yes.

Q. Was the house such as could be moved off the property, if anybody had objected to it being there?

A. I would say it could have been moved from there, but there was no objection, therefore ---

Q. No, it was never done, but you say it could have been moved?

A. Yes.

Q. I think that is all, thank you.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I am producing a J.P. Form. Are you familiar with your mother's signature?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. And is that your mother's signature?

A. Yes, I would say that is.

MR.CHRISTIE: I am tendering the J.P. Form, dated April 17, 1942, signed by Chise Saito as Exhibit 2.

(J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.2)

Q. When did you first enter on this property owned by this Collieries Company?

A. The year 1933.

Q. And, in your arrangements with the company did you make any arrangement with reference to a ground rent? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. What year did your father cease to be employed with the company? A. I believe it was the

year 1934.

Q. 1934? A. 1934.

Q. That is, you only lived in this house one year after it was built?

MR. BREWIN: No. That is not correct.

MR. CHRISTIE: I thought she said "1933."

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, but the father continued to live there after he left the employ of that company and they continued to live there after the father's death.

MR. CHRISTIE: Q. I understand that you were to pay a ground rent of $1.00 ? Do you know anything about that?

MR. BREWIN: $1.00 a year or, a month, or, a week?

MR.CHRISTIE: Just a minute and I will get the letter.

THE WITNESS: We were not notified.

Q. $1.00 per month?

A. We were not notified to pay rent of $1.00 a month, not to my mother's knowledge.

Q. Do you know whether your father ever paid the $1.00 per month or not?

A. No. It could be that probably that $1.00 could have been withdrawn from my dad's weekly salary but my mother does not know anything of that sort.

Q. But, in any event, you did not pay a dollar a month? A. No, I did not.

Q. Did you understand that your occupancy

depended upon your father being an employee of the company? A. I do not think so. Might I have thatquestion read again?

THE REPORTER: (Reading)

"Did you understand that your occupancy depended upon your father being an empoyee of the company?"

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. That is, you knew your father had to be an employee of the company to have a right to live on that property?

A. Yes. There was not any agreement.

Q. Pardon? A. There was not any agreement of that sort.

Q. There was? A. No, there was not. It was quite all right to live there even though my dad had seased being employed by the Canadian Collieries.

MR. CHRISTIE: Q. But, did you know the original agreement when made depended upon the fact of your father being an employee of the company? You understood that originally? A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: Your honour, there is one thing I am puzzled about; in the memorandum I have it says that "no rent has been paid since July '28." That does not coincide with the claim which my friend filed in which he says the house was built in 1933.

THE WITNESS: The house was not built in 1928. The house was not built until 1933.

Q. Did you ever occupy that land as vacant

land before the house was built?

A. It was vacant, yes.

Q. And did you occupy it as vacant land before the house was built?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. Did you have a garden there or did you have anything to do with the land before the house was built?

A. No. There were stumps and trees growing.

MR.CHRISTIE: That is all, thankyou.

MR. BREWIN: That is all, thank you.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You have no re-examination Mr.Brewin?

MR. BREWIN: No.

MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted that this house was sold at its fair market value, your honour.

I am filing as Exhibit 3 the Personal Property Summary.

(PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.3)

MR. BREWIN: This says, contains a statement that: Mrs. Saito occupied ---

"house #25, No. 1 Japanese Town,Cumberland. This house was built on land owned by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited. This company agreed to pay salvage value for the buildings on their property. The appraised value of the house occupied by Mrs. Saito was $50.00 and this sum was credited to her account with the Custodian."

That is the statement.

This is, of course, just a memorandum prepared by somebody in the office of the Custodian.

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes. That is right.

Exhibit 4 will be a letter of Mat Brown, the Custodian's agent, dated April 15, 1942. I willfile that subject, I suppose, to examination of Mat Brown in Vancouver. They did make the statement that no rent has been paid since July 1928. There seems to be some confussion. I think that ought to be filed by me as a matter of record to be cleared up.

(Letter, April 15, 1942, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

That concludes the defence.

MR. BREWIN: There are some other documents on my friend's file which I think should be produced.

MR.CHRISTIE: I shall be very glad to.

MR. BREWIN: One is from the Canadian Collieries Limited to the Custodian indicating their interest in acquiring this property and not for salvage at all but for another purpose, acquiring this house, I should say. Have you that letter?

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes. I have a copy on file.

I will tender as Exhibit 5 a copy of a letter from the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmore) Limited, dated March 2, 1943. It is addressed to Mr.Shears, Custodian of Enemy Property.

"Dear sir:

Some few days ago our attorneys Messrs. Robertson, Douglas & Symes interviewed

"you in connection with houses built by certain Japanese on our property adjacent to the city of Cumberland, and we have been advised to write you in this matter, and to give you a brief outline of the position.

The houses in question were built by certain Japanese miners and others, the majority at that time being employed by the company in our mines in the Comox District. The arrangement made then was that the Japanese miners and others would be allowed to construct dwellings on the company's land, and use and occupy such buildings for a nominal ground rent, so long as they remained employees of the company. As time passed, and the Coal Mines Regulations Act was amended, and other circumstances arose where it was not desirable to employ Japanese in the mines, most of these men were thrown out of work. Some of them secured a certain amount of employment in the district, and some went away leaving their families occupying the dwellings on the company's property. In view of conditions at that time, the company did not insist on these people vacating the occupied property, and most of them were allowed to remain until they were moved by the Government after the declaration of war.

Due to the serious shortage of accommodation at the present time, we are anxious

"to secure these buildings for the accommodation of some of our present employees. In the ordinary course, we have sufficient houses to accommodate the mine crew, but as you are aware, a large number of our miners are now in the army, and the families of a considerable number of these occupy company houses, and you will appreciate that there is nothing the company can do to repossess these buildings. At the same time we are anxious to take over the buildings constructed by the Japanese, and recondition at least some of them for occupation. In these circumstances, we would like to file this letter as an application for your consent, to the end that we may repossess these buildings, and proceed to do whatever is necessary to make them habitable."

I think that is what you wanted?

MR. BREWIN: Yes.

I do not wish to fill up the record unnecessarily but some of these exhibits do not get to the attention of those preparing the case right away. Just for the sake of the record I would like to point out that this letter does speak of the anxiety of the company to secure these buildings for the occupation "of some of our present employees" and that this is an application to repossess the buildings and proceed to do whatever is necessary to make them habitable.

(LETTER, MARCH 2, 1943, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

MR. BREWIN: There is a reference in the memorandum which my friend has filed to somebody appraising this house at $50. I would like tohave a copy of any appraisal or any details of that appraisal there may be.

MR. CHRISTIE: Do you know who made the appraisal?

MR. BREWIN: No. The Custodian has been good enough, or government counsel has been good enough, to send us any appraisals they have so that we could examine our clients on them.

There does not seem to be anything here on the file other than this mere reference on the memorandum. I would be glad if my friend could inquire from the Custodian whether there is any written appraisal or what appraisal is referred to there and let us have a copy of it.

MR. CHRISTIE: The procedure is that these files are given to Mr. Brewin's office and they go through them and I get them again. I have noticed in these files, as my friend points out, that they have sent the appraisals and there is an accompanying letter including the appraisal to Mr. Brewin's office. It is not in this file. There is a chance it may be in the Master File.

MR. BREWIN: I think one of the answers may be in this particular case that there may have been other properties in a similar position, of houses

on the Collieries' property. They may have been all appraised together at $50. or whatever it may be and no separate appraisal indicated.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It may be they were not appraised at all on the basis they were on company property and would be taken over on that basis.

MR. BREWIN: The Custodian filed those so that they were appraised at what they call a salvage value, at $50.

MR. CHRISTIE: It does not indicate there was any independent appraisal.

I will be glad to check on that again.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It will be on the value based on taking them off the property; just tore them apart, I suppose, for old lumber.

MR. CHRISTIE: If I find anything I will be glad to present it to my friend.

MR. BREWIN: That is all, thank you.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

A.G. Veitch

"A.G. VEITCH"
Official Reporter.

I, M.A. Miller, Deputy Commissioner, appointed to hear a Commission to investigate claims of Japanese Canadian for property loss, do certify the foregoing is a true copy of the evidence heard on the within claim.

M. A. Miller

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case no 1116

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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Toronto

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

(1) NAME SAITO (Print) Surname Chise (Mrs.) Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No.

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P. O. Box 536, Cumberland, B. C.

(3) Present Address 25 Holland Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) #25 Japanese Town, Cumberland, B. C. (City or Municipality, Province)

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $
(ii) Buildings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 1000.00
(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) - $ 1000.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 50.00

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 950.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

(over)

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

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

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

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) - $ 950.00

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

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

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

DOMINION OF CANADA)
of)
TO WIT:)

I, L. Saito of the city of Toronto in the county of York

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 Toronto in the county of York this day of November A.D. 1947.

Mrs L. Suzie Saito

F. A. Brewin

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.

SAITO Chise (Mrs.)
(Claimant's Name)

REAL ESTATE
(Other than farm)

EXHIBIT No. 1116.1 06517
DATE OCT 12 1948 Reg. No.
FILLED BY
F A Brewin.

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
House, 1 Storey	7	Frame	Residence	24' x 38' (size of house)	Built 1933	

Type of Locality	Cost Price	Improvements made by Claimant		Estimated Value	Date of Sale
Japanese residential in Cumberland	$ 2,000.00	1940 - roof repaired 1938 - painted exterior and interior	$100.00 50.00	$ 1,000.00	

Comments re upkeep of premises:

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered above:

Summary.
Original Claim $1000.
Sold by Custodian 50.
Claim 950.

Mrs Chise Saito

Signature

FORM "JP"

FILE No. "5072"

EXHIBIT No. 1116 - 2

DATE Oct.12/48

FILED BY K.A.Christie

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: SAITO Mrs. Chise

HOME ADDRESS: Box 536 Cumberland, B.C. No25 Japanese Town No.1

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06517 SEX: Female AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Housewife

(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: None

MARRIED? Widow

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Matsumi (M) Masaji (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Box 536, Cumberland, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 8 years.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

On land of The Canadian Colleries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Seven room house frame building and wood shed

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) Payable by the Canadian Colleries Ltd.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

Canadian Colleries Ltd. have claim for rent.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Self

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Canadian Colleries Ltd.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: " " "

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

Dwelling house at Cumberland, B. C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Self

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

None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

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

None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

2 stoves and kitchen utensils $50.00, furniture $35.00,

4 beddings, $25.00, left at the house in Cumberland,

Shipped 22/4/42 (1 box #1, containing Mattress, 1 Box #2 containing Kitchen Utensils,

(1 Box 3 containing Books, left with Matt. Brown, Agent, P.O.Box 431,

Cumberland, B.C.

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

FORM "JP

4. INSURANCE CAR

5. MORTGAGES, LI

OTHERS:

6. MONEYS OWING

7. BONDS, DEBENT

War Savings Cer

8. BANK ACCOUNTS

9. LIFE INSURANCI

10. INTEREST IN AN

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBT

2. TRADE DEBTS:

REMARKS: Recei

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tures, bonds or other secu

I certify that the ab
every description in any
and indirect.

Dated this 17th

"R. A. Mur
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FOR DEPARTMENTAL

FORM "JP

FILE No.

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)

War Savings Certificate valued at $5.00. In own possession

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

REMARKS: Received pension, from Workmen's Compensation, re accident to Husband. $55.00 per month.

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 17th day of April 1942

(Signature) "Chise Saito"

"R. A. Munns"
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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

December 29, 1948.

R. Hyde
P.J.

CUMBERLAND AND DISTRICT STORAGE AND SALES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ETC.

I, the undersigned, C. SAITO of Cumberland have stored my personal goods, as listed, in care of Matt. Brown, Cumberland, B.C. The listed goods are stored at the owner's risk, which will be properly taken care of, as to any regulations, Dominion or Provincial, under the evacuation orders.

No. of Packages: 3

"Chise Saito"

Registration No. 06517

Witness: "T. Iwasa"

Matt. Brown, Agent

P.O. Box 431

1 Box	# 1	Mattress ~~Kitchen Utensils~~
1 Box	# 2	~~Books~~ Kitchen Utensils
1 Box	# 3	Books

LIST OF PROPERTY OF MRS. CHISE SAITO

REG. NO. 06517

Box No 1

2 mattresses $30

Box No. 2

2 cake plates
6 cups and saucers
6 plates
2 cream pitchers
2 utility plates
2 cake tins
1 square cake tin
6 glass bowls
6 berry dishes
1 glass dish
fruit plates
6 rice powls
1 wooden tray
4 glass plates
1 coat
Total value of contents in above box $35.00

Box No. 3

1 encyclopedia set of books
2 reference & text books
2 umbrellas
5 window blinds
1 meat chopper
1 wool carder

Total value of contents in above box $147.25

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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 5072

April 29/47

RE: Chise (Mrs. Masakichi) SAITO
Reg. No. 06517

CHATTELS: Mrs. SAITO made her declaration to the Custodian on April 17/42 and was evacuated on April 26/42. She occupied House # 25, No.1 Japanese Town, Cumberland. This house was built on land owned by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. This company agreed to pay salvage value for the buildings on their property. The appraised value of the house occupied by Mrs. SAITO was $50.00 and this sum was credited to her account with the Custodian.

She declared chattels as shown on Chattel Schedule on file. Three boxes were shipped to her. Wash tubs and kitchenware were put in storage and finally sold along with other saleable goods which had been left in the house, for the net sum of $8.50 and this sum credited to her account with the Custodian. The stoves, beds and kitchen tables were discarded as having no sales value.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: She declared one $5.00 War Savings Certificate in her own possession. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

MONEYS RECEIVABLE: She states on her declaration that she was in receipt of a pension of $55.00 a month from the Workmen's Compensation regarding an accident her husband had sustained. No pension cheques were received in this office in her name.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

April 29/47
LBM:

"L. McKinnon"
L. McKinnon

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December 29, 1948.

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P.O. Box 431
Cumberland, B. C.
Oct 15/42

Mr R.P.Alexander, Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Report on SAITO Mrs Chise Reg #06517

1 & 2 Location and Nature of property. Seven (7) room dwelling House #25, #1 Japanese Town West Cumberland, B.C. Ground rent $1.00 per month. No rent has been paid since July of 1928. House vacant and boarded up. Property of Canadian Colleries "D" Ltd.

3. Personal effects are: 3 boxes #1-2-3 these were shipped out c/o B. C. Security Commission, Vancouver, B. C. on April 22/42. Balance in storage is: 1 box kitchen wares, wash tub and board, Left in the home are: 1 old heater, 1 old kitchen range, 4 old beds, 5 old chairs and few old wall cupboards which are of very little value, not worthwhile putting in storage.

4. Insurances. None.

5. Liabilities and personal debts. None to date.

6. Recommendations. All effects of any real value have been shipped out. 1 box kitchen wares and wash tub are in storage. Balance left in the home is of very little value if any. The house is in fair condition but owing to location will be hard to rent at present.

Yours truly

" Matt Brown"

Matt Brown
Custodian Agent.

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December 29th 1948

G.H. Clyde
B.P.

COPY of Letter from CANADIAN COLLIERIES (DUNSMUIR) LIMITED

Dated: Nanaimo, B.C.
March 2, 1943.

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F. G. Shears, Esq.,
c/o Custodian of Enemy Property,
406 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

File #1098

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Houses at Cumberland, B.C.

Some few days ago our attorneys Messrs. Robertson, Douglas & Symes interviewed you in connection with houses built by certain Japanese on our property adjacent to the city of Cumberland, and we have been advised to write you in this matter, and to give you a brief outline of the position.

The houses in question were built by certain Japanese miners and others, the majority at that time being employed by the company in our mines in the Comox District. The arrangement made then was that the Japanese miners and others would be allowed to construct dwellings on the company's land, and use and occupy such buildings for a nominal ground rent, so long as they remained employees of the company. As time passed, and the Coal Mines Regulations Act was amended, and other circumstances arose where it was not desirable to employ Japanese in the mines, most of these men were thrown out of work. Some of them secured a certain amount of employment in the district, and some went away leaving their families occupying the dwellings on the company's property. In view of conditions at that time, the company did not insist on these people vacating the occupied property, and most of them were allowed to remain until they were moved by the Government after the declaration of war.

Due to the serious shortage of accommodation at the present time, we are anxious to secure these buildings for the accommodation of some of our present employees. In the ordinary course, we have sufficient houses to accommodate the mine crew, but as you are aware, a large number of our miners are now in the army, and the families of a considerable number of these occupy company houses, and you will appreciate that there is nothing the company can do to repossess these buildings. At the same time we are doing everything possible to increase our crew, and as an inducement, we are anxious to take over the buildings constructed by the Japanese, and recondition at least some of them for occupation. In these circumstances, we would like to file this letter as an application for your consent, to the end that we may repossess these buildings, and proceed to do whatever is necessary to make them habitable.

Trusting that this application will receive your favourable consideration.

Yours very truly,
CANADIAN COLLIERIES (DUNSMUIR) LIMITED.
"P.S.Fagan" (signed)

P.S. Fagen,
Comptroller.

PSF:KC

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December 30, 1948.

E. C. Hyde.
B.P.