Name of Claimant HEMMI, Sokichi Case 1355

Custodian File 469

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	
		1500.	150.00	12.50 75.00							237.50

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	

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	
84.50	19.25	5.77	22.78%	397.05	90.44			96.21

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	333.71

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APPEARANCES:

+	J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
	ROGER OUIMET, Esq., K.C.,	appearing for the Claimant.

£	A. WATSON, Esq.,	Secretary.
	MRS. F.L. HANDFORD,	Official Interpreter.
	T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

MR. OUIMET: The next claim is Henmi, No. 39, my lord.

My lord, the original claim for real estate was $2800.00, less amount at which Custodian sold the property, $1500.00, leaving a net of $1300.00.

The claim for personal chattels is $1754.00, no credit, and the claim for personal chattels left im house, $503.55, less $19.25 credit to Custodian, leaving a net claim of $484.10.

SOKICHI HENMI, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. OUIMET:

Q Mr. Henmi, you are the claimant in this case?

A Yes.

Q Would you take communication of a real estate form for $1300.00 bearing your signature and file this claim as Exhibit No. 1 after identifying same?

A Yes, it is my signature.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q Would you take communication of a personal chattels claim form bearing your signature and identify your signature? A: Yes.

Q Would you also identify the inventory of personal chattels which is attached thereto?

A Yes.

Q This claim being for $484.10?

A Yes.

MR. OUIMET: Would you file it as Exhibit 2?

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. OUIMET: Would my learned friend tender the analysis

of personal property claim?

MR. HUNTER: I tender the analysis of personal property claim as Exhibit 3.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. OUIMET: Q: Would you take communication of a personal chattels form for a claim of $1754.00 bearing your signature, identify the same and file it as Exhibit 4? A: Yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

Q Now, I see that the goods were left packed in wooden boxes and trunks and were locked in a shed on the premises and left? A: Yes.

Q And I take it that your agent was given instructions to deliver the goods to the Custodian?

A I locked the trunks and closed the boxes and handed the keys to the agent with instructions to hand them to the Custodian.

Q Have you seen those personal chattels since?

A I haven't seen them since, but I asked a friend to go in and have a look at them, but when he got there there was nothing to be found excepting a few broken records and clothing.

Q You are claiming among other things 12 framed Japanese prints at a thousand dollars, at an estimated value of $500.00 at the date of evacuation.

A I don't know the real value of these pictures, but I estimate them at $500.00.

Q I am showing you here what appears to be a Japanese print (producing). Were these similar to that print I am exhibiting to you?

A The pictures are not the same, but this is a similar type of picture, and this (indicating) is valued at $200.00.

Q $200.00, and similar types of picture of a similar value? A: They are all different prices.

Q All different prices. Are they made by the same people? A: They were painted by the same person, but the pictures themselves are different.

Q So you are, I take it, exhibiting this to his Lordship for his Lordship's consideration? I can't file it.

A My lord, he says that he doesn't mean $200.00 , he means value in yen which makes it about $100.00.

Q Now just a minute. He talks too much. He should answer the questions. Mr. Henmi, this wasn't a lithograph, it was actually hand painted, was it not? A: Yes.

Q Would you say who signed it? Can you read the signature? A: Sohkin is the name of the artist.

Q He is a well known Japanese artist, I take it?

A Yes, he is.

Q I am exhibiting to you a second print or picture (producing).

MR. HUNTER: My lord, I will have to object to this. If they are going to file these, we can call people who can also give opinions on them, but if they are not filed, it is just gratuitous infor-

mation which we cannot verify.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think your objection is welltaken. I would like some information or some evidence from someone who is competent to pass upon such prints. Frankly it does not mean very much to me because I have not the knowledge to determine whether they are good or bad.

MR. OUIMET: Neither have I, your Lordship, but I must say they look beautiful to me.

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you can tell me, Mr Ouimet, is there anyone here in Montreal who could be called to express an opimion as to the value of the prints that you have in your hand?

MR. OUIMET: I know quite a few experts in painting, but I don't know whether they would be experts who could give their opinion of Japanese art. The only thing is we might suspend that part of the claimant's evidence, if my learned friend has no objection, and within the next few days I could make inquiries.

THE COMMISSIONER: Could these be left here for a few days and Mr. Henmi could return at a later date to pick them up?

MR. OUIMET: I don't think Mr. Henmi would have any objection to that.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: I would suggest that you do that and perhaps counsel might be able to find someone here who could express an opinion on them who is properly qualified.

MR. OUIMET: So subject to this postponement of examination of an expert, that is all the evidence I have at the present time.

THE COMMISSIONER: How many such prints had the claimant?

MR. OUIMET: He claims 12, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: And how much money does he claim?

MR. OUIMET: $500.00 for the 12.

THE COMMISSIONER: What relation does that bear to his evidence that this print was worth $100.00?

THE INTERPRETER: No, he said 200 yen.

MR. OUIMET: 200 yen for that particular print, but there are others, naturally, of different value as he says. So there were some that were most likely estimated at a smaller value, and others at a higher value.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted that the real property was sold for its fair market value.

It is submitted that chattels sold in Exhibit 2 were sold for their fair market values.

It is submitted that claims made for chattels not sold are grossly exorbitant.

In regard to chattels claimed in Exhibit 4, these chattels were not declared and were never found.

THE COMMISSIONER: Let me see now, I have not seen Exhibit 4 yet.

THE SECRETARY: We haven't an Exhibit 4 in this case.

MR. OUIMET: No, there is no Exhibit 4. We didn't file these prints.

THE COMMISSIONER: I thought you filed a personal property statement that was just put in as Exhibit 4.

MR. OUIMET: Oh yes, it is Exhibit 4.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, proceed, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted that they were not declared, not found, and it is submitted in any event the values claimed are very exorbitant.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now this last submission relates specifically to the articles claimed under Exhibit 4, is that correct?

MR. HUNTER: Correct, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: There was a declaration in respect of the articles shown on Exhibit 2, is that so?

MR. OUIMET: Yes, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: Well, some of them, my lord.

I tender the appraisal of P.R. Brown & Sons, Limited, dated May 22nd, 1944, appraising Lot 9 of suburban Lot 7, plan 23.

"As requested in your favour of the 15th ultimo, we have now had an opportunity of inspecting the above mentioned premises which are known as 938 Caledonia Avenue and have pleasure in reporting as follows.

"This parcel has a frontage of 50' on Caledonia Avenue by a uniform depth of 141'.

"The land is assessed at $750.00 and the improvements at $750.00, while the taxes for the year just past amounted to $50.31.

"This is a one storey frame dwelling of six rooms, shingle roof, foundation consists of posts with rock bases, no basement,

"separate bath and toilet, separate garage and small greenhouse.

"It is our considered opinion that the property at the present time is worth $1500.00."

I tender that as Exhibit 5.

(APPRAISAL MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Is that your signature (producing)?

A Yes.

Q The information in this J.P. form is according to your instructions? A: Some of these articles were sold by me before departure.

Q Some of them were sold by you before departure?

A Yes.

Q Which ones were sold before departure? The piano, the chesterfield and chairs? A: Yes.

Q Anything else? A: No.

Q And the information given here is information given to the people who made out this form at the time you signed it? A: After I gave these instructions, I sold the piano, the chesterfield and the chairs.

Q And the information contained in this form was information given by you? A: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: I file the J.P. form as Exhibit 6.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. HUNTER: I tender for filing the appraisal of Harold G. Hinton, dated the 6th of May, 1942. In this appraisal, or in this report, rather, he gives a

list of the contents of the house. He also states on page 2 of the report, "The house is old, possibly 28 or 30 years", and then in paragraph 2 on page 2, he says, "The rooms, without exception, are in a dirty condition. The plaster on the living room walls is badly cracked and the whole house needs cleaning and painting or papering."

The third paragraph, "The property also contains a garage 15 feet by 10 feet in fair condition, a roofed shelter for wood, a greenhouse 28 feet by 12 feet in very good condition, a tool shed 11 feet by 8 feet in good shape, and a chicken house 7 feet by 3 feet."

Mr. Hinton will, of course, be called, my lord, but I point out the tool shed is mentioned and he says it is in good shape, and if my recollection is correct, that is the place where the claimant stated he left these valuable items which means, I would think, Mr. Hinton must have inspected the shed. I will file that report as Exhibit 7.

(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

MR. HUNTER: I have some correspondence here which I would like to file as one exhibit between George A. Touche & Company, Hinton, and the Custodian, my lord. The first is a letter dated March 5th, 1946, "Chattels at 938 Caledonia Avenue".

"In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 1st instant, the articles listed in the inventory dated the 1st June, 1942, have this day been disposed

"of as follows:

Removed to Maynard & Sons to be sold by auction".

Then it gives a list of the things that were sold. That is under "A". Then "B", "Sold to tenant as per attached appraisal by Maynard & Sons". That was a gas plate with two burners.

"(C). Given to Mrs. K. Cantwell of 224 Robertson Street, Victoria, B.C., as authorized by your letter of the 22nd of May, 1945."

And he lists four items.

"(D) Fixtures and left on the premises: Bathtub, sink, Detachable Cupboard and a toilet.

"(E) Declared as of no value by Appraiser and left on premises:"

And then he gives a list of things.

"(F) Held by Stocker's Security pending instructions from the Custodian: 1 Sewing Machine.

It is expected that the auction of articles mentioned in (A) on previous page, will take place in a few days when a full report of all articles so disposed of will be rendered."

Then by a letter dated the 9th of March, 1946, from George A. Touche & Company to the Custodian, it says:

"With further reference to your letter of the 1st instant, please find enclosed cheque for $16.85 being the proceeds of an auction sale held by Maynard &Sons of effects removed

"from the above premises.

"It is pointed out that, with the exception of the articles given to Mrs. Cantwell of 224 Robertson Street in accordance with your instructions, the chattels sold at auction were in very poor condition. This accounts for the low prices realized.

"Auctioneer's statement of sale, in duplicate, is enclosed as well as account from Stocker's Transfer Company."

And attached thereto is a statement of sale by Maynard & Sons Limited.

The next is a letter dated March 13th, 1946, from the Custodian to George A. Touche & Company. They acknowledge receipt of the letters of the 5th and the 9th and then say:

"While the different lists on file cannot be brought into balance we have just completed a careful tally, which, with the exception of the following two items, appears to account for everything of value. The exceptions referredto are: (1) 'Chesterfield and chairs' (original 'JP' declaration--March 31st, 1942) and (2) one item of 'Chairs' in Mr. Hinton's inventory dated May 6th, 1942. Have you any information on your files that would account for these two items?

"You have made no comment regarding the prices realized by Maynard & Sons at their auction on the 6th instant but we cannot

"pass some of these prices without having on record the reason why, for instance, the item described as 'Din. Table, 6 chairs and a hat tree' were sold for .75¢. If usable as a dining table and chairs they would appear to be worth not less than ten times that figure. Another item in this category is '5 chairs, table and sewing basket' which realized .50¢. Messrs. Maynard & Sons will doubtless be able to supply the necessary information.

"We enclose our cheque for $4.50 in favour of Messrs. Stocker's Transfer Co., Ltd., cost of removing goods from 938 Caledonia Avenue to Auction Rooms."

And a reply from G.A. Touche & Company, dated the 25th of March, 1946.

"In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I wish to report as follows:

"It will be noted on further reference to Mr. Hinton's inventory dated the 6th May 1942 and to which you refer, that the following notation appears at the bottom of the list:

'Chesterfield and chairs had been sold and were not on the property'.

"In this connection, I would draw your attention to your letter of the 10th June 1942 by reference to which you will note that the 'Chesterfield and chairs' item does not appear in the inventory prepared by Messrs. Swinerton & Co. Ltd. thus corroborating Mr. Hinton's above

"mentioned observation. Finally I am informed by Colonel Pope, who has several times visited the premises, that he at no time saw any chesterfield.

"It is stated in the second paragraph of your letter under reply that our reports to you of the 5th and 9th instant contained no comment respecting the low prices realized at the auction. This is not understood in view of the fact that in my letter of the 9th instant the following statement appears: ' . . . . . the chattels sold at auction were in very poor condition. This accounts for the low prices realized.'

"As regards the sale of 'Din. Table, 6 chairs and Hat Tree' and '5 chairs, table and sewing basket' which sold for 75¢ and 50¢ respectively, I would point out that the auctioneer who was present with Colonel Pope when the effects were removed from 938 Caledonia Avenue, stated that these particular articles were junk and would be sold as such. Pieces of wood from the table might be used by a cabinet maker for some other purpose, but as a table it had served its purpose. The chairs, likewise, might be of some use in a camp but could not be classified as having any sales value."

I file that correspondence as Exhibit 8, my lord.

(CORRESPONDENCE MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hunter, with reference to Exhibit 7, this Hinton report, I observe that in his inventory he refers under the heading of "Articles in shed" to sundry odd tools, old books, used bed spring, of little value, and odd dishes. There is no reference to anything of value. Obviously he must have gone in there if he could make an invetory.

MR. HUNTER: It would appear so, my lord.

Q Mr. Henmi, you have claimed $1754.00 for items left in a toolshed. Why did you not declare those to the Custodian? A: I had no time as I was in a hurry, so I handed the goods to Mr. Campbell, the agent, with instructions that he should report to the Custodian.

Q What do you mean you had no opportunity? You signed a J.P. form which is dated the 31st of March, 1942. Where were you, when you signed that J.P. form? The question was, where was he when he signed that J.P. form? A: I don't recollect exactly where I was at the time, but this was signed in Victoria.

Q Why didn't you at that time when you signed that document and gave that information--why did not not give information about the property which you now value at over $1700.00?

A He thought the war wouldn't take so long and he would be able to get back some time soon, so he left the place and told the agent to report.

Q What agent? A: Mr. Campbell.

Q What Campbell is that? A: Mr. D.

Campbell of Swinerton & Company, Limited, 620 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C.

Q And whose agent was he? A: My agent.

Q I see. And did you ever during the period of your evacuation notify the Custodian that these items were in that shed? A: No, I didn't. I just told the agent about it.

Q Didn't you think they were worthwhile notifying the Custodian about? A: Well, I thought that locking my place and telling Mr. Campbell was sufficient and was safe enough.

Q In other words, you relied entirely upon your agent, Mr. Campbell, and upon locking them up? You were not relying on the Custodian to look after these at all? A: I just relied on Mr. Campbell to report them to the Custodian.

MR. OUIMET: Q: To the Custodian?

A To the Custodian.

MR. HUNTER: Q: And did you ever ask Mr. Campbell whether he had ever reported to the Custodian?

A No, I didn't.

Q Were you not interested? A: I have been informed that my property had disappeared and had been stolen and therefore I didn't think there was any use reporting it to the Custodian.

Q Who informed you that your property had disappeared?

A I wrote to my friend asking him to send the goods to me and I got this reply. Would you like to see it (producing)?

Q When was this letter written?

A I can't see the postmark, it isn't very clear.

THE COMMISSIONER: You better get his answer on the record. The witness hands an envelope, which, I take it, is the envelope in which a letter was enclosed. Is that right? A: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Q: It seems to be January 4th, 1943, stamped on the envelope. Is that about the time you wrote to the man, some time about the end of 1942? A: Yes.

Q And you asked him to ship these things out of the shed to you? Is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Why did you not ask the Custodian to ship them to you? A: Mr. Campbell had the keys and so my friend apparently went to Mr. Campbell and he thought that was what happened.

Q Why did you not ask Mr. Campbell to ship them to you?

A I asked my friend because he lived closer to my house than Mr. Campbell did.

Q How much further did Mr. Campbell live away?

A Mr. Campbell was about a mile and a half away from my place and my friend was only 2 or 3 blocks away.

Q And did you expect your friend to carry them in his arms? A: No, I didn't think so. I thought he would ship them by express.

Q What difference did that make if you were going to use transport? Why didn't you write to Mr. Campbell, he was your agent? Why didn't you have him send these? A: I told my friend what I wanted shipped, and what I didn't want shipped, and he knew what I would want sent to me.

Q And while this was going on, had you intended to tell the Custodian you were removing property?

A I thought we might be returning within a year or so, but as I couldn't do so I had these things shipped.

Q Had you intended notifying the Custodian you were removing property from the protected area?

A When I evacuated, I really had no intention of having them shipped to me because I hoped to return shortly.

Q At the time you asked for this property, did you intend to notify the Custodian that you had asked for it and received it, if it were there?

THE COMMISSIONER: I am afraid I do not understand your question.

MR. HUNTER: Very good, my lord, I will phrase it differently.

Q At the time you asked for this property, if you had received it, did you intend to notify the Custodian?

A If it had to be done, I would have reported to the Custodian, but I didn't think it was necessary.

Q Isn't it true you had no intention of ever telling the Custodian about this property?

A I didn't think it was necessary to report them as I had left them in my own house. If they had been sent or stored somewhere else, then I would report them to the Custodian.

Q You reported your furniture to the Custodian? That was in yourown house, wasn't it?

THE COMMISSIONER: The cross-examination is becoming somewhat argumentative, Mr. Hunter.

A The furniture was left in the house, so I reported it, but the things that had been left in the shed were not reported.

MR. HUNTER: Well, my lord, there is probably not much point in pursuing this.

THE COMMISSIONER: I do not think you will get any further. I may say this, Mr. Ouimet, you may be able to clear it up, it is a matter for comment, it appears to me, that the claimant should have declared the least valuable of his chattels, namely the household goods, which he says had a value of $503.00. He failed to declare goods which according to the claim are of a much greater value, $1754.00, and more than that when he filed his original claim form, he claimed in addition to chattels for the goods that are shown on Exhibit 4 only and addition of some Japanese books and classics in Japanese and English phonograph records. He made no claim at that time for his household goods and furnishings. Now I find it difficult to reconcile his evidence with his earlier actions.

MR. HUNTER: Do you wish this letter filed, my lord?

THE COMMISSIONER: I think you better file it.

MR. HUNTER: I file the original letter, identified by the claimant as having been received from a friend of his in Victoria.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

THE COMMISSIONER: I make that comment, Mr. Ouimet, so you may, if you wish, pursue it.

MR. HUNTER: My lord, I would point out, although it is

possibly a question of argument, that goods which are valued in a house at $1754.00 that he doesn't consider them important enough to report.

THE INTERPRETER: My lord, he says that Mr. Campbell has a list of the goods he left with him in his care and if necessary he could supply you with the information as to what it was.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, very well.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. OUIMET:

Q Mr. Henmi, when you made the original claim which was signed before the notary in Montreal, you mentioned only the goods amounting to $1754.00.

A Yes, that is correct.

Q Now did you consult anyone concerning the making of that claim? A: No, I didn't. Imade it up myself.

Q You made it up yourself? A: The only item I don't quite understand is that No. 1, English classics, poetry, and psychology books, estimated value $200.00.

Q Why can't you understand it?

A They are not mine. They are my sister's. She left them in my care.

Q So there is a sum of $200.00 claimed there that should not be claimed? A: If they are lost, I am responsible.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think we may treat the claim as for himself and as trustee for the sister.

MR. OUIMET: Q: They had been left in your care by your sister? A: Yes.

Q Now, did you discuss the claim for personal chattels for $484.10? A: No, I didn't. I know the values myself.

Q Now, why did you not put these values in your original claim? A: Is this it (indicating)?

Q Yes, that is the original claim you are holding. There is no mention of these personal chattels? There is only mention of the chattels amounting to $1754.00. A: He thought if he made a claim for the things in the house, it would be sufficient. I had this prepared before ---

Q When you say "this", you mean the inventory of personal chattels? A: I wasn't certain that I should include the personal chattels in the original claim.

Q I see, and are you absolutely sure that everything that is listed in your original claim, as well as in the claim you have filed, that these articles were contained in your shed?

A Yes, everything listed here. Everything listed on this sheet.

Q Was it inside some packages or parcels or boxes?

A Yes, they were contained in packing boxes and trunks in the shed.

Q When you went and made your J.P. form, were you asked if there was anything in your shed?

A No, I wasn't asked.

Q How long after you signed the J.P. form were you

evacuated?

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the date of the J.P. form, Mr.Secretary?

THE SECRETARY: The 31st of March, 1942.

A About a week later.

MR. OUIMET: Q: In that time were you advised by anyone you had to list everything you had?

A No, I wasn't informed.

Q Did you think it was sufficient to list only what was in the house? A: Yes.

Q Is there anything else you wish to add?

MR. OUIMET: There is no picture of the house?

MR. HUNTER: There doesn't appear to be.

A Only that I just wish to add that I asked Mr. Campbell to look after the place, and therefore I thought everything would be all right.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: What was the date of your evacuation, Henmi?

MR. HUNTER: It shows on the analysis, my lord, as the 17th of May.

A April 8th or 9th, I am not quite sure.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: That was when you left Victoria?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: The other probably was when he left the protected area.

My lord, I will file a letter from Swineton & Company Limited, D. Campbell, in which he contains an inventory of goods in the house as certified by the tenant. I think that should be filed.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

MR. HUNTER: I don't remember, but I don't think it was brought out that the furniture was rented with the house, was it?

THE COMMISSIONER: No, I do not think it was. Perhaps Mr. Ouimet can concede that.

MR. OUIMET: I have no instructions on that. I haven't found any lease.

MR. HUNTER: Perhaps I can ask the claimant, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Mr. Henmi, did you rent this property before you left? A: Yes, before I left.

Q And you rented your household furniture with it?

A Yes, I did.

MR. HUNTER: I would point out, my lord, that when we sold this house, we had to sell it subject to the existing tenancy. The tenant refused to vacate, being protected under the Rental Regulations at that time.

THE WITNESS: May I say something?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

THE INTERPRETER: He says he wishes to say that at the time he should have made out the lists , he was very busy helping the other Japanese to evacuate, therefore he had very little time to look after his own business.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Mr. Secretary, we will adjourn until 2:45.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:45 P.M.)

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

T.P. Horrobin

"T.P. HORROBIN"
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

Montreal, P.Q.,

June 4th, 1948. 2:30 P.M.

(PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

MR. HUNTER: I do not know whether this is the time, but in the last case we had this morning, the case of Hemmi, I failed to make a submission which I should have made. I do not think it prejudices my friend.

I should have submitted that the property was left under the custody, control or management of some person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner and that accordingly only those chattels which came under the custody, control or management of the Custodian, are within the terms of reference. I am referring there to the property left in the shed.

MR. OUIMET: I cannot say that I did not expect my friend to make that submission and under the circumstances, if your Lordship will be ready to make a decision, we might dispense with the necessity of bringing an expert with respect to the works of art.

THE COMMISSIONER: As to whether it was left in the custody of the agent, I think it is obvious it was.

MR. OUIMET: I will not make any adverse submission but then I might declare that my case is closed on that point, as well.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I would like you to leave those etchings here for a day, in any case.

MR. OUIMET: Pardon, my lord?

THE COMMISSIONER: I would like you to leave those etchings here, in any case until Monday, if you would.

MR. OUIMET: Yes. I am afraid the claimant took them with him, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: He took them with him?

MR. OUIMET: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right; never mind. It was purely as a matter of interest I mentioned it.

MR. OUIMET: I was told by the claimant, as a matter of fact, after recess that those were works of art painted by his own mother-in-law, who resides in Japan, in Tokyo and Hosaka, who is very well known for similar works.

(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, C.S.R."
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

Case 1355

JAN 15 1948

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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Montreal

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

(1) NAME HENMI (HEMMY) SOKICHI (RCMP) Reg. No. 02552
(Print) Surname — Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.

(3) Present Address 2679 St. Zotique E., Montreal, P. Q.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.
City or Municipality, Province

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

Roll 3221 Lot 9 Section SL 7 Map 23

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

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

(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 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $
(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) - $ 2800.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 1500.00

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 1300.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
In house and shed on premises

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Packed in wooden boxes and trunks

(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") Following goods were locked in shed on premises, key to which was left in care of agent (Mr. D. Campbell, Swinterton Co., 620 Broughton St., Victoria, B.C.)

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

Books out 4

1.	English classics, Poetry & Psychology books, Enclopaedias, etc.	Estimated Value $ 200.00
2.	Japanese Prints	Estimated Value $ 500.00
3.	Silver Ware	Estimated Value $ 150.00
4.	China Ware	Estimated Value $ 100.00
5.	Linen & Clothing	Estimated Value $ 350.00
6.	3 Gal. Soy Sauce	Estimated Value $ 9.00
7.	Gardening & Carpentry Tools	Estimated Value $ 75.00
8.	Mimeographing Printing Machine	Estimated Value $ 75.00
9.	Japanese Books & Classics	Estimated Value $ 120.00
10.	Japanese & English Phonograph Records	Estimated Value $ 175.00
		TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ 1754.00

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) - $ 3054.00

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

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

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

DOMINION OF CANADA)
of)
TO WIT:)

I, Hennie (Kenny) Sakichi of ~~the~~ 2679 St-Jacques St. of Montreal in the province of Quebec

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 Montreal)
in the province of Quebec.)
this 13th day of January 1948.)
A.D. 1947) A Commissioner &c.

X Hennie Sakichi.

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.

HENMI, Sokichi
(Claimant's Name)

REAL ESTATE
(Other than farm)

02552
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
House	6	Frame	Residence	50 x 141	1921	Aug. 30

Type of Locality	Cost Price	Improvements made by Claimant		Estimated Value Date of Sale
Residential	$2300.	New shingles	$200.	$2800.
		New plumbing	85.	
		New fence	48.	
		House painted inside and outside	70.	
		Greenhouse 15 x 30	200.	
		11 x 5		
		Wood shed 6 x 30 galvanized	35.	
		Bicycle shed 6 x 4 x 6	15.	
		Repairs Inside the house	100.	

Comments re upkeep of premises:

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered above:

Assessment 1945: Land $750.00
Improvements 750.00
$1500.00

Rent: $25.00 per month

Insurance $1500.

Summary

Estimated value	$2800.00
Sold bu custodian	1500.00
Claim	$1300.00

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S. Henmi
Signature

HENMI, Sokichi (Mr.)
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

02552
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
3 Beds and mattresses	(1941 (1940 (1940	New	$120.	Good	$85.00
Heater	1941	"	40.	"	35.00
Kitchen range with tank	1930	"	125.	"	65.00
Gas stove	1935	"	15.	"	10.00

The claimant is claiminh on chattels listed on the attached inventory valued at $503.55.

Description of Storage of Goods:

The chattels were left on the premises by the claimant.

EXHIBIT No. 1355-2
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General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Summary

Estimated Value	$503.55
Sold by Custodian	19.25
Claim	$484.10

Additional Comments, if any:

S. Henmi
Signature

Mr. Sokichi HENMI

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL CHATTELS

LIVING ROOM (FRONT)

Linoleum (9 x 10½)	$ 7.00	
Heater and stove board	3.00	
3 blinds	2.50	
Curtain rods	7.00	
Light fixtures (3 shades)	8.00	
Bridge lamp & cord	7.00	
		$34.50

FRONT BED ROOM

1 bed & mattress	$25.00	
Bureau	10.00	
Small Dresser	4.00	
1 chair	.75	
1 blind	.50	
Curtain rod	.30	
		$40.55

MIDDLE BED ROOM

Clothes closet	$20.00	
coat rack	3.00	
1 bed & mattress	35.00	
card table	1.50	
1 chair	.75	
		$60.25

BEDROOM (OFF DINING ROOM)

1 bed & mattress	$25.00	
book case	5.00	
1 chair	3.00	
small dresser	10.00	
bedside table	5.00	
1 rug	7.50	
		$55.50

LINOLEUM COVERS ALL FLOORS $75.00

$75.00

DINING ROOM

Heater & board	$35.00	
1 mahogany sofa	20.00	
dining room table	15.00	
7 chairs	7.00	
light fixture	8.50	
curtain rods	1.00	
extension wire	3.00	
		$89.50

KITCHEN

kitchen range with tank	$65.00
gas stove, 2 plates on table	10.00
cupboard	10.00
2 blinds	2.50
light fixture	2.00
1 mirror	.75
1 chair	1.00
2 screen doors	2.00
	$93.25

BATHROOM

detachable cupboard	$15.00	
medicine chest	7.00	
2 blinds	1,00	
mirror	5.00	
		$28.00

BACK ROOM

small table	$2.00	$ 2.00

HALL

mirrored coat rack $25. $25.00

Total estimated value $503.55

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No 469 EXHIBIT No.

NAME Sokichi HEMMI REG. No. 02552

DATE
DECLARATION 31/3/42
EVACUATION 17/5/42

INVENTORY
TAKEN BY H. G. Hinton
DATE May 6/42.

DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES: AUCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
Piano	Heintzman Piano	English classics, Poetry)			
Sewing Machine (Pedal)	Piano Bench	& Psychology Books,)	$ 200.00		
Chesterfield & Chairs	3 Chairs	Encyclopedias, etc.)			
Tables	Small Wicker Chair	Japanese Prints	500.00		
Beds	1 Heater	Silverware	150.00		
Bureaus	1 Linoleum	Chinaware	100.00		
Heater	Iron Floor Lamp	Linen & Clothing	350.00		
Kitchen stove	Table	3 gals. Soy Sauce	9.00		
Floor Lamps	Electric Iron	Garden & Carpenter Tools	75.00		
China & Kitch. utensils	&c 1 Heater	Mimeographing Printing			
	1 Sewing Machine	Machine	75.00		
	6 Chairs	Jap. Books & Classics	120.00		
	1 Mahogany Seat	Jap. & Eng. Records	175.00		
	2 old Iron Beds				
	3 Old Chairs	Amt. of Pers. Prop. Claim	$1,754.00		
	1 Small Iron Bed				
	1 Pine Clothes Press				
	2 Chairs				
	1 Iron Bed				
	1 Pine Bureau				
	2 Chairs				
	1 Ash Tray				
	1 Portsmouth Range (old)	Summary of Auction Sale:			
	1 Gas Plate or Heater				
	1 Small Table	Wardrobe	$ 7.00		
	3 Earthen Pickle Jars	Furniture	10.50		
	Sundry Kitchen Utensils	Miscellaneous	1.75		
	1 Bathtub				
	1 Basin	Gross proceeds Auction Sale:	$19.25		
	1 Toilet Bowl & Seat	Less charges	6.90		
	1 Oak Hat Rack				
	1 Small Commode	Net proceeds Auction Sale:	$12.35		
	1 Brass Bowl				
	1 Cheap Wooden Bureau				
	Blankets, Sheets, Pillows, Bedspreads &c				
	Sundry odd tools, old books, used Bedspring of little value and odd Dishes	Summary of Other Sales:			
		2 Burner Gas Plate		$4.00	
		Proceeds Other Sales:		$4.00	

Vancouver, B. C., May 14/48.

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LE No. 469 EXHIBIT No. CASE No.

EG. No. 02552 VENUE Montreal.

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD		REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER &c								
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$19.25									
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$12.35									

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$4.00

$4.00

HENMI, Sokichi (Mr.)
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

02552
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
English Classics, Poetry & Psychology books, Encyclopedias	1933-1938	New	$ 300.	Good	$ 200.
12 framed Japanese prints	1920-1942	"	1000.	"	500.
Silverware	1917-1942	"	300.	"	150.
Chinaware	1917-1942	"	500.	"	100.
Mimeographing Printing machine	1930	"	100.	"	75.
Linen and clothing	1917-1942	"	600.	"	350.

The claimant is claiming on chattels listed in column 3 of the Analysis of Personal Property Claim valued at $1754.00.

Description of Storage of Goods:

Goods were packed in wooden boxes and trunks and were locked in shed on premises, key to which was left in care of the Agent Mr. D. Campbell.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Additional Comments, if any:

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Summary

Estimated Value	$1754.00
Sold by Custodian	_____
Claim	$1754.00

S. Henmi
Signature

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J.H.G.Hunter

P.R. BROWN & SONS LIMITED
Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents.

Victoria, B.C. May 22nd 1944.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville Streets,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr F.G.Shears

re: Lot 9 of Suburban Lot 7, Plan 23.

Dear Sirs:

As requested in your favour of the 15th ultimo, we have now had an opportunity of inspecting the above mentioned premises which are known as 938 Caledonia Avenue and have pleasure in reporting as follows.

This parcel has a frontage of 50' on Caledonia Avenue by a uniform depth of 141'.

The land is assessed at $750.00 and the improvements at $750.00, while the taxes for the year just past amounted to $50.31.

There is one storey frame dwelling of six rooms, shingle roof, foundation consists of posts with rock bases, no basement, separate bath and toilet, separate garage and small greenhouse.

It is our considered opinion that the property at the present time is worth $1500.00.

Yours very truly,

P.R.BROWN & SONS LIMITED

"E.F.Brown"

Approved by assisting appraiser
Van de Vliet, Babeldue & May Ltd.,
Per " H.W.Blenkinsop"

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

August 4th 1948

M. Scobie
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FORM "JP"

FILE No. 469

EXHIBIT No. 1355-6

DATE 4 June 1948

FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

VICTORIA, B. C.

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: HEMMI (or Hemmy) Sokichi

HOME ADDRESS: 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 02552 SEX: Male AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Dyer & Cleaner

(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: Own business, formerly doing business under the name of Central Cleaners & Dyers, 790 Fort St., Victoria, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Tatsu

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Jack (M) Bobby (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 18 yrs. 13 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lot 9 - S.L. 7 - Map 23 in City of Victoria, B. C. being 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B. C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 7 room frame bungalow - no basement - garage - green house and shed, and wood-shed & chicken-house

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) $1,500. Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. #80348 - expires Oct. 22/44

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) $56. approximately. 1939 taxes paid

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) Mortgage in favor of the Estate of Robt. Musgrave - Balance owing $250. (prin)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Occupied by owner - tenancy arranged Mrs. Gurnsey ? Apt. Govt. St. $25.00 per month from date of owner's evacuation

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None

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:

~~Miscellaneous goods to be left in house for use of tenant~~

Piano, Sewing Machine (Pedal) Chesterfield and chairs; tables, beds, bureaus, heater, kitchen stove, floor lamps, china and kitchen utensils, etc. located at 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, 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

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4. INSURANCE

5. MORTGAGES,

OTHERS:

6. MONEYS OWI

"$600.00

Dry Clean

7. BONDS, DEBI

8. BANK ACCOU

9. LIFE INSURA

10. INTEREST IN

11. SAFETY DEP

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL D

2. TRADE DEBT

"Note - I will leav part cash

REMARKS: Victoria, interest

I, the undersig tected area as set tures, bonds or othe

I certify that every description i and indirect.

Dated this 3

"A. G. Mc

FOR DEPARTMEI

, Victoria, B. C.

FIXTURES,
EFFECTS:

ds, bureaus,

tc. located

REST IN, OR

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)

"$600.00 from John Mar (Chinese) Caledonia Ave., being balance payment for Dry Cleaning business"

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Acct. No. 2412 - Canadian Bank of Commerce, Government St. Victoria, B. C. $3.80

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

"Note - Declarant wishes to sell his household goods before departure - If not will leave same in house for tenant. The Dyeing & Cleaning business was sold for part cash to John Mar (Chinese) Caledonia Ave. Victoria previous to this registration"

REMARKS: This declarant has instructed Swinterton & Co. Ltd., 620 Broughton St. Victoria, B. C. to collect his rents and apply same to Insurance in arrears, interest on Mortgage in arrears.

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 31st day of March 1942.

(Signature) "Sokichi Hemmy"

"A. G. McArthur"
Witness

I hereby certify the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.
August 3, 1948. Frances May

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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EXHIBIT No.

DATE 4 June 1948

FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

REPORT ON SOKICHI HEMMI (OR HEMMY)

REGISTRATION No. 02552

Harold G. Hinton, C. A. Licensed Trustee

6th May 1942.

Office of the Custodian,

506 Royal Bank Building,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Attention Mr. C. L. Drewry.

Dear Sir:

re: Sokichi Hemmi (or Hemmy). Registration No. 02552.
May File No. 78.

In accordance with your request I have investigated and taken control of the following property as recorded on the above man's registration form dated 31st March 1942.

Real Property:

Lot 9, S.L. 7, Map 23, in the City of Victoria, B. C., being 938 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, B. C.

7-room frame bungalow, no basement, garage, greenhouse and shed, and wood shed and chicken house.

Personal Property:

Piano, sewing machine (pedal) chesterfield and chairs, tables, beds, bureaus, heater, kitchen stove, floor lamps, china and kitchen utensils, etc. located at 938 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, B. C.

Moneys Owing:

$600.00 from John Mar (Chinese) Caledonia Avenue, being balance payment for dry cleaning business.

In connection therewith I have to report as follows:

1. Location:

This property is a city lot 50' x 140' in a working class and low rental district about three-quarters of a mile from the centre of the city.

2. Land and Buildings:

The house is old, possibly twenty-eight or thirty years; is a seven-room frame bungalow with no basement. It contains a living room 13' x 12', dining-room 12' x 12', one bedroom at the front 10' x 10', and two bedrooms at the side of the house, one 10'6 x 13' and the other 8'6 x 13'. The kitchen measures 12' x 8'6 and the

bathroom 7' x 12'. There is a separate toilet measuring 8' x 4'.

The rooms, without exception, are in a dirty condition. The plaster on the living-room walls is badly cracked and the whole house needs cleaning and painting or papering.

The property also contains a garage 15' x 10' in fair condition, a roofed shelter for wood, a greenhouse 28' x 12' in very good condition, a tool shed 11' x 8' in good shape, and a chicken-house 7' x 3'.

There is a fair garden at the front of the house and room for a good vegetable garden in the rear.

The assessed value is $750.00 for the land and $760.00 for improvements. The estimated sale value is $1,500.00.

Rental Value: Tenancy has been arranged with a Mrs. Ora Gurnsey, at $25.00 per month, partly furnished with furniture left by the owner as from 1st May 1942.

3. Personal Property - Inventory of Household Furniture:

I have prepared an inventory of the contents of the house, receiptof which has been acknowledged by the tenant, Mrs. Ora Gurnsey, per Schedule attached. The amounts shown are estimated realizable values. On reference to the Schedule, it will be noted that certain articles therein enumerated have been subsequently disposed of by Hemmi prior to evacuation.

4. Personal Property, Book Debts, etc:

I am informed by John Mar, the Chinaman who has purchased the Dry Cleaning business of Hemmi, that the balance of $600.00 due for the purchase price of the business was paid by him to Hemmi before evacuation.

Prior to being evacuated, Hemmi informed me that the trade accounts, as follows, which were not disclosed on his registration form, were owing to him:

Mr. Bisquett	Steward, C.P.R.	$ 2.50
Mr. Love	Steward, C.P.R.	1.50
Mr. Ferrier	Steward, C.P.R.	.65
Mr. Sweezey	V. M. D.	1.50
Mr. Nicholson	Steward, C.P.R.	.50
Miss Marsh	942 Collinson Street	2.75
Mr. J. Housgestol	Chief Motor Mechanic, c/o Royal Roads, Esquimalt	1.70
		$11.10

and that the following customers had not called for clothing left to be cleaned etc., against which the under-noted amounts were owing:

Mr. Borden		$1.50
Sgt. Atkins		1.00
Mrs. B. Boe	1315 Clover Avenue	2.00
Miss Forde	3249 Maple Street	1.20
Miss Whitehead		.50
Miss Pearl Medcalfe	1745 Rockland Avenue	2.50
Mr. Myruzuk		4.10
		$12.80

I am informed by John Mar that the garments are on his premises but that he has no knowledge of the accounts owing which Hemmi informed me were to be collected by him.

5. Insurance:

Connecticut Fire Insurance Company Policy No. 80348 for $1,500.00 covering the dwelling matures on 22nd October 1944. Premium for three years amounting to $8.25 has been paid.

6. Liabilities:

The only liability of which I have notice is a mortgage dated 30th December 1932 in favor of Estate of Robert Musgrave. The principal sum was $400.00 on which there has been paid $150.00, leaving a balance unpaid of $250.00. Interest at the rate of 9% per annum due on the thirtieth day of each month has been paid to 30th March 1942.

Swinterton & Co. Ltd. have written to us to state that Hemmi has instructed them to collect rentals and apply same towards insurance premiums, interest on mortgage, and reduction of principal of mortgage.

The current year's taxes amounting to approximately $56.00 have not been paid.

7. Recommendations:

I recommend:

1. That Swinerton & Co. Ltd. be allowed to continue as agents for this property and be accountable to the Custodian.
2. That Swinerton & Co. Ltd. be authorized to collect the trade debts owing to this Japanese.

Yours faithfully,

"H. G. Hinton"

HGH:LMS
Enclosure:

SCHEDULE

SOKICHI HEMMI (OR HEMMY)

INVENTORY OF CONTENTS OF HOUSE

		Estimated Realizable Value
Living-Room:		
x	1 Heintzman & Co. piano in fair condition	$ 125.00
x	1 Piano bench or seat	2.50
	3 Common chairs	2.25
x	1 Small wicker chair	2.00
	1 Heater (coal or wood)	8.00
	1 Linoleum	10.50
	1 Iron floor lamp	1.00
Dining-room:		
	1 Common table	5.00
x	1 Electric iron (good condition)	3.00
	1 Heater (coal or wood)	8.00
	1 Sewing machine (pedal)	18.00
	6 common chairs	4.50
	1 Mahogany seat (poor condition)	8.00
Bedroom:		
1.	2 Old iron beds	6.00
	3 Old chairs	2.25
	1 Small tubular iron bed	12.00
2.	1 Pine clothes press (or closet)	7.00
x	2 Common chairs	1.50
x	1 Iron bed	3.50
3.	1 Pine bureau	6.00
	2 Common chairs	1.50
x	1 Ash tray (pedestal)	1.00
Kitchen:		
	1 Portsmouth Range (old)	20.00
	1 Gas plate or heater (2 burners)	5.00
	1 Small table	3.00
x	3 Earthen pickle jars	7.00
x	Sundry kitchen utensils	10.00
Bathroom:		
	1 Bath tub, enamel	35.00
	1 Basin	10.00
	1 Toilet bowl and seat	10.00
Hallway:		
	1 Oak hat rack	3.50
x	1 Small Commode (door broken)	1.00
x	1 Brass Bowl (small)	4.00
x	1 Cheap wooden bureau	4.00
Miscellaneous Articles:		
x	Blankets, sheets, pillows, bedspreads, etc	40.00
Articles in Shed:		
x	Sundry odd tools, old books, used bed-spring of little value and odd dishes	15.00
		$ 406.00

Chesterfield and chairs had been sold and were not on property.

x The above articles, amounting to $216.00, are no longer on the premises, having been sold or otherwise disposed of prior to evacuation.

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

August 3, 1948 M. Abbott

A.H.

GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO.

Chartered Accountants

EXHIBIT No. 1355-8

DATE 4 June 1948

FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

Bank of Toronto Building,
Victoria, B. C.

25th March 1946.

R. G. Bell, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Your File No. 469

Dear Sir:

Chattels at 938 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I wish to report as follows :

It will be noted on further reference to Mr. Hinton's inventory dated the 6th May 1942 and to which you refer, that the following notation appears at the bottom of the list:

"Chesterfield and chairs had been sold and were not on the property."

In this connection, I would draw your attention to your letter of the 10th June 1942 by reference to which you will note that the "Chesterfield and chairs" item does not appear in the inventory prepared by Messrs. Swinnerton & Co. Ltd. thus corroborating Mr. Hinton's above mentioned observation. Finally I am informed by Colonel Pope, who has several times visited the premises, that he at no time saw any chesterfield.

It is stated in the second paragraph of your letter under reply that our reports to you of the 5th and 9th instant contined no comment respecting the low prices realized at the auction. This is not understood in view of the fact that in my letter of the 9th instant the following statement appears:

> ".....the chattels sold at auction were in very poor condition. This accounts for the low prices realized."

As regards the sale of "Din. Table, 6 chairs and Hat Tree" and "5 chairs, table and sewing basket" which sold for 75¢ and 50¢ respectively, I would point out that the auctioneer who was present with Colonel Pope when the effects were removed from 938 Caledonia Avenue, stated that these particular articles were junk and would be sold as such. Pieces of wood from the table might be used by a cabinet maker for some other purpose, but as a table it had served its purpose. The chairs, likewise, might be of some use in a camp but could not be classified as having any sales value.

Your cheque for $4.50 in favour of Stocker's Transfer Co. is acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
"G. O. Cumpston"

EWP:MHK

I hereby certify the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.
August 3, 1948. M. Abbott

March 13th, 1946.

G. O. Cumpston, Esq.,
Messrs. Geo. A. Touche & Co.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels at 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria.

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letters of the 5th and 9th (2) instant.

While the different lists on file cannot be brought into balance we have just completed a careful tally, which, with the exception of the following two items, appears to account for everything of value. The exceptions referred to are: (1) "Chesterfield and chairs" (original "JP" declaration-March 31st, 1942) and (2) one item of "Chairs" in Mr. Hinton's inventory dated May 6th, 1942. Have you any information on your files that would account for these two items?

You have made no comment regarding the prices realized by Maynard & Sons at their auction on the 6th instant but we cannot pass some of these prices without having on record the reason why, for instance, the item described as "Din. Table, 6 chairs and a hat tree" were sold for .75¢ If usable as a dining table and chairs they would appear to be worth not less than ten times that figure. Another item in this category is "5 chairs, table and sewing basket" which realized .50¢ Messrs. Maynard & Sons will doubtless be able to supply the necessary information.

We enclose our cheque for $4.50 in favour of Messrs. Stocker's Transfer Co., Ltd., cost of removing goods from 938 Caledonia Avenue to Auction Rooms.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.
Encl.

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August 3, 1948. M. Allen

Attached to Exhibit 1355-8

GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Bank of Toronto Building,
Victoria, B. C.

9th March 1946.

R. G. Bell, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Your File No. 469 - Cat. 890

Dear Sir:

Chattels at 938 Caledonia Avenue

With further reference to your letter of the 1st instant, please find enclosed cheque for $16.85 being the proceeds of an auction sale held by Maynard & Sons of effects removed from the above premises.

It is pointed out that, with the exception of the articles given to Mrs. Cantwell of 224 Robertson Street in accordance with your instructions, the chattels sold at auction were in very poor condition. This accounts for the low prices realized.

Auctioneer's statement of sale, in duplicate, is enclosed as well as account from Stocker's Transfer Company.

Yours faithfully,

"G. O. Cumpston"

GOC:MHK
Encs. 5

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August 3rd 1948

STATEMENT OF SALE

VICTORIA, B. C. March 6, 1946

The Custodian

SOLD BY

MAYNARD & SONS

Auctioneers and Appraisers

Telephone G-5921 Office and Sales Room : 731-733 Johnson St.

2mirrors and medicine cabinet 1.25	1	25
Lino square 1.00 child's cot and mattress 2.00	2	00
Din Table 6 chairs and hat tree .75 bridge lamp 1.00	1	75
5 chairs table and sewing basket .50 hall stand .75	1	25
dressers and 2 stands 2.25 set of bins .75	3	00
Heater and base 2.00 wardrobe 7.00	9	00
	19	25
Commission and advertising	2	40
	$16	85

Maynard & Sons

PAID

"R. H. Tillyer"

Auctioneers

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August 3rd1948

Attached to Exhibit 1355-8

GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Bank of Toronto Building,

VICTORIA, B. C.

Your file #469 Cat. #890

March 5, 1946.

R. G. Bell, Esq.,
Administration Dept.,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir: CHATTELS AT 938 CALEDONIA AVENUE

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 1st instant, the articles listed in the Inventory dated the 1st June 1942, have this day been disposed of as follows:

(A) Removed to Maynard & Sons to be sold by auction:

1 Linoleum (9 x 10½)
1 Heater and Stove Board
1 Bridge Lamp and Cord
1 Bureau
2 Small Dressers (Washstands)
11 Chairs
1 Clothes Closet
1 Coat Rack
1 Dining-Room Table
1 Cupboard (Meat Safe and Bins)
2 Mirrors
1 Medicine Chest
1 Small Table
1 Mirrored Coat Rack

"Handed to Committee will be returned"

(B) Sold to tenant as per attached appraisal by Maynard and Sons:

Gas Plate with two burners

Cheque payable to Custodian for Four Dollars, enclosed.

(C) Given to Mrs. K. Cantwell of 224 Robertson Street, Victoria, B.C., as authorized by your letter of the 22nd of May 1945:

1 Desk
1 Bookcase
1 Bedside Table

"A.O.C. holds receipt (see a/c 214/46")

1 Bedside Rug (wine)

(D) Fixtures and left on the premises:

Bath tub
Sink
Detachable Cupboard (Declared a fixture by Appraiser)
Toilet

(E) Declared as of no value by Appraiser and left on premises:

8 Blinds
Curtain Rods
Light Globes
3 Beds and Mattresses (in shed)
1 Card Table
1 Heater
1 Mahogany Sofa
1 Kitchen Range with Tank
1 Screen Door
Linoleum Covers
Window Screens

(F) Held by Stocker's Security pending instructions from the Custodian:

1 Sewing Machine

It is expected that the Auction of articles mentioned in (A) on previous page, will take place in a few days when a full report of all articles so disposed of will be rendered.

Yours faithfully,

"G. O. Cumpston"

EWP:DMJ
Enc.

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August 3, 1948 W. Abbott. 6/8.

EXHIBIT No. 1355 - 9

DATE 4 June 1948

FILED BY "J. W. G. Hunter"

1026 North Park St.
Victoria, B. C.

Jan 4th

Dear Mr. Hemmy

Just a line wishing you a very happy New Year, and to let you no that I am sending records, ect everything that was left in the house, that is in the attic we did not see any more records these were loose, nothing in the shed that was emty, I have put them in a trunk for safety, sorry could not get everything you wanted, were that is gone I dont have any ida wish I did dont like the people in house, only sorry that you did not put it in how bastment then we could have sent it to you anytime, dont send the trunk back you may fine use for it, also dresses are no good I put them to keep records from breaking I have put Jackies clock in too, while I was sending Jack send me a box of chocklates for Xmas which I think if was very nice of him, well, we had snow for Chistmas day was gone the next we have lovely weather not cold at all, just Victoria weather, we had a lovely Chrstmas day Cantwells we with us a usual we had 25 people lots of work but I like it, I am glad you like the place you are at hope your wife & Mother are well we are fine, well the transfer man as just come to get the trunk it cost a dollar to take it down, sending paper so you can get it, the key is a bit stiff but I think you will get it open, well I must close to get this letter off so wishing you well

your truly
friends Mr & Mrs Skinner

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

August 3, 1948

W. Abbott

SWINERTON & CO. LIMITED

Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents

P. O. Box 1146
620 Broughton Street
Victoria,
British Columbia

June 3, 1942

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Hemmi, Sokichi,
Your File #469

We acknowledge receipt of your of May 27th, and as requested therein we enclose inventory of furnishings and effects, duly certified by the tenant.

When Mrs. Gurnsey was in the office paying the rent for the month of June, she mentioned that her son was going out of the City to work for a few weeks and the painting would therefore have to be left in abeyance until his return.

We will render a statement and remittance, however, when the July rent is paid, irrespective of whether the painting is completed or not.

Yours very truly,

SWINERTON & CO. LIMITED

"D. Campbell"

Director

1355 - 10

DATE 4 June 1948

FILED BY

"J. W.G. Hunter"

DC/AA

Attached to Exhibit 1355-10

INVENTORY of FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS of S. HEMMY, 938 CALEDONIA AVE..

LIVING ROOM (Front)
~~Linoleum (9x10½)~~ S
~~Heater & Stove Board~~ S
3 Blinds
Curtain Rods
2 Light Globes
Light Fixture (3 Shades)
~~Bridge Lamp & Cord~~ S

FRONT BEDROOM
1 Bed & Mattress
~~Bureau~~ S
Small Dresser
~~1 Chair~~ S
1 Blind
Curtain Rod
1 Light Globe

MIDDLE BEDROOM
~~Clothes Closet~~ S
Coat Rack
1 Bed & Mattress
Card Table
1 Light Globe
~~1 Chair~~ S

BEDROOM (OFF DINING ROOM)
1 Bed & Mattress
1 Desk x
Book Case x
~~1 Chair~~ S
Small Dresser
Bedside Table x
1 Rug x
1 Light Globe

DINING ROOM
Heater
1 Mahogony Sofa
Sewing Machine
~~Dining Room Table~~ S
~~7 Chairs~~ S
Light Fixture with 2 Globes
Curtain Rods
Extension Wire

KITCHEN
Kitchen Range with Tank
~~Gas Stove (2 Plates) on Table~~ Soldlto Harley Johnson
Cupboard
2 Blinds
Light Fixture with 1 Globe
~~1 Mirror~~ S
~~1 Chair~~ S
Screen Door

BATHROOM
Bathtub
Sink
Detachable Cupboard
~~Medicine Chest~~ S
2 Blinds
2 Light Globes
~~Mirror~~ S

BACK BATHROOM
Toilet
~~Small Table~~ S
Light Globe (1)

HALL
~~1 Mirrored Coat Rack~~ S
2 Light Globes

BACK & FRONT PORCHES
2 Light Globes

Linoleum Covers all Floors.

Window Screens.

Certified Correct:

"Mrs. O. Gurnsey"

Date June 1st 1942.

"x - These to be held by Mrs. Cantwell May 22, 1945"

S - Sold 6/3/46 Victoria 3.

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August 4, 1948 M. Abbott