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Hastings Park
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: ARAKAWA, SimononHOME ADDRESS: Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 11155SEX: MaleAGE: 54OCCUPATION: Fisherman

(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: Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.MARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SatoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Mitsuko (F);ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 12 years

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None
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: Camp at Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: Rent free
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:
- Per attached list. Stored at Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, 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

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. 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)

1 \$50.00 Victory Bond, 1944-1951, (mat.),8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \$600.00 for food, T. Mikawa, 549 Powell St.,
Vancouver, B.C.\$100.00 to C. Wakabashi, for building fishing boat.2. TRADE DEBTS: NoneREMARKS: None

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 24th day of March

1942

(Signature)

S. Arakawa

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

Inventory of goods stored at Sunnyvale Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

- ✓ 1 box new dishes, gas iron.
- ✓ 1 box old dishes and large bowls
- 1 carton pots and pans *not in present claim*
- ✓ 1 box dishes, pots and tray and twine, etc.
- ✓ 1 box suribachi and large iron kettle
- 1 box miscellaneous tools *not in present claim*
- 1 boxed machine *Sewer* *Sewing wife shipped*
- 1 box kitchen utensils, etc.
- 1 box preserves *not in present claim*
- 1 box provisions *do*
- 1 box shoyu in bottles *do*
- ✓ 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ mattress *keep lower endy yoke covered*
- ✓ 1 barrel shoyu *not in present claim*
- sugar and tins *do*
- 1 new trunk *do*
- Kori--large *do 2 Mr. Thompson*
- 1 old trunk *do*
- 1 barrel rakkyo *do*
- ✓ 1 barrel shoyu *do*
- 6 containers rice *do*
- 2 cartons containing rice boilers *not in present claim*
- 1 saw *Saw shipped*
- 1 box school books *claim abandoned*
- ✓ 1 book-case *in present claim he lost 1 book case & 4 small gas stoves*
- ✓ 1 gas stove *in present claim he lost 1 small gas stove*
- 1 boil can and scrub board *not in present claim*
- ✓ 1 Japanese shrine, and clock *in present claim he lost 1 small clock*
- ✓ carpet *in present claim he lost 1 small clock*
- ✓ Kori--small *not in present claim*
- ✓ bed-- $\frac{3}{4}$ folding *in present claim he lost 1 small clock*
- ✓ bed-sofa and mattress
- ✓ dining room table--3 pieces
- ✓ desk chair
- ✓ gramophone
- ✓ gas lamp *present claim he lost 1 gas lamp & 100 small record in box*
- mattress--double *not in present claim*
- ✓ bed frame, spring
- 1 can food, (left overs) *not in present claim*

Estimated value of the above--\$800.00

- 1 new Cohoe net
- 1 old Cohoe net
- 1 old spring net
- Net and boat supplies for all my men--\$370.00

SUMMARY

File No. 372

December 9, 1947

Re: ARAKAWA, Sukeemon #11135

According to his declaration of March 24, 1942, ARAKAWA had been living, rent free, at the camp, Sunnyside Cannery. Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, is operated by B.C. Packers Ltd. Japanese from the Skeena district were evacuated to Vancouver early in March, 1942.

ARAKAWA reported to the Custodian that he had left 44 pieces of household and personal effects (listed in detail) at Sunnyside. On these he placed an estimated value of \$800.00. No goods, identified, as the property of ARAKAWA, have been sold by the Custodian. A Bill of Lading on file shows shipment, February 10, 1943, to ARAKAWA from Sunnyside of a sewing machine and a bundle of saws. This is the only shipment to ARAKAWA of which we have proof. The fact that ARAKAWA has claimed for only 14 of the 44 pieces he reported in 1942, would indicate that 30 pieces were shipped to him or otherwise disposed of by him, (tending to confirm the cannery's report that everything of value had been shipped, or at any rate that shipments had been made).

The goods at Sunnyside were listed by D.A. Smith, of this office, in the early part of April, 1942. Mr. Smith listed 41 pieces of goods for ARAKAWA, of which 31 were crates, boxes, etc. which Mr. Smith did not open to examine the contents. The goods Mr. Smith stated were in a cannery building in the care of the cannery manager, Mr. Don Maine. File gives no explanation of discrepancy between ARAKAWA's list and Smith's list.

There is no evidence on file to show that the Custodian moved any goods from Sunnyside, although letter to ARAKAWA, October 30, 1943, states that chattels were moved and were, at that date, stored at Prince Rupert. Letter from G.L. Rorie (Custodian agent at that time) states that the cannery was not in urgent need of the storage space. The lack of Custodian storage space and the cost of shipping (in relation to the value of the goods) would make it unlikely that goods were moved unless the cannery requested removal. The report of H.G. Helgerson Ltd., February 3, 1945, indicates that the goods were not moved from Sunnyside by the Custodian. That report (made by Mrs. Arnold who visited the cannery to examine Japanese goods there) was as follows:

"Before evacuation, Japanese residents at Sunnyside Cannery, upon advice of cannery manager, packed all valuable goods in numbered packages, which have since been shipped. All other goods which were not worth moving were placed in an old shed. This shed has become dilapidated and has been broken into, and the contents are a decaying, rotten mass (rotting mattresses, old iron bed frames, broken buckets, etc.)"

Although the cannery reported that all valuable goods had been shipped, it is possible that thefts may have prevented shipment of some such goods. Thefts between ARAKAWA's departure from Sunnyside and Mr. Smith's visit (a period of about three weeks) may account for the goods declared by ARAKAWA but not listed by Smith. ARAKAWA reported 44 pieces, we know of the shipment of two pieces, so he could have claimed for 42 pieces, without this office being able to dispute his claim. He has claimed for 14. Probably he has not received these 14 pieces. We have no record of the condition of the goods at the time ARAKAWA left them at Sunnyside, and cannot therefore place a value on the goods. However, ARAKAWA was a fisherman, operating a cannery-owned boat. He had liabilities amounting to more than \$700.00. He had lived in a cannery house (not, in general, luxurious accommodation). It is improbable that his household effects would be of great value.

J. Matheson

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 373

May 3, 1946.

Re: Bokuemon ARAKAWA, Reg. No. 11135

This file reveals the following liabilities:

T. Maikawa Stores Ltd., Int. 219A \$603.65 - ARAKAWA in his JP reported a debt to this company of \$600.00. - *\$46.25 paid June 24/46*

C. WAKABASHI (*not identified*) \$100.00 - Reported by ARAKAWA in JP.
no further action

Dr. C. H. Hankinson, Pr. Rupert \$5.00 - Acknowledged as correct by debtor.
Paid in full June 24/46

All the above claims were acknowledged as unpaid on October 27, 1942.

Hirokichi YAMANAKA, File 9085 \$13.95 - Reported by Creditor, not acknowledged by ARAKAWA. *no further action creditor informed June 24/46*

This summary is certified to be
in accordance with information
on file.

G. H. H. H. H.

May 3, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 372

May 3, 1946.

Re: Sukuemon ARAKAWA, Reg. No. 11135

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 24, 1942. He was evacuated from the protected area on May 18, 1942.

In his declaration he reported 44 pieces of foodstuffs, household and personal effects left at Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River. On July 7, 1942, November 18, 1942, October 25, 1943, and November 14, 1943, he requested shipment of effects. There is no evidence that shipment was not made as requested. The requested shipments do not account for all the chattels declared. On February 3, 1945, Mrs. N. E. Arnold, Custodian agent at Prince Rupert, informed this office that Japanese residents of Sunnyside Cannery, on advice of the cannery manager, had packed all valuable goods in packages which had been shipped. All other goods, which were not worth moving, had been placed in an old shed. This shed had become dilapidated, had been broken into and the contents at the time of her report were a decaying, rotten mess. ARAKAWA had placed a value of \$800.00 on his effects.

He declared a new Cohoe net, an old Cohoe net, an old Spring net, and net and supplies for all his men. Value \$370.00, according to ARAKAWA. This file gives no information in regard to the disposition of this gear.

He declared a \$50.00 Victory Bond. This did not come under the control of this office.

The vessel "S.A." Prince Rupert 1326, appears to have been in the possession of this man at the time of her impounding. This vessel was released from custody to B. C. Packers Ltd., licensed owners, on February 27, 1942.

The sum of \$50.25 received in full settlement of claim for refund of expenses incurred in connection with the impounding of the vessel "S.A." has been credited to the account of Sukuemon ARAKAWA.

On April 22, 1946, Mrs. Sute ARAKAWA; File 395, wife of this man inquired about firearms surrendered by her husband. As firearms are under the control of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, we wrote that department requesting that they get in touch with Sukuemon ARAKAWA in regard to these.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.

J. MacLison

May 3, 1946.

MISSING CHATTELS

File No. 372

June 24, 1946

Re: Sukeemon ARAKAWA #11135

Declared

March 24/42

- 1 Bx. New Dishes, gas iron ✓
- 1 Bx. Old Dishes ✓ *claim*
- 1 Ctn. Pots & Pans ✓ *claim*
- 1 Bx. Dishes, pots, tray, twine, etc. ✓
- 1 Bx. Suribachi & 1 large iron kettle *down 3*
- 1 Bx. Miscellaneous ✓
- 1 Bx. Machine ✓ *claiming?*
- 1 Bx. Preserves ✓
- 1 Bx. Shoyu in bottles ✓
- 1 3/4 Mattress ✓
- 1 Bbl. Shoyu
- Sugar & Beans
- 1 New Trunk
- 1 Large Kori
- 1 Old Trunk
- 1 Bbl. Rakkyo
- 1 Bbl. Shoyu
- 6 containers Rice
- 2 Ctns. Rice Boilers
- 1 Saw ✓
- 1 Bx. School books ✓ *4*
- 1 Book-case ✓ *5*
- 1 Gas Stove ✓ *5*
- 1 Boil Can & Scrub Board ✓
- 1 Japanese Shrine & Clock ✓ *6*
- 1 Carpet ✓
- 1 Small Kori
- 1 3/4 folding bed ✓ *8*
- Sofa & Mattress ✓ *9*
- Dining Room Table (8 piece) ✓ *10*
- Desk Chair ✓ *11*
- Gramophone ✓ *12*
- Gas Lamp ✓ *13*
- Double Mattress ✓
- Bed frame & spring ✓ *14*
- 1 Can food (left-overs)

(The 8 nets and boat supplies are assumed to have been sold to the Cannery prior to evacuation)

While some shipments were requested in July and November, 1942, we have no record of shipment having been made.

In October, 1943, this man signed a Release for what appears to be some of the same items previously requested.

Information given to us from the Cannery and Prince Rupert is that everything of value was shipped from Sunnyside Cannery.

Memorandum on this file under date February 15, 1943, states that nothing of sufficient value remained at Sunnyside Cannery at that date to warrant placing insurance.

Goods not shipped from Sunnyside was placed in an old shed and on February 3, 1945, Mrs. Arnold reported that the contents of the shed were a decaying, rotten mess.

If this Japanese lodges a claim, it might be possible to obtain from the Dept. of Labour some information regarding shipments.

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE 372

July 27, 1944

Re: Sukeuemon ARAKAWA, Reg. 11135

Vessel: "S.A."/"S.C.62", 29'x7'x3', Vitan 7 HP (1939)

BOAT FILE: JFVDC "Released Vessels" under "S.C.62"

Licence Number: Prince Rupert 1326

Naval Control No.: PR.078-R.

This vessel was impounded and was placed in custody at New Westminster.

Although reported to the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee as being the property of Sukeuemon ARAKAWA, the vessel was licenced in the name of British Columbia Packers Ltd., and was released to the licenced owners on February 27, 1942. Damage Claim #216- paid to B.C. Packers - \$167.02. *through the Dept of Fisheries.*

With reference to the letter of May 14, 1943, from Sukeuemon ARAKAWA, regarding claim for \$24.00 for fare paid and expenses incurred in returning to Prince Rupert after bringing his boat to New Westminster, a claim in this man's name (in connection with boat "S.A." PR.1326) has been filed at Ottawa, along with other similar claims. The amount of the claim is \$50.25. *Paid 11/4/45*

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CLAIM

November 13, 1944

FILE: 372

CREDITOR: Sukeuemon ARAKAWA, 11135

DEBTOR: Canadian Government

AMOUNT: \$50.25

paid 11/4/45

Expenses incurred in connection with the seizure and removal from the Skeena River to the Fraser River of the M/V "S.A." PR. 078-R.

S. A. Arakawa

REGISTERED

May 3, 1946.

Mr. Sukuemon ARAKAWA,
 Reg. No. 11135,
 c/o Mr. L. E. LeGuen,
 VERNON, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your file with this office has been reviewed and it is noted that in your declaration to the Custodian on March 24, 1942, you reported a quantity of foodstuffs, household and personal effects left at Sunnyside Cannery. According to our records, all valuable goods left at Sunnyside Cannery has been shipped to the owners.

You reported nets and supplies left at Sunnyside Cannery. It is our understanding that the fishing company settled direct with the fishermen for all fishing gear of value, and we assume that your fishing gear was handled in this manner.

You declared a \$50.00 Victory Bond. This did not come under the control of this office.

Your account with this office has been credited with the sum of \$50.25 received in full settlement of the claim lodged with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee for refund of expenses incurred at the time of the impounding of the vessel "S.A." This vessel was released from custody in February, 1942, to the licensed owners, British Columbia Packers Ltd.

Your wife, on April 22, 1946, inquired in regard to firearms which she stated had been surrendered by you. As firearms are under the control of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, this inquiry was passed to that department with the request that they write you in regard to this matter.

Your file reveals liabilities totalling \$722.60, as follows:

T. Maikawa Stores Ltd.		\$603.65
C. Wakabashi		100.00
Dr. C.H. Hankinson		5.00
Hirokichi YAMANAKA		13.95

As we have no record of the settlement of any of these liabilities, we unable to forward to you at this time the sum of \$50.25 which is standing to your credit with this office. Unless we hear from you by the end of this month that some or all of these debts have been paid, we shall distribute the funds in your account among your creditors, as you have acknowledged the first three claims and have not denied the claim of Hirokichi YAMANAKA.

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Mr. Sukemon ARAKAWA

May 3, 1946.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

Enclosure

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

SUKEJUNON ARAKAWA -- PERSONAL CHATTELS

REG. NO. 11135

Description of Chattels

When Bought
& Condition

Paid

When Evac-
uated

Value at
Evacuation

I.

4 Boxes containing (a) Dishes (b) pots & pans
(c) Misc. household articles (d) iron kettles
crocks, etc., including the following: 6
large white bowls, 10 large Jap bowls, 3
large crocks, 3 extra large platters, 6 large
platters, 4 doz. cups & saucers, 8 large plates,
2 doz. Jap bowls, 2 doz. Jap bowls (heavy)
12 large tea kettles, 1 double boiler, 6 large
pots, 2 extra large iron Kettles, 10 small pots,
3 medium size iron kettles, 2 heavy skillets,
large Jap tray, 2 roasting pans, 6 large pans,
2 ordinary skillets, 3 large dishpans -- and
other (small) articles.

From)
1930) - new
on.)

Don't recall
exactly, but
total outlay
was in excess
of \$300.00

Good

\$75.00

EXHIBIT No. 146/1

DATE 16/2/48

FILED BY

Mr. McMaster

II.

1 Box containing bookcase & 4 Small
gas stoves: Book Case 44" x 46"
4 small gas stoves
14" x 16"
(for use in fishing houses)

Built by)
Carpenter 1938) - new
1938 - new

\$30.00

good

\$10.00

36.00 (\$9.00
each)

"

15.00

III.

1-2 folding bed (complete)

1932 - new

40.00

"

20.00

IV. Bed sofa and mattress

1930 - new

45.00

"

20.00

V 1 roll carpet (lino) 12' x 14'

1938 - new

26.00

"

15.00

VI 1 mantel clock - 12" x 24"

1927 - new

50.00

"

25.00

VII 1 walnut dining table

1932 - new

45.00

"

20.00

VIII 1 roll top desk chair - built by carpenter

1931 - new

40.00

"

10.00

IX 1 gramophone, 18"x18"x36"

1926 - new

45.00

"

20.00

X 1 Box containing: (a) Coleman mantel gas
(b) 100 mixed Eng. & Jap records lamp/

1937 - new

11.00

"

5.00

XI 1 double bed frame, with coil spring

time to time New

75.00

"

25.00

1927 - new

60.00

"

20.00

TOTAL

280.00

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PERSONAL CHATTELS

SUKUEMON ARAKAWA

STORAGE OF GOODS:

These goods were stored at Sunnyside Cannery, Skenna River, all boxed and crated - About 6 other Japanese stored their goods. I identified all of my goods by box numbers and name (painted in white) in each case. The goods were all placed in the attic of the Cannery.

COMMENTS:

I have never been advised by the Custodian at any time as to the sale of any of these goods, nor have I ever received any of these goods from the Custodian or monies with respect to same.

I was a fisherman contractor for B.C. Packers, boarding fishermen which explains the large quantity of utensils, etc. as set out above.

In estimating values for the items claimed by me, I have deducted what I believe to be fair amounts, in each case, to allow for their age and condition as used articles.

"S. Arakawa"
Signature

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

DATE: April 3, 1948

B. T. Larsen

ANALYSIS OF CLAIM- ARAKAWA, Sukeuemon, Reg. No. 11135 - File: 372

EXHIBIT NO. 146/2
DATE 16/2/48
FILED BY B. J. Hunter

CLAIM

DISPOSITION OF GOODS DECLARED

1. 1 Box Dishes	
1 Box Pots & Pans	\$40.00
2. 1 " Misc.H.H.Articles	20.00
3. 1 " Iron Kettles,	
Crocks, etc.	15.00
4. 1 " Books	20.00
5. 1 Box Bookcase &	
Gas Stove	25.00
6. 1 " Mantel Clock	25.00
7. 1 Roll Carpet	15.00
8. 1 3/4 Folding Bed	20.00
9. 1 Sofa & Mattress	20.00
10. 1 Dining-room Table	20.00
11. 1 Desk Chair	10.00
12. 1 Gramophone	20.00
13. 1 Box Gas Lamp &	
100 Records	30.00
14. 1 Bed Frame	20.00
	<u>\$300.00</u>

Claimed by Sukeuemon

20.00
280.00

On March 24, 1942,
Sukeuemon ARAKAWA
declared 44 pieces
of household goods
stored at Sunnyside
Cannery. The list
included articles
similar to those
dealt with in his
claim.

In April, 1942,
Mr.D.A.Smith,
of Custodian
Office, found
and listed the
following goods
under the name
of Sukeuemon
ARAKAWA:

33 Crates, Boxes,
Cartons, Packages
Cans, etc. (contents
not checked)
1 Bed, complete
1 Gramophone

February 3, 1945,
Custodian representative
at Prince Rupert visited
Sunnyside Cannery and
reported:

"Before evacuation,
Japanese residents
at Sunnyside packed
all valuable goods in
numbered packages
which have since been
shipped. All other goods
(not worth moving were placed
in an old shed. Shed
has become dilapidated,
has been broken into and
contents are a decaying,
rotten mass."

No goods identified as the property of Sukeuemon ARAKAWA were sold
by Custodian.

J. Matheson

NOV 28 1947

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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

- (1) NAME ARAKAWA SUKEUEMIN (RCMP) Reg. No. 11135
(Print) Surname Given Name
(2) Pre-Evacuation Address SUNNYSIDE CANNERY, SKEENA RIVER, B.C.
(3) Present Address P.O. Box 1331, VERNON, B.C.
(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ _____
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ _____
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts re-
ceivable) - - - - - \$ _____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ _____
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
Sunnyside Cannery Skeena River, B.C.
(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Cannery's warehouse
(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation ready for shipment

(over)

FILE # 372

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 1948.

TO: Miss F. Matheson

FROM: F.G. Shears

Case #146

Re: Sukenen ARAKAWA

Mr. Hunter has a note on this file asking us to produce any requests for shipment.

Please examine the file and supply us with any information in this regard.

FGS/GH

F.G. Shears
Director.

ANALYSIS OF CLAIM- ARAKAWA, Sukeemon. Box. No. 11134 - File 372

CLAIM

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S. M. Smith

EXTRACT - Letter from G.L. Rorie to Custodian, June 3, 1942
Original on File A/89 - G.L. Rorie

"Further to my letter to you of 29th May, I have contacted all the canneries which are accessible by telephone, with the following results:

SUNNYSIDE: Not particularly interested in shipping to Rupert. Space used for storage of Japanese effects is not urgently required for cannery products."

EXTRACT - Letter February 3, 1945 - H.G. Helgerson Ltd. to Custodian.
Original on File G/41 - Sunnyside Cannery

"Before evacuation, Japanese residents at Sunnyside Cannery, upon the advice of the Cannery manager, packed all valuable goods in numbered packages which have since been shipped. All other goods which were not worth moving were placed in an old shed. This shed became dilapidated, and has been broken into and the contents are a decaying, rotten mass. The site of the shed is needed by the B. C. Packers for a new building. The manager, Mr. Main, looked through the collection and the only objects that looked as if they might be of some use were an old Easthope engine and a blacksmith's blower. The rest were rotting mattresses, old iron bed frames, broken buckets, etc. "

SUMMARY

File: 372

January 21, 1948

Re: ARAKAWA, Sukeemon, Reg.No.11135

JP shows that this man had been living, rent free, at the camp, Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, prior to evacuation. Japanese from that district were moved to Vancouver in March, 1942.

JP and attached list shows 44 pieces of household and personal goods listed in detail and valued by ARAKAWA at \$800.00.

Bill of Lading of February 10, 1943, shows shipment to ARAKAWA of a sewing machine and a bundle of saws. This is the only shipment to ARAKAWA of which we have proof. Since ARAKAWA has claimed for only 14 pieces of the 44 declared it is evident that other shipments were made to him.

There is no evidence to show that any goods were removed from Sunnyside Cannery by the Custodian. On the other hand there is evidence to show that the cannery was not in need of the space occupied by Japanese goods. The lack of space elsewhere and the cost of shipping (in relation to the value of the goods) would make it unlikely that the goods would be removed unless the cannery requested removal.

In February, 1945, Mrs. Arnold of HLG.Helgerson Ltd. visited Sunnyside Cannery and reported to the Custodian that before evacuation the Japanese had packed all valuable goods in numbered packages which had since been shipped. Other goods not worth moving had been placed in an old shed. This shed had become dilapidated, had been broken into and at the time of her report the contents were a decaying, rotten mass.

It is possible that although the cannery manager reported all valuable goods shipped, thefts may have accounted for some goods of some value.

Although ARAKAWA's estimated values look reasonable, it should be remembered that the furnishings of a cannery house would not likely be luxurious; that in March, 1942, ARAKAWA placed an estimated value of \$800.00 on all the goods he left at Sunnyside; that shipments made to him, undoubtedly, accounted for much of the value; and that most of the goods listed in the claim probably were absolute junk.

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J. MacKinnon

CASE NO: 146.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Vernon, B. C.,

February 16th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
SUKEUEMON ARAKAWA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

P.G. Shears, Esq.

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
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq., appearing for the
Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq., appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq., Secretary.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq., Official Interpreter.
G. HAMBLETON, Esq., Official Reporter.

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S. Arakawa,
In Chief.

MR. McMASTER: Might I have the claim form, Mr. Secretary,
please.

SUKUHEMON ARAKAWA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, is this your signature on the claim form
and did you swear that declaration?

A Yes.

10 MR. McMASTER: My lord, I would ask to amend the claim
form by deleting the claim for one box of books,
\$20.00, which will reduce the claim to \$280.00.
The reason is not because the books weren't there,
but because their sale value probably is very un-
ascertainable.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, witness, did you ask Mr. Leckie
to prepare this statement for you with regard to
your claim for chattels in regard to this matter?

20 A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

Q Are the statements contained in there true to the
best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as Exhibit 1, my lord.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. McMASTER: Do you wish the claims analysis filed in
30 this case?

S. Arakawa,
In Chief.

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file the claims analysis on behalf of my learned friend as Exhibit 2, my lord.

(CLAIMS ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. McMASTER: Referring to Exhibit 1, there are a large number of items set out therein with specific details. Page 2 of that exhibit, my lord, which explains with respect to the storage of the goods, this man was away up at Sunnyside Cannery at Skeena River. In the comments he advises that he has never been advised by the Custodian at any time as to the sale of any of the goods, nor has he received any of the goods and that he was a fisherman contractor for B.C. Packers, boarding fishermen, which explains the large quantity of utensils which are set out in his statement.

Now, my lord, with respect to Exhibit 2 which is the analysis of claim that my friend has asked to have filed, I would ask him to be good enough to produce and file the correspondence that is referred to in that analysis.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well is there any correspondence, because it reads, "The Custodian's representatives visited".

MR. McMASTER: If there is any, I would think there would be, unless he telephoned or wrote or something.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Well, perhaps we can hear from you later in that regard, Mr. Hunter. I don't suppose you are able to deal with the question

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S. Arakawa,
In Chief.

now.

MR. HUNTER: I will just check, my lord, and make sure of that.

MR. McMASTER: I don't believe it is on your file.

MR. HUNTER: There is an extract here, my lord, from a letter dated February 23rd, 1945, H.J. Wells Limited, from the Custodian. It says, "The original is on file G-41", which I presume must refer to some other Japanese who had also stored things there.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you would read that much into the record and your friend will --

MR. McMASTER: I guess that is what appeared on this, isn't it, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: I will check and make sure. There is a little more. It says, "Before evacuation Japanese residents at Sunnyside, upon the advice of the cannery manager, packed all valuable goods in numbered packages which have since been shipped. All other goods which were not worth moving were placed in an old shed. This shed became dilapidated and has been broken into and the contents are a decaying, rotten mass".

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S. Arakawa,
In Chief.
Cross-Exam.

MR. McMASTER: Now the other letter referred to there, my lord, April, 1942, Mr. D.A. Smith, in a letter or inventory noted that he found and listed the following goods under the name of this claimant and then lists, "33 crates, boxes, cartons, packages, cans". Does my friend have that letter or report?

MR. HUNTER: I don't see that here. I imagine that would be one of those inter-office memorandums, Mr. McMaster.

MR. McMASTER: I see. But my friend, I take it, is admitting that those goods were found.

MR. HUNTER: Oh, quite. It wouldn't be in the analysis if they weren't.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is quite true. They are shown on the claim form, obviously the Custodian doesn't contest the claim insofar as the existence of the goods was concerned.

MR. McMASTER: Your witness.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Arakawa, you left this property at Sunnyside Cannery; that is correct, isn't it?

A Yes.

Q And what building did you leave it in?

A In the attic of a house that was built to accommodate three people. In the attic of the cannery warehouse.

Q The attic of the cannery warehouse?

A Yes, cannery warehouse.

30 Q Now did you get permission to leave it there?

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A Yes.

Q From whom did you get permission?

A Mr. Mayne.

Q Mr. Mayne. And did he say that he would look after it for you?

A: Mr. Mayne had the key and the place was to be locked and so he thought it would be all right to leave it.

Q The key was left with Mr. Mayne?

A Yes.

10 Q And did he charge you for the storage at all?

A (Question Interpreted).

Q Just a minute, now. I have just asked you a simple question: Did he charge you or didn't he charge you?

A No, there was no charge.

Q And did he say that he would look after them?

A Yes, he said he would look after them.

Q He said he would look after them. Did he say that he would ship them upon request?

20 A Yes.

Q He said he would. And did he ship some to you?

A (Question Interpreted).

Q Now, now, Mr. Arakawa, I just asked you a simple question: Did he ship any of these goods to you? I didn't ask you what he shipped or anything else. I will ask that later. Did he ship them?

A Yes.

Q He did ship some. All right now. How much did he ship? How many parcels?

30 A He doesn't remember exactly but about 15 or 18

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Cross-Exam.

packages or parcels.

Q And these were shipped by request, at your request?

A Through the Custodian. He says his request went through the Custodian.

Q What did you request of them?

A Bedding and what food there was there.

Q You requested bedding and food?

A Yes.

Q Where were you living all this time?

10 A He ordered these while he was staying at Hastings Park.

Q And where did you live upon evacuation?

A He was living at Hastings Park at the time.

Q I want to know where you lived after Hastings Park?

A Westweld.

THE COMMISSIONER: It is in the Okanagan.

MR. HENTER: Q: Did you have a house there?

A No.

Q How did you live? A: He was working for a
20 farmer there.

Q And are you still working for a farmer?

A He is now working for another fruit grower in Vernon.

Q You have never had a house since you were evacuated, is that it? A: No.

Q Where do you live, just in one room?

A He is renting a very small house.

Q I see. When did you start renting this small house?

30 A: 1942 -- no, 1944, June, 1944.

Q Did you ever ask for these articles here that you are now claiming for, did you ever ask for them to be shipped? A: No, he had no house to

put them in so he didn't ask for them to be shipped.

Q What did you use for furniture and cooking utensils in the little house you rented?

A He had a few things when he left Hastings Park and he bought a few other things since then.

Q I see. You didn't want these items for which you are making a claim.

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(Question Interpreted).

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the answer?

A No, he didn't apply for them.

MR. HUNTER: Q: He didn't want them, that is what I am asking.

THE COMMISSIONER: You might get further with him if you asked him why he didn't ask for them.

A There were some things amongst them that he wanted, but he managed to get along without them.

20 MR. HUNTER: Q: I see. Why didn't you send for them?

A He said even had he sent for them he had not sufficient room to put them and couldn't find any use for some of the things that he had left behind.

Q Did you buy furniture for your house up here?

A Yes, he bought a few necessary things.

Q He bought tables and chairs?

A He bought some wood and made a few things himself.

MR. HUNTER: That is all, thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now you haven't outlined your defence,

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Mr. Hunter. What was it?

MR. HUNTER: I am sorry, my lord.

It is submitted, my lord, that of those things for which he is making a claim, in many instances they had no value and that in some cases, if they had a value, the amount for which he is claiming is an exorbitant value.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any re-examination, Mr. McMaster?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I would just ask that my learned friend be required to produce any documents on the file by the Custodian showing a request by this man to have the goods shipped to him.

THE COMMISSIONER: I don't know if counsel has suggested that there was such a request.

MR. McMASTER: I am sorry, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I take it this cross-examination was just a fishing expedition; you weren't speaking on the basis of any prior information as to the existence of a request for delivery.

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord, I was trying to find out why he didn't want this stuff, if it is so valuable.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is what I thought. However, if there should be anything in the Custodian's file, I presume that you will disclose it.

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is this all?

MR. McMASTER: That is all.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr. Arakawa.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified a correct and accurate transcript.

Gordon Hambleton
"G. Hambleton"
Official Reporter.

DEFENCE BRIEF

VERNON
16 Feb. 48

Sukeemon ARAKAWA

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PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

(All claims shown are gross)

1. Chattel Claim

\$ 280.00

(a) All sold for

Sale Price
Nil

(b) Goods valued at 280.00. Lost, destroyed or stolen.

Exhibit 2 and Trans. Pages 4-8 & 9.

Witness - Mrs. Arnold of H.G. Helgersen Ltd.,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

RWN/mw

December 20th, 1950.

Mr. Sukemon ARAKAWA,
P. O. Box 1331,
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 116

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee
on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been
executed by yourself covering the award recommended under
the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$128.80.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$121.35
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 7.45
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FCS/js
1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director

Name of Claimant

ARAKAWA, Sukenomori

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REAL PROPERTY											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total			
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 & 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	Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
			46%	280.00	128.80		128.80				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											128.80