

XI-478

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug. 18/42

Our File No. Lat. 478

Full Name KIKUTA, Tashio
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06551

Male ☒ - Female
(check)

Age 25, 1915

Per Address 157 21. 2nd Ave. City.
5675 Granville St. City.
P.O. Box 443 Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated _____ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Returned Apr. 16/42
RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. GENERAL MEIBS
17th JUNE, 1946

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Mitane #07169

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Japan Name of Father Japan

Names of Children under 16 _____

(See Over)

Requested by POD

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Storekeeper Owner of
1 store - 5675 Granville St. 1 Truck.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
Oct. 11/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$200.00

Dear Sir:

Re: KIKUTA, Toshio #06551

X1.478.

Please note that the above has been
repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the
following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 200.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is
indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in
the amount of \$ 200.00. Therefore should you receive
further funds on this account such funds should be turned
into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the
expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such
surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the
Japanese in question.

Yours truly,

F. E. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

26th August, 1946

PERSONAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

Re: P/W A-435, KIKUTA, Toshio, Reg. No. 06551
Returned to Japan on 17th June, 1946

The above named operated a green grocery store at 5675 Granville Street at which address he reported to have left household fixtures, store equipment and clothing valued at \$4,000.00 (in JP2 Form, signed before departure for Japan, he valued this equipment at \$2,000.00).

At the Custodian's request, P.S. Ross & Sons examined the premises and submitted the following inventory:

- 16 Round metal containers for flowers
- 1 1/2 Rolls brown wrapping paper
- 2 stands for same
- 4 doz. paper bags, various sizes
- 1 small table - no value
- 1 small table - no value
- 1 chair
- 24 counter cheques - new with company name printed on
- 1 Cash register, No. 234,4891, Jan, 1925.
- 100 packages Steele Briggs Seeds - (later found to be consignment)
- 1 2 wheel truck - broken
- 1 kitchen stove - junk
- 750 lbs. cement in 100 lb. sacks - (later determined to be property of Contractor)
- 1 ladder 24 feet (later determined to be property of Contractor)
- 1 ladder 18 feet (later determined to be property of Contractor)
- 1 sign 15 x 3 feet (later determined to be property of Landlord)
- 1 table - no value
- 1 meat safe - no value

and stated that the only article of any value was the cash register.

These items were advertised for sale by public tender on June 13th, 1942 but no offers were received. All chattels were removed from 5675 Granville Street by persons unknown to the Custodian and no trace of same has been found.

Messrs. Norris & McLennan, Solicitors for the B.C. Purchasers Association, advised on November 2nd, 1942 that there were 4 cartons and 3 boxes belonging to the above named stored at the Association's warehouse. This matter was taken up with Mr. Spain of our Chattels Department, who informed us that nothing belonging to Kikuta was found when chattels were removed from the B.C. Purchasers warehouse to the Custodian's storage.

Bank Accounts

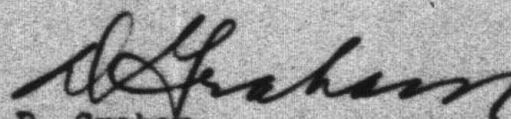
\$1.60 was transferred to his Office by the Japan & Canada Trust.

Life Insurance

Manufacturers Life Policy No. 747,459 for \$1,000.00 - this Policy was surrendered, at Kikuta's request, on October 13th, 1943 for the sum of \$84.26.

No property interests, other than the above appear, on this file.

Certified to be in accordance
with information on file.


D. Graham

MEMORANDUM RE CLAIMS

File No. 478 (Int)

Toshio KIKUTA

P/W A-432

The following claims have been filed against the
above noted Japanese person:

David L. Jones, Florist	\$ 59.02
Chapman Bros.	31.10
Coast Growers Produce Co.	97.15
Swartz Bros. Limited	167.88
West Coast Trading Company	19.28
Keefer Florist Company	60.00
Dr. M. Uchida	51.00 (withdrawn)
B.C. Purchasers Co-op Assoc.	88.43
Genshichi Takahashi	97.15
Wataru Takahashi (Note)	300.00
Wm. Rennie Seeds Limited	26.00
Slade & Stewart	16.58
Dr. J. A. Montgomery	8.70
B. C. Telephone Company	8.80
J. J. Gibbons Limited	9.42 Paid, Oct. 25/43.

Certified to be in accordance with
information obtained at this date.

J. Eyr

June 14, 1946

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN—Enemy Section

File No.

Name: KIKUTA, Toshio

Reg. No.: 06551

P/W/ 435

Home Address: 157 W 2nd Avenue, Vancouver

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY

1. Location and Description None

Vested

2. Buildings and Other Improvements

3. Insurance

4. Taxes (amount and where payable)

5. Encumbrances

6. Occupancy and Leases (if vacant so state)

7. State if any other person has any interest

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED

1. Give brief description and state location of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Machinery, Stock in

Trade and Personal Effects Stock no value. Store fixtures advertised for sale by tender June 9/47. No bids.
4 boxes + 3 cartons stored at Bb. Purchases Co-Operation Assoc.

2. Name and Address of any person having any claim on such Property

3. Insurance Carried on Personal Property

4. Bonds, Debentures, Shares, Stocks or other Securities

5. Bank Accounts and Disposition of same Japan Canada Inst. \$160

6. Life Insurance Mfpa Life # 747459 surrendered \$84²⁶ recd.

7. Liabilities other than items 4 and 5 \$1031⁰⁹ total

8. Remarks

Storage

ESTABLISHED 1887

Handled 16 P. Read

Pemberton Realty Corporation Limited

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 8241

418 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, CANADA

May 5th, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
MAY 6 1942

Custodian of Evacuated Japanese Property,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re: T. Kikuta

Dear Sir:

This man had a store at 5675 Granville Street. The store has been abandoned and there still remains on the property a cash register, some rolls of paper, (one holder of the three on the premises belongs to Kikuta), and a number of tins that are used for displaying cut flowers. The other fixtures in the store belong to the owner of the premises.

We would like to have the articles belonging to Kikuta removed as early as possible, as the owner is wishing to arrange to have all of his own things removed from the store and the store put in condition to rent. We do not feel that we would be within our rights to dispose of these items without referring them to you as, while the value is not a large sum, if someone should claim the goods at a future date, they might put too high a value on them.

*Showered
Walker 6-6.
will remove to
store.
Pemberton has
keys*

Yours very truly,

PEMBERTON REALTY CORPORATION LIMITED,

J. G. Walker
Rental Department, Manager.

JGW:BC

Petawawa Internment Camp
Petawawa, Ontario,

May 15 1942.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities furnished by:-

P/W P- 1267.....TOSHIO KIKUTA

A BANK ACCOUNTS: 1. Name of Bank none
2. Branch not applicable
3. Cash Balance N.A.

B SECURITIES: 1. Description and Quantity None
2. Where Deposited N.A.

C REAL ESTATE: 1. Description own grocery store, house-
hold fixtures and clothing \$4000.00
2. Location 5675 GRANVILLE ST. Vancouver, B.C.
3. Municipality Vancouver, B.C.

D INSURANCE: 1. Name of Company Manufacturers Life
2. Number of Policies one
3. Amount of Each \$1000.00

E CLAIMS: 1. Nature none
2. Amount N.A.
3. Name and address of debtor N.A.

F DEBTS: 1. Nature none
2. Amount N.A.
3. Name and address of creditor N.A.

Witness

T. Kikuta
Signature

If you have appointed a relative or a friend to look
after your interests, kindly furnish his name and address.

NAME

ADDRESS

Statement
of
Assets and Liabilities.

May 25th. 1942

Assets

Liabilities.

Cash on Hand

\$19.00 ✓

Life Insurance Premiums paid
on Manufacturing Life Policy
for \$1,000.00 estimated value

\$150.00 ✓

Nil

G. & K. Green Grocery business
with it's equipment and fixtures
at 5875 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C. Estimated value

\$4,000.00 ✓

Total-----\$4,169.00

The above Assets and Liabilities are correct.

Toshio Kikuta.

P-1267

Petawawa Internment Camp,
Petawawa, Ontario.

J. Kikuta

ESTABLISHED 1858

MONTREAL, 360 ST JAMES STREET
TORONTO, ROYAL BANK BUILDING
WINNIPEG, 507 ELECTRIC CHAMBERS
CALGARY, LANCASTER BUILDING
VANCOUVER, ROYAL BANK BUILDING

CABLE ADDRESS PHILROSS

P. S. Ross & Sons
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, TRUSTEES & LIQUIDATORS

BRIG GEN JAMES GROSS, C.M.D., D.S., F.C.A. (CAN)
A. F. C. ROSS, C.A., F.C.A. (CAN), F.S.A. (ENGL)
JOHN W. ROSS, C.A., F.C.A. (CAN)
GORDON W. SCOTT, C.A.
S. R. CAMPBELL, C.A.
JOHN A. GRANT, C.A.
S. B. PECKHAM, C.A.
GUY E. HOULT, C.A.
W. L. GATENDRUE, C.A.
W. S. JERNIGOT, C.A.
H. S. HAWTHORNE, C.A.
F. E. H. GATES, C.A.
S. H. HAWTHORNE, C.A.
IAN A. ROSS, C.A.
JOHN A. ROSS, C.A.

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
360 ST JAMES STREET

MONTREAL QUE.

Vancouver, B. C.

1st June, 1942.

Office of the Custodian,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Read

Dear Sir:

Re: Toshio KIKUTA
Your file no. 478 - Legal Section

We would acknowledge your letter of the 28th of May with reference to the business and household fixtures of the above. We have examined the premises at 5675 Granville Street, and have made an inventory of the items therein which are shown on the list attached hereto. You will note that with the exception of the cash register, there is little of value to be disposed of. The National Cash Register Company state they will offer \$19.00 for the cash register, but this would seem very low and a better sale could probably be made elsewhere.

The remaining items would not appear to be worth the expense of advertising, but something could probably be realized by requesting offers from the Junk Dealers.

The landlord of the premises through their agent, Mr. Johnson of Pemberton's and Sons Limited, advise us that the premises were vacated by Kikuta on the 11th of March. The rent was paid up to that time.

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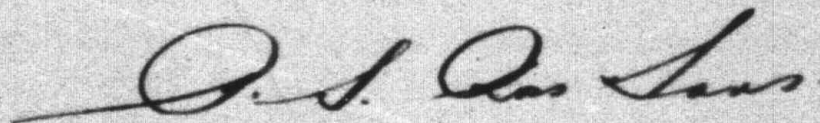
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

1st June, 1942

The only stock left in the premises was a few perishable items which were turned over to the Red Cross. Mr. Johnson suggests there may be a number of creditors, but we were unable to locate any books or records on the premises to confirm this.

We trust the foregoing is the information you require, and we will be pleased to discuss this matter with you or obtain any further data you may request.

Yours faithfully,



Enclosure:

Kikuta Toshio
5675 Granville Street, Vancouver

29th May, 1942.

Store

16 Round Metal Containers for Flowers.
1 1/2 Holls Brown Wrapping Paper.
2 Stands for same.
4 doz. Paper bags various sizes.

Office

1 Small Table, no value.
1 Chair, no value.
24 Counter Cheques, new with Company name printed on.

Back Room

1 Cash Register No. 2344891, January 1925.
100 Packages Steele Briggs Seeds. *consignment*
1 2 Wheel Truck (broken).
1 Kitchen Stove (junk).
750 lbs. - Cement in 100 lb sacks. *Owned by contractor*
1 Sign 15 x 3 feet. *Owned by landlord*
1 Ladder 24 feet. *Owned by contractor*
1 Ladder 18 feet.
1 Table (no value).
1 Meat Safe (no value).

THE CUSTODIAN
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
VICTORIA BLDG., 7 O'CONNOR STREET
OTTAWA, CANADA

THE CUSTODIAN
REGULATIONS RESPECTING
TRADING WITH THE ENEMY (1939)

FORM "D"

Ref. No. Insurance
From the X Company

Date of Discovery May 29, 1942

X Manufacturers Life Ins. Co.,
200 Bloor St. E.,
Toronto, Ont.

Sent to 501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Particulars of Life Insurance Policies and Annuity Contracts on Life of an Enemy

N.B. Separate forms should be used for each policy
or annuity contract for each "enemy."

Policy No.	747,459	Date of Policy (i.e. due date of first regular premium)	Aug. 8, 1938
Life Insured - Name	Toshio Kikuta	Plan of Policy	Endowment 25
Born	Nov. 25, 1906 at Japan	Sum Assured or Amount of Annuity	\$1,000.00
Address	2705 Granville St., Vancouver, B. C.	Premium - Amount	\$38.00
Owner - if third party insurance - Name		How Payable	Annually
Address		Due Dates	Aug. 8,
Beneficiaries - Names	Mitsue Kikuta	Policy Loans (automatic or otherwise)	-
Addresses		Approximate Cash Value, if any, including dividends, after deducting all policy indebtedness	\$81.00 as at June 4, 1942
Relationship to Life Insured	Wife	Nature of Automatic Non-forfeiture Provision	Automatic Premium Loan
Record of Current Assignments (other than to company for policy loan)		Approximate Cancellation Date under Automatic Non-forfeiture	Sept. 8, 1947
- give names and addresses -			

Special Notes:

P.-1267

Petawawa, Ontario.
10th July 1942.

Office of the Custodian,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Rec'd JUL 15 1942
File No.
Ans.
Referred <i>Mr. Wright</i>

P/W. P.-1267, KIKUTA, Toshio.

Re: Your Legal Section NO 478 D/7-7-42.

The m/n is willing that you dispose of
asests to a second dealer at the best possible price.

J.P. Dotell
Capt & Adjutant.
Petawawa Internment Camp.

March 18th, 1943.

REVIEW OF FILE NO. 478P/W A-435 - KIKUTA, ToshioCREDIT BALANCE \$ 1.60

This represents the balance of this man's account
with the Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company.

BUSINESS ASSETS

In a statement made by the internee on May 15th, 1942,
he claimed assets consisting of a Grocery Store,
Household Fixtures and Clothes, valued at \$4,000.00,
located in a rented building at 5675 Granville Street.
He also stated that he had no debts.

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May 28th, 1942. We asked Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons to investigate.

June 1st, 1942. Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons reported the value
of the goods remaining was very small.

June 9th, 1942. We asked Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons to advertise
the goods for sale.

July 2nd, 1942. Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons reported no response
to advertisement.

July 16th, 1942. We wrote Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons, asking
them to sell the remaining goods to a second
hand dealer.

Oct. 21st, 1942. We wrote Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons regarding
the return of Seeds to the Steele Briggs Seed
Company.

Oct. 27th, 1942. We wrote Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, asking for
a reply to our letter of October 21st.

Dec. 1st, 1942. We wrote Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons, asking
for replies to our letters of July 16th and
October 21st.

Should we write Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons again in this matter,
or should I interview Mr. Wray and write a letter confirming the
arrangements made in the interview?

Under date of November 14th, 1942, is a list of four (4) wooden
boxes and three (3) cartons, said to contain merchandise at present

*Mr. Ross
Pls write again
+ B. J. for reply in 10 days
+ if you do not hear from
them - call upon Mr. Wray
K R W*

Mar. 18/43.

- Review -

stored at the warehouse of the B.C. Purchaser's Co-operative Association. This list was supplied by Messrs. Norris and MacLennan. Should we investigate this merchandise as it may possibly be part of the stock of the Grocery Store and should be disposed of for the benefit of the creditors?

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CLAIMS

David L. Jones, Florist	\$ 59.02	
Chapman Bros.	31.10	
Coast Growers Produce Co.	97.15	
Swartz Bros. Limited	167.89	
West Coast Trading Company	19.28	
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Dr. M. Uchida	51.00	
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Dr. J.A. Montgomery	8.70	
B.C. Telephone Company	8.80	
J.J. Gibbons Limited (Ad. re sale)	9.42	(Preferred)
	<u>\$1,040.51</u>	

Keefer Florist Co.

GP
GP:HW.

File No. 478

June 11th, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G.B. Spain
FROM: Mr. K.W. Wright

Re: P/W A-435 - KIKUTA, Toshio

Our file shows that this man has four (4) wooden boxes and three (3) cartons of merchandise in storage at the warehouse of the B.C. Purchaser's Co-Operative Association.

Will you kindly investigate this matter and let us have a report on the contents of these boxes and cartons and, if possible, their approximate value.

[Signature]

[Signature]
GHW:FW.

June 12th 4th 43
This place is so
heavily congested with chattels
that separation of individual
packages would need the
services of several men
for several days.
Spain

IN REFERRING TO POLICIES PLEASE QUOTE NUMBERS

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.
Head Office, Toronto, Canada.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Recd.	OCT 9 1943
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Edison</i>

October 4, 1943.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. S. M. Gibson.

Re: Policy No. 747,459 - T. Kikuta.
Your File No. "Int.- 478".

We have received your letter of September 25, enclosing discharge for \$84.26 completed by the insured and his wife. We are, therefore, enclosing our cheque for the above amount in favour of the Custodian of Enemy Property, as we were requested to do in Mr. K. W. Wright's letter of September 9, 1942.

Yours truly,

Int. File 478 - PWA-435

KIKUTA, Tokio

Cash surrender value of
Policy # 747,459
EMF:GBJ
Encl.

A. J. Mansbridge
Assistant Secretary.

478
Legal Section

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
October 15th, 1943.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
Head Office,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: P/EA-435. KIKUTA, Toshio

We attach hereto our official receipt for your
cheque of \$84.26 being cash surrender value of Policy No. 747,459
in the name of the above mentioned Internee.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWE/DG
Attach

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

14th February, 1944.

478 (Internee)

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

P/W A-435, Toshio KIKUTA
Re: Cash Register and Mr.D.A. Smith

Referring to your letter of the 25th January.

The closing paragraph of Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons letter dated January 11th, to which you refer was noticed by myself and by Mr. Wright at the time the letter was received. Mr. Wright asked Mr. Spain to submit a report in regard to this matter and this is on file dated January 13th and reads as follows:

"Custodian representative Mr. D.A. Smith having duplicate copy of registration form, and in the course of his duties called at the above address soon after the Japanese had been evacuated. He found nothing had been removed from the premises at that time. He remembers that Pemberton's disposed of the fruit and vegetables. There were a few articles left, particularly an old model cash register which he valued at about \$25.00. As the store was locked, and primary protection was being given to more urgent matters, and as the few articles remaining at this address appeared to be safe and secure, he did not suggest removal to Custodian Warehouse.

Painters and/or Decorators were working on the building at the time and they had left their equipment stored inside.

If these chattels are not on the premises, they must have been removed by some persons unknown to the Custodian."

I have perused the file and briefly the story is as follows:

The real estate is not owned by Toshio Kikuta.

May 29th, 1942. P.S. Ross & Sons took inventory (only a very few items including Cash Register 1925 - valued at \$19.00.

G.V. McPherson, Esq.

June 13th, 1942. Advertised for sale.
No offers received.

July 16th, 1942. Internee willing to dispose of goods to
Second-hand dealer.

Then follows a number of letters from Mr. Wright to Messrs.
P.S. Ross & Sons asking them to bring this matter to a conclusion.
(Pembertons request the items be removed - January 18th, 1943.)

Aug. 13th, 1943. Memorandum indicating that Pembertons
believe that one of our representatives
removed the articles. Investigation at
that time does not substantiate this.

Jan. 11th, 1944. Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons advised us that
Mr. Johnson of Pembertons names Mr. Smith
as securing the key and removing the
Cash Register.

Jan. 13th, 1944. Memorandum as above referred to.

Jan. 31st, 1944. Memorandum from Mr. Smith as follows:

"In company with Mr. Spain, I called at Messrs. Pemberton
Realty Corporation and there interviewed a Mr. Goldie
Johnson, and endeavoured to establish the date on which
the key to 5675 Granville Street was given to me. Mr.
Johnson unfortunately had destroyed the key envelope on
which a record was kept, but he recalled that several
months after the date he had given me the key he had
made many phone calls to both the Custodian's office and
Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, requesting the removal of the
chattels from the above address.

From memory I would say that the date I had the key would
be some time before the Inventory was taken by Messrs. P.
S. Ross & Sons.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.

There seems to be a case of mistaken identity, as Mr. Johnson of Messrs. Pemberton Realty Corporation thought until this morning's interview that I was a "Mr. Boucher" of Messrs. P.S. Ross.

Mr. Johnson informed us that the owner of the premises has always had the key to this store, which was used by the contractors making repairs to the building and the key in possession of Pemberton's was given out many times after I had it for the purpose of a preliminary inspection.

We are positive that no chattels were moved from this address to any of the Custodian's Warehouses."

From this it would appear that Mr. Smith cannot be implicated.

In view of the age of the Cash Register I am very doubtful if such a machine would find its way to the National Cash Register Company for repair or resale and that in this way it might be traced as suggested by Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons.

Mr. Wright will report to Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons the information given by our Mr. ~~Spain~~ *Smith*.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH