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**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: MATSUMOTO TsunekichiHOME ADDRESS: Box 203, Steveston B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 03632 SEX: Male AGE: 67OCCUPATION: 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: A.B.C. Packers Steveston B.C. (Harmerly)MARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: In Japan UmenoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: In JapanNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Chieko (F)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: In JapanAGE OF CHILDREN: 13**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Disregard - none3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

5. 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: Lives in Company House  
House 17, at Phoenix Cannery Steveston B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: A.B.C. Packers Steveston B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:  
By arrangment of the A.B.C. Packers Steveston B.C.
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:  
3 Stoves, 2 Beds (Double), 1 Dresser, Blankets, Chairs Chinaware  
Pots and Pans, 2 Tables, 2 Saws, 1 Electric Iron, Coal and Water  
Bucket, Salmon Gill Net, Cork and Lead Lines (10)  
Rubber Boots. All in the Custody of the Phoenix Cannery in  
House No. 17, Steveston 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: none

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: none

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)  
none

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
none

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

REMARKS: 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 2nd day of April 1942.

A. J. McArthur

Witness

(Signature)

I. Smolnicki Reptemato

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

DATE May 10/43

Our File No. 1455

Full Name MATSUMOTO, Tsunekichi  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03632

☒ Male - Female  
(Check)

Age June 10/1874

Former Address Box 203, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 20/42

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Kaslo, B.C. New Denver, B.C. (See 47)

☒ Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife Umeno (Japan)

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Chieko(F) 12 (Japan)

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 1455

Sept. 24, 1946.

RE: Tamekichi MATSUMOTO, Reg. No. 03632

This file reveals no claims against the above.

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

Sept. 24/46  
RHM:LM

R.B. Mackenzie  
R.B. Mackenzie

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1455

Sept. 24, 1946.

RE: Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO, Reg. No. 03632

This file reveals the above owned no real property in any protected area of B.C., and did not carry any Fire Insurance.

CHATELS: The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 2/42 and was evacuated on May 20/42, declared 10 nets, cork and lead lines and household effects as shown on the Chattel Schedule on file, all left at House #17, Phoenix Cannery, Steveston. On Dec. 7/42 he sent us a detailed list of the nets and lines. On Nov. 13/43 Custodian agent, C.C. Robinson, inventoried three sets of cork lines at House #17, Phoenix Cannery, which were removed to our net house under Custodian numbers 1577, 1578 and 1579. One net and 300 lbs. of lead and cork lines were sold to the Phoenix Cannery for the sum of \$120.00 and cork line #1578 was sold to a private individual for the sum of \$10.00. The total amount in the sum of \$130.00 was credited to the account of the above. Nos. 1577 and 1579 may have been sold and the proceeds credited to Net Suspense Account or they may have been discarded as of no value. 6 nets were never found by the Custodian and were probably stolen out of House #17 before the Custodian had time or opportunity to inventory them. The above should have moved his nets and lines to the Cannery net house before he was evacuated. Household effects were inventoried by Custodian agent, C.C. Robinson at House #17, Phoenix Cannery, in the name of the above, as per List #11 on file. These were sold at auction as per Chattel Schedule on file for the net sum of \$6.83 and this sum credited to the account of the above.

SPECIFIED  
ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office the above was the registered owner of a fishing vessel, the "T.M.", which was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee for the net sum of \$591.50, and this sum was paid to the above on April 1/42. Full details are given on Specified Articles Summary on file.

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

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

Sept. 24/46

REM:LBM

*R. B. Mackenzie*  
R. B. Mackenzie

CHattel SCHEDULE

File No. 1455

Sept. 24, 1946.

RE: Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO, Reg. No. 03632

DECLARED IN DETAIL  
IN LETTER OF Dec. 7/42  
as being left in  
House #17, Phoenix Cannery

INVENTORIED BY CUSTODIAN  
agent, C.C. Robinson, at  
House #17, Phoenix  
Cannery

Barbour 5 1/2 x 4 5/40x50 - 150  
150 Pa. lead and cork lines  
150 Pa. lead and cork lines  
150 Pa. lead and cork line

Sold to Phoenix Cannery  
Sold to Phoenix Cannery  
Sold to Phoenix Cannery  
Custodian No. 1577 sold  
private individual

SOLD

OTHER  
DISPOSITION

\$60.00  
30.00  
30.00  
10.00

150 Pa. lead and cork line  
150 Pa. lead and cork line

Custodian No. 1578  
Custodian No. 1579

Missing  
Missing

REMAINDER NEITHER FOUND NOR  
INVENTORIED BY CUSTODIAN

Barbour 5 1/2 x 4 5/40x60 - 150  
Barbour 5 13/16 x 5/80x50 - 150  
Barbour 6 1/2 x 5/40x50 - 140  
Barbour 7 x 5/40x4 1/2 - 50  
Barbour 6 1/2 x 5/40x50 - 45  
Barbour 8 x 9/40x40 - 140

Not found  
Not found  
Not found  
Not found  
Not found  
Not found

DECLARED BY MATSUMOTO  
on April 2/42 at House  
#17, Phoenix Cannery

INVENTORIED on July 20/42  
by C.C. Robinson, at House  
#17, Phoenix Cannery

SOLD

OTHER  
DISPOSITION

3 stoves

3 stoves

left in  
house &  
abandoned  
abandoned

2 beds  
1 dresser  
blankets  
chairs  
chinese ware  
pots and pans  
2 tables  
2 saws  
1 electric iron  
coal & water bucket

2 beds, springs & mattresses  
1 dresser

26/11/43

4 chairs

not found  
abandoned  
not found

1 basket pots and pans

21/9/45

not found  
not found  
not found  
not found  
missing  
discarded

3 lanterns  
2 gallon oil cans

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

Sept. 24/46  
RHM:LHM

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
R.B. Mackenzie

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RE: Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO, Reg. No. 03632

All trunks and personal belongings in storage at Steveston were opened and inspected in October, 1945. Goods of no value were discarded; clothing of no saleable value were turned over to U.N.R.R.A.; saleable articles were auctioned and any personal photographs or goods of a personal nature are stored at the Buddhist Temple at Steveston ready for shipment at the request of the Japanese.

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MATSUMOTO, T. Lot 147

1 carton - opened

Discarded - old papers and junk  
1 carton of herbs

Personal - photographs, ledgers, books and records  
1 wooden box of records

U.N.R.R.A. - 2 bed quilts  
2 heavy kimonos  
1 light kimono

Discarded - 1 soiled cushion

*R.B. Macnechie*

MATSUMOTO, Tsunekichi,  
Registration No. 03632,  
File No. 1455.

March 16, 1944.

NET STATEMENT

| <u>Cust. No.</u> | <u>Description</u>       | <u>Japanese Value</u> | <u>Purchase Price</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1578             | cork line                |                       | \$ 10.00              |
| Cannery          | 4/40 x 5 1/2 x 50 - 150  | \$75.00               | 60.00                 |
| Cannery          | 150 ft. cork & lead line | 35.00                 | 30.00                 |
| Cannery          | 150 ft. cork & lead line | 35.00                 | 30.00                 |
| TOTAL SALES..... |                          |                       | \$130.00              |

UNACCOUNTED FOR

1577  
1579

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| set cork lines            |          |
| set cork lines            |          |
| 4/40 x 5 1/2 x 60 - 150   | \$130.00 |
| 6/80 x 5 13/16 x 50 - 150 | 75.00    |
| 5/40 x 6 1/2 x 50 - 140   | 125.00   |
| 5/40 x 7 x 33 1/2 - 50    | 40.00    |
| 5/40 x 6 1/2 x 50 - 45    | 35.00    |
| 9/40 x 8 1/2 x 40 - 140   | 100.00   |

*removed to our net house but  
now missing. May have been abandoned  
or may have been sold & proceeds in cash  
and*

*Not found in inventory  
by us  
R. B. M.*

Note: Above nets and lines left in Phoenix Cannery House #17  
(with the exception of 1577 & 1579 which were removed  
to Custodian storage). Japanese were advised to remove  
all their nets to the canneries for safe storage - not  
followed out in this case.

/ms

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: March 27, 1944

Name: MATSUMOTO, Tsunekichi

Reg. No. 03632

File: 1455

Boat File No.: JFVDC 207

Name of Vessel: "T.M." 29'3"x7'x2'9"(1936) Palmer 6 HP (1920)

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2131

Naval No.: NW.060-D

Owner's Valuation: \$1,000.00

JFVDC Valuation: 460.00 Survey #148

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: March 27, 1942

Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Co.Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: No copy

Selling Price: \$600.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~on Custodian~~: 600.00

Supervision Costs: 8.50

Balance due Owner: 591.50

Paid to: T. Matsumoto on April 1, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Inventory Claim #66: Canadian Fishing Co.Ltd. - \$41.75 (Paid)

Additional Information:

*Reviewed  
Dec 5/45*

*J. Macdonald*

Stevenson B. C.

October 29th 1942

ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY LIMITED

PHOENIX CANNERY

Boats and Gear sold for account of T. Matsumoto

*sunekichi*

*File # 1455*  
*Reg. # 03632*

61 net 4/40 - 5 7/8" - 50 - 150 fathoms

60.00

61 150 fathoms lead and cork line

30.00

90.00

Purchased by A.B.C. Packing Co. Ltd.

Stevenson B. Co.

October 29th 1942

ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY LIMITED

PHOENIX CANNERY

Nets and Gear sold for account of T. MATSUMOTO

*Funakichi*  
T. MATSUMOTO

*Drile #1455*

*Reg. #03632*

50 150 fathoms lead and cork lines

30.00

Purchased by A.B.C. Packing Co. Ltd.

Karl, B.C.

Dec 7, 1942

Office of the Custodian  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver B.C.

OFFICE OF THE PORTLAND  
RECEIVED

Dear Sir, — Re File # 1455

DEC 11 1942

I have at hand your letter of the  
1st of Nov. concerning my chattels left in  
the restricted area of British Columbia.  
As the following nets and lines are  
mentioned, I cannot sign the enclosed  
papers.

| Brand   | Nettome | Twine | Depth   | Mesh   | Value           |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| Carlson | 150     | 4/40  | 60      | 5 1/2" | \$130.00 ?      |
|         | 150     | 4/40  | 50      | 5 3/8" | 75.00           |
|         | 150     | 6/40  | 50      | 5 3/8" | 75.00           |
|         | 140     | 3/40  | 50      | 6 1/2" | 125.00 ?        |
|         | 50      | 5/40  | 33 1/2" | 7"     | 40.00 ?         |
|         | 45      | 5/40  | 50      | 6 1/2" | 35.00 ?         |
|         | 140     | 2/40  | 40      | 8 3/4" | 100.00 ?        |
|         |         |       |         |        | <u>\$580.00</u> |

With respect to the above

Book and Ledger

|     |          |                 |               |         |
|-----|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|
| 150 | 20th Nov | \$35.00         | Book & Ledger | \$35.00 |
| "   | "        | 35.00           | Book & Ledger | 35.00   |
| "   | "        | 35.00           | Book & Ledger | 35.00   |
| "   | "        | 35.00           | Book & Ledger | 35.00   |
| "   | "        | 35.00           | Book & Ledger | 35.00   |
| "   | "        | 35.00           | Book & Ledger | 35.00   |
|     |          | <u>\$175.00</u> |               |         |

The aforementioned articles were left  
in the custody of the Phoenix Laundry  
Company.

These articles being your property I am returning  
them to you.

Yours very truly  
J. Metcalf

Rev M. M.

J. Metcalf  
Nov 21/94

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December 14, 1942.

Mr. Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO,  
Registration No. 03632,  
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

We have received your letter of December 7th with a list of nets and lines for which we thank you.

The list which we sent you to sign referred only to chattels removed from the Phoenix Cannery to a safer storage where the Custodian could properly care for them. The nets and lines are being handled by a different department.

We again enclose the list of chattels for your signature.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackenzie,  
Protection Department.

RBm  
REM/P.  
Encl.

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15th December, 1942.

Mr. T. Matsumoto,

KASLO, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fishing Nets.

I am in receipt of your letter of December 7th, and have noted that you state you have 12 nets in Phoenix Cannery House No. 17. It will therefore be in order for you to sign and return the papers sent to you on November 24th.

Yours faithfully,

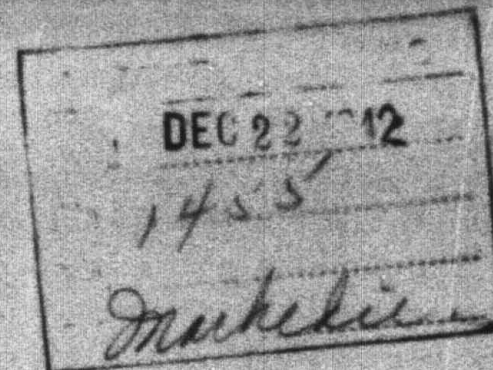
M. Sullivan,  
Prohibited Property Department.

MS/mf

Name: MATSUMOTO, Tsunekichi

File: 1455

Reg. No: 03632



CHATTELS

- 1 Dresser with mirror
- 1 Basket, pots and pans
- 3 Lanterns
- 2 Gal. oil cans

Left in the House:

- 2 Heaters
- 1 Cook stove
- 2 Iron beds
- 2 Springs and mattresses
- 4 Chairs

This represents all my chattels in the restricted area of  
British Columbia.

Date: Dec 18, 1942 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*T. Matsunoto*

*Tsunekichi*

*matsunoto*

Please sign and return one copy to this office.

NAME MATEUMOTO, Teunekihi

REGISTRATION NO. 03632

FILE NO. 1255

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. on December 10th, 1943

Rubber door mat

\$ .75

Total:

\$ .75

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's fee .07

\$ .18

(Advertising .03

(Moving .08

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ .57

Members of Custodian Staff Present. C.C. Robinson

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston No. 2.

Remarks.

NAME MATSUMOTO, Tadamichi

REGISTRATION NO. 03632

FILE NO. 1455

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. on November 26th, 1943

Dresser with mirror

\$ 5.50

Total:

\$ 5.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's fee .55  
(Advertising .23  
(Moving .39

\$ 1.17

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 4.33

Members of Custodian Staff Present. C.C. Robinson

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston No. 1.

Remarks.



|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| RECD               | MAR 5 1945 |
| File No.           | 1455       |
| Ass.               | 9/13       |
| Deferred           | Green      |

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

3rd March 1945.

Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Re: Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO  
Reg. No. 03632  
Your File No. 1455

The above-named man is an applicant for Old-age Pension, and we have been requested by the Old-age Pension Board to obtain a letter from your office confirming the credit balance of this man held by you.

We shall feel obliged if you will write us stating what assets, if any, are held by you on behalf of Mr. MATSUMOTO.

Yours truly,

M. L. Brown,  
Office Manager.

MMS/GM

Net \$130.<sup>00</sup>  
amount \$4.90  
\$134.90

See other sundry H.A. effects unlikely to realize anything

NAME MATSUMOTO, Tsunekichi

REGISTRATION NO. 03632

FILE NO. 1455

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevaston, B.C. on September 21, 1945.

Kitchen ware  
Kitchen ware

\$ 0.80  
2.00

Total (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.28  
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 0.18  
(Moving: 0.36

\$ 2.80  
0.82

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.98

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevaston 38.

Remarks.

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December 9, 1947.

Mr. Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO,  
Reg. No. 03632,  
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Custodian cheque in the amount of \$136.88 which is the final balance of funds in your account in this office. These funds were derived from the sale of your nets, and the sale of your household effects at public auction.

Yours truly,

*B. MacAskill*

B. MacAskill  
Office of the Custodian.

/EM - enc. cheque (\$136.88)

December 22nd, 1948

Old Age Pension Board,  
411 Dunsmuir Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

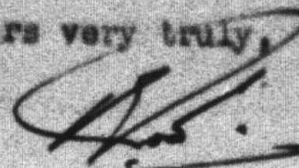
Re: Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO  
Your file 33,323

Your letter of 20th addressed to Department of Labour, Japanese Division has been passed to us for reply.

The above man was the owner of a fishing boat, which was sold by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee on March 27, 1942 for the nett amount of \$591.50, which amount was paid to the owner by the Committee on April 1, 1942.

When he registered with the Custodian on the 2nd April, 1942 he declared household effects. These were sold by us and the nett proceeds, \$136.88, was remitted to him on December 9th, 1947. So far as we are aware there are no further assets belonging to this man likely to come under Custodian control.

Yours very truly,



St. Good  
Comptroller

BU:HK

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March 20th, 1951

Mr. Tsunekichi MATSUMOTO,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Distribution is now being made from the assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share. You were the holder of 5 shares and payment to you is as follows:

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 5 shares                 | \$ 169.89    |
| Less previously advanced | <u>70.00</u> |
|                          | \$ 99.89     |

hereto. Custodian cheque for this amount is attached

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

  
C. H. Reed  
Office of the Custodian

CHR:DK  
Encl.