

1654

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Sept. 17/43

File No. 1654

all Name ONOTERA, Hideo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10588

^V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age 8/4/1914

Former Address R.R.#1 New Westminster, B.C.

Patricia Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated Aug. 25/42

^V
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address

~~Keele, B.C.~~

Nov. 26/46.

~~CP. Rly. Extra Gang, Penticton B.C.~~

Oct. 7/47 Greenwood, B.C.

^V
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife ONOTERA, Masa #10572

Name of Husband

Name of Mother SUTO, Tsuruyo

Name of Father ONOTERA, Tamotsu

Names of Children under 16 Larry Yasuo(M) Nov. 17/41

Requested by E. Burraston

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

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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: ONOTERA Tatsuo

HOME ADDRESS: R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10556

SEX: Male

AGE: 25

OCCUPATION: 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: Great West Packers Ltd., Steveston, B. C.

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lot 135 Group 2 Map 852 Municipality of Delta
District of New Westminster, B. C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 2 houses. 1 four room dwelling
1 five room dwelling, 1 net house 2 chicken houses, 2 shacks

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

Taxes on completed house for last year were \$31.35 paid. Taxes on second house--none.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) Payable at City Hall, New Westminster, B. C.

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

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) New house rented to Mr. Gilbert Anderson

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Land Registry office, New Westminster, BC
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: Brother, Hideo ONOTERA
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN 67 current bushes and 300 strawberries

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lives with brother at R. R. #1 New Westminster B, C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Brother, Hideo ONOTERA
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:

Personal affects in owner's possession at R. R. #2 New Westminster, 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

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 23rd day of April 1942

(Signature)

Patricia O'Shea

M. J. O'Shea
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

Delta
Powell Street Branch
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 1654

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: **ONOTERA, Nideo**

HOME ADDRESS: **R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.**

REGISTRATION NUMBER **10588**

SEX: **Male**

AGE: **28**

OCCUPATION: **Fisherman and Farmer**

(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: **"Self"**

MARRIED? **Yes**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Nasa**

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **R.R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.**

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: **Larry (M)**

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: **R.R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.**

AGE OF CHILDREN: **5 months**

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: **R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.**

**Lot 5 of Lot 133, Group 2 Map 852 Municipality of Delta,
New Westminster, District.**

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: **2 houses 4 & 5 rooms - wooden
frames; net house; 2 chicken houses and 2 shacks.**

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) **None**

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) **\$31.35 per annum paid up to 1941.
payable at The Municipality of Delta.**

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

**Tatsuo Onotera (brother) a half interest - R.R. #1 New Westminster
B. C.**

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) **At present owners are in**

**4-room house. The 5-room house has been rented to Gilbert Donaldson
\$25.00 monthly beginning April 1942, one months rent has been
paid in advance to owner.**

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: _____
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: **None**
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN **600-700 small fruit trees**
(black currants etc.) and about 300 plants of strawberries.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: **None** *subject to previous*
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:

No 1093 **Furnishings for 3-rooms - in the 4-room house.**

1095 **1-stove and bathroom set in the 5-room house.**

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

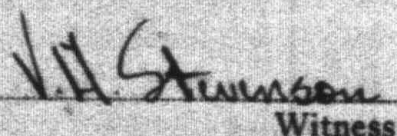
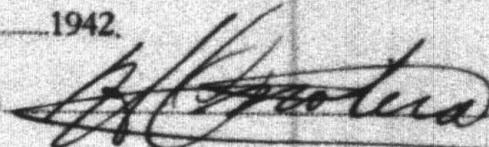
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: **Savings Account about \$5.00 with The Bank of
Montreal New Westminster Br., also about \$15.00 in The Lower Fraser
Fisherman's Credit Union,
Vancouver, B. C.**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: **Power of Attorney for this property has been given to
John W. Iverson, R.R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.**

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 **30th** day of **March** 1942.

(Signature)


Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Files 1654, 5127

V.L.A. B.C. 630-P

J.L. 594.

JAPANESE NAMES: Tatsuo ONOTERA - Reg. No. 10556
Hideo ONOTERA - Reg. No. 10588

CATALOGUE NO: Part The Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1093 River Road, New Westminster.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 5 of Lot 133, Group 2, Map 852, N.W.D., Municipality of Delta.

TITLE: In names of Hideo Onotera and Tatsuo Onotera.

ENCUMBRANCES: Vesting in Custodian, filing No. 24675, 23rd September 1942. No other known encumbrance.

ASSESSED VALUE: 1942 Land \$552.00
Improvements \$1200.00 (for taxation \$600.00)
Total \$1752.00 Taxes 1941 \$31.45.

CLASSIFICATION: Berry farm and dwelling. Report of Custodians representative, 29 April 1942, describes property as having an area of about 7 acres, with 600 to 700 currant bushes and about 300 strawberry plants. On the property were a frame house of 4 rooms occupied by the owners, and a 5 room house rented at \$25.00 per month from 1st April 1942; a net house, 2 chicken houses and 2 shacks.

HISTORY OF
ADMINISTRATION:

1. Administered by John W. Iverson, under power of attorney dated 27th March 1942.
2. On 18th June 1942, T. Onotera, with consent of H. Onotera, sold the crop of currants for that year to J.W. Iverson, for \$84.00. Mr. Iverson rented the house to a Mr. Donaldson at \$25.00 per month to the 30th September 1942, and from 1st October reduced the rental to \$20.00 per month. Iverson reported on 9th April 1943 that the income from the property was rental (dates not reported) \$80.00 and crop returns \$84.00, total \$164.00 and disbursements on the property amounting to \$151.54, leaving a net profit from operating of \$12.46. Requests made to Iverson for particulars of rental income remain unanswered. Presumably Mr. Iverson has accounted to the Onoterases.
3. Iverson also rented a shack on the property to a party unknown at \$10.00 per month. This rental he retained for his care of the property, he paying the water rate of \$4.00 per month.
4. Iverson reported on 19th September 1942 that he had insured the house at a valuation of \$1500.00 for 3 years and paid the premium of \$27.50.

SOLD: To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$615.00 as at 1st January, 1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee, 1st June, 1943.

FUNDS: Released to the credit of Hideo and Tatsuo ONOTERA joint-account, on 19th May, 1944. The net amount after credit on account of insurance of \$21.83 and debit of registration fee of \$3.00, certificate of encumbrance \$1.00 and legal fee of \$15.00 is \$617.83.

TITLE: Included in Certificate of Title 170937-E issued to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, and payment made to the Custodian 12th May 1944.

PROTEST: On 10th July 1944 Tatsuo ONOTERA wrote to the Custodian -
"The assessed value before we built the house was \$1200.00, now with the house costing us over \$2000.00, I figure the value of the property would be at least \$3000.00".

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file and on record by accounting department.

Jackie Simpson

DATED October 17th, 1945.

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File 1654

CLARK

DATE

April 8, 1942.

CHIEF

Mitsuyoshi TSUDA

REPORT

Hideo Onotera,
R. R. No. 1, New Westminster, B. C.

AMOUNT DUE

~~\$355.33~~ 360.29

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

3343

Dec. 15, 1942.

B. T.

R. M. T.

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File No. 1654.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

May 14th, 1943.

Hideo ONOTERA - Reg. No. 10585

CREDITORS:

B.C. Packers Ltd.	\$41.91
Mitsuyishi TSUIDA ^{File} ₃₃₄₃	360.29



BRD:DE

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: February 29, 1944
Name: ONOTERA, Hideo Reg. No. 10588 File: 1654
Boat File No.: JFVDC 44
Name of Vessel: "Go-Getter" 32'x8'x4'(1939) Grey Marine 55-60 HP
Lic. or Reg. No.: NEW WESTMINSTER 2807
Naval No.: NW.026-L
Owner's Valuation: \$1,400.00
JFVDC Valuation: None
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: March 2, 1942
Purchaser: Johnston Fishing & Packing Co.Ltd.
Signature on Sales Papers: H. Onotera
Selling Price: \$1,000.00
Paid to JFVDC ~~on EXHIBITION~~: \$1,000.00
Supervision Costs: 10.00
Balance due Owner: 990.00
Paid to: H. Onotera on March 3, 1942
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

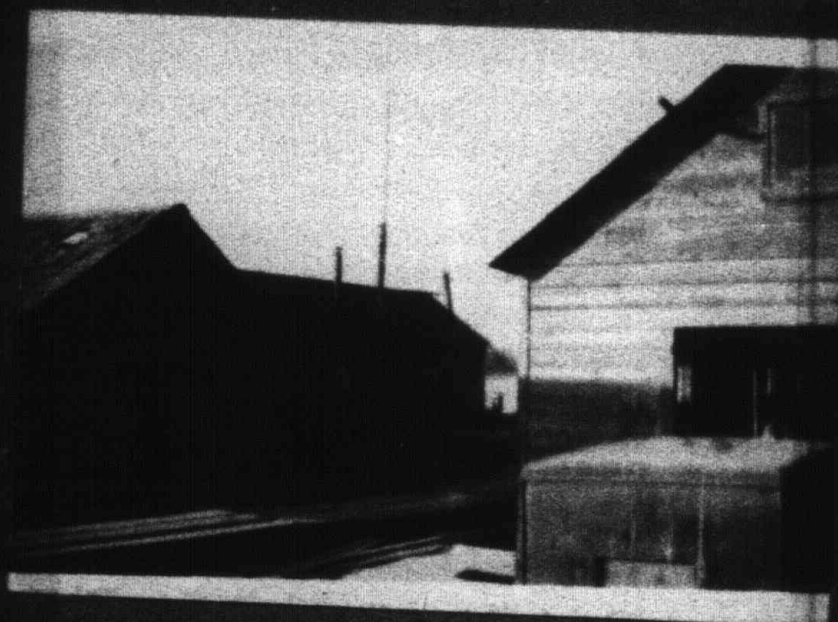
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File No. 1034

CHERRY, Edwin (Mr.)

Reg. No. 10340

1033 River Road, New Westminster, B.C.



1035 River Road, New Westminster, B.C.



Farm Appraisal ReportFile No. JL-594Land Description Lot 5 of D.L.133, Gp.2, Map 852, & of Lot 4 of D.L.133, Map 5332.House No. - 1095 River Road. Containing 6.87 AcresOwner's Name GNOTERA, Hideo & Tatauo Post Office Address R.R.1, New Westminster.Nearest Rail Point New Westminster, B.C. Distance 8 miles.Market Town New Westminster, B.C. Distance 8 "Church (give denomination) New Westminster-all denominations Distance 8 "Nearest School Sunberry Public School Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ "State how property was identified: Map location and corners.EXHIBIT No. A54-2

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

DATE 2 Mar. 1948FILED BY R. J. McManisHas direct access to New Westminster - Ladner River Road.Is this district a good one? Poor farming area, fair fishing.Employment opportunity Industrial peat plant, adjacent; City industries-8 miles.Predominating Nationality and religion: Japanese and Scandinavian.Describe Fencing and its condition: No fences. Value \$Water supply: From Ladner Municipal system. Value \$

Electricity - power available - lights installed.

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	28 x 30'	Frame	1 st.	Shgl.	2	Wood	Fair	500.00
Net shed	20 x 75	"	1 "	"	20	"	Poor	100.00
Shack	14 x 50	"	1 "	"	20	"	"	75.00
BARN Henhse	20 x 40	"	1 "	"	20	"	V. Poor	20.00
" "	20 x 100	"	1 "	"	20	"	"	40.00
BARN	x							
	x							
GRANARY	x							
	x							
	x							
	x							

Total present day value \$ 735.00Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ 500.00Is dwelling habitable without repairs? Yes. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? House not finished inside or out, but has possibilities of a fairhome. Estimated cost to finish house. \$ 500.00Describe the basement and chimneys: No basement; brick chimney on bracket.No. rooms downstairs? 4 Upstairs? - How finished Not finished.Are buildings painted? None. Condition of paint -Distance from nearest bush No bush in vicinity.Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
1.15	Level <i>1.15 acres</i>	Loam - 10" to 13"	Peat	Bush fruit and small garden.	60.00	69.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
5.72	Level <i>5.72 acres</i>	Loam to peat.	Peat	Clearing, grubbing, breaking.	75.00 to 100.00	10.00
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 126.20

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 500.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -

Total value of farm \$ 526.20

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:
House occupied by tenant; land appears quite fertile, but in very poor condition.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Not suitable for agriculture.

Noxious weeds:

Numerous weeds but not of serious type.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

Corporation of Delta

Assessed-Imp.-\$1200.00 Taxes-1942 - \$31.84.
Land-\$ 552.00

(The above includes dyking, drainage and domestic
water charges).

Date: July 23/42.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 22 day of July 19 42

Inspector's Signature

"D. DODDING"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Reporter

This is a small holding extending from the river front south into the peat bog. This holding, and those adjacent to it, have little or no agricultural value. They have obviously been fishermen's homesites. In this case the house is quite new and has not been finished; it is situated on the river front.

The land is very low and subject to flooding in very high water seasons; board walks on the cleared land indicate a general wet condition.

The house and net shed is rented to M.C. Donaldson for \$25.00 a month; he is sub-renting from a man named Finlayson whom I was unable to contact.

(FOR SECURED LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

Low lying land in Delta dyking and drainage area.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

Dyking Tax - \$1.04; Drainage Tax - \$4.30.

Domestic water charges - \$7.78.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of black currants.

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1

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Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

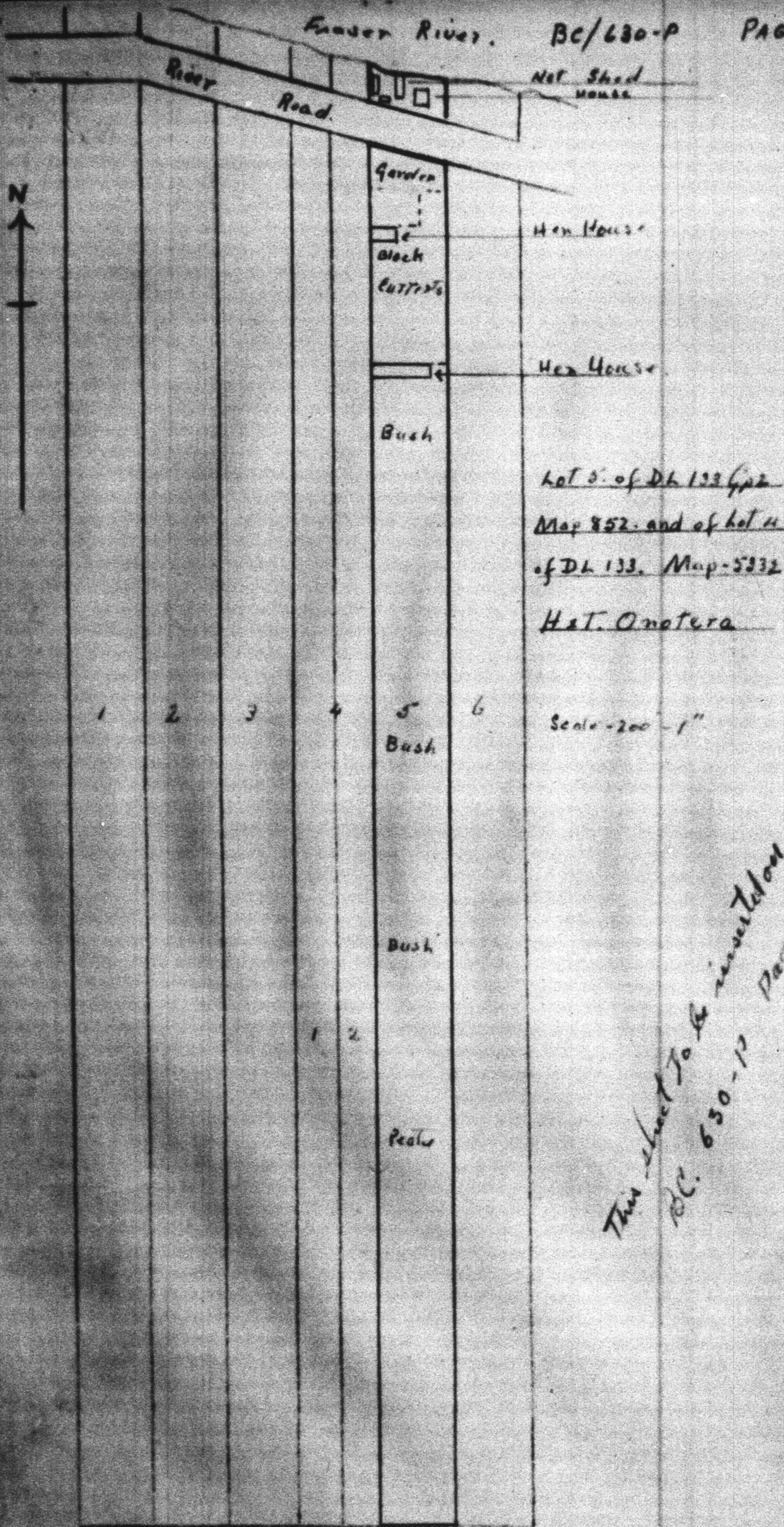
*Diagram.
insert to be attached*

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 900.00

Date 24th July 1942.

"I.T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.



Lot 5. of DL 133 6/2

Map 852. and of lot 11

of DL 133. Map-5332

H&T. Ometera

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BC. 630-12
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CHARTER SUMMARY

File No. 1654
3287

August 9th, 1943.

Mr. Hideo & Tatsuo ONOTERA

The following shows the disposition of chattels declared by each of the above: First report on chattels of Hideo.

**Furnishings for
3 rooms in the
4 room house.
1 Stove and bath-
room set in the
5 room house**

INVENTORIED

at 1095 River Rd.

1 Range
10 Gal. stone crock
1 Wall clock
1 Deer head
Light fixtures
2 beds complete
1 table lamp
1 dresser
2 kitchen chairs
1 desk (3 doors)
11 window blinds
1 canary
1 gold fish tank
4 boxes of kitchen
utensils and dishes
6 or tons of dishes
2 boxes old books
1 mirror

SOLD

1 range 2/2/5

4 boxes of kitchen utensils

1 mirror 20/45

MISSING

10 gal stone creek

1 wall clock
1 deer head
light fixtures

1946

1 table lamp

1 dresser

2 kitchen chairs

I don't

11 blinds

1 canary

1 gold fish tank

6 cartons of dishes

2 boxes old book

But there
a pet house

At 1093 River Rd.

- 100 ft. 1" rope
- 1 cross cut saw
- 1 box old clothes
- 4 boxes cooking utensils
- 14 qt. sealers
- 1 portable gas stove
- 2 screen doors
- 2 axes
- 1 Jap rip saw
- 1 trunk frame pictures
- 1 large picture frame
- 1 wash tub
- 20 lbs. boracic acid
- 1 utility sprayer

100 ft. 1" rope

1 cross cut saw

1 box old clothes

4 boxes cooking
utensils

14 of 101 pages

1 portable gas stove

2 screen doors

2 1202

I Jap rip saw

1 trunk frame pictures

1 large picture frame

1 wash tub

20 lbs. boracic acid

1 utility sprayer

<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>ABANDONED</u>
	2 Boxes old books		"	"
	1 hatchet		"	
	2 crosscut saws		"	
	100 ft. rope		"	
	7 Jap tubs		"	
	1 Table		"	
	1-lgtens steel pulley and chain		"	
	100 lbs. floats & leads		"	
	200 ft. 1" hose & nozzle		"	(Hideo states this is not hi
	2 wooden pulleys		"	
	10 ft. 2" galv. pipe		"	
	1 drive shaft		"	
	3 wedges		"	
	1 sack mattress		"	
	1 boat pump		"	
	2 boom chains		"	
	3 gas stoves, portable		"	
	2 boxes machine parts		"	
	1 compass		"	
	1 bench 9 sections, concealing parts to ls, etc.		"	
	1 pair crutches		"	
	2 compressor tanks		"	
	1 battery		"	
	4 rolls tar paper		"	
	3-4 gal oil cans		"	To be used on new house
	1 generator		"	
	1 gas tank		"	
	1 coal brooder complete		"	
	1 magneto fly wheel		"	
	7 lamps		"	
	1 gas lantern		"	
	1 oil lantern		"	
	250 ft. lumber		"	

REPORT ON CHATTELS OF Tatsuo ONOTERA:

Personal effects in owner's poss- ession at R.R.#2, New Westminister	1 Artificial leg		
	3 Cartons books & papers		
	1 school case books		
	some cooking utensils		
	1 mickey mouse		
	1 heater		
	linoleum 1 room		
	1 piano chair		
	2 benches		
	1 kitchen table		
	1 table, 2 chairs		

<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>ABANDONED</u>
2 Beds		"	"
1 cook stove		"	
1 dining table	"		
9 chairs		"	
1 high chair		"	
1 baby buggy		"	
2 kitchen cabinets		"	
1 dresser		"	"
2 bundles shingles		"	
4 boxes glass		"	
10 chick cartons		"	"
2 egg cartons		"	
1 mattock		"	
3 five gal. oil cans		"	
1 roll fine meshed chick wire		"	
1 weed digger		"	
1 large milk can		"	"
1-20 gal. galv. gas tank		"	

1 Package of clothing is stored at the Buddhist Temple, New Westminster.

Mr. Hideo ONOTERA was registered on March 30th, 1942, and evacuated August 25, 1942. Mr. Tatsuo ONOTERA was registered on April 23rd, 1942, and date of evacuation is not known.

Mr. J. W. Iversen was given a Power of Attorney by both of these brothers, and we assume administered the chattels as well as the real property.

In December, 1942, Mr. Iversen was asked to ship a sewing machine to Mr. Hideo ONOTERA and informed our fieldmen that he had shipped the sewing machine as well as other belongings. (See report of Mr. R.M. Anderson, March 7th, 1945, on File 1654).

The reports of our fieldmen dated August 24, 1942 on both files, give a list of chattels in the two houses involved, but as we are unable to obtain the original report on the disposal of chattels by Mr. Iversen, it must be assumed that the few effects which remain to be liquidated, are all that can be accounted for. Referring to Mr. Anderson's report dated March 7th, 1945, on file 5127, it will be noted that the houses had been thoroughly ransacked and it is quite possible therefore that some of the effects may have been stolen.

There was a float walk and net house attached to this property which does not appear to have been disposed of.

REFERENCES:

1. J. P. declaration on both files.
2. Power of Attorney on file 1654, dated March 27, 1942.
3. Reports of fieldmen dated July and Aug. 24, 1942.
4. Signed inventory on file 5127, dated March 27th, 1942.
5. Signed inventory on file 1654, dated October 8/42.

6. Memo re float and float walk, dated May 9th, 1944, on File 1654
7. Sale of chattels to tenant, Feb. 20th, 1945, on File 1654
8. Memo re floats, dated March 2nd, 1945, on File 1654.
9. Memo re chattels, March 7th, 1945, on File 1654.
10. Storage report, dated March 10th, 1945, on File 1654.
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Certified correct:


W. J. Iverson

August 9th, 1945.

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NAME OMYERA, Hideo
OMYERA, Tatsuo

REGISTRATION NO. 10388
10386

FILE NO. 1034
5127

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Surrey, B. C. on January 31, 1943.

Box dishes	\$ 2.00
Box dishes and tray	2.50
Mirror	1.00

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 0.55
(Advertising) 0.17
(Moving) 1.14

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 5.50
\$ 1.86
\$ 3.64

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Iverson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Surrey 9.

Remarks.

MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 1654 & 5127

December 6th, 1945.

Re: Hideo ONOTERA, Reg. 10588

TO: The File
From: W. J. Iverson

The writer contacted John Wilfred Iverson on December 1st, 1945 and discussed the question of chattels on the property.

FLOATS: File 1654 (R. P. Section) states "Additionally there are 1 float walk, 1 net rack float".

There is a float moored behind the net house with a float walk leading to it but no floats appear to have been declared.

Iverson says that this float is not the same as the one originally there, he pointed out some logs and wreckage on the foreshore which he claims are the remains of the original float.

EFFECTS Reference to chattel summary dated August 9th, 1945 shows a large
AT 1093 quantity of goods of doubtful value. Iverson states that he
& 1095 shipped a quantity of things to the Onoteris, particularly, dishes,
RIVER but he has no record of what did go. He insists that if anything
ROAD: is missing it was not his fault as he goes away fishing a great
deal of the time and that considerable thieving had gone on after
the Japanese left. He showed me a lot of debris in the net
house upstairs, stating that much of the chattels were stored
there.

W. J. Iverson

WJ:DP

CHattel Summary

File Nos. 1654
5127

August 9th, 1945.

RE: Hideo & Tatsuo ONOTERA

The following shows the disposition of chattels
declared by each of the above: First report on chattels of Hideo.

<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u> <u>at 1095 River Rd.</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>ABANDONED</u>
Purnishings for 3 rooms in the 4 room house. 1 Stove and bath- room set in the 5 room house	1 Range 10 Gal.stone crock 1 Wall clock 1 Deer head Light fixtures 2 beds complete 1 table lamp 1 dresser 2 kitchen chairs 1 desk (3 doors) 11 window blinds 1 canary 1 gold fish tank 4 boxes of kitchen utensils and dishes 6 cartons of dishes 2 boxes old books 1 mirror	1 range	10 gal stone crock	1 wall clock 1 deer head light fixtures 2 beds 1 table lamp 1 dresser 2 kitchen chairs 1 desk 11 blinds 1 canary 1 gold fish tank 2 boxes of kitchen utensils 6 cartons of dishes 2 boxes old books
	<u>At 1093 River Rd.</u> 100 ft. 1" rope 1 cross cut saw 1 box old clothes 4 boxes cooking utensils 14 qt. sealers 1 portable gas stove 2 screen doors 2 axes 1 Jap rip saw 1 trunk frame pictures 1 large picture frame 1 wash tub 20 lbs. boracic acid 1 utility sprayer	1 mirror	100 ft. 1" rope 1 cross cut saw 1 box old clothes 4 boxes cooking utensils 14 qt sealers 1 portable gas stove 2 screen doors 2 axes 1 Jap rip saw 1 trunk frame pictures 1 large picture frame 1 wash tub 20 lbs. boracic acid 1 utility sprayer	

DECLARED	INVENTORIED	SOLD	MISSING	ABANDONED
	2 Boxes old books		"	"
	1 hatchet		"	
	2 crosscut saws		"	
	100 ft. rope		"	
	7 Jap tubs		"	
	1 Table		"	
	1-1/2 tons steel pulley and chain		"	
	100 lbs. floats & leads		(Hideo states this is not hi	
	200 ft. 1" hose & nozzle		"	
	2 wooden pulleys		"	
	10 ft. 2" galv. pipe		"	
	1 drive shaft		"	
	3 wedges		"	
	1 sack mattress		"	
	1 boat pump		"	
	2 boom chains		"	
	3 gas stoves, portable		"	
	2 boxes machine parts		"	
	1 compass		"	
	1 bench 9 sections, concealing parts tools, etc.		"	
	1 pair crutches		"	
	2 compressor tanks		"	
	1 battery		"	
	4 rolls tar paper		To be used on new house	
	3-4 gal oil cans		"	
	1 generator		"	
	1 gas tank		"	
	1 coal brooder complete		"	
	1 magneto fly wheel		"	
	7 lamps		"	
	1 gas lantern		"	
	1 oil lantern		"	
	250 ft. lumber		"	

REPORT ON CHATTELS OF Tatsuo ONOTERA:

Personal effects	1 Artificial leg		"
in owner's poss-	3 Cartons books & papers		"
ession at R.R. #2,	1 school case books		"
New Westminster	some cooking utensils		"
	1 mickey mouse		"
	1 heater		"
	linoleum 1 room		"
	1 piano chair		"
	2 benches		"
	1 kitchen table		"
	1 table, 2 chairs		"

INVENTORIED	SOLD	MISSING	ABANDONED
2 Beds			"
1 cook stove		"	
1 dining table	"		
9 chairs		"	
1 high chair		"	
1 baby buggy		"	
2 kitchen cabinets		"	
1 dresser			"
2 bundles shingles		"	
4 boxes glass		"	
10 chick cartons			"
2 egg cartons		"	
1 mattock		"	
3 five gal. oil cans		"	
1 roll fine meshed chick wire		"	
1 weed digger		"	
1 large milk can			"
1-20 gal. galv. gas tank		"	

1 Package of clothing is stored at the Buddhist Temple, New Westminster.

Mr. Hideo ONOTERA was registered on March 30th, 1942, and evacuated August 25, 1942. Mr. Tatsuo ONOTERA was registered on April 23rd, 1942, and date of evacuation is not known.

Mr. J. W. Iverson was given a Power of Attorney by both of these brothers, and we assume administered the chattels as well as the real property.

In December, 1942, Mr. Iverson was asked to ship a sewing machine to Mr. Hideo ONOTERA and informed our fieldmen that he had shipped the sewing machine as well as other belongings. (See report of Mr. R.M. Anderson, March 7th, 1945, on File 1654).

The reports of our fieldmen dated August 24, 1942 on both files, give a list of chattels in the two houses involved, but as we are unable to obtain the original report on the disposal of chattels by Mr. Iverson, it must be assumed that the few effects which remain to be liquidated, are all that can be accounted for. Referring to Mr. Anderson's report dated March 7th, 1945, on file 5127, it will be noted that the houses had been thoroughly ransacked and it is quite possible therefore that some of the effects may have been stolen.

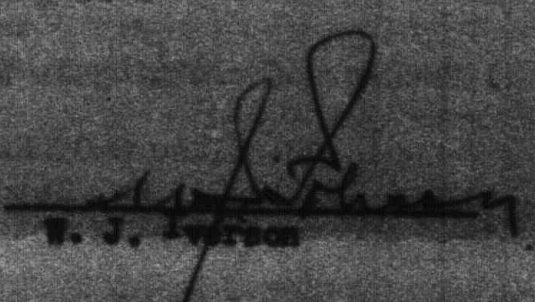
There was a float walk and net house attached to this property which does not appear to have been disposed of.

REFERENCES:

1. J. P. declaration on both files.
2. Power of Attorney on file 1654, dated March 27, 1942.
3. Reports of fieldmen dated July and Aug. 24, 1942.
4. Signed inventory on file 5127, dated March 27th, 1942.
5. Signed inventory on file 1654, dated October 8/42.

6. Memo re float and float walk, dated May 9th, 1944, on File 1654
7. Sale of chattels to tenant, Feb. 20th, 1945, on File 1654
8. Memo re floats, dated March 2nd, 1945, on File 1654.
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MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 1654
5127

May 9th, 1944.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Hideo and Tatsuo ONOTERA

Mr. Carlsen and the writer visited Sunbury on Monday, May 8th in order to establish just what buildings were affixed to the property and which might be regarded as movable and subject to arrangements other than those made with the land. Unfortunately, rainy weather prevented any photographs being taken.

1093 River Road. (J.L. 594). There is a photograph on the Real Property Section of file 1654 showing a wood-shed, dwelling house, and boat house. These are all a part of the real estate. Additionally, there are the following which are not fixtures and should not be considered as included in the sale to the S. S. B.

Leading from boat house: One two-log float walk giving access to one net rack float 20' x 50', estimated value - \$90.00.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

File 1654

March 10th, 1945.

TO: The File

FROM: Mr. W. J. Iverson

RE: Mrs. Matsuye AOKI

The following is stored in the Buddhist Temple
at New Westminster:

1 Package clothing

WJI:LEW

"A"

This Indenture

made in triplicate the 18th day of June in the year
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two
BETWEEN

State Full Name
Address and
Occupation

**T. OOTERA, Foreman, of the City of Greenwood,
in the Province of British Columbia.**

the First part and

hereinafter called the "Grantor" of

State Full Name
Address and
Occupation

**J. E. IVERSON, Fisherman, of R.R. 1, New
Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia.**

the Second Part

hereinafter called the "Grantee" of

WHEREAS, the said Grantor is possessed of the goods, chattels and personal effects hereinafter set forth, described and enumerated, and hath contracted and agreed with the said Grantee for the absolute sale to him of the same, for the sum of **One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration - - - - -**

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that in pursuance of the said Agreement, and in consideration of the sum of **One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration - - - - -** Dollars (\$ - - - - -) of lawful money of Canada, now paid by the said Grantee to the said Grantor, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged); the said Grantor HATH BARGAINED, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents DOTH BARGAIN, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Grantee ALL THOSE the said goods, chattels and personal effects hereinafter described, that is to say:

The blackcurrent berry crop from approximately 600 trees situate upon lands and premises in Delta Municipality on the south bank of the Fraser River near Ladner, British Columbia, more particularly known and described as:

all of which said goods, chattels and effects are now in possession of the Grantor, and are situate, lying and being in, on, upon and about **the lands and premises aforesaid**

*Full in legal description
of lands & premises*

AND all the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever both at law and in equity, or otherwise howsoever, of him the said Grantor, of, in, to and out of the same, and every part thereof:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said hereinbefore assigned goods, chattels and effects and all of them and every part thereof, with the appurtenances, and, all the right, title and interest of the said Grantor thereto and therein, as aforesaid, unto and to the use of the said Grantee to and for his sole and only use forever:

AND the said Grantor DOTH hereby Covenant, Promise and Agree with the said Grantee in manner following, that is to say: THAT the said Grantor is now rightfully and absolutely possessed of and entitled to the said hereby assigned goods, chattels and effects and all of them, and every part thereof:

AND that the said Grantor now hath in him good right to assign the same unto the said Grantee in manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents:

AND that the said Grantee shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, peaceably and quietly have, hold, possess and enjoy the said hereby assigned goods, chattels and effects and every of them, and every part thereof, to and for his own use and benefit without any manner of hindrance, interruption, molestation, claim or demand whatsoever of, from or by the said Grantor or any person or persons whomsoever;

AND that free and clear, and freely and absolutely released and discharged, or otherwise at the cost of the said Grantor effectually indemnified from and against all former and other bargains, sales, gifts, grants, titles, charges and incumbrances whatsoever:

AND moreover, that the said Grantor and all persons rightfully claiming, or to claim any estate, right, title, or interest of, in, or to the said hereby assigned goods, chattels and effects and every of them, and every part thereof, shall and will from time to time, and at all times hereafter upon every reasonable request of the said Grantee, but at the cost and charges of the said Grantee, make, do and execute, or cause or procure to be made, done and executed, all such further acts, deeds and assurances for the more effectually assigning and assuring the said hereby assigned goods, chattels and effects upon the said Grantee in manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, as by the said Grantee or his Counsel shall be reasonably advised or required.

AND it is expressly agreed between the parties hereto that all grants, covenants, rights, powers, privileges and liabilities contained in this Bill of Sale shall be read and held so made by and with, and granted to and imposed upon the respective parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns the same as if the words heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns had been inscribed in all proper and necessary places.

WHEREVER the singular and the masculine are used throughout this Indenture the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties hereto so require.

IT WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
IN THE PRESENCE OF

State Full Name
Address and
Occupation of
Witness

P. J. McNeil
Solvent
Grand Forks
B.C.

L. Onofera

"A"

This is the paper-writing marked with the letter "A" referred to in the Affidavit of

C. F. MacLean

sworn before me this **15th**

day of **June**

A. D. 19**42**

George B. Egan
A NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A COMMISSIONER for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

AFFIDAVIT OF BONA FIDES
UNDER BILLS OF SALE ACT, 1911.

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

County of

I, **J. W. Iverson**
R.R. 1, New Westminster,
New Westminster

Iverson

of the

in the County of

in the Province of British Columbia, the

TO WIT:

Grantee in the foregoing Bill of Sale marked with the letter "A" named, make oath and say: That the assignment therein made is bona fide for valuable consideration, namely,

One (1) Dollars, **and other good and valuable consideration**
and that the consideration is duly set forth in the said Bill of Sale, and that it is not for the purpose of enabling the Grantee to hold the goods mentioned therein as against the creditors of the said Grantor.

That the said Bill of Sale is not given for the purpose of protecting the goods and chattels mentioned therein against the creditors of the Grantor or of preventing the creditors of the said Grantor from obtaining payment of any claim against him.

Sworn before me at the

of
British Columbia, this
day of **June**

in the Province of

A. D. 19 **48**

A NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A COMMISSIONER for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

Rose, Corras & Latte, Lrs., Legal Firm Partners
Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B. C.

C. F. MacLean
Barrister, etc.
Grand Forks, B. C.

Bill of Sale
(ABSOLUTE)

J. W. IVERSON

T. ONOTERA

TO

Dated **June 18**

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

I, **Courtney Forsythe MacLean**

make oath and say

To Wit:

as follows:—

1. That the paper writing hereunto annexed and marked "A" is the Bill of Sale, and of every Schedule or Inventory thereto annexed, or therein referred to, and of every attestation of the execution thereof as made and given and executed by. **T. Onotera**

2. That the Bill of Sale was made and given by the said **T. Onotera**
on the **18th** day of **June**
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **forty-two**

3. That I was present and did see the said **T. Onotera**
in the said Bill of Sale mentioned and whose name is signed thereto, sign and execute the same on the said **18th** day of **June** in the year aforesaid.

4. That the said **T. Onotera** at the time of making
the said Bill of Sale, **T. Onotera** resides at **Greenwood, B. C.**
and was and still is **a foreman**

5. That the name **Courtney Forsythe MacLean** set and subscribed as the witness
attesting the execution thereof is of the proper handwriting of me this deponent, and that I reside at
Street City

Province of **British Columbia** of **Grand Forks**
and am **a barrister and solicitor**

SUBSCRIBED to and sworn before me at

Grand Forks, B.C. this **18th**
day of **June** in the year
of our Lord, 19 **48**

L. F. MacLean

A NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A COMMISSIONER for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

T. S. ANNANDALE - LOCAL AGENT

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**RECEIVED**
APR 18 1942

NAME: ONOTERA, Hideo

ADDRESS: R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.

REG. #10588

SEX: Male

AGE: 28

OCCUPATION: Fisherman and Farmer

EMPLOYER: Self

MARRIED: Yes

NAME OF WIFE: Masa

ADDRESS: R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.

NAME OF CHILD: Larry (M)

ADDRESS: R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.

AGE: 5 mos.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C. Lot 5 of Lot 133, Group 2 Map 852 Municipality of Delta, New Westminster District. About 7 Acres

TITLE DOCUMENTS in Land Registry Office in New Westminster, B. C.

ENCUMBRANCES: Tatsuo Onotera (brother) a half interest - R. R. #1 New West.

BUILDINGS: 2 Houses 4 & 5 rooms - wooden frame; net houses; 2 chicken houses and 2 shacks.

CONTENTS: Furnishings for 3 rooms in 4 - room house
Furnishings for 5-room house - 1 stove and bathroom set.

TAXES: \$31.35 per annum paid up to 1941 - payable at the Municipality of Delta.

OCCUPANCY AND LEASES: At present owners are in 4-room house. The 5-room house has been rented to Gilbert Donaldson \$25.00 monthly beginning April 1942, one month's rent has been paid in advance to owner.

House Furniture owned by Hideo.

BUSINESS

LOCATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS: Farm as described above. - 600 - 700 small fruit trees (black currants etc) and about 300 plants of strawberries.

Owned by self and brother

BANK ACCOUNTS: Savings account about \$5.00 with the Bank of Montreal in New Westminster. Also about \$15.00 in the Lower Fraser Fisherman's Credit Union, Vancouver, B. C.

REMARKS: Power of Attorney for this property has been given to John W. Iverson, R. R. #1 New Westminster, B. C.

The information as above stated was obtained as a result of my personal inspection of the property. The existence of personal effects as described has been confirmed by me.

29 April 1942

T. S. Annandale
Deputy to the Custodian

R E P O R T
ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. _____

MUNICIPALITY: DELTA

Date: July 13th. 1942

NAME: ONOTERA, Hideo

REGISTRATION NO. 10588

ADDRESS: 1095 River Rd. R.R.1 New Westminster, B.C.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE: E. 90

KIND OF CROPS:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

HOUSE: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Storey

VACANT:

OCCUPIED: yes

DESCRIPTION: Frame

ROOF: Shingle

SIZE: 2 x 30

NO. OF ROOMS: 5

CONDITION: Good

OTHER BUILDINGS:

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: Iverson, Wilfred *permanent*

TERMS:

WATER: yes

ON: yes

OFF:

LIGHT: yes

ON: yes

OFF:

REMARKS: Outside not finished yet. Has bath complete. Inside not quite finished.

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:
Downstairs

- 1 Range
- 10 gal. stone crock
- 1 Wall clock
- 1 Deer head
- Light fixtures (front rm. & kitchen)
- 2 Beds complete
- 1 Table lamp
- 1 Dresser
- 2 Kitchen chairs
- 1 Desk (3 doors)
- 11 Window blinds
- 1 Canary
- 1 Gold fish tank

Upstairs

- 4 Boxes of kitchen utensils & dishes
- 6 Cartons of dishes
- 2 Boxes old books.

Signed:

Stalman
H. H. Hagan

S. sold to tenant. 17/1/45

REPORT ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. _____

MUNICIPALITY: Delta

Date: August 24th. 1942

NAME:

REGISTRATION NO.

ADDRESS: 1093 River Rd. New Westminster. B.C.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE:

KIND OF CROPS:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

HOUSE:

VACANT:

OCCUPIED:

DESCRIPTION: Boat and Net house.

ROOF:

SIZE:

NO. OF ROOMS:

CONDITION: Good

OTHER BUILDINGS: 1 float and dipping tank

Broken up see summary

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR:

TERMS:

WATER:

ON:

OFF:

LIGHT:

ON:

OFF:

REMARKS:

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:

Upstairs

1000 lbs. nets & weights etc.
100 ft. one inch rope
1 cross cut saw
1 box old clothes
4 boxes cooking utensils
14 qt. sealers
1 portable gas stove
2 screen doors
2 axes
1 jap rip saw
1 trunk frame pictures
1 large picture frame
1 wash tub
20 lbs. boracic acid
2 boxes old books
1 utility sprayer

Main Floor

hatchet
cross cut saws
10 ft. rope
2 lbs. fish net
1 ap tubs
able
1 tons steel pulley and chain
1 lbs floats & leads
1 ft. 1 inch hose & nossle

2 wooden pulleys
10 ft. 2 in. galv. pipe
1 drive shaft
3 wedges
1 sack mattress
1 boat pump
2 boom chains
3 gas stoves portable
2 boxes machine parts
1 compass
1 bench 9 sections, concealing
machine parts tools etc.
1 pair crutches
2 compressor tanks
1 battery
4 rolls tar paper
3 4 gal. oil cans
1 generator
1 gas tank

Signed:

Sh. Araya
H. J. Logan

1 coal brooder complete
1 magneto fly wheel
7 lamps
1 gas lantern
1 oil lantern
250 ft. lumber

1654

5121-ant

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
SEP 21 1942

Dear Sirs:

Richardson
Anderson
Sept. 19. 1942.
P. R. No. 1
New Westminster
B.C.

I am writing you in regards to
T & H. Onetua's property, once which I
hold power of attorney.

The rent money has been paid to
H. Onetua up until Sept. 1942. from
Mr. Donaldson who rents his new house
at the rate of twenty five (\$25) per month,
which will be reduced to \$20 per month
from and including October 1942. by permission
of H. Onetua. I myself have insured the
above house for three years at \$27.50 per
annum, which I must collect out of the rent.
The taxes will be \$33 approx. I would like
to know if you would want me to pay it
and collect the money out of the rent?

I am renting out an old shack on the
place for ten dollars. \$10 per month which
I keep for taking care of the property. Off
of these two places. \$4 per month must
go for water rates. Hoping this information
fills that required by you I remain
John W. Iverson

File: 1654
Name: ONOTERA, Hideo
Reg. No. 1 10588

October 8, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMER
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
NOV 30 1942

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS REMAINING

AT

1095 River Road, R.R. #1, New Westminster

Downstairs

1 Range
10 gal. stone crock
1 wall clock
1 deer head
Light fixtures (front rm. & kitchen)
2 beds complete
1 table lamp
1 dresser
2 kitchen chairs
1 Desk (3 doors)

11 window blinds
1 canary
1 gold fish tank

Upstairs

~~4 boxes of kitchen utensils & dishes~~
6 cartons of dishes
2 boxes old books.
~~1 mirror~~

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS REMAINING

AT

1093 River Road, R.R. #1, New Westminster

Upstairs

~~not mine - 1000 lbs. of cast & weights etc.~~
100 ft. one inch rope
1 cross cut saw
1 box old clothes
4 boxes cooking utensils
14 qt. sealers
1 portable gas stove
2 screen doors
2 axes
1 jap rip saw
1 trunk frame pictures
1 large picture frame
1 wash tub
20 lbs. boracic acid
2 boxes old books
1 utility sprayer

Main Floor

1 hatchet
2 crosscut saws
100 ft. rope
~~100 lbs fish net~~ not mine
7 Jap tubs
1 table
1 1½ tons steel pulley and chain
~~100 lbs. floats & leads~~ not mine
200 ft. 1 inch hose and nozzle
2 wooden pulleys
10 ft. 2 in. galv. pipe
1 drive shaft
3 wedges
1 sack mattress
1 boat pump
2 boom chains

S. Sold by auction 31/1/45
Surrey 9

October 8, 1942

File : 1654

Name: ONOTERA, Hideo

Reg. No. : 10588

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS REMAINING

AT

1093 River Road, R.R. #1, New Westminster

Main Floor (cont.)

3 gas stoves portable	3 4-gal oil cans
2 boxes machine parts	1 generator
1 compass	1 gas tank
1 bench 9 sections, concealing	1 coal brooder complete
machine parts tools etc.	1 magneto fly wheel
1 pair crutches	7 lamps
2 compressor tanks	1 gas lantern
1 battery	1 oil lantern
4 rolls tar paper	250 ft. lumber

to be used on new house.

This represents all my chattels remaining in any protected area of British Columbia.

Confirmed:

DATE: *November 27th* SIGNED: *H. Onotera*

Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

Advertisement appearing in Vancouver
and New Westminster Newspapers on August
25th, 26th and 27th, 1944.

File No. 1654

FLOAT HOUSES FOR SALE

The Secretary of State of Canada
and/or Custodian offers for sale by
tender:

PARCEL "A" Small floating bath
house and two-
room float house, opposite 1024 River
Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "B" Combined float and
net house at 1047
River Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "C" Net rack float,
Sunbury.

PARCEL "D" Tie-up float, Sun-
bury.

PARCEL "E" One 2-log float walk
and one net rack
float, 1003 River Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "F" Float, 1001 River
Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "G" Woodshed on float
and three shacks,
River Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "H" Two float houses
and net house,
also open float, 1041 River Road, Sun-
bury.

PARCEL "I" Floating net house,
1004 River Road,
Sunbury, formerly occupied by Bun-
goro Goto.

PARCEL "J" Floating net house,
1004 River Road,
Sunbury, formerly occupied by Toshi-
aki Goto.

PARCEL "K" Shack on bank,
walkway float,
square float, net float and float house,
River Road, Sunbury.

PARCEL "L" Float house and
net house, also
float walk and woodshed, end of Salter
Street, New Westminster.

Tenders for the individual parcels
should be addressed to the undersigned
marked "Tender" up to Noon Pacific
Daylight Saving Time on the 10th day
of September, 1944, and must be accom-
panied by a certified cheque payable
to the Custodian for 10% of the amount
tendered.

Arrangements to inspect will be made
by the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not neces-
sarily accepted.

These assets are offered for sale with-
out any warranty whatsoever on the
part of the Custodian as to the condi-
tion or state of repair.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C., this 26th
day of August, 1944.

THE CUSTODIAN,
505 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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

June 14th 1944
Kaslo B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 19 1944
File No.	1654
Ans.	10/26
Referred	Anderson

Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter dated May 30th 1944 regarding the sale of our property in the Municipality of Delta, Lot 5 of Lot 133, Group 2, Map 852, in the Dist. of New Westminster. owned jointly by my brother and myself.

In this letter you state that you had previously advised me of the sale of our property but I have had no letter to this effect.

This seven acre lot was assessed in 1941 by the Corporation of Delta Municipality at two thousand eight hundred dollars and since in the fall of that year I have built a new house costing me well over two thousand dollars bringing the total value of above mentioned property approximately eight and a half times the value for which you have sold it (\$632.83)?

I wish to protest to the sale of the above mentioned property as well as to the astoundingly low price for which you have sold it and if at all possible to cancel the sale until you thoroughly investigate and advise me as I have heard that the ^{other} properties in the same District have been sold at a much more higher price.

There must be some mistake somewhere so please check thoroughly.

Yours truly
H. Crabtree.

10.00
35.00

COPY

File No. 2-A-1

19th September, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. F.G. SHEARS

FROM: MR. K.W. WRIGHT

Re: Tenders - "Float Houses for Sale" advertised
on the 26th August, 1944 - tenders to close
16th September, 1944.

The following is a list of the tenders opened in my Office this morning in the presence of Mr. Green. Valuations are also listed.

Will you be good enough to place these on the agenda for the next meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee in order that approval may be given for those tenders that have been accepted.

PARCEL "A"

File No.	Valuation	Amt.	Encl.	Tenderer	Remarks
3377	\$75.00 2 rm. Flt. House \$35.00 Floating Bath House	\$75.00	\$10.00	E. Torvik (tenant)	Reject - Mr. Green to ascertain if Torvik has left premises & then advise Torvik & Alderidge, another prospective purchaser. "K.W.W."

PARCEL "B"

5597	\$65.00	\$66.50	\$66.50	Can. Fishing Co. (tenant)	ACCEPT "K.W.W."
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PARCEL "C"

7548	\$45.00	\$47.50	\$47.50	Can. Fishing Co. (tenant)	ACCEPT "K.W.W."
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PARCEL "D"

8628	\$145.00	\$105.00	\$10.50	T. Sjoblom	Reject "K.W.W."
		\$150.00	\$150.00	Can. Fishing Co. (tenant)	ACCEPT "K.W.W."

PARCEL "E"

1654 No offers received.

5127

Please note that Mr. Carlson values these at \$10.00 and \$35.00 and advises - "I would recommend the immediate disposal of the above floats as I think that if left much longer they will deteriorate on account of weather conditions and storms and become valueless."

Put for sale sign on this property. "K.W.W."

PARCEL "F"

5598	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$2.50	M.G. Donaldson (tenant)	ACCEPT "K.W.W."
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PARCEL "G"

4948	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Can. Fishing Co. for Harold Olsen	ACCEPT "K.W.W."
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19th September, 1944.

PARCEL "H"

File No.	Valuation	Amt.	Encl.	Tenderer	Remarks
7540	\$112.50	\$175.00	\$17.50	Peter Peterson & H.V. Nustad	ACCEPT "K.W.W."

Mr. Peterson uses the Net House and Mr. Nustad occupies the Float House; if tender accepted they will make arrangements that will be mutually satisfactory.

PARCEL "I"

8630	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$4.00	C.F. Bakermans (tenant)	Write Bakermans asking if he is willing to increase offer to \$50.00.
		\$50.00	\$50.00	Can. Fishing Co. for Harold Olsen	HOLD for reply from Bakerman "K.W.W."

PARCEL "J"

5612	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	Ed. Reine (tenant)	Ask Reine to increase offer to \$25.00 "K.W.W."
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PARCEL "K"

7549	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$2.50	P. Peterson	Ask Peterson to increase offer to \$45.00. "K.W.W."
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PARCEL "L"

5447	\$440.00 Westminster Trust \$205.00 Mr. Carlson	\$200.00	\$20.00	Coulthard, Sutherland for R. Goodfellow	Have asked Mr. Green to secure 3rd valuation & report back. "K.W.W."
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Mr. Carlson reports as follows: "The floats at Sunbury should be disposed of as soon as possible due to winter storms and large steamers. These boats when they go by, they create large waves which loosen the logs and break the beams holding the float together. The logs are getting water logged and should be attended to right away, unless this is done most of them will be submerged by next spring, this would make them valueless."

"K.W.Wright"

K.W. WRIGHT

KWW/DG

P.S. Tenders are being held in safe-keeping by the Accounting Department.

MEMORANDUM

File 1654

March 7th, 1945.

TO: Mr. W. J. Iverson

FROM: Mr. R. M. Anderson

RE: Hideo ONOTERA #10588

The tenancy has changed since the original inventory was taken (October 8th, 1942). The present tenant, Mr. Johnston, cannot account for the missing articles and claims that there was practically nothing here when he took over the place.

Mr. John Iverson had the Power of Attorney, during which time he claimed he had shipped or sold the majority of Mr. ONOTERA's chattels. He states that he could in time, present the freight bills, but insists that we have copies of same on our file. *no.*

We recovered only the following chattels:

1 Range - sold to tenant
1 Table (desk) - Sold to tenant
1 Box dishes - Sold at auction

No chattels abandoned.

RMA:LEM

R. M. Anderson

File No. 5127

Tatsuo ONOTERA - Regn. No. 10556

Re: Chattels:

Attached is a memo from Dept. of Labour, Japanese Division, with a list of chattels which ONOTERA indicates were not declared to Custodian, but left with his agent, W. Iverson. Of these chattels, 9 articles appear on his claim. This memo also indicates that his automobile was transferred to Iverson, although he is not claiming for same.

Department of Labour -- Japanese Division

MEMORANDUM

Project - BREXWOOD

File No.

From the desk of Mr. G.L. Contrill, Supervisor To Mr. H.L. Brown, Office Manager

Subject: Re: Tatsuo ONYURA #10356 Date: November 21, 1945

We are attaching herewith list of items which were left in the care of Mr. Wilfred Iverson, R.R. No. 1, New Westminster, B.C. by the above at the time of evacuation but these were never registered with the Custodian. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that ONYURA sold this man his car, 1936 Model Ford Coach for \$500.00 and received \$250.00 as down payment. Mr. Iverson still owes \$250.00 on the original purchase price.

We would ask that the Custodian endeavour to trace this man and find out what has happened to Mr. Onyura's chattels.

This family have now relocated to NEPADA, Manitoba and are very anxious to have their goods sent forward. We would appreciate whatever assistance the Custodian can give in this matter.

GLO:ts


G.L. Contrill
Supervisor

C
O
P
Y

- 6 ✓ 2 doz. (1 doz. set and 1 doz. none set) Jap. rice bowls
1 doz. Jap. tea bowls
10 ✓ 2 doz. Plates of different sizes and shape
3 doz. Jap. saucers of different shape and sizes
7 ✓ 1 doz. Jap. soup bowls with covers to match
8 ✓ 1 doz. Glass water cups
✓ 1 doz. Glass dessert bowls
3 only Pots of different sizes
1 only Aluminum pot
4 only Baking pans
2 only iron frying pans
- 4 ✓ 1 only cigarette and ash tray combination set
3 ✓ 1 only complete fencing outfit
family and group pictures
5 ✓ Books Japanese and Canadian
2 ✓ 1 only wall clock
1 ✓ 1 only mounted deer head
1 only radio (R.C.A. 8 tube, Victor, 1939 model)
1 only record player (Victor, R.C.A. for radio attachment)

1938 Model Ford Coach
Sales Price \$500.00
Received Payment \$220.00
Owing \$280.00

Mr. Wilfred Iverson
R.R.No. 1
New Westminster, B.C.

DEFENCE BRIEF

Hideo ONOTERA

and Tatsuo ONOTERA

File No.s 5127 & 1654

Case No. 254

Grand Forks, B.C.
March 2, 1948.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
April 15, 1948.

N.B. This is a joint claim by two brothers, each with a half interest in the same property. The claim has been consolidated to be considered as a single claim, the amended amounts having been agreed upon between the claimants.

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are gross)

1. Real Property Claim

\$4700.00

Appraised at

\$626.20

Sold for

\$615.00

Witness: 1. D. Dodding - S.S.B. Appraiser,
Exhibit No. 2. 'A poor farming
area, property unfenced.
Buildings - poor and very poor
state of repair, none painted.
Land contains numerous weeds,
of little or no agricultural
value, subject to flooding in
very high water seasons'.

2. T. S. Annandale - Report dated
April 29, 1942. 'About 300 plants
of strawberries'. To be filed.

Ref. Brief of Notes in Defence.

Amendment: Trans. P.4 line 28 - the sum of \$418.00 should be amended to read \$481.00.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

(All claims shown are Gross)

2. Chattel Claim

\$1117.00

Appraised at

Sale Price

(a) Goods valued by
claimant at 108. 62.00

62.00

Witness: 1. C.F.D. Phipps, Appraiser
of Trapp Motors Ltd.
Exhibit No. 11.

(b) Goods valued by claimant
at \$15.00 (Auction)

5.50

Witness: 1. F.G. Shears - to prove sale
by auction.

(c) Goods valued by claimant at \$994.00 were left under the Custody, control or management of someone other than the Custodian, appointed by the owner of the property.

Witness: 1. John W. Iverson - Agent.
Exhibit No. 6 - Power of Attorney - proved in Trans. p.10. Also Exhibit No.10 Trans.p.11, line 15 - Admission that Iverson was to look after the claimant's chattels.

Ref. 1. Brief of Notes in Defence. P.2
2. Trans. p. 18, line 20 - Admission.
3. Trans. p. 20, line 3 - Agency.
4. Trans. p. 20, line 28 - Admission.

<u>Summary of Defence</u> <u>Witnesses</u>	<u>Where</u> <u>Required</u>	<u>Summary of Documents</u> <u>to be filed</u>	<u>Witness Proving</u> <u>Same</u>
D. Dodding	1		
T. S. Annandale	1	Report dated Apr.29/42.	
C.F.D. Phipps	2 (a)		
F. G. Shears	2 (b)		
John W. Iverson	2 (c)		

HAC/mw

BRIEF
Notes in Defence

Grand Forks, B.C.
March 2nd, 1948
Winnipeg, Man.
April 15, 1948.

In the Matter of the Claim of
HIDEO ONOTERA, Reg. No. 10588
and TATSUO ONOTERA, Reg. No. 10556.

File Nos. 5127 and 1654.

Case No. 254

MEMO:

This is a joint claim by two brothers, each with a half interest in the same property. The claim has been consolidated to be considered as a single claim, the amended amounts having been agreed upon between the claimants.

Claim 1. Real Property - Farm Lands & Buildings - V.L.A. Deal.
Claim 2. Personal Property - Household chattels, fishing gear.

Claim 1. Real Property - Farm lands & Buildings - V.L.A. Deal.
Amended amount of claim \$4700. - (6.87 acres)
Custodian's sale price \$ 615. - under the V.L.A. Deal.
6.87 acres - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ (approx.) uncleared.
About 1 acre in currents, strawberries & vegetables.

S.S.B. Appraisal - Mr. D. Dodding.
Land \$126.20
Bldgs. 500.
Total \$626.20

1942 Assessment Land \$552. Taxes \$31.84
Improvements 1200.
Total \$1752.

Defence: The real property was sold for its fair market value.

From the S.S.B. Appraisal it is learned that this is a poor farming area and the property was unfenced. The house, which was 28 x 30, was 1 storey, frame, 4 rooms, on a wood foundation, no basement, and in a fair state of repair, appraised at \$500., which the claimant alleges cost \$2350. to build, although it was only 2 yrs. old at the time of the appraisal. The claimant admits in his statement of claim, Ex. 1, that this house was not finished, either inside or outside, although apparently it was habitable. The land and other buildings were purchased by the claimant from his father in 1940 for \$1000. He now claims \$2350. for the same property and buildings. These other buildings are described as poor, and very poor, state of repair in the Appraisal Report. None of the buildings were painted. The land contained numerous weeds and was of little or no agricultural value. The land is also subject to flooding in very high water seasons. The claimant was primarily a fisherman, Trans. P. 14 Line 30, and this property was basically suitable as a place of residence only. It is situated in a fishing community, near Sunbury, on the south bank of the Fraser River.

On 10th July 1944 Tatsuo Onotera wrote to the Custodian -
"The assessed value before we built the house was \$1200.00, now with the house costing us over \$2000.00, I figure the value of the property would be at least \$3000.00." Now he claims \$4700.00.
(Certified true copies now in claim file.)

See also report dated 29 April 1942 by T.S. Annandale, local agent to the Custodian.

Claim 2: Personal Property - Household Chattels & Fishing Gear.

Amended Amount of Claim \$1,117.
Custodian's Sale Price \$ 67.50 for \$123. - claim worth.

Amendment - Trans. P.4, line 28 - the figure \$418.00 should be amended to \$481.00.

Defence: Agency. The personal property was left under custody, control and management of some person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner, save and excepting some few items which the Custodian later took over and sold.

These latter items were

(1) Appraised by Trapp Motors, Ltd. Ex. 11 as follows:

	<u>Appraisal</u>	<u>Cust.S.P.</u>	<u>Claim</u>
1 Clare Jewel Range	\$60.00	60.00	100.00
1 small H.M. table	2.00	2.00	8.00 (table & 4 chairs)

(2) Sold at public auction:

Dishes		4.50	15.00
Mirror		1.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$62.00</u>	<u>\$67.50</u>	<u>\$123.00</u>

Trans. P.7, line 19, and following:- Obviously the claimant has based his amended claim on an inventory of chattels sent to him by the Custodian.

Ex. No. 6 - Power of Attorney - proved in Trans. P.10 - Claimant also admits that he expected Mr. Iversen, his appointed attorney, to take charge of his chattels and equipment. Additional evidence - Letter dated Nov. 27, 1942 - Ex. No.10. Contradiction - top of p.11, Trans.P.11, line 15 - Claimant admits that he advised the Custodian after evacuation that Iversen, (his said attorney), was looking after these chattels and effects.

Trans. P.18, line 20 - Claimant admits that at the time he was evacuated he made a rental arrangement (verbal monthly tenancy) with a Mr. Gilbert Donaldson, which included the use of all household chattels, farm tools and equipment.

Trans. P.20, line 3 - Iversen sold the majority of Mr. Onotera's chattels, and at line 10 - Summary dated Aug. 9/45 - a large quantity of goods of doubtful value. Iversen states he shipped a quantity of things to the Onotera's (claimant), particularly dishes, and at line 28 - an admission - it is possible that other brother may have had articles sent to him.

An open question - Iversen should be able to give evidence relevant to this.

MEMO: *here is no information, whether or not this property was sold subject to the existing tenancy, on file in the Custodian's Office, but since the tenancy was merely verbal and from month to month, it was probably not.

1654 &
5127

December 28th, 1950

Mr. Hideo ONOTERA,
c/o T. Suzuki,
R. R. # 1,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 254

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 ... \$ 509.50.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 504.13
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 5.37
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FGS:EK
Encl.

Name of Claimant **CHOTERA, Hideo**
 Custodian File **CHOTERA, Tatsuo**
1654 5127

Case **254**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										
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 Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
					515.00	489.25			489.25	
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
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			
<u>NETS</u>										
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			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
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			
123.00	67.50	20.25					20.25			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										509.50

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. HERD, COMMISSIONER).

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Grand Forks, B. C.,
March 2nd, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
HIROO ONOTERA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

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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H. Onotera,
In Chief.
Discussion.

MR. McMASTER: No. 20 on the list, my lord, Onotera.

THE COMMISSIONER: Case 254.

HIDEO ONOTERA, the claimant herein, being
first duly sworn, testified as
follows:

10 MR. McMASTER: My lord, with respect to this claim, this
claimant was the joint owner of the property with
his brother who resides in Manitoba, and I under-
stand that his brother has made a claim there and
intends to present his evidence there. I realise
it is not very satisfactory.

THE COMMISSIONER: That creates rather a peculiar
situation. We had one this morning of the same nature.
Has any effort been made by the claimant to arrange
with his joint owner for one presentation instead of
two?

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

20 Q Have you had any communication with your brother,
witness, as to one of you making these representations
with respect to your joint property?

A No, not just yet.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I will endeavour to communicate
with the brother and send a transcript of the
evidence down and see if we can get him to agree
to --

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, on the face of it, I do not
appreciate how I can consider two presentations
in relation to the one property. Assuming that the
present claimant should have one view as to value

H. Osters,
In Chief.

and the other claimant, when he comes along, has a very different idea, that creates an impossible situation. Since this claimant is the first to be heard, we will go on and deal with him. Perhaps I will have to let his brother know when the time comes that the claim has already been presented. However, you might give some thought to that situation.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord, I appreciate the difficulty in respect to it and I will do what I can to get the matter straightened out.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I realize you will, and the same applied to the other cases that are before the Commission.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord, the claim set forth, however, on the face of it, shows the full amount of the claim and actually, on page 12, should only be \$100,000.

THE COMMISSIONER: What I am going to do is to have the claimant state what he wants and then I will let the other claimant state what he wants. If the claimant does not state what he wants, I will let the other claimant state what he wants. If the claimant does not state what he wants, I will let the other claimant state what he wants.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord, I will do that. I will let the claimant state what he wants and then I will let the other claimant state what he wants. If the claimant does not state what he wants, I will let the other claimant state what he wants. If the claimant does not state what he wants, I will let the other claimant state what he wants.

... a note
... ascertaining
... Tatano Onotera?
... and you won't have that
... in Winnipeg, is he, Onotera?

H. Crotter,
In Chief.

A That is right.

MR. McMASTER: Now my lord, I would like to make an application in this case to increase the claim with respect to the personal property. The situation is this: The Custodian took an inventory of the property back in 1942 and sent a copy of that inventory to the claimant.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

10 MR. McMASTER: He approved the inventory, if I recall correctly, and sent it back to the Custodian. There was an extra copy at that time which he lost or misplaced. Before filing his claim, he wrote to the Custodian and asked for another copy of the inventory to assist him in drawing up his claim, but the copy was not received until after it was necessary for him to file his claim, and there are a number of items which were disclosed in that inventory which he did not call to mind.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

20 MR. McMASTER: I handed my learned friend after lunch a copy of the additional items, all of which are taken from the inventory of the Custodian and showing values with respect to it.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the aggregate increase?

MR. McMASTER: The total with respect to the claim that was filed my lord, I think may be slightly reduced, but I will give you these. There are \$636.00. The additional items are \$418.00, that will be \$1117.00 with respect to which this claimant has
30 only a half interest.

H. Onotera,
in Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I see. The total on the sheet attached to the claim is \$636.00. It hasn't been totalled on my copy.

MR. McMASTER: I think, my lord, actually that some of those items have been cut down in the estimated value. I will be filing with this man's statement an inventory of those items.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see \$688.50 on the reverse side of the claim form.

10 MR. McMASTER: Yes. Well that, my lord, I think, was reduced to \$636.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: My lord, I find in the Winnipeg list that a claim has been filed by Tatsuo Onotera for property, \$4,085.00, and personal, \$748.30.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is substantially the same. What is the number on the Winnipeg list?

THE SECRETARY: No. 87.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

20 MR. McMASTER: Now the credit to the Custodian, my lord-- I think we might refer to that while we are on the figures -- according to the claim analysis is \$67.50.

THE COMMISSIONER: Your total claim as it is now presented being \$1117.00?

MR. McMASTER: That is correct, my lord, less the amount the Custodian received.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie
30 to prepare this statement with regard to the real

H. O'Neale,
In Chief.

property with respect to which you are making a claim? As? Yes.

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

A (Witness complies).

MR. McMASTER: I file that statement as Exhibit No. 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q Are the contents in Exhibit No. 1 true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

10 MR. McMASTER: I would ask to file on my friend's behalf the farm appraisal report of the Soldier Settlement Board, my lord.

(FARM APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. McMASTER: Referring to Exhibit No. 1 -- and the Reporter doesn't need to take this down, my lord. (Reading).

My lord, if I might refer to Exhibit 2, the appraisal report, I draw attention to the fact that the appraisal is for \$526.20, according to page 2. However, I think it is obvious that there is an error there; it should be \$626.20, the addition has not been made correctly. I believe it was sold for \$615.00, something like that, so that accounts for that situation. However, at page 4 of the appraisal, at the foot of the page, it shows the following: "Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is \$900.00". That is by Mr. Barnet, the district superintendent.

Q Now, witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare

30 a statement with regard to the personal property with

H. Onotera,
In Chief.

respect to which you have made a claim?

A Yes.

Q In the first instance. And did you prepare the inventory which is attached to that statement and set out therein the cost price to the best of your recollection of the same and your estimate of their value at the time of evacuation?

A That is right.

1 Q Would you be good enough to sign that statement?

10 A (Witness complies).

Q Are the contents of that statement and of that inventory true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

true.

At Yes, it is

MR. McMASTER: Now, my lord, I would suggest that I file at the same time with this, as the one exhibit, the supplementary statement.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

20 MR. McMASTER: Q: Witness, did you prepare this statement of further chattels from an inventory of the Custodian, and did you show on this statement the prices paid to the best of your recollection and your estimate at the time of evacuation?

A That is right.

MR. McMASTER: I file those, my lord, as the next exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. McMASTER: My friend has asked me to file on his behalf the analysis of personal property claim made by the Custodian.

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(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

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Q Witness, I produce to you two documents which purport to be copies of inventories of chattels remaining on the premises at 1095 River Road? They are dated October 8th, 1942, and one dated October 9th, 1942. Did you receive those documents from the Custodian?

A Yes.

Q There are a number of pencil items and ink items on these documents. Would you explain what the ink ticks opposite certain items indicate?

10 A Those ticks?

Q On that inventory.

A: The tick marks are the inventory, or the items which I thought of which I knew, which I had left, rather, on the property and which I put in a claim form at the time of filing the claim.

Q Yes. And these items with respect to which there is an ink line drawn in front of, what do those represent?

20 A: Those are items that I had itemized recently and put down as I just mentioned previously, the price that I paid to the best of my knowledge at the time or before evacuation.

Q Yes. Now were those items with respect to which the lines are drawn included in the claim which you originally filed?

A: No, I did not include them.

Q Are they included in this supplementary claim which I have asked leave to add?

A Yes, I put them all in there.

30 Q Now, also on these pages, there are a few items with ink circled around there. What do those

indicate?

A: There are no claims for

those with circles around.

Q Yes. For what reason?

A: Because there

are some of those that I have received already.

Q Yes. What about the others?

A I thought they were not worth anything.

Q I see. Now aside from those items which are circled
or marked in ink with the circle or with brackets,
are there any items appearing on these inventories
which I am now showing you which you received after
your evacuation?

A No, I did not receive any.

Q Did you sell or authorize the sale of any of them?

A Definitely not.

Q Have you been advised at any time by any person as
to whether any of these goods have been sold?

A No, not at any time.

Q Did you recently make inquiries from a Mr. Iverson
with whom these goods originally were left as to
whether he had sold any of the goods?

A No.

Q Have you seen Mr. Iverson recently?

A Yes.

Q Did you raise any question with him as to what
became of these goods?

A: Yes, I asked

him what had happened to the property and he claimed
that they were taken from the property by the Custe-
dian and a lot of it -- he does not know what has
happened to it.

30 MR. McMASTER: I see. I file those as the next exhibit,

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In Chief.

my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: What do you call that?

MR. McMASTER: Those are the inventories dated October, 1942, provided to the claimant from the Custodian.
(INVENTORIES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

THE COMMISSIONER: Prepared by the Custodian and sent to the claimant.

MR. McMASTER: That is correct, my lord.

Q Now, witness, I produce to you a power of attorney or what purports to be a power of attorney. Is that your signature and your brother's signature on that document?

A: Yes, this is my signature, and this is my brother's.

MR. McMASTER: This is a power of attorney, my lord, dated the 27th day of March, signed by the claimant and purportedly by his brother in favour of one John W. Iverson, a fisherman, of New Westminster, giving him full power of attorney with respect to the real property of the claimant and his brother. I would ask to file it.

(POWER OF ATTORNEY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

Q Now, witness, while that power of attorney appears to be restricted to your real property, did you, in fact, expect Mr. Iverson to take charge of your chattels and equipment?

A Definitely.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now that hardly carries it far enough. Did Iverson, in fact, take charge of those chattels?

MR. McMASTER: Q: When you were evacuated, did Iverson, in fact, take charge of your property and personal

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In Chief.

chattels and equipment?

A: Not personal

chattels such as I left on the property but he said he would look after my property, the land and buildings at the time of evacuation.

Q: Yes. Now did you expect that he would look after your chattels as well?

A: No, because I had them boxed and put away in the upstairs of the new house, and also in the buildings adjoining on the same property. I put them away specially.

Q: I see, yes. Did you subsequently at any time advise the Custodian that Iverson was looking after these chattels and effects?

A: Later on, do you mean?

Q: Yes, after your evacuation?

A: Yes, I did.

Q: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Is that the answer?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, he did.

Q: And do you know of your personal knowledge whether Iverson, in fact, took possession or control of your personal chattels and effects?

A: No, I don't know.

THE COMMISSIONER: I understand the claimant advised the Custodian that Iverson did have charge of his chattels, is that it?

MR. McMASTER: Subsequently, my lord, yes.

Now, my lord, with respect to this matter, it may be necessary for me at a later date to call Mr. Iverson either for an accounting of the goods and chattels or if he says he handed them to the Custodian,

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to be cross-examined on the subject matter.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are free to do so in Vancouver when we sit there.

MR. McMASTER: Thank you, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted, my lord, that the real property was sold for its fair market value. It is submitted that the personal property was left under custody, control and management of some person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner save and excepting some few items which the Custodian later took over and sold.

THE COMMISSIONER: There is a considerable part of the chattel property that the Custodian never did acquire control of, is that right?

MR. HUNTER: That is right, my lord, that is my submission, that he only took over about four items.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Mr. Onotera, is that your signature on that J.P. form?

20 A Yes, that is right.

Q And was this form completed in accordance with your requirements?

A: I think so. I hope so.

Q You read it over before you signed it?

A No, I don't just remember at the present time.

Q And do you remember giving that information that the power of attorney for this property has been given to John W. Iversen?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: I file the J.P. form, my lord, as the next exhibit.

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(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

Q I show you a photograph, Mr. Onotera. Could you tell me what that is a photograph of?

A This is the boat shed or the net house.

Q That is on the right of the photograph?

A On this photograph, yes.

Q Yes. A: This is the house that we had lived in prior to or during the time that we were building another house on this site.

10 Q The centre building is your old house, is that it?

A Yes. And this is a shack where some of the farm implements and such were kept. This is not adjoining this other house.

Q They are separate buildings. They are all separate buildings? A: That is right, separate buildings.

MR. HUNTER: I file that, my lord.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

20 Q I show you another photograph, Mr. Onotera. Could you identify that?

A Yes, this is the house that I had built, new house.

Q That is the new house.

A That is the house that I hadn't lived in, yes.

Q How far back from the corner of the picture does it extend? A: What do you mean?

Q From the left hand corner, how far does it go back? A: This doesn't show the end of the house there.

A I would imagine where the bottom end of this roof and the top end of this wall meets.

30 Q Yes, about there? A: I guess so.

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Q How far would that be in feet, do you know?

A I can't say from a small picture like that.

Q I thought you could probably say from your recollection of the length of the house.

A The length of the house, do you want to know?

Q Yes, from the front to the rear.

A 34, I think it is.

Q 34 feet?

A: 34 feet, I think it is.

MR. HUNTER: I file that, my lord.

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(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

Q Is that your letter, Mr. Onotera?

A Yes, it is my signature on the bottom of it.

Q And is that your letter?

A: That is my

writing, yes.

MR. HUNTER: It is a letter dated November 27, '42, my lord, from the claimant to the Custodian. It says, (reading).

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If your Lordship would refer to the analysis of personal property claim, Exhibit 4, the items sold by the Custodian are shown there. There are only the four, the kitchen range, table, dishes and mirror. Those were all that were found by the Custodian when he took over.

Q Mr. Onotera, what was your occupation prior to evacuation?

A: A bit of everything.

I could do carpentering as well as farming, as well as fishing, which was my -- which I did the longest in the year, during the year.

Q Fishing was your main occupation, was it?

30 A More or less, yes.

Q What about your brother?

A My brother was the same -- fisherman.

Q I see. A: Main occupation.

Q Do you know whether your father had ever made any application under the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act? A: No, I don't.

Q Was your father also a fisherman?

A No. He had been for a number of years ago, until the time that I took over his boats and his gear.

10 Q Did he retire then or did he have some other occupation? A: He had run that farm until the time that he went to Japan.

Q When he went back to Japan?

A In 1940.

MR. HUNTER: I see. That is all.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Did you ever crop the farm yourself or cultivate it?

A In 1941 or -- yes.

Q You did cultivate it in 1941?

20 A Correct.

Q Not before then? A: No.

Q Was that land liable to flood?

A No. May I explain that a little?

Q Yes, go on. A: There was a dyke, this dyke road which is called also the River Road, and the property is partly on the outside as well as on the inside of that dyke road.

Q Wait a minute. Is that the river road running from Westminster to Vancouver?

30 A No, it goes down from New Westminster down to Ladner.

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MR. McMASTER: It is on the island, is it?

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: It is on the island.

A It is on the mainland. It is on the Delta Municipality, the mainland.

THE COMMISSIONER: Let me see if I can orient myself.

There is a river road that runs from Westminster to Vancouver that is a paved road. Do you know it?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Which side of the Fraser River were you on, the south side or the north side?

10 A On the south side.

THE COMMISSIONER: I hat settle it.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, if you would observe the last page of the appraisal report, you will see a little sketch which illustrates what the witness has just said about the division of the property, the Soldier Settlement Board appraisal.

20 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to mention something about the flood? The dyke on the south side, outside the dyke, there is flood and part of the house are built on that land where it does flood but inside of the land where all the black currants and strawberries are, it has never flooded to my knowledge and I have lived on that farm all my life to my knowledge.

THE COMMISSIONER: Go on, Mr. McMaster.

30 MR. McMASTER: My lord, I would like to ask my friend if he will produce now or at some subsequent time any letters, reports or memorandums showing the circumstances of the Custodian going in and taking possession of the four items which he did actually

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possess and sell; and also any correspondence or memorandum requiring Mr. Iverson to supply the Custodian with a list of goods shipped to his home.

MR. HUNTER: I can give my friend two memorandums right now in connection with that, my lord.

MR. McMASTER: May I see them?

(Handed to Mr. McMaster).

THE COMMISSIONER: Just before you deal with the memoranda, would you look at this, Mr. McMaster? Just have the witness explain what part of the land is liable to flood. I take it he refers to that part shown lying north of the river road, is that correct?

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A This is north.

MR. McMASTER: Q: North in this direction?

A There is the river road.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: This is the north point indicated on the sketch here? A: On this piece of property here.

MR. McMASTER: Q: That is north of the River Road?

20 A That is right.

Q That is the portion subject to flood and the part south is not subject to flood or you have not known a flood to be there as long as you have lived there?

A That is right.

MR. HUNTER: Possibly my friend will object to my putting in this appraisal of the stove and table, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is it?

MR. HUNTER: An appraisal of the stove and table sold by the Custodian. An appraisal of Trapp Motors

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Limited, dated 20th of April, 1945. They merely say, "Under instructions from the Office of the Custodian, we have appraised and sold the following list of goods at the Onstera estate, 1095 River Road, Sunbury, to Mr. H. Johnson of the same address: 1 Clare Jewel Range, \$60.00, 1 Small H.M. Table, \$2.00". Then they say, "less 10%", "Certified a just and fair appraisal as made by us this 17th day of January, 1945".

(APPRAISAL MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

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MR. McMASTER: Q: Witness, at the time you were evacuated, did you yourself or your brother make any arrangement for the rental of the farm?

A: Yes.

Q: With whom?

A: With Gilbert Donaldson.

Q: Yes. At that time was there included in that rental arrangement the use of all or any of the household chattels or fixtures or equipment with respect to which you are now claiming?

20 A: Yes.

Q: How much of it?

A: The furniture.

Q: Yes, what else?

A: The stove.

Q: Yes. What about your tools and equipment, farm tools and equipment?

A: They were being used.

Q: That was part of the rental arrangement?

A: That was part of the rental arrangement.

Q: What was the term of the tenancy, was it month to month or by the year, or for one year or for a specific term, or --?

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A Month to month arrangement.

Q Was it a written tenancy?

A: No, it wasn't.

Q I see .

in writing.

A: I haven't got anything

Q Is was a verbal tenancy?

A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: That included the furniture, tools
and equipment and what else?

A The stove.

MR. McMASTER: The stove he mentioned specifically, my
lord.

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Q Were you advised by the Custodian when that tenancy

came to an end?

A: Of Gilbert

Donaldson?

Q Yes.

A: No.

Q Do you know when it came to an end?

A I do not.

MR. McMASTER: I wonder if my learned friend can supply
me with that information, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: I can't say, my lord. According to this,
you would almost think it had continued.

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MR. McMASTER: Can my learned friend advise me as to
what steps were taken by the Custodian when the
real estate was sold to the Soldier Settlement
Board with regard to the chattels that had been
rented on a monthly basis together with the land.

MR. HUNTER: Didn't take any procedure except what is
indicated there, because Mr. Iverson was looking
after them, and then, on March 7th, 1945, they
checked -- or, rather, this memorandum was made then
actually. Apparently when they checked that, as

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this memorandum says, Mr. John Iversen had the power of attorney during which time he claimed he had sold the majority of Mr. Onotera's chattels. He states that he could in time present the freight bills but insists that we have copies of the same on our files. We recovered only the following chattels: 1 range, 1 table, 1 box of dishes, and a mirror.

10 There is another memorandum in which he says with reference to chattels, "Summary dated August 9th, '45, shows a large quantity of goods of doubtful value. Iversen states that he shipped a quantity of things to the Onoteras, particularly dishes, but he has no record of what did go. He insists that if anything is missing, it was not his fault as he goes away fishing a great deal of the time and that considerable thieving had gone on after the Japanese left. He showed me a lot of debris in the net house upstairs stating that much of the chattels were stored there".

20 It was never considered, my lord, by the Custodian that he had any rights in this matter, that they had been left in the custody of someone other than himself.

THE COMMISSIONER: And I suppose there is also the possibility, Mr. McMaster, that the other brother may have had articles sent to him.

MR. McMASTER: It is possible, my lord.

Q Witness, do you have any knowledge of any of these
30 articles with respect to which you are claiming having

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been shipped to your brother?

A Not until the time that he moved out to Winnipeg.

Q When did he move there?

A I think it was 1945, I am not sure.

Q Where did he reside before then?

A At Greenwood.

Q That is where you also resided, was it?

A That is right.

Q And up to that time, as far as you are aware, he
10 hadn't received any of the goods and chattels other
than is indicated on this inventory that we filed?

A That is right.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is that everything, Mr. McMaster?

MR. McMASTER: I would just like one more point from
my learned friend my lord, whether the property
was well subject to the existing tenancy.

MR. HUNTER: All I can say is to read you what I have
here. It isn't very long, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

20 MR. HUNTER: It says, "History of Administration. It
was administered by John W. Iverson under power
of attorney, dated 27th March, 1942. On the
28th of June, 1942, T. Onotera with the consent of
H. Onotera sold the crop of currants for that year
to J.W. Iverson for \$84.00. Mr. Iverson rented
the house to a Mr. Donaldson at \$25.00 per month
to the 30th of September, 1942, and from the
1st October reduced the rental to \$20.00 per month.
Iverson reported on the 9th day of April, 1943,
30 that the income from the property was rental --

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10 dates not reported — \$80.00 and crop returns \$84.00, total \$164.00, and disbursements on the property amounting to \$151.54, leaving a net profit from operating of \$12.46. Requests made to Iverson for particulars of rental income remain unanswered. Presumably Mr. Iverson has accounted to the Onoterans. Iverson also rented shack on the property to a party unknown at \$10.00 per month. This rental he retained for his care of the property, he paying the water rates of \$4.00 per month. Iverson reported on 19th of September, 1942, that he had insured the house at a valuation of \$300.00 for three years and paid the premium of \$27.50. Sold to the Director of the Veterans Land Act for \$615.00 as at 1st January, 1943.

I would judge from that that the lease continued, but there is not a definite statement of it, my lord.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: In any case that apparently is as much information as you can get now, Mr. McMaster?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, thank you, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: No doubt the Government will furnish you with what further information there is. Is that everything?

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr. Onotera. Just before you leave the stand, Mr. Onotera, I would like you to communicate with your brother and tell him of the fact that you presented the claim here and ask what his wishes are in regard to the claim which he has filed.

You can then inform Mr. McMaster.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: I put it to you that you or your brother should collaborate on this and the claim be presented once and for all by one of you because it creates an impossible situation from my point of view if one claim is presented by you with regard to an undivided half interest and a different claim by your brother. You can appreciate the difficulty.

THE WITNESS: Your Honour, a written power of attorney or statement from my brother -- is that what you want?

THE COMMISSIONER: No, no, just simply to instruct your lawyer.

THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, if his brother would instruct the solicitor who is acting for the Committee in Winnipeg, perhaps when it comes up on the list he can speak to it and say he is accepting the evidence of this man.

THE COMMISSIONER: As presently advised I am not inclined to hear another presentation of the claim. However, I will wait to hear from that solicitor.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

Gordon Hamilton

"G. HAMILTON"
Official Reporter.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba,

April 13th, 1948.

(PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

S.M. CHERNIACK, Esq., appearing for the Claimant.

T.P. HORROBIN, Esq., Official Reporter.

MR. CHERNIACK: My lord, I would like to bring in No. 31,
the claim of Tatsue Onotera. This claimant owned
a property jointly with his brother who is now
in Grand Forks, B.C. Your Lordship has already
heard the evidence of the brother, and I propose
to amend our claim to conform to the amended claim
of his brother so that the figures are the same
for your Lordship and to introduce the claimant
only to confirm them.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Hunter, have you the number of
the Grand Forks case?

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord, No. 254.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I have it. Would it suit your
purpose, Mr. Cherniack, if you simply called
the brother to support the claim as already pre-
sented by Hideo Onotera, and we can treat it
as part of Claim 254?

MR. CHERNIACK: That is my intention.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. CHERNIACK: Shall I give your Lordship the amendment,
or shall we let that stand with the other?

THE COMMISSIONER: You can let that stand with the other,
if it suits your purpose.

MR. CHERNIACK: That is quite all right.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Have you any objection to it being dealt with in that way, Mr. Hunter, to simply have this man confirm the brother's claim as previously presented?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: We will not give this a new number, Mr. Secretary. We will treat it as an additional witness called in claim 254.

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TATSUE ONOTERA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Mr. Onotera, you are a brother of Hideo Onotera who is now in Grand Forks, B.C.?

A Yes.

Q And your claim is a joint claim with your brother, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q Now this morning I made available to you a copy of the transcript of evidence taken at your brother's hearing, is that correct?

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A Yes.

Q And did you read the transcript?

A I did.

Q Are you willing to accept the evidence as given by your brother? A: I am, sir.

Q As far as your claim is concerned?

A Yes.

Q There is one reference in the transcript, Mr. Onotera, where the question was asked of your brother as to whether you had received any of the

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goods from the Custodian. Did you see that question? A: Yes.

Q Did you receive any of the goods?

A No, I didn't.

Q Did you at any time receive goods from the Custodian?

A No, I did not.

MR. CHENNIACK: Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have you any questions, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: I will take it then, Onetara, that the evidence as already given that you have read will be treated as the evidence in support of your joint claim with that of your brother?

A Yes.

Q And you subscribe to what he has said as you have read it in the transcript?

A Yes, that is right.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very good. That is fine, thank you.

(Witness aside)

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(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

J. P. Horrobin

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Official Reporter.