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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTIONFILE NO. 1218-4
EXHIBIT NO. 11
DATE 11/1/41
FILLED BY A. B. G. L. H. K.

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any part of the administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: TOMONAGA, ShigeyukiHOME ADDRESS: 374 W 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER OB272 SEX: Male AGE: 55OCCUPATION: Sewing factory

(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: Shigeyuki Tomonaga Sewing Factory, 374 W 4th Ave., VancouverMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: TakeoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 374 W 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: NoneADDRESS OF CHILDREN: NoneAGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) -----

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) -----

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) -----

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: -----
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: -----
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: -----

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 374 W 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. dressmaking factory downstairs and live upstairs.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: M. Masuda, 2000 Yukon St., Vancouver, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$15 per month paid up to date
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:
- 2 beds, 1 kitchen stove, 1 desk, 1 piano, 1 electric vacuum cleaner,
- 1 dressmaking table about 12' x 6' in my house at 374 W 4th Ave.,
- Vancouver, 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) \$7.20
owing me by the lady that lives at 1970 McNichol Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: About \$4 in the Royal Bank Cambie St., branch.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$1000 Prudential Life Co., don't know particulars.
Policy in my home.

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 11th day of April 1942

(Signature)

J. Lomonaga

W. L. Brandon
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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✓ INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Oct 17/1943

Our File No.

3079

Full Name

TOMONAGI
(Surname in Block Letters)

Shigeyuki

Registration No.

08272

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age

Jan 9/1907

✓
Former Address

374 West 4th Ave, City

Date Evacuated

Sept 23/42

✓
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Rosebery, B.C.

✓
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

ETO, Akie - 09507

(decd) Name of Husband

^{nee}
Name of Mother

URESHINO, Mitsuo

Name of Father

Kakachi - (decd)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

G. Hunter

Registered with Custodian

Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Retired

52/61/10

Name of Claimant **TOMENAGA, Shigeyuki**Case **1218**Custodian File **3079**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total		
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village					
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price			Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices	
						% of Total	Amount				% of Total	Amount
<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 & 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	SPECIAL 75.00				
422.00	209.00	62.70	49.52	162.00	80.22	150.00	18.00	160.92				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										235.92		

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 3079

Feb. 4/47

RE: Shirovaki TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08272

The following claims were filed against TOMONAGA:

Komura Bros.

\$10.73

B.C. Telephone Co.

4.25 (reduced by the Telephone Co.
to \$1.20)

TOMONAGA denied the first claim in his letter of May 8/44.

On May 26/44 he sent us a money order for \$1.20 to pay the
account of the B.C. Telephone Co. This was paid by the Custodian on June 8/44.

There are no other claims on file.

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

Feb. 4/47
LBM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

CHATTEL SUMMARY

File Nos. 13341
13421
3079

Feb. 4/47

RE: Take Mrs. Shigeyuki) TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 09567
Sumiye TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08936
Shigeyuki TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08272

Chattels were declared by Mr. and Mrs. TOMONAGA as shown on Chattel Schedule on file.

The articles which Mrs. TOMONAGA reported were stolen from her home during time she was in the Immigration Bldg., have apparently never been found by the Police. However Mr. Spain states in undated memo that Mrs. TOMONAGA said these goods were not of any special value.

Of the four items reported in storage at Cronos, the washing machine, hemstitching machine and the buttonhole machine were removed to our storage warehouse and sold at auction on May 2/44 for the net sum of \$146.91 and this sum has been credited to the account of Mrs. TOMONAGA.

Of the items declared as being at 374 W. 4th Ave., the piano and bench were shipped on May 20/43. The electric motor, wall clock and time clock were sold at auction for the net sum of \$63.24 and this sum credited to the account of Mrs. TOMONAGA.

The desk, desk chair, kitchen range, shoe box, paper patterns and the 2 beds declared by Mr. TOMONAGA, were not found by the Custodian. It is quite possible that these goods were taken with her or disposed of by her prior to the evacuation of Mrs. TOMONAGA and her daughter.

The cupboards, tables, card rack, ornaments, and vacuum cleaner tools, inventoried by the Custodian, are missing. It may be that these were not saleable, but there is no memo on file stating they were discarded. I have checked the file of Mrs. Yasu OKANO, File 9777, who also had goods at this address, but none of the goods missing would appear to have been credited to Mrs. OKANO.

The 6 power sewing machines, 12 pulleys and 6 shafts, were advertised for sale by tender and sold for the sum of \$150.00 and this sum was credited to the account of Mrs. TOMONAGA.

The following expenses have been paid from the credit of Mrs. TOMONAGA:

Cost of advertising sewing machines in papers	\$8.00
Cost of appraisal	5.00
Storage owing to Cronos	30.00
	<u>\$43.00</u>

Her total credit from sale of chattels was \$360.15. This sum less the deductions of \$43.00, leaves a balance of \$317.15 now in her account.

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

Feb. 4/47
LHM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 13341
13421
3079

December 14th, 1944.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Shigeyuki TOMONAGA
Miss Sumiye TOMONAGA

Mr. Tomonaga, file 3079, declared some effects in the rented premises at 374 W. 4th Avenue among them a piano and vacuum cleaner. He was evacuated on September 23rd, 1942.

His wife and daughter, our files 13341 and 13421, were less tractable and refused to move from the protected area and were placed in detention.

The daughter, Sumiye, declared on November 7th, 1942, no property. A piano, six power sewing machines with accessories and other effects were shortly afterwards moved in her name from 374 W. 4th Avenue to storage. The piano and bench, obviously those declared by her father, have since been shipped to Rosebery for the kindergarten there. Certain other effects have been sold at auction and the proceeds credited to her account after deducting charges due on effects left with Cronos. These funds should be transferred to her Mother's account as they are more correctly payable to her and this is being done.

The wife, Take, also registered on November 7th, 1942, but was most unco-operative and refused to sign the declaration. She later claimed that while in detention, the vacuum cleaner declared by the husband, other sundries and a large sum of money, were stolen from 374 West 4th Avenue. This was fully reported on by

File No. 3079.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

April 29th, 1944.

Shigeru TOMONAGI - Reg. No. 08272

CREDITORS:

1. Komura Bros. \$10.73 *Genies*
2. B.C. Telephone Co. *Paid*
Returned to X 1.20 to 11-5-44
advised for reply

No account as at April 29/44.

/DE

Dominion of Canada

Province of BRITISH COLUMBIA

To Wit:**In the Matter of**THE ESTATE of S. TOMONAGA, of the
City of Vancouver, in the Province
of British Columbia.**I, MATTHEW H. BRIDGES**

of Vancouver

of the City
in the Province of British Columbia**Do Solemnly Declare that**

1. That I am a Clerk of the undermentioned creditor and have knowledge of all circumstances connected with the debt hereinafter referred to.

2. That the said S. Tomonaga, was at the 30th day of November, 1942, and still is justly and truly indebted to the BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY in the sum of Four Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$4.25) as shown by the account hereto annexed and marked "A".

3. That the said BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY has not, nor has any person by its order to my knowledge or belief for its use, had or received any manner of satisfaction or security whatsoever.

And I make this solemn Declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Declared before me at Vancouver
in the Province of British Columbia
this 13th day of

January A.D. 19 43

[Signature]
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

[Signature]

CLAIM

File No.

3079.

DATE

First List

CREDITOR

Komura Brothers Ltd.

DEBTOR

S. Tomonaga
374 W. 4th Ave.,

AMOUNT OWING

\$10.73

AGENT

N11.

ORIGINAL FILE

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VS

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 13341
13421
3079

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CHattel SCHEDULE

File Nos. 13341
13421
3079

Feb. 4/47

RE: Take (Mrs. Shigeyuki) TOMONAGA, Reg.No.09567
Sumiye TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08936
Shigeyuki TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08272

DECLARED by Mrs. TOMONAGA
on Nov.19/42 as stored at
Crone Storage

1 washing machine	}	Removed to our auction room and
1 hemstitch machine		sold at auction on
1 buttonhole machine		May 2/44. \$30.00 owing to Crone for storage paid Apr.6/44
2 trunks		- shipped - receipt acknowledged by Miss TOMONAGA on Mar.23/43

GOODS REPORTED STOLEN
from home at 374-W.4th
while mother and daughter
at Immigration Bldg. - See RCMP Report, Nov.16/42.

carpenter's tools	}	The Police were advised of this but apparently none of these stolen goods were recovered. According to memo on file from Mr. Spain MRS. TOMONAGA stated that these were not of any special value.	} Except for the vacuum cleaner, listed on JP of Shigeyuki Tomonaga, none of these goods were reported to the Custodian prior to reported theft.
vacuum cleaner			
old wool rug			
old electric iron			
bed comforter			
old aluminum kettle			
3 bed sheets			

DECLARED by Mrs. TOMONAGA
on Nov.19/42 at 374 W.4th

INVENTORIED BY CUSTODIAN
on Nov.23/42 at 374 W.4th

SOLD

OTHER
DISPOSITION

upright piano and bench	piano and bench	shipped May 20/43
Horse power motor	1 electric motor	March 14/44
6 Singer sewing machines and	6 power sewing machines	} 6 power sewing machines, 12 pulleys and 6 shafts sold by tender for the sum of \$150.00 and this sum credited to account of Mrs. TOMONAGA.
2 externally operated switches with meter		
time clock	time clock	March 14/44
2 clocks	2 table clocks but one wall clock sold	March 14/44
cloth cabinet-glass door	2 cupboards	missing
big slide door with glass, cabinet & drawers on bottom		
2 cutting tables	4 tables	missing
tan color desk and desk chair	not found	
kitchen range-sawdust burner	not found	
shoe box	not found	
paper patterns	not found	

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DECLARED, etc.

INVENTORIED

SOLD

OTHER
DISPOSITION

card rack
elephant & lion (ornaments)
vacuum cleaner tools

missing
missing
missing

Additional items
declared by Mr. TONONAGA

2 beds

not found

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

on file.
Feb. 4/47
LBM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

Name: Sumiye TOMONAGA

Reg. No. 08936

File No. 13421 + 13341

*Inventories
168
stored in
box.*

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 22 1943
File No.	
Ans.	Spain
Referred	

CHATELS REMOVED FROM
374 WEST 4th AVENUE TO
CUSTODIAN CENTRAL STORAGE

(box 8 Cordova)
kg

1. Piano
2. Piano Bench
3. Time clock
4. Card rack
5. 2 table clocks
6. Elephant - ornament
7. Lion - "
8. 2 cupboards
9. 4 tables
10. Vacuum cleaner tools
11. 6 power sewing machines
12. 2 shafts
13. 12 pulleys
14. 1 electric motor - 1 h.p.

knipped

Sumi Tomonaga

Mrs. T. Tomonaga

List of goods reported by Mrs. Tomonaga
as stolen from 374 West Fourth Avenue.

Carpenter's Tools

Vacuum Cleaner

Old Wool Rug

Old Electric Iron

Bed Comforter

Old Aluminum Kettle

3 Bed Sheets

Mrs. Tomonaga asserted that these were
not of any special value.

Geo. B. Spain
Geo. B. Spain

MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

EXHIBIT NO. 121A-8

DATE NOV 8 - 1944

FILLED BY R A B Hamlin

FILE NO. 13341

NAME: TOMONAGA Take (Mrs.)

DATE ADVERTISED: 15-16-17 May 1944
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME: W. G. B. Thompson
\$100.00 160.00

Singer Sewing Machine Co.
\$120.00

VALUATION:

PURCHASE PRICE: \$150.00

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL: _____

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: J. D. BARROW CO.

ADDRESS: 375 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver

OCCUPATION:

BILL OF SALE REQUIRED:
(state if purchase
price already paid or
arrangements made)

YES

NO

Paid in full

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY: _____

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD: 6 power sewing machines
12 pulleys and 6 shafts.

EXHIBIT NO. 121F-3
 DATE NOV 5 - 1948 NAME TOMONAGA, Take (Mrs. Shigeyuki)
 FILLED BY K. J. B. Hirst REGISTRATION NO. 09567 FILE NO. 13341
 EXHIBIT NO. NOV 5 - 1948
 DATE NOV 5 - 1948

The following chattels were sold by public auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on May 2, 1944

Button hole machine ✓	\$90.00
Hem stitcher ✓	61.00
Beatty washing machine ✓	40.00

Total		\$ 191.00
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$19.10)		
(Advertising: 3.41)		\$ 44.09
(Moving: 21.58)		
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 146.91

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills.
 Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 18.
 Remarks.

NAME TOMCHAGA, Take (Mrs. Shigayuki)

REGISTRATION NO. 09567

FILE NO. 13343

EXHIBIT No. 121P-J

DATE NOV 8 - 1942

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 932 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on March 14, 1942 *H. A. Christie*

Wall clock ✓	\$ 12.00
Electric motor (Westinghouse - 1 H.P.) ✓	32.00
Time clock ✓	35.00

Total		\$ 79.00
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$7.90)	
	Advertising 1.17	\$ 15.76
	Moving 6.69	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 69.24

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 13

Remarks.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

EXHIBIT

DATE

FILLED BY

K. A. 6. 1947

File No. 3079

Feb. 4/47

RE: Shigeyuki TOMONAGA, Reg. No. 08272

This file reveals that Mr. TOMONAGA owned no real property in any protected area of B.C. and did not carry any fire insurance.

CHATELS: Mr. TOMONAGA made his declaration to the Custodian on April 11/42 and was evacuated on Sept. 23/42. He declared chattels, all of which, with the exception of 2 beds, were also declared by his wife. These were disposed of on the file of his wife as shown on Chattel Schedule and Chattel Summary on file.

MONEYS RECEIVABLE: TOMONAGA declared the sum of \$7.20 owing to him by the lady who lives at 1970 McNichol Ave. We wrote and asked him for more details of this and in his letter of July 10/43 he stated this was owing for gardening done for this lady. He did not know the lady's name but said his friend, now living in West Bank, had got the job for him. He said he had written to his friend in West Bank and as soon as he had heard from him he would send us further particulars. He never did write to us again regarding this matter.

BANK ACCOUNT: He declared a savings account in the sum of \$4.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada, Cambie St. branch. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

LIFE INSURANCE: He declared a policy with the Prudential Life Insurance Co. in the sum of \$1000.00. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

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

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

Feb. 4/47

LEM:

L. McInnon
L. McInnon

THE CUSTODIAN

4113 VICTORY ST.,

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.

NEW WESTMINSTER,

675 W. HASTINGS ST.,

CITY.

EXHIBIT NO.

121A-6

DATE

NOV 5 - 1948

FILLED BY

K. D. Brinkley

Dear Sir,

I wish to submit this
tender for one power sewing machine
of parcel "H". Enclosed is a certified
cheque for \$3.00 (1/10th of my bid.)

I would appreciate an opportunity
of inspecting a machine. Saturday
afternoon is most convenient for me.

My phone nos. are { business - HAST. 2420
residence - DEX. 1948 R.

Hoping that this tender is
favourable.

Yours very truly,

K. Paulsen

RECEIVED
NOV 21 1942

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION
REG

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

Japanese Registration Office - Vancouver C.I.B.

PROVINCE British Columbia

DATE November 17th, 1942.

FILE REFERENCES

Re: Mrs. Take TOMOHAGA (Shigeyuki) Naturalized Canadian
Japanese Registration No. 09557
374 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

13341

TR/09557

14-11-42

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

FIRST

R. V. NO.

DIARY DATE

17/11/42

1. On this date, in the a.m., Mr. Eastwood of the B. C. Security Commission, asked the writer to go to the Immigration Building and to check with the women being held at that point for failing to move from the Prohibited Area after October 31st, 1942, as set out by Order No. 45 of the B. C. Security Commission under P.C.1665 and P.C.1666 B. of C.R. (Consolidation 1941) Reg. 4, and amendments thereto. They were to be asked whether or not they would consent to being removed to Interior Housing Projects.

2. The writer interviewed 22 women, 5 of which volunteered to evacuate on Tuesday, November 17th, as arranged. However, they asked to be released so as to have a chance to pack their personal belongings to be in readiness for the trip on Tuesday. This permission was granted by the writer and permits were issued by the B. C. Security Commission for them to remain out until Tuesday noon, when they were to report to the writer at the Marine Building. This was done so that it would be known early in the day if any of them had changed their minds about going.

3. It might be noted here that previous reports on all women being held in the Immigration Building have been forwarded to the Officer Commanding "E" Division, Vancouver.

4. In the late p.m. this date, the writer received a telephone call at home from Miss Samiya TOMOHAGA, daughter of the above-named subject, who informed me that their home had been broken into during the previous night. These people had been detained from November 4th to the 13th, when the daughter had been allowed to go to their home, under escort, to collect a few personal belongings. The home had not been entered that day. The following morning, after being interviewed by the writer, subject of this file and her daughter were allowed to proceed to their home, and it was then discovered that the following articles were missing:

Sum of money
Press iron and cord
Blankets

Copper kettle
Electric toaster
Pillows and slaps

As the writer did not know whether or not the Custodian had been around during the previous week checking this place over, I informed Miss TOMOHAGA that there was nothing I could do until Monday morning. At this point she also stated that the woman upstairs, Mrs. OKANO, had also lost household articles and a sum of money.

16/11/42

5. In the a.m., this date, the writer sent Cst. A. J. Clark

42E.269-1358

Mrs. Take TOMONAGA (Shigeyuki)
Japanese Registration No. 09567
374 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

JR/09567

Reg.No.14145 and Cst. L.T.G. Corlett, Reg.No.14027, out to check with the Custodian, and also the Japanese in question, as to what they actually lost. When they reported, it was learned that the Custodian had not been near this house and subject of this report stated that over a period of years she had never banked her money, but had kept it hidden in a basket of rags and old clothing. She claimed that at the time of the theft, she had \$7500 in \$20 bills hidden there.

6. When questioned as to why she did not take this money with her when she was taken to the Immigration Building, she could give no definite reason other than she was afraid that the Government might confiscate it from her. She further stated, and her daughter verified this, that no one except herself knew of this money or where it was hidden in the house. The daughter had not heard of this until it was found to be missing. She had not, at the time that she was picked up, state to either of the two Constables, or to the Matron, that she had any sum of money hidden in the house. Signed statement of this is attached hereto.

7. The Vancouver City Police were immediately notified and are now investigating the theft of the money and personal property.

8. This family has been given an extension for another week in order to give the Vancouver City Police a chance to investigate this properly.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

17/11/42

RAD/KD

(SGD)

Cst.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.
Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver.

(M. A. Davidson) Reg. No. 11239

FORWARDED for your information and record purposes.
This is further to report of Vancouver Intelligence Section dated the 16th inst., copy of which I sent to you.

2. It will be noted that subject now claims to have lost \$7500. in cash. In this respect it would be appreciated if you would advise us as to whether or not she had recorded her property at your office and particularly whether she mentioned anything about this amount of money.

Vancouver
20-11-42
DEM/G

[Signature]
(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

17/12/42

DIVISION FILE NO 42E 269-1358

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Ans.	
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION **WGN** SUB-DIVISION **Vancouver CIB.** DETACHMENT **Intelligence Section.**

PROVINCE **British Columbia.** DATE **Nov. 16th. 1942.**

FILE REFERENCES

SECRET

Re. **Mrs. Shigeyuki TOMINAGA (JR) 09567,**
Complaint of theft from Dwelling.

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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

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DIARY DATE

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1. Relative to the above mentioned Japanese woman, who was arrested on the 4-11-42, (please see report of the 7th. inst.) the subject resided at 374 West 4th. Ave. this city, and at the time of arrest the premises were left securely locked. However on the 14-11-42 the subject complained to Cst. R. A. Davidson that the house has been entered and several articles of household effects were missing therefrom, which included a rug, vacuum cleaner, kettle, iron, blankets & pillows.

2. In view of the fact that this offence had been committed within the city limits this matter has been reported to the Vancouver City Police, who are continuing their investigations in the matter. No further enquiries will be made by this Force unless otherwise instructed.

CONCLUDED HERE

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian,
Royal Bank Building, VANCOUVER, B.C.

(W. A. Griffin) Const.
Reg'tl No. 10571.

Sir: **FORWARDED** for your information and record purposes.
The name of this subject appears on a list recently forwarded to you under the heading "Evacuation of Japanese (Women)."

Vancouver
18-11-42
DEN/RS

(Signature)
(C. H. Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

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21st November, 1942.

A/Comm'r. C. H. Hill,
Commanding "B" Division,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
325 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Mrs. Take TOMONAGA (Shigeyuki)
Police Registration No. 09567.
Your Reference Division File
No. 42E.269-1358.

Thank you very much for forwarding to us report made by Cst. R. A. Davidson, dated November 17th, 1942, in connection with a claim made by the individual mentioned above that she had lost \$7500.00.

The Custodian's Office desires to inform you that subject verbally registered her assets with the Custodian on November 7th, 1942. Her registration was taken by Mr. George Spain of this office. Mrs. Tomonaga refused to sign the relative declaration.

The subject did not reveal any information during verbal registration regarding bank accounts or liquid assets of any nature whatsoever.

The Custodian's Office has, nevertheless, ascertained that Mrs. Tomonaga had in her handbag a savings bank book covering her account in the East End Branch, Vancouver, of the Royal Bank. This bank book was examined by Mr. Spain on November 20th when Mrs. Tomonaga was interviewed by Mr. Spain. The bank book indicates that the account had been in operation from August 1934 to April 1942, but that the maximum amount in her account at any one time never exceeded \$950.00, that monthly deposits and withdrawals averaged about \$100.00, that the average amount of deposit during relative period of eight years was approximately \$300.00, and that the last withdrawal was in April 1942, which reduced her account to \$22.43.

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EXHIBIT No. 121A-2

DATE NOV 5 - 1944

FILLED BY

K. A. B. H. H. H.

OFFICE AND FACTORY:
375 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C. - CANADA

John D. Barrow Co.

IMPORTERS and MAKERS

- of -

HIGH GRADE LEATHER GOODS

October 19th 1944

We Manufacture:

Cigarette Cases

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Passport Cases

Tobacco Pouches

Tourist Kits

Utility Cases

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Novelties

Sport Belts

Brief Cases

Loose Leaf Zipper

Note Books

The Custodian's Office,
Vancouver, B. C.

Your File No. 13341.

Attention: Mr. Green.

Dear Mr. Green:

With further reference to your conversation of yesterday concerning six #61, short-arm, sewing machines, complete with stands and Transmitters.

From the information received from our Mr. MacDonald, we understand the machines are worth about \$22.00 each.

Your suggestion that we make the offer of a few dollars more will be quite alright, and we hereby confirm the offer of \$150.00 for the six machines.

Looking forward with pleasure to your early favour, we are

Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. BARROW COMPANY.

JDB/H

President.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 20 1944
File No.	13341
Ans.	2/19/1
Referred	Green

sent to Spain

Enclosures:

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

QUALITY AND DISTINCTION IN LEATHERCRAFT

PHONES: PACIFIC 3584

EXHIBIT NO. 121P-6

DATE NOV 5 - 1944

FILLED BY R. H. Thompson

THOMPSON & COMPANY

AUCTIONEERS AND APPRAISERS

ESTABLISHED 20 YEARS

ROYAL TRUST BUILDING.

626 PENDER STREET WEST.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

October 26th. 1944.

Department of the Secretary of State.
Office of the Custodian.
Royal Bank Bldg.
City.

Attention Mr. Green.

Dear Sir:

RE. MRS TAKE TONIONAGA.

As per your request the Writer went with your Mr. Wills to inspect and value :- 6 Power Sewing Machines, two shafts & 12 Pulleys now situate at 604 Cordova St.

As you know these Machines are all dismantled & unless you set same up, you cannot tell whether they can be operated individually or only as a Unit.

If they can be operated only as a Unit our valuation is \$160.00 as is. If each machine can be operated individually and is complete our valuation is \$30.00 for each complete machine and \$10.00 for the Pulleys and shafting.

Yours truly.

THOMPSON & CO.

R. H. Thompson



SINGER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY

VANCOUVER

MANUFACTURERS AGENCY

119 PENDER ST. WEST
VANCOUVER, B. C.

SPECIAL MACHINES, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND POWER TABLE FITTINGS

EXHIBIT No. 121A-2
DATE NOV 5 - 1948
FILLED BY K. A. Blin

Form 504 1943 PRINTED IN CANADA

November 3rd, 1944

Mr. H. F. Green,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Mrs. Take Tomonaga

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd NOV 3 1944	File No. 13341
Ans. H/n	Referred Green

In reply to your letter of October 30, regarding above subject, wish to advise that the writer has inspected the machines in question and wishes to inform you of the present prices of this equipment.

In order to replace these machines, with new equipment, the machines would cost \$92.00 each and the tabling \$25.00 per machine space; however, it is the opinion of the writer that when these machines were originally purchased they probably cost no more than \$60.00 each, and in their present conditions I would estimate their worth to be approximately \$20.00 each.

Trusting this is the information you desire,

Yours truly,

SINGER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY

F. J. Russell

General Agent

FT/pw

= \$120

EXHIBIT 121F-5
DATE NOV 2 - 1944
FILED BY C. A. Christie

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November 21st, 1944.

Mrs. Take TOMONAGA,
Reg. No. 09567,
Rosebery, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

We are arranging to sell your six power sewing machines and accessories in accordance with our policy of liquidation. We have been unable to find the pressure foot and bobbins belonging to each machine and believe you may possibly have these with you as being articles which might otherwise be mislaid. Please advise us if you have them or if you know where they are stored as it will, of course, be necessary for us to include them in the sale.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

NOTE TO FILE: Investigate also whereabouts of electric motor which I recall was sold separately at auction but particulars of which do not appear on file.

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EXHIBIT NO. 121A-43
DATE NOV 5 - 1943
FILED BY A. G. Phillips

December 20th, 1944.

Mrs. Take TOMONAGA,
Reg. No. 09567,
Rosebery, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

We have received your letter of December 1st written by your daughter and note the contents. In accordance with the policy of orderly liquidation laid down by Ottawa, the Custodian has been engaged in disposing of the effects and equipment of evacuees since September 1943. Our intention to do so was fully publicized in the New Canadian and by notices posted in the Interior Housing Settlements during the early summer of 1943.

You will recall that neither you nor your daughter were particularly helpful to this office or the evacuation authorities in November 1942 but we have since then done our best first to protect and subsequently to dispose of your property.

Your power sewing machines and equipment have now been sold either at auction or by calling for tenders and we shall shortly be advising you of the net proceeds credited to your account.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IP.

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February 4, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mrs. Take TOMONAGA,
Reg. No. 09567,
652 Nelson St.,
LONDON, Ont.

Dear Madam:

We have received a letter from your daughter asking about the sale of your chattels. The following is a statement of your account:

	<u>CR</u>	<u>DR</u>
Sale of 6 power sewing machines, together with pulleys and shafts. These were first appraised and then advertised for sale by tender and sold for	\$150.00	
The washing machine, hemstitching machine and buttonhole machine were removed from Crones Storage and sold at auction for the net sum of	146.91	
Other chattels removed from 374 W. 4th were sold at auction for the net sum of	63.24	
At request of your daughter we paid Crones storage bill of		\$30.00
Cost of having sewing machines appraised		5.00
Cost of advertising these for sale in newspapers		8.00
<u>CHEQUE TO YOU HEREWITH</u>	<u>\$360.15</u>	<u>317.15</u> <u>\$360.15</u>

When you made your declaration to the Custodian you filed a claim against Mr. M. MASUDA for \$142.00. You advised that this sum represented over-payment of rent for house at 374 W. 4th Ave. You did not reply to our letter of July 16, 1943, in which we asked you for the full name of Mr. MASUDA. However, our records reveal that Mr. Hotoi MASUDA owned the real property at this address, so your claim would be against him. Will you kindly let us know by return if

Mrs. Take TOMONAGA

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Feb. 4/47

you have received payment from either Mr. MASUDA or Pemberton Realty Co. If not, please let us have a detailed statement showing what period is covered by this overpayment of rent.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed cheque. For your convenience in replying we enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson
Office of the Custodian

LBM:

Encl. (2)

Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank of Canada,
Vancouver, B. C.

652 Nelson St.,
London, Ont.,
Feb 20/47

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 25 1947
File No.	13421
Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir,

Regarding to your enquiry of Feb. 4, 1947,
we have not received any payment from
either Mr. Masuda or ~~Mr~~ Pemberton Realty
Co.

To your letter of July 16, 1943, I have
not answered on account of mother being very
sick and not able to obtain the detail.

The amount, \$142 which Mr. Masuda
owed us is not the over due payment.
That amount was loan to Mrs Masuda
on Oct. 8, 1942, to which Mrs Masuda said
it will be returned to mother by the rental
payment. But that was not done on account
of the evacuation as you already know.

The only over due payment to Mr. Masuda
is sum of \$20 at the time when he needed
cash to buy materials to repair the buildings.
So, the total amount they owe us is
\$162.

Yours truly,
(Miss) S. Tomonaga.

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October 11th, 1950

Mr. Shigeyuki TOMONAGA,
715 Nelson St.,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1218

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 ... \$ 235.92

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 222.27
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 13.65
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FGS:BE
Encl.

Defence Brief
Shigeyuki TOMONAGA

TORONTO
5 Nov. 1948

File No. 3079
Case No. 1218

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Household Goods & Factory Equipment

Amended Claim

\$1090.

(Trans. Page 3)

Sold for

\$420.

This business was not sold as a going concern.

Claimant stated that he carried on a business of a dressmaking factory at 374 West 4th Ave. which business he left in charge of his wife and daughter when he was evacuated. He stated that these goods were held jointly by himself and his wife.

Claimant's wife refused to sign a declaration and she and her daughter were in no way helpful to the Custodian. They refused to be evacuated and also refused to get out of the protected area and were taken into detention by the police. Whilst in detention their house was broken into and when the daughter was allowed to visit the house, she discovered this and reported it to the police. Many articles were stolen including the vacuum cleaner. Claimant's wife also reported to the R.C.M.P. that a large sum of her money which she had hidden in the house had also been stolen. She told the police that she had not over a number of years banked any money. It was discovered later that she had an account at the Royal Bank, East End Branch, Vancouver, and a bank book was discovered in her hand bag which revealed that the account had been in operation from August 1934 to April 1942, the last entry being made in April 1942.

(a) Goods value	\$678.00
(b) " "	250.00
(c) " "	<u>162.00</u>
	<u>\$1090.00</u>

Sold by auction for \$270.

Sold by tender for \$150.

Not accounted for (Theft, etc.)

Claimant stated that the six Sewing Machines cost him \$350., the Button Hole Machine \$175. and the Hem Stitcher \$300.

The six sewing machines which were sold by tender for \$150. were appraised by Mr. W.G.B. Thompson at \$160. and by the Singer Sewing Machine Co. at \$120. These machines were advertised for sale by tender but no acceptable offer was received. An offer was received later for \$150. which was accepted.

It was submitted that those articles of personal property which were sold were sold at their fair market value.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Thompson & Co.
Mr. Wills
W.G.B. Thompson
Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Where required

1 (a)	Auctioneers
1 (a)	Staff
1 (b)	Appraiser
1 (b)	Appraisers.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1957, CHAPTER 12.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J. A. MCGIBSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Toronto, Ontario,
November 5, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
SHIGETUKI TOMOHAGA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

K. A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C.	appearing for the Dominion Government.
G. P. OFFER, ESQ.	appearing for the claimant.
A. SMITH, ESQ.	Secretary.
G.H.R. UPTON, ESQ.	Official Interpreter.
J. B. MCGIBSON, ESQ.	Official Reporter.

B. Tomonaga,
Ex. 121.

SHIMIZUKI TOMONAGA, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. OFFER:

Q. I am showing you a sheet entitled Personal Chattels; is that your signature? A. Yes.

Q. Do you say that those statements are true?

A. Yes.

Q. And were they prepared under your instructions?

A. Yes.

(PERSONAL CHATTELS CLAIM FORM MARKED EXHIBIT 1)

Q. Prior to evacuation did you carry on a business of a dress making factory at 374 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver? A. Yes.

Q. And on those premises you had certain dress-making machinery is that right? A. Yes.

Q. On the list of chattels which I just showed you there are certain items of machinery and other chattels; were all these items at the property you just mentioned? A. Yes, when I was evacuated those were on the premises.

MR. CHRISTIE: Your honour, there is something I do not understand, and perhaps it would facilitate matters if counsel for the claimant would explain. On the original claim I have there is a value put on the business of \$1514, and \$2001 for good will. My understanding is that this business was not sold as a going concern, therefore the good will would be without the terms of reference. I am just making that observation at this point.

MR. OFFER: I will do my best to assist you on

S. Tomonaga,
Ex shf.

1 this; I had some difficulty understanding it myself.
2 You will notice on the personal chattels sheet filed
3 the estimated value has dropped almost \$1000. In
4 other words the estimated value shown on the personal
5 chattel form is \$1090, and on the claim for it is \$2014.
6 In attempting to arrive at an explanation for this
7 discrepancy it appears that apparently the claimant
8 filed this claim without any proper instructions as to
9 what to do, and it was necessary in interviewing him
10 to break down this figure of \$2014, with the result
11 that the figure we are claiming for today is \$1090,
12 and the items for which we are claiming are as listed.
13 The gentleman produced certain long sheets which he had
14 filed himself but it is difficult to determine whether
15 he ever filed copies with the Custodian or not.
16 The position we will have to take is that the Custodian
17 obviously had control of these items and reference is
18 made to a letter from D. Barrow, in which reference is
19 made to six short-arm sewing machines.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: See what you can find
21 out from your witness.

22 MR. OFFER: Do you recognize this form here?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you write this in Japanese writing?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Can you give us an idea of what you said
27 there? A. I made two copies of this and one was
28 sent to the Commissioner in the Royal Bank Building,
29 Vancouver, and one to the Japanese Society with 1 percent
30 of the claim.

5. Testimony.
in chief.

1 Q. You sent money for one percent of the claim
2 to the Society? A. Yes.

3 Q. When you left Vancouver in whose care were
4 the chattels left? A. My wife and my
5 daughter were living there and so I left them with
6 them. I was evacuated before my wife and daughter.

7 MR. CHRISTIE: Your honour, I do not wish to
8 interrupt again, but I do think my learned friend, if
9 he is claiming for these chattels, should move to amend.
10 The original claim doesn't include this last part that
11 he is examining the witness on. There is no mention
12 of these personal chattels. I want to facilitate my
13 learned friend, but I think before the claim is
14 properly before this Commission there should be an
15 amendment or some explanation of some kind.

16 MR. OFFER: I think the explanation is the
17 witness didn't understand what he was signing, and there-
18 fore I would ask leave to amend the claim form in
19 accordance with the list which is being presented to
20 the Court today. My own assumption would be that when
21 he mentioned business he had in mind the physical
22 assets of the business.

23 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right, go on.

24 MR. OFFER: With regard to these six power
25 sewing machines, had you six short-arm sewing machines
26 complete with stands and transmitters? A. Yes.

27 Q. And what condition were these machines in
28 when you were evacuated? A. All right.

29 Q. Were they in working order?

30 A. My wife was using them and carrying on the

S. Tomonaga,
Ex. 101.

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business.

Q. And you paid originally for these machines which you bought new in 1938, the sum of \$350?

A. I had to have them connected up with the electrical power, and that had brought the cost up to \$380.

Q. Did that require the installation of two shafts and 12 pulleys? A. Yes.

Q. So there were six machines and two shafts and 12 pulleys, and they cost \$380?

A. Yes, approximately.

Q. Could these machines be operated individually as distinguished from six of them running at once?

A. Yes, they could be used separately.

MR. CHRISTIE: I am submitting as Exhibit 2 first of all an appraisal by Thompson & Company, dated October 25th, 1944, in which this company appraised six power sewing machines, two shafts and 12 pulleys. The appraised value if they are operated as a unit is \$150, and if they could be operated separately would be \$50, each and \$10, for the pulleys and shafting.

Then there is an appraisal of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, dated November 3rd, 1944, and it says it is the opinion of the writer that these machines when originally purchased would not cost more than \$60, each and in their present condition he would represent their worth to be \$20, each. Then there is a letter from John D. Barrow, Company, dated October 19th, 1940, and they make an offer of \$150, for the six machines.

S. Tomanga,
In shf.

(OFFERS TO PURCHASE MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. OFFER:

Q. You also owned a button hole machine?

A. Yes.

Q. And you paid \$175. for that in 1938?

A. Yes.

Q. And in what condition was that when you left?

A. All right.

Q. It was working? A. Yes.

Q. And a hem stitcher? A. Yes.

Q. And you purchased that in 1940 for \$300?

A. Yes.

Q. And that was sold according to the auctioneer's sheets for \$61. Did you consider \$61. a good price for that? A. No.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit B the Auctioneer's sheets.

(AUCTIONER'S SHEETS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE

Q. I am showing you a J.P. Form, dated the 11th of April, 1945; whose signature is that?

A. That is my signature.

Q. Now, under the heading of personal property why didn't you note there these various sewing machines and equipment? A. I don't know who wrote this out and I can't answer that question.

Q. Did he read it over before he signed it?

A. It was not translated or read over to me when I signed it.

Q. I am producing another J.P. Form, dated the

7.
H. Tomonaga,
OP. EX.

1
2 7th of November, 1943. Did you recognize that signature?

3 A. That is my wife's signature. I was not there
4 at the time.

5 (RE J.P. FORMS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

6 Q. And any chattels, did you own them or your
7 wife? A. They were jointly owned.

8 Q. Has your wife made a separate claim for these
9 chattels? A. Yes.

10 Q. I think it should be noted here for the
11 record that these chattels were disposed of and the
12 manner of their disposal is shown in the file of his
13 wife and these auctioneer's sheets which I have filed
14 as Exhibit B, has a heading "Tomonaga, Take (Mrs. Shigeyuki
15 in brackets. I think that should be noted in the
16 record.

17 Did you ever advise the Custodian or make any
18 list for the Custodian yourself of these chattels?

19 A. I did not do anything, but after I had been
20 evaluated my wife advised the Custodian.

21 Q. That is all.

22 MR. EXAMINATION BY MR. OFFER:

23 Q. Did your wife sign a form like that?

24 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: How would he know.

25 MR. OFFER: This is a Claim Form that was
26 filled out in 1947, your honor.

27 MR. CHRISTIE: There are two copies of letters
28 I think should go into the record. The first is
29 dated November 21st, 1944 addressed to the wife of the
30 claimant, from the Custodian's office. It states:

S. Tomanga,
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"We are arranging to sell your six power sewing machines and accessories in accordance with our policy of liquidation. We have been unable to find the pressure foot and bobbins belonging to each machine and believe you may possibly have these with you as being articles which might otherwise be mislaid. Please advise us if you have them or if you know where they are stored as it will, of course, be necessary for us to include them in the sale."

Q. Why I am drawing that to your honour's attention is that they claim certain chattels as being missing. The wife and daughter refused to be evacuated and refused to get out of the protected area and they were taken into detention, and while taken into detention these articles are reported to be stolen and now they blame the Custodian for this happening.

The second letter is dated December 20th, 1944, and reads:

"We have received your letter of December 1st written by your daughter and note the contents. In accordance with the policy of orderly liquidation laid down by Ottawa, the Custodian has been engaged in disposing of the effects and equipment of evacuees since September 1943. Our intention to do so was fully publicized in the New Canadian and by notices posted in the Interior Housing Settlements during the early summer of 1943. You will recall that neither you nor your daughter were particularly helpful to this office or the

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"evacuation authorities in November 1942 but we have since then done our best first to protect and subsequently to dispose of your property. Your power sewing machines and equipment have now been sold either at auction or by calling for tenders and we shall shortly be advising you of the net proceeds credited to your account."

Now, your honour, as Exhibit 6 I would like to file an offer by K. Paulsen, undated, for one power sewing machine for \$30.

(OFFER TO PURCHASE MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

Q. As Exhibit 7 I would like to file a copy of an advertisement appearing in Vancouver newspapers on May 15th, 16th and 17th, 1944, listing certain articles for sale by tender, among which is six power sewing machines, 2 shafts and 12 pulleys.

(ADVERTISEMENT ABOVE NOTED MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7)

Q. Finally I would like to file as Exhibit 8, the Personal Property Summary.

(PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8)

MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted, your honour, that these articles of personal property were sold at their fair market value.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

J. B. McGregor
J. B. McGregor,
Official Reporter.

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I, J. A. McGibbon, Deputy Commissioner,
appointed to hear a Commission to investi-
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J. A. McGibbon,
Deputy Commissioner.