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**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

FILE NO. 3722

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: HIRASHIMA. Kurataro,HOME ADDRESS: 929 Keefer St. Vancouver, B.C.REGISTRATION No. 04766SEX: Male.AGE: 58.MARRIED? Yes.OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Gardner. (Self)NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Tsuchi. *Age 9100* ADDRESS: Same as above. *no claims no chattels 16-3-45*NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Takeo (M) 18

ADDRESS: " "

Kazuo (F) 16

ADDRESS: " "

Yoshiko (F) 14

ADDRESS: " "

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 14th. day of April. 1942.WITNESS: J. C. Barkwell(Signature) Kurataro Hirashima

LIST OF LIABILITIES: **None.**

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

P. N. 9/12/42.

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 18/43.

Our File No. 3722

Full Name HIRASHIMA, Kurataro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04766

☒ Male - ☐ Female
(Check)

Age May 29, 1883

Former Address 929 Aefer St., Vancouver, B. C.

Date Evacuated 31/3/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check) ☒

Present Address Bay Farms, Bloccan, B. C.

☒ Married - ☐ Single
(Check)

Name of Wife (ONIKURA) Tsuchi #04765

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother (HIRASHIMA) Kuma Dec'd. Name of Father Koichi Dec'd.

Names of Children under 16 Takeo (M) 12/6/25

Yoshiko (F) 11/3/28

Requested by E. C. T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Gardener parton radio #56

MEMORANDUM

May 25th, 1943.

To: File 3722

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: HIRASHIMA, Kurataro-Reg. 04766.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	S. Sparton Radio Ser. No. 26507	\$ 20.00

*S. sold by auction 9/6/44
In answer 29.*

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

J.N.#04766
Parole #150618

Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 7 1942

Received from Kurataro HIRASHIMA, 929 Keefer
St., Vancouver, B.C.

1 sparton radio serial # 26507

model # 255 A

scratched on top, other wood work
fair condition.

Signature H.F. Miles Cst.
I/C Exhibits.

EXHIBIT No. 983 - 1
DATE 26 Apr 1948
FILED BY S.M. Cherniack

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

June 18, 1948

M. J. Tall
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 346A

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 96

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

3.11.44/766

DATE June 16th 1944

Re: Kiyotaro HIRASHIMA - 929 Keefer St., Vancouver, B.C.
(Name of File)

On March 9, 1944 I D.B. McLaren, Cst.
(Date) (Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner.

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		Sparton Radio, Serial #26507. ✓ 3722 Receipt received 22-2-44 on file

REMARKS: Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property.

DATE JUN 20 1944

(State briefly disposition)

L. S. Smith for Custodian.
(Signature of Recipient or Witness)

CERTIFIED CORRECT
P. H. Jefferson
P.H. Jefferson, Insp. 210559, Cst.

NAME HIRISHIMA, Kurata

REGISTRATION NO. 04766

FILE NO. 3722

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on August 9th, 1944.

Spartan Mantel Elect.

\$ 35.00

*Received
on file*

Total		
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee 3.50	\$ 35.00
	(Advertising 0.90	
	(Moving 0.29	\$ 5.69
	(Storage 1.00	
Net Proceeds Credited:		<u>\$29.31</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills.
Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 29.
Remarks.

SECTION	
JUN	8 1945
FILE NO.	3722
DATE	
RECEIVED	<i>Hirashima</i>

Kurataro Hirashima
Registration # 04766
Slocan City, B. C.
June 5, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

At the time of the evacuation, I have
send in my radio, and now that the Japanese
may have a radio, I would very much like to
have my radio back.

It is a Sperton, short-wave model, se-
rial # 26507, Model # 255A, with a scratched
top and other woodwork in fair condition.

Since it being a short-wave radio, I
would like to have the short-wave taken out
in order to have it returned.

Please send an answer if the possibility
to have the radio returned is permissible
or not.

Thank you.

Yours very truly

K. Hirashima
Kurataro Hirashima

EXHIBIT No. 983-2
DATE 26 April 1948
FILED BY J. W. G. Hunter

June 11, 1945.

Mr. Kurataro HIRASHIMA,
Registration No. 04766,
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 5th, we are sorry to advise that your radio has already been sold in accordance with the Custodian's policy of liquidation.

The net proceeds of the sale amounted to \$29.31. This sum will be credited to your account if you will send us the receipt which you received from the police when the radio was surrendered.

We cannot send the money to you until we have had the following claims cleared up. These claims appear on your file,

Dr. M. Uchida	\$12.50	✓
B. C. Electric Railway Co.	2.10	
Komura Brothers Ltd.	1.48	

and another claim filed against Kotaro Hirashima, 333 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B. C. by Dr. M. Uchida. This claim also is for \$12.50.

Would you kindly let us know if the claims are correct? If so, kindly authorize us to pay these from the funds we are holding from the sale of your radio. If any, or all, of these claims are, in your opinion, not correct, please give us your reasons for disputing the claims.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

*Per SC say
small claims
can be omitted
JTM*

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February 11th, 1947

Mr. Kurutaro NIKASHIMA,
Reg. No. 04766,
810 McMillan Avenue,
Fort William, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

In making a review of your file and account it is noted that there are the following claims lodged against you:-

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. B.C. Elec. Railway Co. Ltd. - | \$2.10 |
| 2. KOMURA BROTHERS - | 1.48 |

These with two claims by Dr. UCHIDA were submitted to you in our letter of June 11th, 1945. As Dr. UCHIDA in a General letter withdrew all his claims we are disregarding them and requesting that you advise us regarding the two above named. Let us know if these are correct or not.

It is also noted that you have to your credit the sum of \$29.31 derived from the sale of your radio as advised you in our June 1945 letter. Before making this money available to you we again ask that you forward to this office the R.C.M.P. radio receipt given to you when you surrendered your radio to them. On receiving same we can make payment of the two claims, if correct, and remit to you the balance so as to close out these matters on our records.

We are enclosing an addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

B.R. Dusenbury,
Office of the Custodian.

BRD/DD.
Enc. 1.

505 McLaughlin St.
St. William Inst.
February 18th 1947.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 22 1947
File No.	3722
Ans.	
Referred	Dusenbury

Dear sir:—

In reply to your letter, February
- 11th 1947 File No. 3722

Enclosing receipt as requested and
also acknowledge claims for of \$2.10
from B.C. Elec. Railway Co. Ltd.
\$1.48 from Komura Brothers.

Will you please send balance of
\$25.73 to me.

Yours truly,
Kunikida Hiroshima
Reg. No. 04766.

File No.
3722

ANALYSIS OF
CLAIM

March 16, 1948

PERSONAL PROPERTY
SECTION

Kurataro HIRASHIMA,
Reg. No. 04766

RADIO -

Kurataro HIRASHIMA makes claim for
Gross- re Radio

\$100.00

Sale price Gross per Auction
August 9, 1944

35.00

Kurataro HIRASHIMA in his
Registration April 14, 1942 declared that he had "no property of
any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia".

However the records show that he turned over to the R.C.M.P. on
March 9, 1942/1 Sparton Radio, Serial #26507. This Radio was
received by the Custodian from them as June 20th, 1944 and was
sold by Auction 29 on August 9, 1944 for a Gross amount of
\$35.00.

The net amount placed to his credit in respect to this
sale was \$29.31.

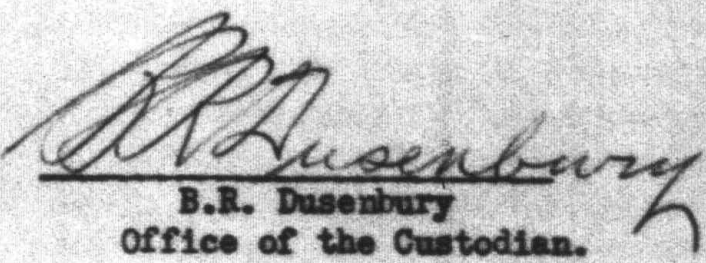
RECAP:

Gross amount claimed -

\$100.00

" " of sale

35.00


B.R. Dusenbury
Office of the Custodian.

NOV 28 1947

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

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

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

- (1) NAME HIRASHIMA Kuratsuro (RCMP) Reg. No. 04766
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address 929 Keefer St., Vancouver, B.C.
- (3) Present Address 505 McLaughlin St., Fort William, Ontario
- (4) REAL ESTATE No claim
- (a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province
- (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

- (c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):
(i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business _____
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____
- (d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

- (e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):
(i) Land - - - - - \$ _____
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ _____
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts re-
ceivable) - - - - - \$ _____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ _____
- (f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____
- (5) PERSONAL PROPERTY
- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
Handed to R.C.M.P.
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) _____

- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation _____

(over)

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while in the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

Care of Custodian

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

	Estimated Value \$	sale price
1. Radio	\$100.00	29.50
2. Estimated Value \$		
3. Estimated Value \$		
4. Estimated Value \$		
5. Estimated Value \$		
6. Estimated Value \$		
7. Estimated Value \$		
8. Estimated Value \$		
9. Estimated Value \$		
10. Estimated Value \$		

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 70.50

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4 and 5(e))

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA
Province of Ontario
TO WIT:

I, Kuraturo Hirasaka
of Port William

of the city
in the Ontario

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the city
of Port William
in the Province of Ontario
this 22nd day of November

A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner etc.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

REPORT
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.L. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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Fort William, Ontario,
April 26th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
KURATARO HIRASHIMA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

S.M. CHERNIACK, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

H. SHIGARU, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

MARK H. FRASER, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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K. Hirashima,
In Chief.
Discussion.

MR. CHERNIACK: My lord, this claim you permitted me to re-open after it had been withdrawn.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr. Secretary, I wish you would let Mr. Cherniack have the copy you have of the claim form. I see this is an original.

THE SECRETARY: Yes, my lord.

KURATARO HIRASHIMA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Mr. Hirashima, you are making a claim for a radio,
is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q It was a 1942 Sparton radio?

A: Yes.

Q When did you purchase this radio?

A 1941.

Q And how much did you pay?

A: \$100.00.

I had the attachment added to the radio and it
cost \$10.00.

Q Is that a phonograph attachment?

20 A Yes.

Q Was it new when you bought it?

A Yes.

Q How long had you had it before you turned it over
to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

A I used it regularly before I turned it in to the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

MR. CHERNIACK: Does my learned friend have the receipt
for the radio?

MR. HUNTER: Yes. Do you want it?

30 MR. CHERNIACK: I think we should file it.

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H. Hirashima,
In Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: Does that show whether it is a battery
of a power radio?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, my lord, but it gives the serial
number and the model. This is a Royal Canadian
Mounted Police receipt dated March 7th, 1942,
referring to having received from Kuratare Hirashima,
929 Keefer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, a
Spartan radio, serial number 26507, model number
255-A. Scratched on top, other woodwork fair
condition, and it is signed by the constable, my
lord.

(R.C.M.P. RECEIPT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. CHERNIACK: Q: Mr. Hirashima, the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police receipt reads that the top of the
radio was scratched. What was the general condition
of the radio?

A: I don't remember
anything about the radio, whether it was scratched
or not.

Q: How was the operating condition of it?

A: No trouble with the radio itself.

Q: What size a radio was it?

A:
THE COMMISSIONER: Won't the serial number, and so on,
provide all the information you want?

MR. CHERNIACK: I think so, my lord.

Q: What do you think yourself, though? Oh, I need not
go into that, sir. That will be established, unless
you would like the claimant to give a statement to you
as to what he thinks of the value.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think we will have to rest on what
the radio expert will say.

K. Hiroshima,
In Chief.

Cross-Exam.

MR. CHERNIACK: I might say it was sold for \$35.00,
my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: And is he claiming the full cost
price to himself of \$100.00?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, he realizes there should be depre-
ciation, but he himself does not know how much.
He has given the cost price as a \$100.00 and the
additional cost of the recorder attachment, \$10.00.
Might I ask my learned friend if there was any
appraisal on that?

MR. HUNTER: Yes, \$20.00.

MR. CHERNIACK: By whom?

MR. HUNTER: I haven't got the name of the appraiser.

MR. CHERNIACK: That would be produced.

MR. HUNTER: I intend to produce it, my lord. I feel
it is in our favour.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Is that your signature?

20 A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: This is a letter dated June 5th, 1945, my
lord, from the claimant to the Custodian saying
that, "At the time of the evacuation, I have used in
my radio, and now that the Japanese may have a
radio, I would very much like to have my radio
back."

"It is a Sperton, short-wave model, serial
#26507, model #255-A, with a scratched top and
other woodwork in fair condition."

30 "Since it being a short-wave radio, I would

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K. Hirasima,
Cross-Exam.

"like to have the short-wave taken out in order to have it returned.

"Please send an answer if the possibility to have the radio returned is permissible or not.

"Thank you."

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

THE COMMISSIONER: I suppose your defence is fair market value?

MR. HUNTER: I am sorry, my lord, I should have announced that.

Q It is a mantle radio, is it?

MR. CHERBLACK: I believe so, from his description.

MR. HUNTER: Q: This is a mantle radio that sits on a table, is it?

A: It was a

mantle, yes.

MR. HUNTER: As mentioned before it was appraised for \$20.00 and was sold by public auction on August 9th, 1944, for \$35.00, my lord.

No further questions, my lord.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you, Hirasima.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

Mark H. Pearce
"MARK H. PEARCE"
Official Reporter.

CHATELS
Fort William, Ont.
26 th April 1948.

DEFENCE BRIEF

Kuratako HIRASHIMA

File No. 3722

Case No. 983

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

1. Chattel Claim
\$100.00

Appraised at
\$20.00

Sold for
\$35.00

Claim is for a 1942 Sparton Mantel Radio
with phonograph attachment. Serial No.
26507 - Model Number 255A.

*This serial no
should be checked
to identify year & type
of radio.*

Question of fair market value only.

Appraiser - No indication of who he is
on Master file.
Mr. Wills attended auction.

*Kennedy,
Broadway,
Furniture*

CEILING PRICE -

SUMMARY - WITNESSES -

WHERE REQUIRED -

WITNESS -

MR. WILLS -

JLG/m

Name of Claimant **HIRAHIMA, Karatara**Case **983**Custodian File **3722**

<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 % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
<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			
100.00	35.00	10.50								10.50
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										10.50

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December 28th, 1950

Mr. Kurutaro HIRASHIMA,
170 Booth Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 983

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 ... \$ 10.50.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 10.50
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. .00
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FGS:BK
Encl.