

RENTAL STATEMENT

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**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION***2 copies made*

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 INFORMATIONNAME: NISHII, TorakichiHOME ADDRESS: 122 Moncton St., Steveston, B. C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 03862 SEX: Male AGE: 27OCCUPATION: Fisherman (formerly)

(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: Anglo-British Columbia Packers, Steveston, B. C.MARRIED? yesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: FusaeADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 122 Moncton St., Steveston, 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: none3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) none

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: none
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 8 room frame house (2 storey)
at 122 Moncton St., Steveston, B. C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: father, Kichinosuke Nishii,
122 Moncton St., Steveston, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
No rent.
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:
\$500.00 worth of Fishing nets and boat builders supplies located
at 122 Moncton St., Steveston, B. C. in owner's possession.
When declarant is evacuated, the nets and building supplies will
be left in the basement of the present situation under the care
of Mr. A. Jarvis, Steveston, B. C. who is going to lease the
house from his father and if he finds a good prospect suitable
to the declarant, then he will sell the nets and building supplies.
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: Royal Bank, Steveston, B. C. \$50.00. No. N-305.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life. \$1,000.00. Policy No. 2031077.

Beneficiary, father, ~~Kik~~ Kichinosuke Nishii. Policy in owner's possession.

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 20th day of April 1942

[Signature]

Witness

(Signature)

[Signature: Kichinosuke Nishii]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date May 14/43.

Our File No. 4487

Full Name NISHII Torakichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 0386A

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age Dec. 1, 1914.

Former Address Box 40, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 15/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Pictou, N.S.
Employed - Harriett + Allan Johnston

✓
Married - Single CP. D. E. Ingham, Pictou, N.S. # 05743
(check) Checked Oct. 12/46

Name of Wife HIKIDA, Fusao
Mary

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother (EUKAO) Ingham Name of Father NISHII, Kichinosuke

Names of Children under 16 # 03895 # 03896

Akemi, Susie & 11/12/42.

Requested by CPD Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman Owner of
Sachant H. W. 3126 Navy # 0500.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 4487

Oct. 21/46

RE: Torakichi NISHII, Reg. No. 03862

This file reveals no claims against Torakichi NISHII and there are no claims on the file of his wife Fusae Mary, file #6374.

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

Oct. 21/46

LMM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4899

Oct. 25/46

RE: Kichiji NISHII, Reg. No. 03865

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

CHATELS: Kichiji NISHII, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 17/42 declared fishing nets and personal effects valued at \$400.00.

His nets along with those of his brother, Torakichi, were left at 122 Moncton St. in care of the tenant, Mr. Jarvis. Nets were removed from the basement of this house by the Custodian and sold for the sum of \$155.00 and this sum was remitted to Torakichi NISHII on Feb. 20/45 in accordance with the request contained in a joint letter from the two brothers. This letter is on file 4487.

Kichiji stated that his personal effects would be taken with him at the time of his evacuation, and as none were found by the Custodian, we may assume he did take them with him.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: Kichiji NISHII declared a fishing vessel, half completed, at Takagaki Boat builders, Phoenix Cannery. This may have been the vessel "May" sold to the B.C. Packers Ltd. for \$375.00 in May, 1942, by M. TAKAGAKI. Masao TAKAGAKI, File 3867, declared an unfinished boat in April, 1942, and advised on May 30/42 that he had sold the boat. See memo at foot of letter to NISHII dated Dec. 4/44.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: On March 6/46 the account of Kichiji NISHII was credited with the sum of \$5.50, being a refund of subscription to War Savings Certificate made in December, 1941. This is his only credit with the Custodian.

BANK ACCOUNT: NISHII declared a savings account in the Royal Bank of Canada at Steveston in the sum of \$4.00. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

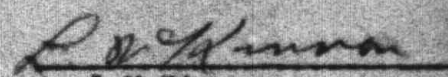
LIFE INSURANCE: NISHII declared a policy with the Sun Life Company in the sum of \$1000.00. On April 19/43 we advised the company that they might send the cash surrender value of this policy direct to Kichiji NISHII.

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.

Oct. 25/46

LBM:


L. McKinnon

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4487

Oct. 21/46

RE: Torakichi NISHII, Reg. No. 03862

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

CHATTELS:

Torakichi NISHII, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 20/42 and was evacuated May 15/42, declared fishing nets and builders supplies valued at \$500.00 at 122 Moncton St., Steveston, in his own possession. He stated that when he was evacuated these goods would be left with Mr. A. Jarvis of Steveston, who had leased the house at 122 Moncton St. from his father. He also stated that if Mr. Jarvis could find a good prospect he would sell these chattels for him.

On March 3/44 Custodian agent, G.M.Harris inventoried 13 nets in the name of Torakichi NISHII at 122 Moncton Street, and removed them to Custodian net house. Nine of these nets were sold for a total of \$155.00 and this sum was remitted to NISHII on Feb. 20/45.

Four nets, Custodian Nos. 2563, 2569, 2570 and 2571, were not sold. It is possible that the tags on them were lost and that they may have been sold and the proceeds credited to Net Suspense Account. On the other hand these nets had been lying in the basement at 122 Moncton St. for two years and then had lain in our net house all spring and summer of 1944, so it is more than likely that they had depreciated in value to such an extent that they had no sales value and were therefore discarded.

The file reveals no builders supplies of any kind being found at 122 Moncton St. at the time the nets were inventoried.

Although Torakichi declared no household goods, we were advised by Mr. A. Jarvis that he had purchased the following goods from Mr. NISHII for the sum of \$270.00 and that he had a receipt from NISHII for this purchase.

*all this refers to
Torakichi Nishi's
father, Kichiroku
Nishi, File 4466.*

a chesterfield suite
stove
boiler

washing machine
vacuum machine
a couple of small articles
(given on list as heater &
clock)

Mr. Jarvis also stated in his letter of Feb. 29/44 that he had shipped the following goods to NISHII at Picture Butte, Alta.

12 cushion sets	1 trunk	water can & bucket
2 ash trays and stands	6 piece bedroom suite	5 gal. can
rugs	1 sewing machine	5 tea boxes
electric lighter	2 beds, 4 springs	4 pickle tubs
10 kitchen chairs	coat hanger (24)	
4 cushioned chairs	2 pairs bronze statuettes	
kitchen utensils (45 pieces)	Buddhist shrine	
chinaware (400 pieces)	All curtains, drapes, curtain rods	
flower vases (2)	Table cloth, table centres and doilies	
100 ft. rubber hose	1 roll linoleum	
round table	Personal pictures	

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office Torakichi NISHII was the registered owner of a fishing vessel, the "T.N.", which was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee for the net sum of \$492.50 and this sum paid to NISHII on March 31/42. Full details are given on Specified Articles Summary on file.

ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE:

On March 6/46 the account of NISHII was credited with the sum of \$5.50, being a refund of War Savings Certificate made in Dec. 1941.

BANK
ACCOUNT:

NISHII declared a savings account in the Royal Bank of Canada at Steveston in the sum of \$50.00. This account was not brought under the control of the Custodian

LIFE
INSURANCE:

NISHII declared an insurance policy with the Sun Life Assurance Co. in the sum of \$1000.00, the beneficiary being his father Kichinosuke. It would appear however that he had two policies with this Company as two cash surrender value cheques on Policies #2,031,077 and 2,154,290, were sent direct to NISHII by the Sun Life Co.

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.

Oct. 21/46
LHM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Mr. Torakichi Nishii
Employers
Harriet & Allan Johnston
Picture Butte, Alta

File No. 4437

Reg. No. 03862

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver Agency

Policy No. 2031077

Premium - \$ 49.90

Payable: ☒ Annually, ☐ Semi-annually or ☐ monthly

Month September Day 1

REMARKS:

letter sent 8/9/43

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: March 28, 1944
Name: NISHII, Torakichi Reg. No. 03862 File: 4487
Boat File No.: JFVDC 184
Name of Vessel: "T.N" 30'x6'10"x3'2"(1930) Palmer 7 HP
Lic. or Reg. No.: NEW WESTMINSTER 3126
Naval No.: NW.050-D
Owner's Valuation: \$800.00
JFVDC Valuation: 403.00 - Survey #94
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: March 25, 1942
Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Co.Ltd.
Signature on Sales Papers: No copy
Selling Price: \$500.00
Paid to JFVDC ~~on Custodian~~: 500.00
Supervision Costs: 7.50
Balance due Owner: 492.50
Paid to: T. Nishii on March 31, 1942
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

J. M. Warkentin
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19th April, 1943.

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Policy #2,031,077 - Torakichi NISHII &
Policy #2,154,290 - Kichiji NISHII

We are in receipt of copy of your recent (undated)
letter addressed to Mr. H.J. Collier, Lethbridge, Alberta.

We wish to advise that we have no objection to your
making payment direct to your Policyholders of the Cash Surrender
Values of the above numbered policies, which according to your
letter will amount to approximately \$570.00 and \$415.00 respectively.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:FM

cc - Mr. M.L. Brown

G/167 & 4487

March 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: Miss Seaton
From: Mr. G. M. Harris

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Re: Torakichi NISHI

Nets removed to storage ex 122 Moncton Street,
A. Jarvis tenant:

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Jap. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jap. Price</u>	<u>Sold</u>
2561	13✓	7½ - 150 fa.	\$150.00	2.00
2562	10✓	7 - 150	110.00	8.00
2563	3✓	6½ - 150	150.00 -	10.00
2564	9✓	7½ - 150	85.00	6.00
2565	11✓	7½ - 150	150.00	10.00
2566	12✓	7½ - 150	100.00	15.00
2567	1✓	6 - 150	75.00	11.00
2568	7✓	6½ - 75	35.00	
2569	8✓	7 - 60	40.00 -	
2570	14✓	9" shark net	25.00 ✓	
2571	5✓	6½ - 55	25.00 -	5.00
2572	2✓	5½ - 50	20.00 -	
2573	in box	(6&4' 6½ - 110 - 75	70.00 60.00	20.00

These Japanese prices do not mean much as nets
have been lying in basement for two years.

"G. M. Harris"

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 1 1944
File No.	4487
Ans.	
Referred	Mr. Peter

A. Jarvis

P.O. Steveston B.C.

Feb 29/44

Dear Mr. Peter

Thanks for information in regards sending Furniture to Mr. Nishii in your letter of the 25th File No. 4487. In my lease all Furniture was insured & left in my name so when they ask for it to be sent I thought all was in order. Every thing I have done I thought was O.K. but if you people should be notified I will see to it in the future. Attached is list of goods sent & I have also purchased Chesterfield suite, Stove, Boiler, Washing Machine Vacuum Machine & a couple of small articles for 270⁰⁰ & have receipt for same they were offered same from some one in Vancouver & I have a letter from Mr. Nishii to that effect which I can produce if necessary & will be only to glad to call on you at any time

Yours Truly

A. Jarvis

Alta

Goods sent to Mr. Nishii Picture Butte Alta

Cushion Sets 12
 Ash Tray & Stand 2
 Rugs 2
 Electric Lighter 1
 Chairs Kitchen 10
 Cushioned Chairs 4
 Kitchen Utensils 45 Pieces

China Ware 400 ..

Flower Vases 2

100 Feet Rubber Hose 1

Round Table 1

Trunk 1

Bedroom Suite 6

Sewing Machine 1

Beds 2

Springs 4

Coat Hanger 24

~~Bedroom Suite~~ +

Bronze Statuettes 2 Pairs

Buddhist Shrine 1

Heater & Block

Chesterfield Suite

Vacuum Cleaner

Stove & Boiler

Washing Machine

Purchased by me from

Mr. Nishii for 270.00

Continued

All Curtains

Draperies

Curtain Rods

2 Small Holes

Table Cloth

" Centres & Boilers

1 Roll Lino

Picture Perambol

Water Can & Bucket

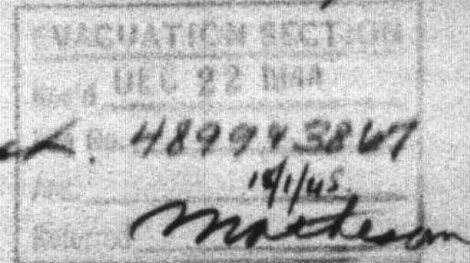
5 Gal "

Sea Boon 3 Pickle Tub 14

Takagi Nishi
Reg. No 13865
File No 489943867.

P.O. Box 396.
Pittman Butte
Alta.
Dec. 18/44.

Office of the Custodian
Specified Articles Dept.
Dear Sirs:



Re: letter of Dec. 4th/44
regards boat half completed at
Takagaki Boat Builders, Phoenix
Cannery, Steveston B.C.

This boat was sold by
Mr. Takagaki after I registered
with custodian at Steveston.

Re: property of my kind
belonging to me in Protected Area.
I had number of fishing nets
stored at my former residence,
122 Moncton Street, Steveston B.C.
until March 4th, 1944.

On March 4th these nets
were removed to the Custodian
Storage in Steveston by E. S. Vernon.
I have signed letter in my
possession.

These nets might be filed
under my father's name
Kichinawke Nookii.

Rep. No. 03896.

File No. 4966.

If this is the case then it
is alright, please do not bother.

Yours very truly
Kichijil Nookii.

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 4487
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January 9th, 1945.

To: Mr. Harris

From: Mr. Green

Re: Torakichi NISHII
Kichiji NISHII

On March 3rd last year, you listed the nets of Torakichi Nishii moved from the basement of 122 Moncton Street, tenant Mr. Jarvis. Some of these have now been sold and the following should be in stock.

<u>Qust. No.</u>	<u>Jan. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jan. Price</u>
2563	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 150	\$150.00
2569	8	7 - 60	40.00
2570	14	9" Shark net	25.00
2571	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 55	25.00

Your recent inventory shows No. 2570 in stock but not the remainder. It does, however, show 2568 in stock as being of no value though our records indicate that this was sold for \$4.00 on August 14th last year. Would you please look into this?

HFG:IF

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To M.H. Green
from H. Harris

Sturtevant
17 Jan 1945

Re your memo NISNi, 20K
We only appear to have #2570
Shark let. Shows with a number
in stock, but it is possible that
the tags have been pulled off, which
seems to happen all the time.

The Jap pieces do not mean much
in this case, as the let were piled
in Jarvis' basement for two years
then in our net room, in the
heat of Spring & summer last year.

Re 7568 I imagine a piece of
this net was sold for 4¢ in August
& balance worthless.

All our remarks can H. Harris
be confirmed by M. Leckie.

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February 20th, 1945.

Mr. Torakichi NISHII,
Reg. No. 03862,
c/o Allen G. Johnson,
P. O. Box 396,
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

As requested in the letter signed by yourself and your brother and sent to us on February 3rd, we are enclosing herewith our cheque for \$155.00 covering proceeds of sale of your fishing equipment.

You and your brother left your belongings in the care of Mr. Jarvis and we are told by him everything has now been disposed of either by shipment to you or by sale to him. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we shall assume that this is so and that there is nothing further for the Custodian to do in this connection.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IP

% D. E. Quist,
Shangruey, Uta.
March 18, 1946.

T. V. Fishii.
Reg. No. 03865.
File No. 4899
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Office of Custodian
Protection Dept.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 20 1946
File No.	4899/4487
Ans.	2-5-46 RRM
Referred	2-11-46

Dear Sir:

In January 25th 1945,
I received a letter from your
office re: nets left by me
and my brother at 122 Montreal
Street.

I learned at that time
certain nets were sold for
total sum of \$155.00 but four
(4) others were entered as not
sold yet. I would like at
this time information regards
remaining nets removed to
Stevenson Storage.

The numbers of these nets
are Custodian Nos 2563, 2569,

2571 and 2572 as recorded
by you.

Please look into
this matter at your
earliest convenience
I remain

Yours truly
H. F. Fisher

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March 26th, 1944.

Mr. Kichiji NISHII,
Reg. No. 03865,
c/o D. A. Quist,
SHAUGHNESSY, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant regarding four nets moved from 122 Moncton Street, Steveston, and unsold, there is nothing further we can add to our letter of February 20th, 1943, at which time we enclosed our cheque in the sum of \$155.00, representing proceeds from sale of your fishing equipment.

The four nets remaining unsold as mentioned in your letter, were of no saleable value as they had remained too long in the basement of 122 Moncton Street, as mentioned in our letter of January 25th, 1943. ✓

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie
Protection Department

RBH:LEM

May 20, 1948

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Torakichi NISHII,
Reg. No. 03862

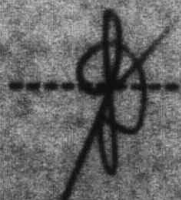
PERSONAL PROPERTY
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Kichiji NISHII,
Reg. No. 03865

The following valuations by C.P. Leckie as March 14,
1944 on Nets belonging to the above named parties are indicated
on the appraisal file.

Custodian No.	Jap. No.	Appraisal
2561	13	75.00
2562	10	55.00
2563	3	60.00
2564	9	40.00
2565	11	75.00
2566	12	40.00
2567	1	40.00
2568	7	best offer
2569	8	27.00
2570	14	best offer
2571	5	" "
2572	2	" "
2573	6 & 4	<u>80.00</u>



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DEFENSE BRIEF

Torakichi NISHII,
Reg. No. 03862

and

Kichiji NISHII,
Reg. No. 03865

Case #607

Lethbridge, Alta.
Aug. 24, 1948
Case #607

*Carabon
File 4457*

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM - GROSS

Nets

Appraisal

Sold for

\$1100.00 as claimed

(a) \$860.00 as claimed

Private Sale

#13 -	75.00	3.00
10 -	55.00	8.00
9 -	40.00	10.00
11 -	75.00	60.00
12 -	40.00	10.00
1 -	40.00	35.00
7 -	Best offer	4.00
2 -	" "	5.00
4 and 6	80.00	20.00

\$ 155.00

(b) \$240.00 as claimed

Abandoned
at claim value.

#3 -	60.00	150.00
8 -	27.00	40.00
14 -	best offer	25.00
5 -	" "	25.00

\$ 240.00

*Can't prove
these*

\$ 1100.00

Witnesses:

G.P. Leckie, appraiser
March 1944.

G.M. Harris - re Staff

Submissions: 1. Nets removed to storage as memo March 3, 1944 on claim file show Japanese valuations which Custodian representative, G.M. Harris, indicates "do not mean, much as nets have been lying in basement for two years".

At time of evacuation the nets in question were left by claimant in care of a Mr. A. Jarvis - see original claim 5 d-.

BND/DD

November 22, 1948.

Case 607
File 4487

File No.
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Torakichi NISHII,
Reg. No. 03862

Case #607

File No. 4899
Kichiji NISHII,
Reg. No. 03865

Summary of
Defense Witnesses

Where
required.

Summary of
Documents to be filed.

Witness proving
same

C.P. Leckie

Appraiser
Nets

G.M. Harris

re nets -

BRD/DD.

November 22, 1948

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IN 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.

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

- (1) NAME NISHI KICHISU (RCMP) Reg. No. 703862
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address 122 MONCTON STREET, STEVESTON, B.C.
- (3) Present Address SHAUGHNESSY ALBERTA AND 70 BROOKER
CANNING C.E., LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA.
- (4) REAL ESTATE

(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 receivable) - - - - - \$

(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 IN SEPARATE ROOM OF BASEMENT AT 122 MONCTON STR. STEVESTON, B.C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)

ROOM OF BASEMENT AT 122 MONCTON STR. BASEMENT of House

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation ALL NETS WERE PACKED IN BOXES AND WRAPPED IN SACKS AND LEFT IN RAT PROOF ROOM IN BASEMENT OF OUR HOME BUT LATER REMOVED BY CUSTODIAN TO CUSTODIAN WAREHOUSE IN STEVESTON AND SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under 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")

THE PROPERTY ITEMIZED BELOW
WAS LEFT IN CARE OF MR. A. JARVIS, BUT SOON AFTER OUR EVACUATION THEY
WERE REMOVED TO CUSTODIAN WAREHOUSE IN STEVESTON BY E.S. HERMAN
WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT AND LATER SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

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

1.		Estimated Value \$
2.	Separate Sheet	Estimated Value \$
3.	attached.	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 \$ 945.00

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(f) and 5(e)) \$ 945.00

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
Lethbridge, Alta.

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter
at the hearing? Yes or no 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 Alberta

TO WIT:

We Kichiji Nishii and
Parahiki Nishii
personally
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

of the Town of Shaganappi
and City of Lethbridge
in the Province of Alberta

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 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 the City
of Lethbridge
in the Province of Alberta
this 20 day of November
A.D. 1947.

K. Nishii
P. Nishii

W. E. Huetzel, A Commissioner &c.

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.

ATTACHED TO CLAIM

CUSTODIAN NO.	OUR NO.	MESH	DEPTH	LENGTH IN FATHOMS	APPROXIMATE FAIR VALUE AT DATE of SALE	CUSTODIAN AUCTION SALE PRICE
2561	13	7 1/2 inches	45 fathoms	150	\$150.00	\$3.00
2562	10	7 "	45 "	60	110.00	8.00
2563	3	6 1/2 "	50 "	150	150.00	LOST
2564	9	7 1/2 "	45 "	150	85.00	10.00
2565	11	7 1/2 "	60 "	150	150.00	60.00
2566	12	7 1/2 "	45 "	150	100.00	10.00
2567	1	6 "	55 "	150	75.00	35.00
2568	7	6 1/2 "	50 "	75	35.00	4.00
2569	8	7 "	45 "	60	40.00	LOST
2570	14	9 "	SHARK NET		25.00	LOST
2571	14 5	6 1/2 "	50 fathoms	55	25.00	LOST
2572	2	5 1/2 "	55 "	50	20.00	5.00
2573	6	6 1/2 "	50 "	110	70.00	BOTH FOR
	4	6 1/2 "	50 "	75	65.00	
K. Nishii. G. Nishii				TOTAL FAIR VALUE	\$1100.00	TOTAL \$155.00

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 93.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E
(HIS HONOUR JUDGE L.H. STACK, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
August 24th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
TORAKICHI & KICHUJI NISHII

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. REE, Esq., K.C.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

L. S. TURCOTTE, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

MRS. LUCIE HANFORD,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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K. Nishii,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 607, Kichiji Nishii and
Terakichi Nishii.

KICHIJJI NISHII, one of the claimants herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q Mr. Nishii, you are appearing on behalf of yourself
and your brother? A: Yes.

Q Where is your brother?

10 A In Winnipeg.

Q In Winnipeg? A: Yes.

Q I am showing you a statement of nets which you
are claiming for loss arising out of the sale of
the nets? A: Yes.

Q Is the information in that correct to the best of
your knowledge and memory?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I will file that, your Honour, as an
exhibit.

20 (STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Now I am also showing you a statement
of nets (indicating). Do you recognise that?

A Yes.

Q Where did you get that from?

A From the Custodian.

Q From the Custodian? A: Yes.

Q Whose figures, by the way, are down the middle of
that? A: That is
mine.

30 Q But otherwise the document is as received from the

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K. Nishii,
In Chief.

Custodian?

A: Yes.

Q The Custodian's is the typewriting and the ink is yours?

A: Yes.

Q Is that right?

A: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I would like to file that, your Honour.

It is a statement from the Custodian of the nets.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: From the Custodian?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, except that the figures in ink are
10 put in there by the claimant.

Q Now when you left Vancouver, Mr. Nishii, do you remember signing a form for the Custodian, a form of value showing what you had?

A Yes.

Q And do you remember that you set down the value of nets in your J.P. form?

A Yes.

Q I forget what it was. Could you tell me, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: I beg your pardon?

20 MR. TURCOTTE: What the value of the nets was as shown in the J.P. form.

MR. RICE: Yes, it is over here (indicating).

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, I see, thank you.

Q Now you signed a statement to the effect that you had \$400.00 worth of nets and your brother signed to the effect that he had \$500.00 worth of nets?

A: Yes.

Q Now will you just tell us how you came to give these values?

30 A Well we had over \$2500.00 worth of nets in the

E. Nishii,
In Chief.

basement and when I went to check with the Custodian and report our property, I told them that I had a buyer for these nets and he said, "Don't put in \$2500.00 down, but put down how much of them will be left after you dispose of the nets before you leave the Coast."

Q I see.

A And I sold over

\$1000.00 to Canadian Fish Company.

Q You sold over \$1000.00 worth of nets to the Canadian Fish Company?

A: Yes.

Q And you had left the ones that the Custodian took possession of?

A: Yes.

Q Of which Exhibit 2 is a statement that he sent you covering these?

A: Yes.

Q Now what condition were these nets in when you left the Coast?

A They were in good condition.

Q Where were they stored?

A They were stored in my dad's house at 122 Moncton Street, Steveston.

Q How were they stored?

A: We got some

carpenter to make us a special net vault in the basement of our house, and they were stored in there, and they were wrapped around in these net, linen net sacks that originally came from Scotland, and we wrapped them in the sacks.

Q Is that the procedure that you used?

A Yes.

Q Is that the procedure generally used?

30 A Yes. Well if you want to leave them for quite a

number of years that is the only way to preserve them, and we washed them with a bluestone solution so that the nets will preserve for many, many years. Some of these nets can be preserved for a lifetime like that.

Q That is, if you properly treat them with the bluestone?

A: Yes.

Q And you say you did that? A: Yes.

10 Q Why would a person pay \$4.00 or \$5.00 or \$3.00 for a net?

A: I don't know. I never seen any nets that low, even the oldest ones, the oldest nets even that you use for ten years are usually worth \$30, or \$35.00.

Q Have you had quite a lot of experience in fishing?

A Yes, I have fished since I was 12 years old.

Q How old are you now?

A I am thirty.

Q You are thirty? A: Yes.

Q And do you know the value of nets?

20 A Yes.

Q Have you bought nets? A: Yes.

Q Were these nets that you are claiming for boughten nets?

A: Yes, some of these were bought, some were home-made by a specialized net maker or specialized net makers.

Q By net makers? A: Yes.

Q And you put down what the original values were in this statement, did you?

A No, the price there is depreciated.

30 Q Well you have the price that you are claiming now?

A Yes.

Q But you have also shown here the original value?

A Yes.

Q And this was based on your experience as a fisherman over a number of years?

A Yes.

Q And they are correct, are they?

A Yes.

Q That is all.

10 MR. RICH: I am submitting, your Honour, that the nets were sold at their fair market value, and certain nets were abandoned because they were valueless or worthless, and I say that the Custodian is not responsible for the same, and if he is, the value claimed for the same is exorbitant. I am also submitting that the value claimed by the claimant for nets that were sold by the Custodian is exorbitant.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICH:

Q You and your brother valued the nets that were left at \$900.00, is that right, in your J.P. forms?

A: No; when we made the J.P. forms there was over \$2500.00 worth of nets, but we presumed there would be \$400.00 and \$500.00 or \$900.00 altogether of nets to be left there, but some of the nets that I was going to sell the sale did not come through, the buyer did not buy them, so that there was more than \$900.00 worth.

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Q There was \$900.00 worth if the buyers would buy them, but because the buyers didn't buy them they were worth more than that?

MR. TURCOTTE: Oh no, he didn't say that.

10 A No, there was over \$2500.00 worth of nets when I made that J.P. form. I told them I had \$2500.00 worth of nets and they said, "Are you going to sell any of these?" and I said, "Yes". "Before you leave?" they asked me, and I told them, "Yes, before I leave", and that was in April or the end of April, and I sold about \$1100.00 worth to Canadian Fish Company about the end of April but some of the nets that I was going to sell could not be sold, and that is why when I made that statement that there would be \$900.00 worth, there is more because I couldn't sell a few of the nets that I thought could be sold at that time.

MR. RICE:

Q How do you arrive at the figure of \$2500.00 worth?

20 A Well the amount of nets that was left in there, we estimated and it came up to , we submitted those prices to the Canadian Fish Company, and they brought us a list stating how much they would buy them for, and it brought the list to \$2500.00, but the net man came along and there was so much nets for sale at that time and they wouldn't buy so many of these nets and I deducted what I got for it, for the nets, \$1100.00 from the \$2500.00, and that was what was left.

30 Q Have you got a statement showing the nets you had there and the nets that you sold?

A No.

Q Well as a matter of fact, all the nets that were left were culls, weren't they?

A I beg pardon?

Q As a matter of fact, all the nets that were left were culls, and the fish company wouldn't buy them because they were worthless, isn't that right?

A No, the fish company said they had to take their own man's fishing gear first.

10 Q Well, why was it that the fish company bought about \$1200.00 or \$1300.00 worth of nets and wouldn't buy the rest of them?

A Those nets were big nets and they couldn't buy them any place else. All these sockeye nets and stuff of that kind, stuff like that, they have got to get them from the factory, but the 8-inch and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and stuff like that, those big nets, you have to make them yourself.

Q How old were these nets that were left?

20 A One year old. Some of these fishing seasons like for the dog salmon, they will last only a month and that is only in the one year and then you get about ten or eleven months of fishing and use the different nets when you start in March and fish until November. You need about ten different kind of nets for the fishing season which lasts from March and finishes about November, ten different kinds.

Q Do you mean that you wear out ten nets a year?

30 A Pardon?

Q Do you mean that you wear out ten nets a year?

A No, you have ten nets, if you are a specialist and if you go out for spring fishing you have got to have so many nets and then if you go out for sockeye fishing you have got to have so many nets, so many sockeye nets, and if you go out for dog salmon, you have to have so many dog salmon nets, and the season runs, the fishing season runs from around March 1st to November 30th, and in that span of time there are about 15 different kinds of fish that come into the river and you have to have a different kind of net for each fish.

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Q How long would these nets last?

A Anywhere from 3 to 5 years.

Q You say that these nets were all a year old?

A Yes.

Q Or older. Well in your J.P. form you value your nets and your fishing gear and building supplies, that is your brother valued his to be worth \$500.00 and you valued yours to be worth \$400.00, that is your personal effects along with the nets.

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Now you say that you sold these nets or part of them?

A: Yes.

Q And did you sell any fishing supplies?

A No. That \$400.00 or \$500.00, I mean \$400.00 and \$500.00 in there was just for the fish nets.

Q Well you read this statement that you sign here and tell me what it says. Do you read in English all right?

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A: Yes.

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H. Nishii,
Cross-Exam.

Q Read that out loud.

A "\$400.00 worth of fishing nets and personal effects in owner's possession at 122 Moncton Street, Steveston, B.C. One ^{gas}/fishing boat, half completed, at Takagaki Boat Builders, Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B.C.. Nets will be sold if declarant finds a good prospect and personal effects will be taken with declarant when he is evacuated. Boats will be left at building shop where it is now at Steveston, B.C."

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Q Did you sell the boat?

A Yes.

Q You sold the boat?

A: Yes.

Q Did you take that off the \$2500.00?

A Pardon?

Q Did you take that off the \$2500.00?

A No, that \$400.00 was just for the nets.

Q And you got no statement showing how the \$400.00 is arrived at?

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A No.

Q Can you give me a statement to show how the \$400.00 was arrived at?

A Well there is just when I went to there and signed that J.P. form and there was a buyer come and was going to buy them nets and there was only four nets of mine and five nets of brother's left that were going to be left, you see, and we figured them at \$100.00 apiece.

Q You figured what?

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A \$100.00 apiece for the nets.

K. Nishii,
Cross-Exam.

Q \$100.00 apiece for the nets?

A Yes. As we were just going to have nine nets left after we sold the rest of the nets.

Q So that made your claim \$900.00?

A Yes.

Q And today you have got it up to \$1100.00.

I don't think that I filed the analysis of the personal property claim.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: No, that is not filed yet.

10 MR. RICE: I will file as an exhibit then, your Honour, the analysis of the personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: That is all.

MR. TURCOTTE: I think, your Honour, I would like leave to file another letter from the Custodian which ends up by saying, "The four nets remaining unsold as mentioned in your letter were of no saleable value as they had remained too long in the basement of 122 Moncton Street as mentioned in our letter of January 25th, 1943."

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(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: What is the date of that, please?

MR. TURCOTTE: March 26th, 1946.

MR. RICE: Thank you.

MR. TURCOTTE: That is all, Mr. Nishii.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified a true and accurate transcript.

"S.R. HOWARD", Official Reporter.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Name of Claimant **NISHII, Torakichi**Case **607**

Custodian File

Nishiji**4457 & 4899**

REAL PROPERTY										
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		
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
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			
NETS										
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	
						860.00 240.00		770.00	155.00	615.00
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										
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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										615.00

4487 and 4899

October 14th, 1950.

Messrs. Torakichi & Kichiji NISHII,
c/o Nelson Brothers Fisheries Ltd.,
Stevenson, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 607

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 ... \$615.00.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$579.43
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 35.97
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FCS/js
1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director