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FORM "JP"

Steveston Branch

FILE No. 4587

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

HOME ADDRESS: Corner Garry St., and Railway Ave., Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 08177 SEX: Male AGE: 32

OCCUPATION: Carpenter

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yuri

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: SACHIKO(F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same Address

AGE OF CHILDREN: 3 months

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None

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

None

6. 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: (1) Rents house Cr. Garry & Railway Ave. Steveston, B.C.
(2) Rents store; located Townsite near 2nd Ave. Moncton, Steveston, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: (1) Mr. H. YONEDA, Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston, B.C. (2) Mr. SHIMIZU, evacuated unknown (formerly Steveston, B.C.)
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
(1) \$5 per month, (2) \$10 per month, paid in full
paid in full
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:

Rip Saw \$72, band saw \$45, sanding machine \$150, lathe \$30, 1 electric motor $\frac{1}{2}$ H.P.
Carpenter's tools \$300, Lumber \$150, glass 3 cases, \$30, hardware and paint \$20, 5 desks \$65, 1 sink cabinet \$25, 4 kitchen cabinets \$50, 12 dining room chairs (unfinished) 1 coach. To be locked up and key given to custodian. Located at store, near 2nd Ave., Moncton, Steveston, B.C.
(1) bed, dining (china) silverware, 4 lamp stands, 1 cabinet (specimen of botany) china cabinet, 2 tables, books, sink cabinet, kitchenware, located at house, cr. Garry & Railway, Steveston, B.C. Key to be left with Custodian.
(also 1 typewriter) (Remington) left in house.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None
5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None
6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
- \$98 from I. OKIMI, corner 2nd Ave. and Moncton, Steveston, B.C.
- \$15 " KANAI, evacuated Mr. M. SHIRAGA \$30.- Arden Hall, Hastings St. Vancouver,
- \$15 J. SAKAMOTO, evacuated
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
- \$5 War Savings Certificate, in own possession
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None
9. LIFE INSURANCE: Occidental Life, Vancouver Branch, \$2,000 policy number unknown, beneficiary wife YURI, in own possession.
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS None
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None
2. TRADE DEBTS: \$10 to Steveston Transfer, Steveston, B.C.

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 21 day of April 194

(signed). A.G. McArthur
Witness

(Signature) Sunao SHIGEMATSU

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

FORM "A"

STEVESTON BRANCH
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

6236

COPY

for
4587

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

NAME: SHIGEMATSU, Yuri (Mrs. Sunao)

HOME ADDRESS: Corner Garry St., and Railway Ave.,
Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION No. 08673

SEX: Female

AGE: 26

MARRIED? Yes

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Housewife

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

Sunao

4587

ADDRESS: same address

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN:

Sachiko (F) 3 months

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

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 21st

day of

April

1941

(Signature)

Yuri Shigematsu

WITNESS: (signed) A.G. McArthur

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

NONE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

None

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

File No.

4587

Date

Aug. 23/42

Full Name

SHIREMATSU, Junzo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

08177

Male - Female
(check)

Age

Sept. 21, 1909

Former Address

Stratford, B.C.

Date Evacuated

May 22/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

H.C. Meninger, Raymond Alberta, Box 231
Box 116, Raymond Alberta
25/10/42

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

SHIREMATSU, Yuriko #08675

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

(TAKAYAMA) Ritsuo #10754

Name of Father

Hori Kichu #10755

Names of Children under 16

Lucy Sachiko (F) 22/1/42

Requested by

A.P.

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Carpenter

July 29, 1947

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

Reg. No. 08177

The above named Japanese declared his goods with the Custodian on April 21, 1942; he was evacuated to Raymond, Alberta on May 22, 1942. SHIGEMATSU was renting, for \$10.00 a month, a store at 49 Moncton St., Steveston, B.C., which he was using as a small furniture factory and producing such articles as desks, tables, chairs, cupboards. He was renting the store from T. SHIMUZU, Reg. No. 04455. He was also renting a house situated at the corner of Garry and Railway Ave., Steveston, B.C. for which he was paying \$5.00 a month. The landlord was Mr. H. Yoneda, Reg. No. 03717. This file gives no evidence that SHIGEMATSU owned real property.

CHATELS:

SHIGEMATSU owned a counter and back bar at 45 Moncton St., but he sold it to Mr. G. Jarvis for \$25.00 on May 9, 1942 - see certificate from G. Jarvis, signed as paid in full on Nov. 20, 1942 by SHIGEMATSU. On April 19, 1943, this office was requested by SHIGEMATSU to put these articles in a safe storage place in Vancouver and he would pay the charges. However, they had all been placed in storage warehouses #1 and #4. On Dec. 1, 1943, he requested that the rip saw, 12" band saw and the $\frac{1}{2}$ HP motor be forwarded to him along with a new cabinet sink, a new walnut finish china cabinet, 2 desks and 6 unfinished dining chairs. Apparently there was nothing done about the tools and another request was received on March 13, 1944. On July 26, 1944, it was reported that a shipment had been made, but it transpired that through the ARP having borrowed the $\frac{1}{2}$ HP motor without sufficient authority, a motor of a different HP was substituted, which was unsuitable for SHIGEMATSU's type of work, and as his own motor was not located, a cheque for \$39.60, being the appraised value, was sent to him. The rip saw and band saw were received by him, and but other requests were received from time to time from SHIGEMATSU, but, for various reasons, e.g. lots mixed up, lost, etc., his requests were never adhered to.

As SHIGEMATSU deposited \$15.00 for the shipment of goods requested above, there was a rebate for goods not shipped, this was placed to his credit by the B.C. Security Commission.

See Chattel Schedule for lists of goods declared, sold, etc.

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

There are no cameras, radios, fire arms or motor vehicles revealed in his registration or in this file.

BANK ACCOUNT:

None declared.

July 29, 1947

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao
Reg. No. 08177

LIFE INSURANCE:

SHIGEMATSU declared a policy, number unknown, with the Vancouver branch of the Occidental Life. The beneficiary was his wife, Yuri. The policy remained in his own possession and was not handled by this office.

SECURITIES:

SHIGEMATSU declared a \$5.00 War Savings certificate in his own possession.

ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE:

He also declared the following amounts owing to him:
\$98.00 from Y. OKIMI - Reg. No. 04281
\$15.00 from KANAI - not traced
\$30.00 from M. SHIRAGA - deceased
\$15.00 from J. SAKAMOTO - not traced, not registered with R.C.M.P.

Re. \$98.00 - Yoshiharu OKIMI

On Dec. 20, 1943, this office notified Shigematsu of OKIMI's reply which was as follows,

"Mr. Sunao Shigematsu of his \$98.00 is lodged against the fixtures of the Alfroy's coffee bar and before I left British Columbia, I decided to seal the fixtures and then settle with Mr. Shigematsu but when I noticed him of what my intentions were he said that he would rather dispose of them himself and collect for them so I arranged so that a Mr. Jarvis of Steveston and he met and what they arranged is not my business and right after that he said that all was well so I was satisfied with that and I left what he said wanted within the store. So I wish if you would please notice him of that I fear that he has not collected that from him so I guess he lodged that claim against me."

In view of the foregoing it was suggested to SHIGEMATSU that he take the claim up himself against OKIMI whose address was given as 143 Mary St. N., Hamilton, Ontario.

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

A. S. Jackson

A.S. Jackson,
Administration Department

ASJ/BM

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4587

31st July, 1947.

Re: Sunao SHIGEMATSU - Reg. No. 08177

It will be seen from the ensuing Personal and Chattel summaries that quite a lot of articles that SHIGEMATSU declared and valued were lost during the period in which he was evacuated. In the hope that a clear and concise picture may be had if possible, for review at some later date, the writer is herewith outlining the track of events which occurred relative to the disappearance of the goods, and has outlined the dates given so that it will be seen that the delay in carrying out the effective removal of SHIGEMATSU's belongings was the main contributory factor responsible for the disappearance.

(1) On the 11th May, 1942, the inventory was checked and found correct by Mr. J.D. Mathers. At the same time he recommended that all of SHIGEMATSU's belongings be moved to central storage at the earliest possible moment as it was empty and liable to pilfering, and also a dangerous fire hazard.

(2) In a letter dated 15th September, 1942, to Mr. George C. King, Real Estate, Steveston, re renting the property which was still vacant at that date, it was pointed out that the belongings of SHIGEMATSU were still in his house. Mr. C.C. Robinson apparently, was rather busy at the time on the question of fishing nets.

(3) On the 27th November, 1942, this office requested Mr. Robinson to check up on what was left in the house and have it removed to storage. The latter's reply referred this office to list #67 dated 26th August, 1942, in which it would appear that all that remained was 1 iron bed, 1 spring, 1 mattress, 1 kitchen cabinet, 4 cartons, 1 box books, 1 case butterflies, 1 comode and they had been moved to the Japanese Church.

(4) In a memorandum dated 12th January, 1943, it was noted that the position re carpenter equipment was being investigated by C. C. Robinson.

(5) On the 6th February, 1943, a letter was sent to C. C. Robinson, mentioning the chattels in question, namely:

1 rip-saw
1 sanding machine
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -H.P. electric motor
Lumber
5 desks

1 band-saw
1 lathe
Carpenter's tools
3 cases of glass, hardware and paint

(6) On the 10th April, 1943, a further enquiry was made to Mr. Robinson requesting the position of the tools.

(7) On the 19th April, 1943, a letter from S. SHIGEMATSU was received offering to pay the charges required in order that the carpenter's tools could be placed in reliable storage in Vancouver.

(8) It was then noted from a letter dated 25th June, 1943, from Mr. C.C. Robinson, that the house had been broken into and looted to a considerable extent before action was taken to remove the goods for safe-keeping at the warehouses #1 and #4.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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As a further example, it might be mentioned that SHIGEMATSU requested a shipment on the 16th April, 1943, of a wooden trunk containing linens, towels, wedding outfit, cushions, etc. There can be no doubt about it that these articles were of a very high sentimental rather than a monetary value. However despite letters of request dated 15/6/43, 1/12/43, 13/3/44, 25/11/44, 22/2/45, 2/3/45 and 3/7/45 for shipment of the trunk, it was first supposed the trunk was possibly mixed up with the property of H. YONEDA, Reg. No. 03717, File 4229, but it was finally found, and all that remained was a trunk containing some wedding pictures and a carton of pressed leaves and plants, and an empty trunk marked "H. YONEDA".

It might be added that he received one shipment in answer to one of his requests for a bed, and it transpired that all that he had received were 2 bed ends and one spring. The bed sides were never found.

In closing it should be pointed out that at the request of the B.C. Security Commission, to forward \$15.00 for shipping charges, he said he was only too willing to comply with this request as he was most anxious to receive these goods. However when it was found that there was so little left, the remaining amount was refunded.

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

A. P. Jackson

ASJ/HA

File No. 4587

July 29, 1947.

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

Re: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao
Reg. No. 08177Reg. April 21, 1942
Evacuated May 22, 1942

Declared April 21, 1942 to be in his store	Inventory Checked -	Sold	Other Disposition
Rip saw	May 11, 1942		Shipped
Band saw	May 11, 1942		Shipped
Sanding machine	May 11, 1942		Missing
Lathe	May 11, 1942		Missing
1 HP electric motor	May 11, 1942		See Chattel Schedule concerning motor
Carpenter tools	May 11, 1942		Missing
Lumber	May 11, 1942	Sold. J. Morstrom 22/2/43	
3 cases glass	May 11, 1942	2 boxes auctioned 14/11/45	
Hardware & paint	May 11, 1942		missing
5 desks	May 11, 1942	1 sold auction 28.4.44 1 " " 29.6.45	3 missing
1 cabinet sink	May 11, 1942	4 kitchen cab- inets found 11/5/42	
12 unfinished dining room chairs	May 11, 1942		missing
1 couch	May 11, 1942		missing missing
Declared to be in house at corner of Garry & Railway Ave., Steveston, B.C.			
1 bed complete	May 11, 1942		a request was received for shipment, but only 2 bed ends received
china ware, silverware)	May 11, 1942		1 box dinner set & 1 box silver were supposed to have been shipped May 31/ 1943. They were requested again, 13/3/44 & 25/11/44. However, they were never re- ceived and must be presumed lost.
4 lamp stands	7 lamp stands found, May 11/42	2 lamps auctioned 9/11/46.	5 missing
1 cabinet (specimen of botany)	May 11, 1942		Loaned to Prof. J. Davidson U.B.C.
2 tables	May 11, 1942	1 table auctioned 29.6.45	1 missing
books	May 11, 1942		Shipped 31/5/43

CHattel SCHEDULE...SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

china cabinet	May 11, 1942	missing
1 Remington		
typewriter	May 11, 1942	missing
kitchenware	May 11, 1942	missing

Also found by this office and listed on May 11, 1942:

1 round pedestal table		missing
1 vanity set		missing
1 stove	auctioned 9.11.45	
3 china cabinet stands		missing
1 book case		missing
1 set National Encyclopedia	Sold 9.11.45	
Sundry books		missing
1 Jap. bath stove		missing
8 dozen Japanese toys		missing
miscellaneous tools	auctioned 10.11.44	missing
bed & spring	auctioned 10.11.44	

The following articles which could either have been contained in boxes or because of their nature, belong to SHIGEMATSU, were auctioned and the proceeds credited to his account.

Nov. 9, 1945	Tin rice bowls
	23 cartons of festival goods
	mirror & other small items
Nov. 10, 1944	Pipe wrench set
	hand vice
	large wrench
	2 saws
	brace
Nov. 24, 1944	Wash stand
Nov. 14, 1945	2 boxes glass
June 29, 1945	2 unfinished benches
	1. H.M. bench
	stand and 4 legs
	2 unfinished chest drawers
	8 cupboard doors
	2 table
	1 kiddies arm chair
	12 sliding door frames
	1 unfinished desk
	combination desk and book rack
July 20, 1945	2 bundles canes
	1 round table top
	1 unfinished cabinet

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

A. S. Jackson

A.S. Jackson

ASJ/EM

COPY

original
on 6-2-36

P.O. Box 297
Raymond, Alta.

March 22/43

Mrs. King,
Custodian,
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Madam:-

Just recently I met Mr. Yoneda, who informed me that the goods I left behind at his property has been transferred to No. 1 warehouse.

Before any further moving takes place, I would like to have the following articles sent to me since I am in desperate need of the household goods and am meeting inconvenience without them everyday.

- 1 Bed and spring, brown colored; no mattress required
- 1 wooden Trunk with linens, towels and wedding outfit,
- 1 Dinner set, serving 8, gold and wine trimmings, stored in a cardboard box.
- NOTE: Please have these wrapped individually so as to prevent damage
- 1 Electric Silver Coffee set in cardboard box
- 1 Electric Silver Waffle and Toaster
- 2 Boxes of books

Please have the above goods shipped via C.P.R. to my address above. I will gladly pay for freight charge.

I would like to know what has become of the goods that was stored at Sun S. Furniture Store, in front of the Post Office, Former tenant being Mr. Shimizu.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours truly,

Mrs. Y. Shigematsu
Reg. No. 08763

100-92044-43
Relay for letter
2-17-43

Completed in Triplicate

Duplicate copy.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 4 1943
File No.	4587
Ass.	G-165-A
Ref.	Thickdie

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address c/o D.L. Paxman,
Box 297,
RAYMOND, Alta.

Date Apr. 16, 1943

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Sunao SHIGAMATSU, Police Registration No. 98177

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property

stored at Steveston, Formerly at Yoneda's property

in possession of No. 1 Warehouse

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

1 Wooden Trunk (linens, towels, wedding outfit, cushions, etc)

1 Steel Bed and Spring 2 Boxes Books

1 (box) Dinner Set Serve 8 people, Wine & Gold Trimmings

1 (box) Silvers (Electric waffle iron, and coffee 4 piece percolator set

Original Address Corner of Garry & Railway Ave.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver May 22, 1942

Date Evacuated to Present Address May 24, 1942

Number in Family - 12 years and over 2

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old none

Number in Family - under 5 1

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 3

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia
Security Commission.

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____

Sunao Shigamatsu
Claimant Signs Here

Shipped on May 20/43

1 Steel bed & Spring

1 Box books

1 Box dinner set

See letter 28 July 43
from C.C.R.

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 4587
6236
4229 H. YONEDA
12254 T. SHIMIZU

October 27th, 1943

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao 4587
SHIGEMATSU, Yuriko (Mrs. Sunao) 6236
YONEDA, Hiroshi 4229
SHIMIZU, Torao 12254

Mrs. Yuriko Shigematsu (file 6236) declared no personal property but on March 22nd this lady requested shipment of some effects left with Mr. Hiroshi Yoneda (file 4229), 147 Garry Street and subsequently moved to storage. Form 107 was sent to her instructing her how to apply for these things and shortly afterwards a Custodian Release was received from the husband, Sunao Shigematsu (file 4587). The husband had declared some articles left at Hiroshi Yoneda's house and an inventory #67 on his file under date of August 26th, 1942, records the removal to Storage of some belongings identified as his.

Shipment was made by Mr. Robinson against the above release but a bundle of bedside railings was either omitted or lost in transit and the following could not be found:

Wooden trunk
Box of silverware
Box of books

Reference to Hiroshi Yoneda's file 4229 shows that chattels left at his house and elsewhere were accounted for as per list dated November 28th, 1942, signed for by Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yoneda on December 8th, 1942. These included "wooden trunks" and several boxes of glassware etc. Among them may be Sunao Shigematsu's things.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address: Box 116Date: Dec. 1, 1943.Raymond, Alberta.To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, Sunao Shigematsu, Police Registration No. 08177

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at

Steveston, on Menston St.in possession of The former Sun S., Furnitureand I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such
articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

1. Electric 10" Driver Rip Saw. 2. 12" Band Saw. 3. P.H. Motor.
4. Green and green cabinet sink about 5' long (new) 5. Walnut
finish china cabinet (new) 6. Two desks (walnut finish)
7. Six unfinished dining chairs (walnut)

Original Address: Steveston, B.C.Date Evacuated to Present Address: May 22nd, 1942.Total Number in Family: ThreeCHARGES:I agree to pay all charges as required by the British
Columbia Security Commission.Deposit received: \$Approved:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____

S. Shigematsu
 (Claimant Signs Here)

Aug 28/44
1 Crate H H Effort
2 Saws

3 Brates Desks
2 Cabinets
1 Desk Top

Registration No. 08177

Box 116
Raymond, Alta.
March 18, 1944

Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian
506 Rye Bank Bldg.
Vancouver,
B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 18 1944
File No.	4587
Ans.	
Referred	Master

Dear sir:-

Three four days ago I received a letter from a very good friend of mine now in Grand Forks, and formerly his home in Stoneston. His letter states.

[I had a permit to go to Vancouver and Stoneston. Soon as I got off the train I had to report to R.C.M.P. and I asked if I could stay in Stoneston, but they said no, as it is a protected area, so I had to come back to a hotel in Van. every night and go out in the morning again. Stoneston is not very much changed in last two years, with most of the stores runned by white people. Nearly all the cannery houses are torn down, and only three boatworks in operation.

Mr. Shigematsu, I saw your boat saw at M. & M. Boatworks and I asked the fellow who owns it where he got it and he said he bought it from the custodian. One of M. & M. is Harmon Marshall and he works on the engine and the machine on the boat.

So you better claim all your tools and machinery that you have left at Stoneston through B.C. Security Commission, because they will have auction sale of all the unclaimed goods at the Kindergarten Hall and Cantai Hall

the rest of the school room.
They are full of Japanese goods and they are
going to be sold by auction and some has
already been sold.

If you want any of your stuff, you better act
quick and get them, unless they will be sold
next to nothing.

The custodian's sale is the only solution
to clearing the back, because they have to clear
every good out of Japanese houses and houses like
ours with farms are taken over by the Government
and houses West of No. 1 Road are still not sold
but are going to be in near future.

They have one half ton truck going every day
bringing in furniture and goods from these
Japanese houses to the auction room.

Recently I got nearly all our goods and they
were still there at the house when I got there.

It was last May, when I sent
you the very first release form of my
required goods, through Mr. Russell of the Security
Commission here. And I received only a part
of my ^{them} required goods, so I sent you a second
form and you demanded the sum of fifteen
dollars in advance for the shipping and
freight of the goods, which I have ^{never} ~~not yet~~ received.
And the sum has been paid ^{long ago}.

I have been patiently waiting nearly
one year now for these goods the which
and every opportunity I have of seeing Mr.
Russell at the commission office, your letter
states the same excuse, that you cannot
find the goods, and further search is being
made. And I have not had any satisfaction
with Mr. Russell.

just several days before we were
evacuated from Stevenson. Mr. & Mrs. King at
that time acting customs there, checked
every article of our claimed goods.

And at that time we were permitted
to ~~take with us~~ only one thousand pounds of
our belongings, which mine included mostly food.

And I left practically all my household
goods and all of what I had in furniture
store goods.

Some months later after we settled
down here in Alberta, I met my former house
owner, and he stated had a notice from you
that you transferred all my goods into
Stevenson warehouse number one and five.

I never did expect you transferring
them to any other place, so naturally I
left them without my names on.

But it is you who did all the
transferring and handling you should know
everything and all about them.

In making to my friends statement you
have already sold some of my goods and
you state you are unable to find them.
If that is the case no doubt you cannot
find them.

The only solution is for you to do is
get them back from wherever you sold them.

And if you ~~will~~ ^{are} as anxious of getting
rid of our goods, I would like a good reason
why you never sent them to me
when I asked ~~them~~ ^{them} long ago.

I will state clearly of all my required goods, and with immediate action taken send them to you.

From Sam A. Furniture - goods

- Electric 1. ① 10" "Blind" Rip Saw
2. ② 17" Band Saw - now at M.H. Antiques
3. ③ 1/2 P.H. Motor.

- all ready { 4. ④ Cream & green cabinet sink 5' long.
5. ⑤ Walnut finish china cabinet
6. ⑥ Desk (Walnut finish)
7. ⑦ Dining Room Chair

Household goods

1. Box old wooden trunk, containing
wedding veil, outfit, cushions, linens, pictures,
etc.

1. { Dining dinner set with wine and
gold trimmings - serves 8 people.
2. Box of silverware - containing 5 piece
electric coffee percolator set.

1. Electric sandwich ^{toaster} & waffle iron.

4. Lamp Shades.

1 Large & 2 small and
1 Bedroom lamp.

There are some of the things I wish
to keep for safekeeping

Please do not say you can't
locate them ^{and discourage me} as some of my household
goods are more valuable to me than
money.

I will be ever grateful to you,
if you will look into this and
send them promptly to me.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

James Shigematsu

November 16th, 1944.

Mr. Sunao SHIGEMATSU,
Reg. No. 08177,
Box 116,
Raymond, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

On going through our file, we are sorry to see that we have never acknowledged your letter of March 13th. We have, however, been investigating this matter and hope to write you further in the near future.

Now as to the motor recently shipped to you, we understand that you only received a 1/4 H. P. motor while you had originally declared a 1/2 H. P. motor. We should explain that some of your equipment was loaned to the Civilian A. R. P. Committee at Steveston for the construction of headquarters and when it came to be returned, the 1/4 H. P. motor was the only one that could be found and it was, therefore, assumed to be yours. If you will let us know your wishes in this matter, we will pursue it further but it occurs to us that you may find the present motor satisfactory for your requirements in which case, it will probably not be worth taking any further action.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

NOTE TO FILE: This is another case of laxity on the part of our former Steveston representative. Equipment of this sort should not have been loaned except

(NOTE TO FILE Cont.)

under the strictest guarantees for return in satisfactory condition. As, however, it will be expensive to return the 1/4 H. P. motor and perhaps difficult to secure satisfaction for its replacement ~~for~~^{for} the original 1/2 H. P. motor, further action is delayed pending advice from the Japanese.

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 4587

Dec. 15th, 1944.

To: Mr. G. M. Harris

From: Mr. H. P. Green

Re: Sunao SHIGEMATSU

One or two matters in connection with this file which at present is in rather a sad state.

(a) 1/2 H.P. motor. You will recall that Mr. Robinson loaned this man's equipment and 1/2 H. P. motor to the A. E. P. When the equipment was returned, there was at first no motor available but finally a 1/4 H. P. motor was produced. The Japanese complains that this is not suitable and asks very reasonably that his own motor be made available to him. As the A. E. P. at Steveston is a semi-official body, we may expect their behavior to be a cut above the regular run of inhabitants at Steveston and I think we must insist that a 1/2 H. P. motor be produced. You might arrange verbally with Mr. Simpson and if necessary, I will write a letter making an official claim.

The other matter is that of a shipment asked by this Japanese. On April 16th, 1943 he sent a release for the following:

- ✓ 1 Wooden trunk (linens, towels, wedding outfit, cushions etc.)
- 1 Steel bed and spring
- 2 Boxes books
- 1 (box) Dinner set serve 8 people, wine & gold trimmings.
- 1 (box) Silvers (electric waffle iron, and coffee, 4 piece percolator set)

Mr. Robinson reported that the steel bed and box, one box of books, and one box of dinner set, had been shipped but that the balance, being the wooden trunk, silverware, and other box of books, could not be

found and did not appear on List #67. This list covered the belongings of this man moved from 147 Garry Street being premises belonging to Hiroshi Yoneda. I see that the latter's list #66 of August 26th, 1942 shows among other things, two wooden boxes as moved to the Japanese Church and I would like you please, during the next few weeks when you are not having any auctions to make a check. I quite realize, of course, that these things may have been stolen when our warehouse was broken into but I would like to be able to advise the Japanese definitely one way or the other.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

FILE NO: 4587

NAME: SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

DATE ADVERTISED:
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME:

VALUATION:

PURCHASE PRICE: \$10.00

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL:

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: J. Markstrom

ADDRESS: Steveston

OCCUPATION:

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

YES

NO

Paid in full 22/2/43

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY:

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD: Small quantity of lumber 2 x 4 - \$10.00

This is being transferred from file 12254 - 30/7/47.

C. Girard

File No. 4587

MEMORANDUM -- MR. MACKENZIE

January 25, 1946.

You will notice on file a letter, dated January 22nd, that Mr. W. R. Simpson, the Chief Warden at Steveston, has forwarded to this office a cheque in the amount of \$39.60, being compensation for the 1/2 Horsepower motor which, it appears, they have misplaced.

Mrs. McArthur suggests to be very careful in writing the Japanese that he is not given the impression that the Custodian is compensating him in any way for this motor.

You will notice our letter of January 15th to Mr. Simpson in which the writer states that Galbraith & Sulley can supply a 1/2 Horsepower motor at this price.

This information was given over the telephone.

GP

GP:EB

679 #2 Road,
Steveston, B. C.,
January 22, 1946.

Peters

George Peters, Esq.,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

File No. 4587 / 08177

Enclosed please find cheque
for \$32.60 to cover $\frac{1}{2}$ Horse power motor as
requested in your letter of the 15th instant.

SHIGEMATSU

Shunao

Please accept our appreciation
for the generous consideration you have given
us in this matter.

Would you kindly forward the
receipt to the undersigned at the above address.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Simpson

WRS:L

Chief Warden #3.

Please file

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December 20th, 1943..

Mr. Sunao SHIGEMATSU,
Registration No. 08177,
Box 116,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sir:

re: \$98.00 - Yoshiharu OKIMI

We submitted the above claim to OKIMI for payment and he has replied at length as follows:

"Mr. Sunao Shigematsu of his \$98.00 is lodged against the fixtures of the Alfroy's coffee Bar and before I left British Columbia, I decided to sell the fixtures and then settle with Mr. Shigematsu but when I noticed him of what my intentions were he said that he would rather dispose of them himself and collect for them so I arranged so that a Mr. Jarvis of Steveston and he met and what they arranged is not my business and right after that he said that all was well so I was satisfied with that and I left what he wanted within the store. So I wish if you would please notice him of that I fear that he has not collected that from him so I guess he lodged that claim against me."

In view of the foregoing it is advisable that you take this claim up with OKIMI direct. Herewith is his present address as follows:

Registration No. 04281,
143 Mary St. N.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Should you contact him and arrange a settlement please advise this office. In the meantime we shall take no further action.

Yours truly,

E. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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September 15th, 1942

Mr. Thomas C. King,
78 Georgia Street,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: HIROTA, Hayao
SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

Thank you for your letter of September 11th from which we note that you may have difficulty in renting the pool room and woodworking store of Hayao Hirota.

Turning to the tools and machinery of Sunao Shigematsu, we do not think these could be worth anything like \$8000.00 as the declared value was less than \$1000.00.

If the place is securely sealed and is not liable to be broken into, we think it might be left as it is for the time being until Mr. Robinson has finished his work on nets. If evacuation is then complete, we shall be able to go into the whole question of on-shipment to Japanese of effects left behind by them.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

Handwritten: Lst for Steveston
[Signature]

HFG:IF

NAME SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

REGISTRATION NO. 08177

FILE NO. A587

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 10, 1944.

Pipe wrench set	\$ 1.60
Hand vice	0.60
Large wrench	2.25
2 Saws	0.85
Brace	3.25
Box miscellaneous tools	6.50
Bed and spring	6.50

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.15
(Advertising: 0.99
(Moving: 2.17

\$	21.55
\$	5.31
\$	<u>16.24</u>

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 24.

Remarks.

NAME SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

REGISTRATION NO. 06177

FILE NO. 4587

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 24, 1944.

Wash stand

\$ 0.75

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.07
(Advertising: 0.04
(Moving: 0.07

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	0.75
\$	0.18
\$	<u>0.57</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris
Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 25.

Remarks.

NAME SHIMAMATSU, Sumao

REGISTRATION NO. 08177

FILE NO. 4587

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B. C. on June 29, 1945.

Unfinished bench	\$ 0.25
Unfinished bench	0.25
H. W. bench	0.25
Stand and 4 legs	0.75
Unfinished chest drawers	1.50
Unfinished chest drawers	0.50
8 Cupboard doors	3.50
Table	1.30
Kiddies armchair	0.75
4 Sliding door frames	0.50
Sink	1.75
Desk unfinished	4.50
8 Sliding door frames	2.50
Combination desk and book rack	7.00

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.53

Less Expenses: (Advertising: 1.27

(Moving: 3.60

Net Proceeds Credited:

25.30

7.40

17.90

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 36.

Remarks.

NAME SHIGEMATSU, Susao

REGISTRATION NO. 08177

FILE NO. 4587

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on July 20, 1945.

Bundle canes	\$ 3.00
Bundle Canes	2.75
Round table top	0.50
1 Unfinished cabinet	0.50

Total	
(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.67	
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 0.52	
(Movings: 0.73	
Net Proceeds Credited:	

\$	
\$	6.75
\$	1.92
\$	4.83

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 37.

Remarks.

NAME SHIGEMATSU, Sunao

REGISTRATION NO. 08177

FILE NO. 4587

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on November 9, 1945.

Tin rice bowls	\$ 2.00
Carton of Festival goods	3.25
2 Lamps	2.75
Mirror etc.	0.55
Carton of Festival goods	2.00
11 Boxes of Festival goods	1.50
10 Boxes of Festival goods	2.50
17 Volumes Encyclopedia	5.25
Coal Oil stove	4.00

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.38
Advertising: 1.54
Moving: 1.41)

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 23.80

\$ 5.33

18.47

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 41

Remarks.

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Claim

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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 SHIGEMATSU SUNAO (RCMP) Reg. No. 08177
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address Steveston, B. C.
- (3) Present Address Box 116, RAYMOND, Alta.
- (4) REAL ESTATE
 - (a) Street Address (if any) SHOP on Moncton Street Steveston, B. C.
 - (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
 - (c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply)
 - (i) ~~Free~~
 - (ii) Residence
 - (iii) Business Type of 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.)

LEASEHOLD

- (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 bldgs. tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable)	1,000.00	SEE SUPPLEMENT
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value)	\$ 1,000.00	1010.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account		107.81
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv))	\$ 892.19	

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation: At H. Yoneda's residence on Garry St., Steveston
- (b) Type of premises in which property left: House
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation: Left in room

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SUPPLEMENT

SHIGEMATSU SUNAO

4587

STORE LOCATED ON MONCTON STREET, STEVESTON

Lumber	\$ 150.00
3 doz. unfinished dining chairs, toys, novelties	288.00
2 case of glass	30.00
carpenter tools	150.00
unfinished furnitures (kitchen cabinets, desks, vanities)	120.00
set of books (encyclopedia etc.)	65.00
paints, varnishes, brushes, glue, etc.	40.00
miscellaneous hardware goods and other small articles	57.00
store fixtures (counter, stove, sofa set, awning)	110.00
Total	<u>21,000.00</u>

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.M. EDMANSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
August 17th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
SUNAO SHIGEMATSU.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

W.E. HUCKVALE, Esq.,

appearing for the
claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,
MRS. LUCIE HANFORD,
S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Secretary.
Official Interpreter.
Official Reporter.

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THE SECRETARY: Case No. 583, Sunao Shigematsu.

SUNAO SHIGEMATSU, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUCKVALE:

Q Mr. Shigematsu, you carried on business in
Steveston, British Columbia, as a cabinet maker
before evacuation, didn't you?

A Yes.

10 Q And did you have a house there as well?

A Yes.

Q You had a house there as well as your shop?

A Yes.

Q Now in the claim that you filed, is it correct
that on the back of the form that these are your
household goods?

A Yes.

Q And in the supplement these are the goods in the
shop, is that right?

20 A Yes, that is right.

Q Now I want to show you this form setting out some
details of your chattel claim. Will you take a look
at it, please?

A Yes, sir.

Q And have you read that over or had it read over
to you?

A: Yes.

Q And have you signed it?

A Yes.

30 Q And are the particulars given in it true and
correct to the best of your knowledge, information

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S. Shigematsu,
In Chief.

and belief?

A Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I will tender that item, sir.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. HUCKVALE: Now I do not know whether my friend has the personal property analysis or not. Certainly I haven't seen it.

MR. RICE: It was fastened to the file my learned friend had. He could have seen it easily enough.

MR. HUCKVALE: It wasn't there when I had the file.

10 It might have been fastened there since.

MR. RICE: I didn't fasten it and I don't know who did.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Have you got one, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: There is not one only but two spares as well. This is the first time that I have had any knowledge of my learned friend not having a copy.

MR. HUCKVALE: Well I didn't have one.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is one of those going to be filed, the analyses of personal property?

MR. HUCKVALE: I take it my friend will be filing one,
20 yes.

MR. RICE: I will file one now.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now you had some correspondence with the Custodian, haven't you, with respect to these various goods and chattels?

A Yes.

Q I want to show you a letter of February 14th, 1945 (indicating).

A Yes.

Q Did you receive that from the Custodian?

30 A No.

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S. Shigematsu,
In Chief.

Q Isn't that addressed to you?

A Yes. No, I didn't receive it.

Q I wonder who gave it to me. Are you sure that you didn't bring that into my office?

A Yes.

Q Well did you ever get it yourself?

A Yes.

Q I think you had better use the Interpreter.
Did you receive that letter?

10 A Oh yes, I received the letter but I never received these contents.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well that explains it.

MR. HUCKVALE: Well it is the letter that I want to ask about. I will just read this, sir. It is dated February 14th, 1945.

20 "Further to our letter of December 14th, we are now glad to say that we shall be able to secure a one-half horsepower electric motor and send this to you. Will you, please, in the meantime arrange to pack and return the one-quarter horsepower motor sent to you in error?

Turning to the question of your personal effects, we regret to say that all we can find is the following:

1 carton containing pressed leaves and plants.

1 trunk of wedding pictures.

1 empty trunk marked 'H. Yoneda'.

All moved from 147 Garry Street.

30 We are afraid that your belongings must

S. Shigematsu,
In Chief.

"have been rifled since evacuation. We have had a great deal of trouble with lawlessness and housebreaking at Steveston despite the employment of an extra police constable. We regret that no decision has been come to as to how matters of this kind should be dealt with but we have on our file particulars of what you claim."

I tender that, sir.

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(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Did you ever get the half horsepower motor?

A: No.

Q: How did you ever complain, Mr. Shigematsu, to the B.C. Security Commission at Lethbridge about the loss of your chattels?

A: No, I didn't report anything like that but I did ask them to send the items to me.

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MR. HUCKVALE: I have a letter, sir, and it is on the letterhead of the British Columbia Security Commission and it is addressed to the Supervisor, B.C.S.C., Lethbridge, Alberta, and reads:

"Re: Shigematsu, Sunao, No. 04177,
Box 116, Raymond, Alta.

"Yours of the 5th instant to Mr. Eastwood:

"Every complaint received from you in regard to goods of this man has been forwarded to the Custodian general office and the Custodian agent in Steveston, starting from the shipment made to him in May, 1943. We have not been able to get very much

information or action.

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S. Shigematsu,
In Chief.

"Your letter of October 16th asking that a further search be made for the box containing linens, cushions, pictures, etc., was sent to the Custodian here and Steveston, October 19th. They were traced again on November 29th and again on December 8th. Your Custodian release of December 1st received here January 27th with your letter of January 25th, was sent out January 28th. Our field man, Mr. MacDonald, has endeavored to get some action on these goods several times at Steveston. Our last advice is that some of the goods have been located, and we hope that something will be done toward delivering the goods to us in a week or so."

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I will put that in, sir.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Did you ever receive those goods that they are talking about?

20 A Yes, they were sent to me.

Q You got some of these goods, did you?

A Yes, some of them.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q: He did not get them all?

A No, not all, just some of them.

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now, you claimed, Mr. Shigematsu, \$150.00 for lumber.

A: Yes.

Q And you tell us that was a thousand feet of common and 150 feet of hardwood?

A Yes.

30 Q How much did that lumber cost you?

B. Shigumtan,
In Chief.

A I made a list here last night. Some of them \$60.00, some of them \$45.00, and some of them, the hardwood, 14 cents a foot.

Q 14 cents a foot for the hardwood?

A Yes, and some of them 20 cents a foot -- 22 cents a foot.

Q Well did that lumber that you claim cost you \$150.00 or more or less than \$150.00?

A I think less.

10 Q A little less?

A: Yes.

Q Well how much less?

A About \$21.00 less.

Q So that you want to reduce your claim by that much, do you?

A: Yes.

Q Is that right?

A: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: His claim is then \$129.00?

MR. HUCKVALE: He claimed his lumber cost was \$150.00, and he has detailed it now and it comes to \$21.75 less.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: So that \$128.65 is the claim?

MR. HUCKVALE: Yes, sir, with respect to that one item.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, that is what I mean.

MR. HUCKVALE: Q These dining chairs that you say that were in your shop, do you remember the dining room chairs that you claimed for?

A Yes.

Q What wood were they made out of?

A They were made of birch.

30 Q And you value those at \$7.00, is that correct?

S. Shigematsu,
In Chief.

A I do, \$7.00 each.

Q Now these toys and novelties that you say that you brought from Japan, what did they consist of exactly?

A There were 13 lampstands made of bamboo, one-half gross of toy guns made of bamboo, and Christmas tree decorations.

Q Now you claimed some miscellaneous hardware. Can you tell me what that consisted of so far as you can remember?

A That consisted of hinges, nails, and other things that I had in my store.

Q Well were they things that you used in the course of your business?

A Yes, they were used in connection with my business.

Q Now your store fixtures that you claimed for, what did they consist of?

A Counter, awnings, benches, stove, couch.

Q That is all, thank you. Would you answer Mr. Rice, please.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the chattels that came into the Custodian's possession were sold at their fair cash value. I am submitting that these other articles were not declared by the claimant and the Custodian is not responsible for them.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q The Custodian credited you or your account with \$39.60 for the half horsepower motor, did he not?

A Yes.

Q And your butterfly collection, you requested the Custodian to turn over to Professor Davidson?

A Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I don't think there is a claim on that, but if my learned friend wants information about it, I will put in this letter from Professor Davidson which shows that that collection was ruined.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Ruined when he got it?

MR. HUCKVALE: Ruined when Professor Davidson got it.

MR. REE: Probably before it left the claimant's possession.

MR. HUCKVALE: Well you just read the letter and see.
(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. REE: Q First of all, the store that you had your woodworking plant and your furniture factory was rented, was it not?

A Yes.

20 Q And the awnings, I take it, would belong to the store, would they not?

A No, I had it made myself.

Q And attached to the premises?

A Yes.

Q And the counter, was that fastened to the premises?

MR. HUCKVALE: I will point out that none of these chattels are shown in here as attached to the real property.

A It was a moveable counter.

30 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q: What is that?

S. Shigematsu,
Cross-Exam.

A It was a moveable counter.

Q It was moveable?

A It wasn't fixed, in other words.

MR. HUCKVALE: There is nothing shown on the analysis that was part of the real property.

MR. REE: You brought it out. I didn't bring it out at all. I am asking him about these things as I want to know if they belonged to the claimant or belonged to the premises.

10 MR. HUCKVALE: If you say it belonged to the premises you should show it on your analysis.

MR. REE: I am asking the claimant if they were fastened to the premises, or what. He says they were his.

Q The encyclopedia that you claimed for, where did you get that from?

A From Collier's.

Q How old was it?

A: About two

years.

20 Q And you paid \$65.00 for it, did you?

A Yes.

Q And you are claiming \$65.00 for it?

A Yes.

Q It hasn't depreciated at all in two years?

A Perhaps it has.

Q And the rest of your claim is on the same basis as that, is it?

A: Some I

considered had depreciated, therefore I am claiming less.

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Cross-Exam.

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S. Shigematsu,
Cross-Exam.
Re-Direct Exam.

Q Why didn't you claim less on the encyclopedia?

MR. HUCKVALE: Oh, read the claim. He has got the encyclopedia as part of the set of books that he owned. He is not claiming for the encyclopedia only. All you have to do is to read the claim to find out.

A I don't know. The encyclopedia was like new.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUCKVALE:

10 Q Who owned the awning? You or your landlord?

A No, it belonged to me.

Q Did you have any books in this claim other than the encyclopedia or in addition to the encyclopedia?

A Yes, I had many other books.

Q You had many other books?

A Yes.

Q That is all, thank you.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER Is that all?

20 MR. HUCKVALE: That is all, yes, sir.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

[Signature]
F.S.R. HOWARD
Official Reporter.

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER:

Name of Claimant **SEIGMATH, Sumao**

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Custodian File **4587**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount 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		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
224.00	78.40	23.52	35%	786.00	275.10	10.00	1.20	299.82		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										299.82

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October 10th, 1950.

Mr. Sunao SHIGEMATSU,
Raymond, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 583

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$299.82.

Cheque for \$282.48 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$17.34 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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