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Marine Bldg.
BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

4901

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: HIJI EI (Mrs)HOME ADDRESS: Vancouver Cannery, Eburne, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 04081 SEX: Female AGE: 60OCCUPATION: Housewife

(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: NoneMARRIED? WidowNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneNAMES 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:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: 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: None. Apparently just stays with different friends when she can.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Coal Stove, wood heater, tables (2) dresser, bureau, cooking utensils,
2 double bed and three mattresses, 10 kitchen chairs, 2 Congoleums.
all stored at Vancouver Cannery, Eburne, B.C.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None

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

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: _____

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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 18th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

Ei. NijiPer. Haruo Ohama

J. Ramsey
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

Date May 19/43

Our File No. 4701

Full Name HISI, Ei
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04081 Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Sept. 18, 1880

Former Address

Vancouver Cannery, Sea Island, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Apr. 26/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(check)

Present Address

Rainier, Alta
Box 229, Smith Farms, Lethbridge, Alta
1st 24146

Widow
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

OYAMA, Sei

Name of Father

OYAMA, Shokichi
(Widow)

Names of Children under 16

Japani

Requested by

CCP

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4701

Oct. 24/46

RE: E1 (Mrs. Zenshiro) HIJI (Widow)
Reg. No. 04081

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

CHATELS: Mrs. HIJI, who made her declaration to the Custodian on April 18/42 and was evacuated April 26/42, declared chattels as shown on Schedule on file. Goods inventoried in her name from the basement of the house of Jisuke FUKUSHIMA and from the Vancouver Cannery in her name, were sold for the net sum of \$57.99 and this sum credited to her account with the Custodian.

The following goods declared by Mrs. HIJI were not found by the Custodian:

1 roll linoleum	1 table✓	1 clock and cover
1 heater stove✓	1 bureau✓	2 toys
1 bed	1 mirror	2 prs. blankets
1 water bucket	1 dresser✓	1 comforter

The file reveals she owned no specified articles.

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. 24/46
LBM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 4701

Oct. 24/46

RE: EI (Mrs. Zenshiro) HIJI
Reg. No. 04081

This file reveals no claims against Mrs. HIJI.

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

Oct. 24/46
LHM:

L. M. Hannon
L. Hannon

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File No. 4701

Oct. 24/46

RE: Ei (Mrs. Zenshiro) HIJI (Widow)
Reg. No. 04061

DECLARED by Mrs. HIJI
on April 18/42 and by
letter of Feb. 24/43

INVENTORIED BY CUSTODIAN
at the House of J. FUKUSHIMA
Acme Cannery on Nov. 25/42

SOLD

OTHER
DISPOSITION

STORED IN THE BASEMENT
OF HOUSE OF MR. Jisuke
FUKUSHIMA, Acme Cannery

3 mattresses

2 linoleums
First 10 kitchen chairs &
then 8 kitchen chairs

1 Douglas cooking range
1 heater stove
2 double beds

1 water bucket

3 mattresses

large roll linoleum
4 k.chairs
4 k.chairs (At Vancouver
Cannery List 14)
Douglas cooking range
1 bed & spring (List 484 on
File 5311)

apparently
discarded
12/5/44 1 not found
7-12/5/44
4-16/3/45

12/5/44
not found
12/5/44 1 not found

not found

1 Gurney cooking range } neither of
1 Singer sewing machine } these declared
 (by Mrs. HIJI, so
 (were not credited
 (to her account.

MRS. HIJI states in
letter of Feb. 24/43
that the following goods
were at the Cannery warehouse

2 tables

43 fruit jars)
2 tea kettles)
5 sauce pans)
3 drying pans)
1 tea tray)
30 dishes)
4 tea pots)
20 cups)
12 Japanese bowls)

1 home made table

1 large box (contents unknown)
4 boxes (invent. at Van. Cannery)

kitchenware (3 lots))
chinaware)
trays)
iron pot)
all sold 16/3/45

missing or may
have been
discarded

INVENTORIED AT VANCOUVER
CANNERY June 11/45

1 bureau
1 mirror
1 dresser
1 clock and cover
2 toys (car & swan rocker)
100 lb. rice in sack)
100 lb. rice in 2 cans)

2 cans rice

not found
not found
not found
not found
not found

29/6/45 (8.25)

<u>DECLARED, etc.</u>	<u>INVENTORIED, etc.</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>OTHER DISPOSITION</u>
2 prs. blankets			not found
1 comforter (filled with cotton)			not found
1 suit case	suit case	29/6/45	
small items packed in		books	29/6/45
2 boxes			

The above Schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.
 Oct. 24/46
 LMM:

L. McKinnon
 L. McKinnon

NAME HLJI, El (Mrs. Zenshire)

REGISTRATION NO. 04361

FILE NO. 4701

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on June 29, 1945.

✓ Can of rice ✓	\$ 4.25
✓ Suit case ✓	1.50
✓ Books ✓	0.50
✓ Can rice ✓	4.00

*All items were listed as
household effects.*

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 1.03	\$ 10.25
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.52	
	(Moving: 1.50	\$ 3.01
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 7.24

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 36.

Remarks.

NAME KLJL, RI

REGISTRATION NO. 04081

FILE NO. 4701

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B. C. on March 16, 1945.

Kitchenware ✓
 Chinaware ✓
 Trays
 Kitchenware ✓
 Iron Pot
 Kitchenware ✓
 4 Kitchen chairs ✓

\$ 1.50
 1.00
 1.75
 2.50
 0.80
 1.00
 4.50 ✓

*Transferred on
 March 16, 1945
 to the
 Steveston Office*

Total

\$ 19.05

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.51
 (Advertising: 1.04
 (Moving: 1.44

\$ 3.99

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 11.06

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 31

Remarks.

15.05
 4.50
 10.55

NAME MLT, E (Mrs. Zenshiro)

REGISTRATION NO. 04081

FILE NO. 4701

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Staverton, B. C. on May 12, 1944.

Hall of Linoleum ✓	\$ 3.25 ✓
7 Kitchen chairs ✓	3.00 ✓
Kitchen range ✓	37.50 ✓
Double bed & spring ✓	8.50 ✓

Total		<u>\$ 52.25</u>
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$5.23	
	(Advertising: 2.42	<u>\$ 12.56</u>
	(Moving: 4.91	
Net Proceeds Credited:		<u><u>\$ 39.69</u></u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris
Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Staverton 13
Remarks.

November 25, 1942.

Name: HIJI, Mrs. E1

File: 4701

Reg. No. 04081

EVACUATION STATUS
Rec'd MAR 5 1943
File No.
Ass.
Detained

LIST OF CHATTELS

Belonging to HIJI, Sea Island, B. C.

Inside Fukushima's house (basement):

- ✓ 3 Mattresses ✓
- ✓ Large roll of linoleum ✓
- ✓ 4 Kitchen chairs ✓
- ✗ Large box tied up (cont. unknown)
- ✗ 1 Gurney cooking range (coal) ●
- ✗ 1 Table (H.M.)
- ✓ Douglas cooking range ✓
- ✗ Singer sewing machine (pedal) ✓
- ✓ 2 Double beds
- ✓ 1 Heater stove
- ✓ 1 Water Bucket

Chattele stored in
Canning Warehouse

- 1 Bureau (BUREAU)
- 1 Mirror
- 1 Clock and cover
- 43 Fruit jars
- 2 Tea Kettles
- 5 Sauce pans
- 3 Frying pans.
- 1 Tea tray
- 30 Dishes
- 4 Tea pots
- 20 Cups
- 12 bowls (Japanese)
- 1 Wash tub
- 2 Toys (car and bean rocker)
- 100 lbs Rice in sack
- 100 " " in two cans
- 2 Pair Blankets
- 1 comforter (filled with cotton)
- 1 Suit case (Brown) filled with clothing
Small items are packed
in two boxes

Date Feb 1943 Signed E1 Hiji
Per E. Hiji (daughter)

Please sign and return to this office, one copy.

✓
to Smith from
Harry Keithbridge Alta
Feb. 24/43

Office of the Custodian (Protection Dept)
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 5 1943
File No.	4701
By	8/15 Jh
Initials	✓

Dear Sirs;

re. your file no. 4701

I received your favor of the Nov. 25th last just recently when my relatives from Rainier called and handed same to me.

The chattels stored in the basement of Mr. Jukushima's house under my name are as follows: -

- 3 Mattresses
- ✓ 2 Linoleum
- ✓ 3 Kitchen chairs
- ✓ 1 Douglas cooking range
- 1 Heater stove
- 2 Double beds
- 1 Water bucket

I also enclose the list of chattels stored in the barnyard warehouse under my name. Please check same as well at your convenience

yours truly
Ei Hiji (Registration No. 04081)
Per T. Matsuo (son-in-law)

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March 9th, 1943

Mrs. M. HIJI,
Registration No. 04081,
c/o Smith Farm,
Box 229,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Madam:-

Thank you for your letter of February 24th listing your effects left in the basement of Mr. Fukushima's house. As nothing has been moved from this basement, we think that your things may be assumed to be still safely there.

Turning to the chattels stored in the Vancouver Cannery Warehouse, we shall be inventorying these in due course but for the time being they are safe where they are.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

Box 229,
Lethbridge, Alberta,
January 13, 1947.

Dept. of the Sect. of State of Canada,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 16 1947
File #	
Att.	
Referred	

Dear Sir:

We received the Custodian cheque in the sum of \$7.99 dated October 25th 1946. Looking and checking over the list of chattels I left at the home of Mr. Isuke Fukushima and at the Vancouver Cannery warehouse, I am not satisfied with the cheque you sent me. After careful checking it isn't enough, so I am sending this cheque back.

Please pardon my delay for the acknowledgment of the receipt.

Kindly let me know if this is received.

Yours Truly,
(Mrs) Ki Kiji.

File No. 4701

Reg. No. 04081.

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October 24th, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mrs. EI HIJI,
Reg. No. 04081,
P. O. Box 229,
c/o Smith Farms,
LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Dear Madam:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$57.99, being the net proceeds from sale of chattels found at the home of Mr. Jisuke FUKUSHIMA and at the Vancouver Cannery warehouse and identified as belonging to you. As this is your total credit with this office we are now closing your account and your file. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson
Office of the Custodian

LEM:

Encl. (1)

file 4701

February 7th, 1947.

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. M.E. Brown

Dear Sir:

Re: Cheques refused and
returned by Japanese

We are enclosing herewith, for your record, a list of
the Japanese who have refused the Custodian's cheques and returned
them to this office. These have been redeposited by the Custodian.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/1c

Encl. - list of Japanese.

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14th September, 1948.

REGISTERED

Mrs. E. H. J. I.,
Regn. No. 04081,
P.O. Box 229,
Lethbridge, Alta.

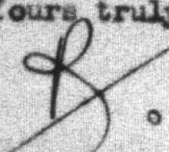
Dear Madam,

We enclose herewith a cheque for \$57.99 being balance of your account accruing from sale of your personal property, particulars of which are set out in the attached statement.

We wish to inform you that Justice Bird has ruled that acceptance of Custodian cheques by claimants will in no manner prejudice any claims they may have lodged with the Commissioner.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,


M.L. Brown,
Office of the Custodian.

MLB:HA
Encls 2 (cheque)

NOV 26 1947

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.

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

- (1) NAME HIJI EI (RCMP) Reg. No. 04081
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address VANCOUVER CANNERY, EBUARNE, B.C.
- (3) Present Address P.O. BOX 229, LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.
- (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 re-
ceivable) - - - - - \$ _____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - \$ _____
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____
- (5) PERSONAL PROPERTY
- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
INSIDE FUKUSHIMA'S HOUSE (BASEMENT)
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
HOUSE BASEMENT
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation _____

(over)

- (d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to 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")

IN CARE OF CUSTODIAN

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

1.	<u>1 SPRING-FILLED MATTRESS (54")</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>30.00</u> ✓
2.	<u>2 MATTRESSES (54")</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>20.00</u> ✓
3.	<u>1 LARGE ROLL OF LINOLEUM</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>15.00</u> ✓
4.	<u>4 KITCHEN CHAIRS</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>3.00</u> ✓
5.	<u>1 LARGE BOX OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>40.00</u> ✓
6.	<u>1 GURNEY COOKING RANGE (COAL)</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>40.00</u> X
7.	<u>1 TABLE (HOME-MADE)</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>2.00</u> ✓
8.	<u>1 DOUGLAS COOKING RANGE</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>40.00</u> ✓
9.	<u>1 SINGER SEWING MACHINE (PEDAL)</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>40.00</u> ✓
10.	<u>AMT. REALIZED BY CUSTODIAN</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>56.00</u>

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 174.00

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)) \$ 174.00

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

LETHBRIDGE

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,

of

TO WIT:

I, Norman Natsume (as agent for E. H. S.)
of Lethbridge in the Province of Alberta

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that 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 24 day of November
A.D. 1947. W. H. Matsume

W. H. Matsume
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.

CASE NO. 601.

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE L.M. STACK, SUB-COMMISSIONER),

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Lethbridge, Alberta,

August 23rd, 1946.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
(MRS.) EI MIJI.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

L.S. TURCOTE, Esq.,

appearing for the
 claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

R.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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T. Matsuno,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 601, Ei Hiji.

MR. TURCOTTE: I am calling Mrs. Hiji's son-in-law,
Mr. Tom Matsuno. Mrs. Hiji is a very elderly
lady and is in ill health and is not able to appear
personally at the hearing.

TOMATSU MATSUNE, a witness called on
behalf of the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as
follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q Mr. Matsuno, you are appearing on behalf of your
mother-in-law, Mrs. Ei Hiji?

A Yes.

Q And she is making a claim for some household goods?

A Yes.

Q I am showing you a statement which has your
signature on it, and is that correct to the best
of your information and belief?

A Yes.

20 MR. TURCOTTE: I will ask that to be marked as Exhibit 1.
(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. RICE: Personal chattels?

MR. TURCOTTE: Personal chattels, yes.

Q How had you, during the time that you lived at
the Coast, visited your mother-in-law's house?

A Yes, every now and then.

Q Every now and then?

A: Yes.

Q What do you mean by every now and then?

A About once every two or three months.

30 Q About once every two or three months?

A Yes.

Q And of your own personal knowledge do you know whether she had the articles that are listed in this claim, that is the mattresses, the linoleum and the chairs?

A Yes, I have seen them.

Q You have seen them?

A: Yes.

Q Do you know whether she brought any of these articles with her when she came to Alberta?

10 A No, she didn't.

Q I understand that your mother-in-law is living with you?

A Yes.

Q And she came to Alberta about two weeks after you came?

A: About two weeks

prior to my coming here.

Q Did she or didn't she bring any of these goods to your house?

A No, she didn't bring them.

20 Q How have you and your mother-in-law arrived at the values shown on the claim?

A My mother-in-law fixed the price at which the things were bought.

Q Yes.

A: As a standard.

Q Yes.

A: Then these prices

that appear here have been marked down from the cost prices.

Q Have been marked down?

A: Yes.

Q Have you any idea how much they were marked down?

30 A There are some things included in there that

T. Matsuno,
In Chief.

were practically new such as the stove and the spring-filled mattresses and these are almost the same as the new prices.

Q I see.

A: But the older things have been marked down to somewhere around thirty percent off.

Q Thirty percent?

A: Yes.

10 MR. TURCOTTE: Now, your Honour, the claim for the sewing machine and for the Gurney range is abandoned. Instead of the range there should be a heater included which was shown on the J.F. form.

MR. RICE: You have got the heater in your form.

20 MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, I have added the heater in the form at \$10.00 and cut out the range at \$40.00, the Gurney range, and also the sewing machine. Mr. Matsuno informs me that Mrs. Hiji gave the sewing machine to somebody else before she left, and she understands that this party did get the sewing machine. As to the Gurney range, they are sure they had the two ranges but rather than argue about it they are willing to forego the claim. That is all.

30 MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the chattels claimed by the claimant were sold at their fair market value, and those unaccounted for or lost or turned over by the claimant to a person other than the Custodian, the Custodian is not responsible for the same and if the Custodian is responsible the prices claimed are exorbitant.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are you filing a personal analysis?

MR. RICE: I will.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: Perhaps you could tell me this; I notice in the claim filed there are two congoleums. That is in the declaration, I believe, there are two congoleums, whereas the claim calls it a roll of linoleum.

10 MR. TURCOTTE: It is the same thing. He says that there were two pieces in the roll.

MR. RICE: It is the same?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, one roll, two pieces. I have it in the claim.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q The linoleum referred to in the claim consists of two congoleum rugs, is that right?

A Yes, two congoleum rugs.

20 Q They were purchased for \$20.00?

A Yes.

Q When did you buy them?

A About two years, between one and two years.

Q Between one and two years before evacuation?

A Before evacuation, yes.

Q You refer to a large box of household effects. What was in the box?

A Pots and pans, dishes, knives and forks, and a certain amount of feedstuffs.

30 Q A certain amount of feedstuffs?

A Yes.

Q What kind of foodstuffs?

A Rice.

Q Have you an itemized statement of what was contained in that box?

A: No.

Q Did you ever see the contents of the box yourself?

A No.

Q Have you talked over with Mrs. Hiji as to how she arrived at the value of the contents?

10 A I think she was going according to what she thought was the market price at the time.

Q I see. Who is Jisuke Fukushima?

A That is the person who was looking after my mother-in-law's things.

Q That is the person that she turned the things over to, is that right?

A No, those are the people in whose basement the stuff was left belonging to Mrs. Hiji.

Q Mrs. Hiji stored it in their basement, is that it?

20 A Yes.

Q Mrs. Hiji stored all her property in the basement of a building either owned or, at least, occupied by Jisuke Fukushima?

A No, she didn't leave all her things in the basement. There was about \$150.00 worth of stuff left in the cannery warehouse but we figured that there was not much chance of any claim so that we have abandoned that.

30 Q You abandoned your claim to the property that was

left in the cannery?

A Yes.

Q When the claimant left the evacuated area, where did she go to, Slecan City?

A She came direct to Raymond, Alberta.

Q Do you know where Mr. Fukishima went?

A Yes, Mr. Fukishima went to Slecan or somewhere else in that vicinity.

10 Q Did she ever inquire of him whether he was in possession of any of her property?

A No, she has never inquired.

Q Never inquired?

A No.

Q My information is that some 59 packages were shipped to Mr. Fukishima at Slecan City in February?

20 MR. TURCOTTE: I might point out, your Honour, that we are only claiming for the chattels which are listed in the inventory made by the Custodian so that I do not think the question of what was shipped matters.

MR. RICE: Then you are dropping your claim for the sewing machine?

MR. TURCOTTE: It is in the inventory, but we have dropped it, anyway.

MR. RICE: No, it isn't. Oh yes, it is, I am sorry.

30 MR. TURCOTTE: The sewing machine is and the Gurney cooking stove, they are both in the inventory but we are dropping it.

MR. RICE: The Gurney cooking stove and the sewing machine?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, we are dropping that.

MR. RICE: The Gurney cooking stove isn't mentioned in the declaration, though.

MR. TURCOTTE: No, it isn't.

MR. RICE: That is all, thanks.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, your Honour.

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(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

S. A. Howard
"S. A. Howard"
Official Reporter.

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

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SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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Defence Brief

(Mrs.) EI HIJI

File No. 4701

Case No. 601 ^

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Chattel Claim

\$160.00 Based on Ex. 601-1

- (a) Goods valued by
claimant at \$98.00 Sold at auction for 63.25 (64%)

Witness: Thompson & Co., Auctioneers.
Harris, attended sale. ^

- (b) Goods valued at 62.00 left under the custody, control
or management of someone other
than the Custodian, appointed by
the owner of the property.

Witness: Jisuki FUKUSHIMA ^

See letters on this file -

R.C.M. Police dated 7 Feb. 44
Mrs. Butler dated 18 Feb. 44
Custodian dated 19 Oct. 42
J. Fukushima dated 21 Aug. 42.

Mrs. Ei Hiji in her J.P. form dated
18 April 1942 stated that all the
goods declared there were stored at
Vancouver Cannery, Eburne, B.C., but
actually she left the goods in Jisuki
Fukushima's house. There is a copy
of Fukushima's letter on file assuring
the Custodian he would be responsible.
Fukushima came to Vancouver in Feb. 44
and shipped or sold all goods in his
house.

Trans. 5 line 26 et seq. The contents
of the box referred to claimed 40.00
pots and pans, etc. and ~~price~~ ----
were sold at auction and realized
20.80. Witness had never seen contents
and though HIJI "was going according
to what she thought was the market
price at the time". "J. Fukushima is
the person in whose basement the
stuff belonging to Mrs. Hiji was left."
"Claim for stuff left at Cannery was
abandoned."

Ex. 1 - Chattels Statement

Ex. 2 - Pers. property analysis claim.

Submission: Chattels sold were sold
for fair market value. Those unaccounted
for or lost or turned over by the claimant
to a person other than the Custodian,
Custodian is not responsible. If Custodian
is responsible, prices claimed are
exorbitant.

Name of Claimant **WILL, M**Case **601**Custodian File **4701**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
98.00	63.25	18.97	64.54%	62.00	40.01		58.98			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										58.98

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March 16th, 1951

Mrs. Ei HIJI,
2126 - 6th Ave., N. W.,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:
~~xxx~~ Madam:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 601

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 ... \$ 58.98.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 55.57
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 3.41
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FGS:BX
Encl.