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RENTAL SETTLEMENT

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: OKAMOTO Hatsutaro.HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B.C. (Colonial Cannery house No. 12).REGISTRATION NUMBER 09466. SEX: Male. AGE: 60.OCCUPATION: Fisherman.

(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.EXHIBIT NO. 726-9MARRIED? Yes.DATE Sept 25 1948FILLED BY GracieNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Chikuwo.ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: as above.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Tamiko (F), Seichi (M) Tadaharu (M)Yoshiko (F) Sachio (F).ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Tamiko, Mrs. Katai, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.Other children with parents, address as above.AGE OF CHILDREN: 23, 20, 18, 18, 12.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Moncton Road, Steveston, B.C.
Municipality of Richmond, Lot A of Block 5 of Block 8 of Section 11 Block 3
North Range 7 West Map 4245. Cert. Title No. 78616 E.

- ② No. 2 Road, Steveston, B.C. Lot 4 of 14.4 acre portion of the West Half of
Section 18 Block 3 North Range 6 West, Map 6195. Cert. Title No. 138728 E.
in the District of New Westminster, B.C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Moncton Road. 1 Packing Shed.(crop of peas & loganberries)No. 2 Road. 2 Packing Sheds.3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None.4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) About \$11.00 and \$6.00 paid in 1941 at
Richmond Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

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

None.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Farmed by ownerNone.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In own Possession.
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None.
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN Loganberries and Peas on 1 1/2 Acres.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Richmond Street, Steveston, B.C. Land, 1 Acre.
Colonial Cannery house No. 12.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Land. River Fish Co., Steveston.
House. Colonial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
Land. \$15.00 per annum paid to the end of 1941.
House. Arrangement with Colonial Cannery.
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:

Strawberries on 1 acre.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

At Colonial Cannery House No. 12. 2 Stoves, Dinner Set, Kitchen Ware, Pottery, Knives, Dishes, 2 Chests of Drawers, Wardrobe, 6 Beds, Carpet, 3 Bookcases, Sofa, 2 Tables, 8 Chairs, Desk, Singer Sewing Machine, Radio (handed over to Military Police), Gramophone, Water Hose, Bicycle, School Text Books, World Books, Palmer Engine. In Packing Shed at No. 2 Road. Farm Equipment. (Bath Tub, Wood 4 cords.

At Colonial Cannery, Steveston, 12 Fishing Nets, 6 Lines (Cork and Lead).

At Scottish Canadian Cannery, Steveston. Gas Engine (Ford) Fishing Vessel (this declarant states was used by the Navy and was so damaged that it would not be taken to New Westminster.

Will leave goods at house assigned for storage by the Cannery. (Colonial Cannery).

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

Will leave wood at #12 Cannery house and farm equipment in packing shed on #2 Rd.

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) \$50.00 Victory Bonds maturing in 1954. In own possession.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \$500.00 approx. in Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B.C.
9. LIFE INSURANCE: None.
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.

A. J. McArthur

Witness

(Signature)

H. K. K. K.

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

DATE May 3, 1943

Our File No. 4968

Full Name OKAMOTO Hatsutaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03466

Male - Female
(Check)

Age March 19, 1882

Former Address P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B.C. (Colonial Cannery House No. 12)

Date Evacuated May 17, 1942

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address c/o L. Chipman, Welling, Alberta. (1942)

P.O. Box 388, Taber, Alberta. (Jan. 1947)

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife Chikuo #03415

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother —

Name of Father —

Names of Children under 16 Shachio (F) August 27, 1929

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of gasboat lic. N.W. 3071, also house and
ground at Steveston, B.C.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY (ii)

January 21, 1947. //

PARCEL NO. 2

JAPANESE NAME: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO - reg. No. 03466 - File No. 4968

CATALOGUE NO: Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Richmond, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 4 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West Half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, map 6195, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Small farm

ASSESSED VALUE: Land \$327.00 Annual Taxes \$8.75
Improvements \$ 50.00

TITLE: registered in the name of Hatsutaro OKAMOTO.

ENCUMBRANCES: registered Charges: Dyking Charge.
Certificate of Vesting in the Custodian,
Filed No. 25530.
Unregistered Charge: No indication of any.
Vesting Order No. 25530 - March 8, 1943, as to the interest
of Hatsutaro Okamoto.
in his declaration of April 20, 1943, Hatsutaro Okamoto
declared this property to the Custodian.

HISTORY OF
ADMINISTRATION: The Custodian's representative reported on July 10, 1942:
"Parcel No. 2 consists of 1 acre, not yet sown
to crop."
Before evacuation, Hatsutaro Okamoto entered into a lease
agreement with a Mr. Howse, consideration being, \$100.00
paid on the signing of the agreement, and thereafter, for
the payment of taxes and water, term being from the 7th day
of April, 1942, for the duration of the war with Japan.
This lease agreement includes the property known as Lot "A",
which is dealt with on a separate summary known as Parcel #1.
The tenancy of this property was not interfered with by the
Custodian. The taxes being paid by Mr. Howse.
Sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for the
sum of \$214.00, and adjustments were calculated as of
January 1, 1943.
Funds were released to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto
on January 12, 1944.

EXHIBIT NO.

DATE

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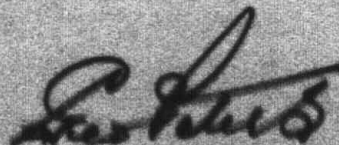
January 21, 1947.

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Certificate of Title No. 165934-E was delivered to the Director on January 17, 1944.

A complete statement of the transaction was forwarded to Hatsutaro Okamoto on April 18, 1944.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

PARCEL NO. 1

JAPANESE NAME: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO - Reg. No. 03466 - File No. 4968

CATALOGUE NO: Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Richmond, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot "A" of Block 5 of Block 8 of Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 4245, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Farm Land

ASSESSED VALUE: Land \$437.00 Annual Taxes \$10.84
Improvements \$ 20.00

TITLE: Registered in the name of Hatsutaro OKAMOTO.

ENCUMBRANCES: Registered Charges: Dyking Charge
Certificate of Vesting in the Custodian,
Filed No. 24658.
Unregistered charge: No indication of any.
Vesting Order No. 24658 - September, 1942, as to the interest
of Hatsutaro Okamoto.
In his declaration of April 20, 1942, Hatsutaro Okamoto
declared this property to the Custodian.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: The Custodian's representative reported on July 10, 1942:
"Parcel No. 1 consists of 1.673 acres, of which
approximately 1 acre is in peas, and the balance
is in loganberries."
Before evacuation, Hatsutaro Okamoto entered into a lease
agreement with a Mr. Howse, consideration being, \$100.00
paid on the signing of the agreement, and thereafter, for
the payment of taxes and water, term being from the 7th day
of April, 1942, for the duration of the war with Japan.
This lease agreement includes the property known as Lot 4,
which is dealt with on a separate summary known as Parcel 2.
The tenancy of this property was not interfered with by the
Custodian. The taxes being paid direct by Mr. Howse.
A letter appears on file, dated January 12, 1943, addressed
to Mr. S. Sopel of Steveston, B. C., from the Soldier Settle-
ment of Canada, as follows:
"We have received a letter from the above Japanese
(Hatsutaro Okamoto) advising that he wants \$1,600.00
cash for the above described property."

January 21, 1947.

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Written in pencil, on the bottom of this letter, is an offer from Stanley Sopel to purchase this property for this sum. This offer was submitted to Hatsutaro Okamoto by the Custodian, and accepted by him in his letter of March 4, 1943. However, this offer was withdrawn by Sopel on March 17, 1943, as he found he had made an offer on the wrong property.

Sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for the sum of \$409.00, and adjustments were calculated as of January 1, 1943.

Funds were released to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto on January 12, 1944.

Certificate of Title No. 165935-E was delivered to the Director on January 17, 1944.

A complete statement of this transaction was forwarded to Hatsutaro Okamoto on April 18, 1944.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

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S.S. Form No. 43
(Sheet 1)

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.535

Land Description Lot 4, Sub-div. of a 14.4 ac. part of W¹/₂ Sec. 18, T. 3N., Rge. 6W., Map 6195.

Containing 1.09 Acres

Owner's Name Makutaro OKAMOTO Post Office Address Stevenson P.O., B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Stevenson, B.C.N. Ry. Distance 1 1/2 mls.

Market Town (Good local deliveries) Vancouver Distance 10 "

Church (give denomination) All within Distance 3 "

Nearest School Stevenson Distance 1 1/2 "

State how property was identified: Posts, Roads, Map.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Yes. Main Street is also the Dyke. Clay top, bad when wet.

Is this district a good one? Yes. Both large and small farms.

Employment opportunity Varied. Fishing, Canneries, Farms & Industrial.

Dominating Nationality and religion: British, Protestant.

Describe Fencing and its condition: C.N.R. Ry. fence only. Value \$

Water supply: City Water installed on adjoining Lot B of 3. Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	X							
	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

Electric Light available along #2 Road.

Total present day value \$

Total Value Buildings add to farm \$

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable?

Describe the basement and chimneys:

No. rooms downstairs? Basements? How finished

Are buildings painted? Condition of paint

Distance from nearest bush

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
1.00	Flat	Silty Clay 1' merging	Good Clay.	All planted to Potatoes. Good.	200.00	218.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

1.00Total value of Land \$ 218.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$

Total value of farm \$ 218.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Mr. H. A. Newse, good local farmer (S.S.) has the Lot in potatoes.
Excellent, clean crop.State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Just a home site.

Noxious weeds: Not in evidence.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

Corporation of the Township of Richmond \$8.39.

Subject to Lulu Island West Dyking Charges.

Date: 22nd July, 1942.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 17th day of July, 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"T. GODFREY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Remarks: Mr. H. A. Howan has Lot 4 with 5 & 6 adjoining rented. He has put it all in Potatoes & has a good clean crop. Though Lulu Street is legal access, it is the Dyke top clay, good while dry, would be difficult when wet. Undoubtedly City water could be extended from Lot B of 3 on West, & possibly the electric light from same line.

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

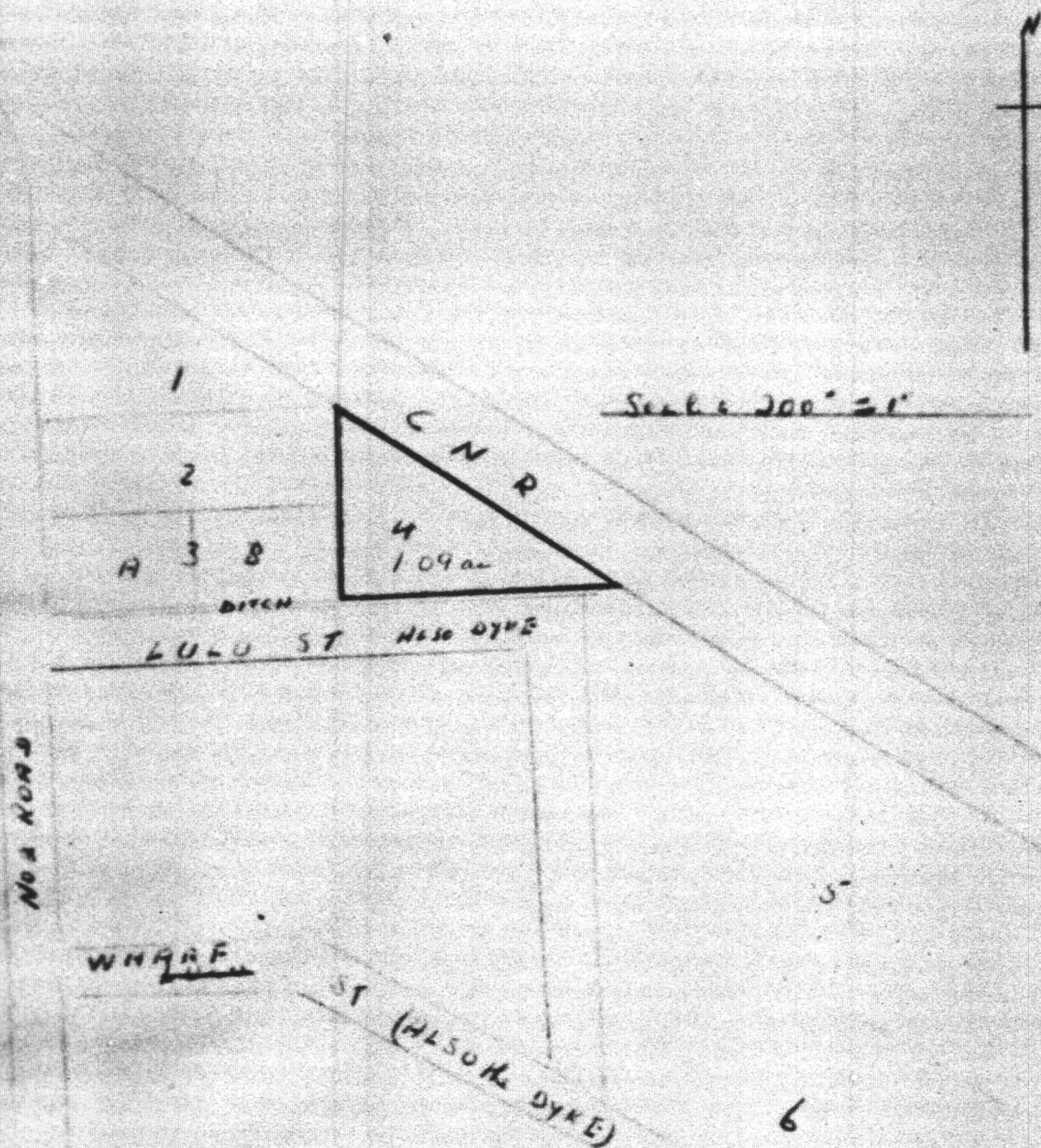
(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is \$ 200

Date 23rd July, 1942.

"I. T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.

Canada

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 4958

Reg. No. 03466

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

APR 18 1944

Mr. Saburo OKAMOTO,
c/o L. Chipman,
Willing, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot 4 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West half of
Section 18 Block 3 North, Range 6 West Map 6195,
District of New Westminster, Mun. of Richmond,
C. of B. 51324.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

Sale price of above described property	\$ 214.00
Add:	
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943	214.00
 Less:	
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$
Registration fee	3.00
Encumbrance—Principal	
—Interest	3.00
Net proceeds of sale	\$ 211.00

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

File No. MS/8792
(32-835)

Vancouver, B.C.

January 17th, 1944.

A.G. Duncan Gray, Esq.,
Randall Building,
535 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Lot 4 of a 14.4 ac. par. of the W¹ of Sec.
18, Blk. 3, N., Rge. 6, V., Map 6198.
MUNICIPALITY OF RICHMOND

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate
Certificate of Title No. 1659342 of the New Westminster
Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the
name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque
for \$ 214.00, in favour of The Secretary of State,
forwarded to you and dated January 12th, 1944, is the
amount of the purchase price in full of the above land
arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$ <u>214.00</u>
Less arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$ <u> </u>
Amount paid to Secretary of State	- \$ <u>214.00</u> ✓

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the
purchase price by signing the receipt on the duplicate hereof
and return it to me.

Yours truly,

W.K. Chandler
W.K. Chandler,
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

RECEIVED Cheque covering the purchase
price in full of the land above described.

JAN 24 1944

Date

Solicitor for
The Secretary of State

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Farm Appraisal Report

File No. **JL-535**

Land Description Lot "A", Blk. 5 of Blk. 8, Sec. 11, Blk. 5, N., R. 7, W., Map 4240.
Containing 1.67

Containing		Steveston, B.C.
Owner's Name	OKAMOTO, Hatautaro	Post Office Address
Nearest Rail Point	Steveston, B.C.	Distance
Market Town	Vancouver - 10 miles; New Westminster	Distance
Church (give denomination)	All denominations - Steveston	Distance
Nearest School	Steveston, B.C.	Distance

Map location and corner post.

Nearest School _____
State how property was identified: _____ Map location and corner post.
_____ has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

State how property was identified: _____

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.
Direct access to Moneton Road. Paved road, good.

Is this district a good one? Reasonably good.

Employment opportunity Fairly good - Steveston; fishing and industrial.

Oriental predominating in this area.

Employment opportunity..... Fairly good - 300
Predominating Nationality and religion: Orientals predominating in this area.
Wine fenced North and South. Value \$.....

Describe Fencing and its condition: - Wire fenced North and South. Value \$.

Describe Fencing and its condition: _____ Value \$ _____

Water supply: _____

BUILDINGS ON FARM

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BUILDINGS ON FARM								
BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	30 x 15	Frame	1 st.	Shgl.	20	Wood	Poor	
BARN								
BARN								
GRANARY								

Total present day value \$.....=

Total Value Buildings add to farm.....

Is dwelling habitable without repairs?

habitable?

Not applicable.

Describe the basement and chimneys:

No. rooms downstairs? Upstairs? How finished

Are buildings painted? ☐ Yes ☐ No Condition of paint ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Distance from nearest bush

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
1.67	Level	Clay loam, 10" to 15"	Clay	Loganberries & Peas	250.00	417.50
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
Area Unsuited for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 417.50

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ -

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -

Total value of farm \$ 417.50

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

No dwelling on property. Land leased to H.A. Howse; property well operated
and in good state of cultivation and fertility.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Cane fruit and truck farming.

Noxious weeds:

None of consequence.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

Assessed - Land - \$437.00
Imp. - \$ 20.00 - 1942 Tax - \$10.84.
(Corporation of Richmond).

Date: July 16th, 1942.
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

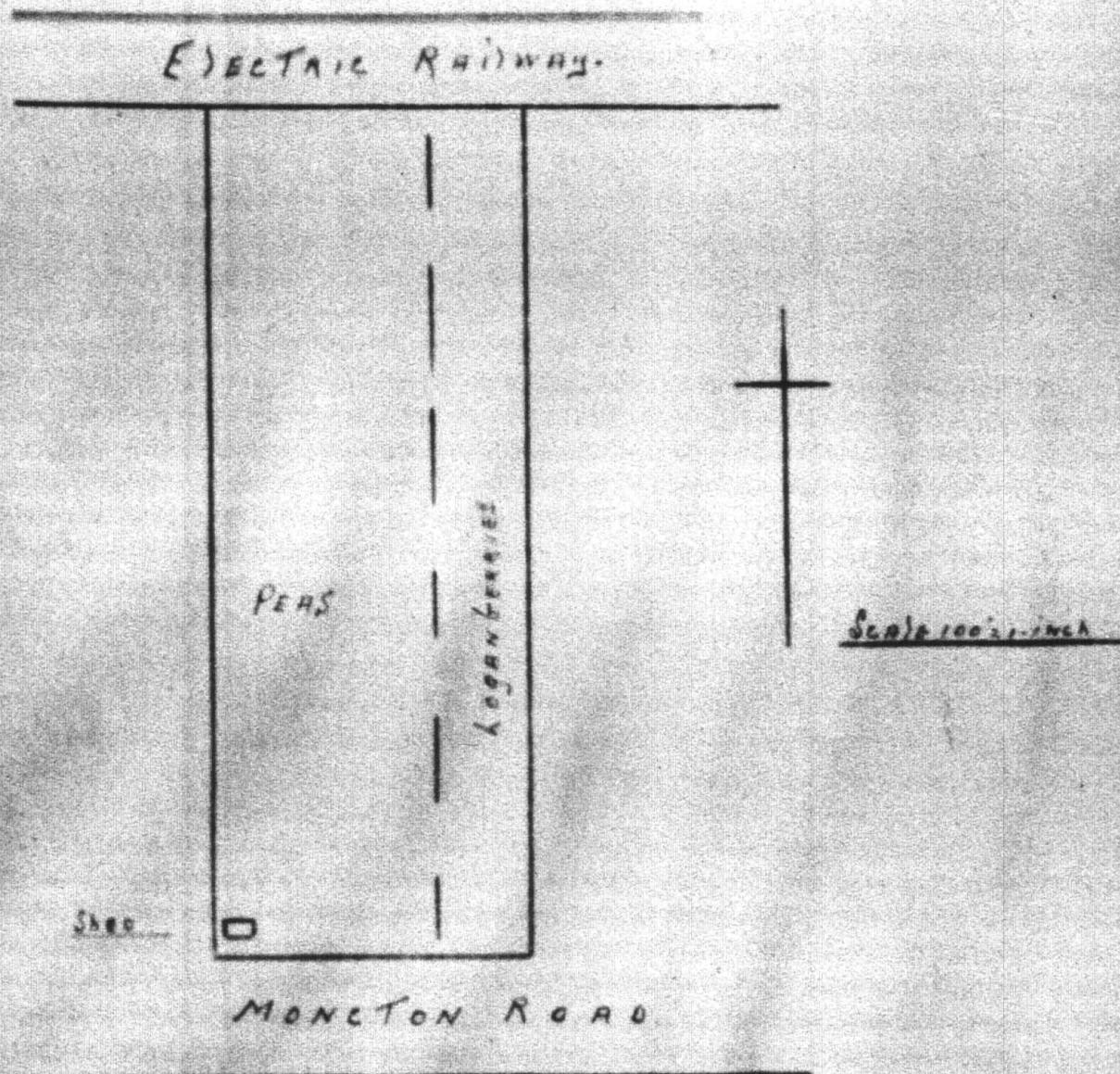
I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 15 day of July 19 42

Inspector's Signature

"H.L. SINCLAIR"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Diagram of Property



LOT A - Block 5 of Block 8 - SECT 11 - BLOCK 3 N. R 7 W. MAP 4245

HATSUTARO - OKAMOTO.

1.673 A.C.S.

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 400

Date 18th July 1942

[Signature]
District Superintendent.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

File No. 33/6792
(JL-535)

Vancouver, B.C.

January 17th, 1944.

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
Randall Building,
535 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

#4968 OKA MOTO, Hatsutaro
Reg. 03466

Dear Sir:-

Re: Lot "A" of Blk. 5 of Blk. 5 of Sec. 11,
Blk. 3, E., Rge. 7, W., Map 4245.
MUNICIPALITY OF RICHMOND

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate Certificate of Title No. 1459352 of the New Westminster Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque for \$ 21,072.75, in favour of The Secretary of State, forwarded to you and dated January 12th, 1944, is the amount of the purchase price in full of the above land arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$ 409.00
Less arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$ -
Amount paid to Secretary of State	- \$ 409.00 ✓

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the purchase price by signing the receipt on the duplicate hereof and return it to me.

Yours truly,

W.K. Chandler

W.K. Chandler,
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

RECEIVED Cheque covering the purchase price in full of the land above described.

JAN 24 1944

Date

Solicitor for
The Secretary of State

Release
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Canada

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 4968

Reg. No. 03466

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APR 18 1944

Mr. Hatsuaro OKAMOTO,
c/o L. Chipman,
Welling, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot "A" of Block 5 of Block 8 of Section 11
Block 3 North, Range 7 West Map 4245, District
of New Westminster, Mun. of Richmond,
C. of B. 50148.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

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Add:	
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943	409.00
Less:	
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$ 3.00
Registration fee	
Encumbrance—Principal	
—Interest	3.00
Net proceeds of sale	\$ 406.00

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

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Jan. 1

Credit re Sale of property

Debit

Credit

Balance

\$406.00

Ditto

211.00

Land Registry Office C/E (2)

\$ 2.00

Lanterns

3.00

Apr. 7

Transferred from Boat a/c

216.05

Oct. 7

Gas Stove

1.00

\$ 2.00

\$837.05

CR\$835.05

January 21, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO
Reg. No. 03466

Chattels:

See Chattel Summary

Specified
Articles:

In his original declaration of April 20, 1942, Hatsutaro Okamoto declared 1 radio (Custody N.C.M.P.). No radio belonging to this man was reported as being in the possession of the N.C.M.P., nor was a radio belonging to him turned over to the Custodian by the N.C.M.P. Hatsutaro Okamoto was written to on August 31, 1944, by the Custodian, asking him for a copy of his radio receipt, in order that the radio might be traced. No reply has been received from him.

Fishing
Vessels:

"H.O."/"T.O." - Hatsutaro Okamoto reports in his declaration that this boat was used by the Navy and was so damaged that it could not be taken to New Westminster. The file reveals that this boat was repaired by the Navy at a cost of \$399.54, which was paid through the Department of Fisheries.

The vessel was then appraised by John Gould, in February, 1943, in the amount of \$250.00, and sold to Nelson Brothers Fisheries Ltd., for this amount. Hatsutaro Okamoto's account with the Custodian was credited with a net amount of \$216.05, on April 8, 1943. Objection was raised on June 9, 1943, by Mr. N. P. Alexander, of the Custodian's Office, who pointed out that the boat had been repaired at a cost of \$399.54, and after this work had been done, an appraisal of only \$250.00 was placed. Miss Matheson's memo of August 5, 1943, covers the reason of Mr. Gould's valuation.

A claim was placed against Nelson Brothers Fisheries Ltd., for equipment missing in the amount of \$52.35, this was paid to the Custodian's Office on May 23, 1945, and credited to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto.

Hatsutaro Okamoto objected to the sale price of his boat, and on the Vessel Summary, of August 31, 1944, it is there stated:

"There may be some justification for his objection."

Stocks,
Bonds, etc:

In his declaration of April 20, 1942, Hatsutaro Okamoto declared a \$50.00 Victory Bond in his possession. No action was required by the Custodian.

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Stocks, Bonds,
etc. (cont.)

At the request of Hatsutaro Okamoto, through the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Taber, Alberta, dated November 6, 1945, the Custodian purchased 8 - \$100.00 Ninth Victory Loan Bearer Bonds and 1 - \$50.00 Ninth Victory Loan Bearer Bond. Six \$100.00 bonds were forwarded, at the request of Hatsutaro Okamoto, by the Royal Bank of Canada to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Taber, Alberta, to be held for the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto.

Bank
Account:

Approximate \$500.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C. - no action was required by the Custodian.

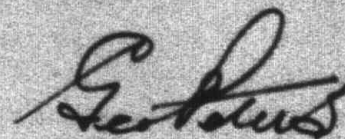
Accounts
receivable:

A refund of B. C. Electric Security Deposit for Light, in the amount of \$4.24, was credited to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto on April 15, 1946.

Interest by coupon on Dominion of Canada Bonds, payable September 1, 1946, in the amount of \$6.25, was credited to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto on September 25, 1946.

No personal property interests other than those mentioned are found on the file.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

January 21, 1947.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

Reg. No. 03466

Evacuated May 17/42

In his declaration of April 20, 1942, Hatsutaro Okamoto declared chattels - see Schedule.

The Custodian's representative, J. D. Mather, on July 10, 1942, inventoried chattels at the Colonial Cannery, in the name of Hatsutaro Okamoto, and at that time, a discrepancy was noted between what was declared by Hatsutaro Okamoto and what was inventoried by J.D. Mather.

In Hatsutaro Okamoto's original declaration, he declared that he had 12 fishing nets and 6 lines (cork & lead), but in a net inventory of sizes, received from Okamoto on April 30, 1943, he listed 3 nets only, which corresponded with the number inventoried by J.D. Mather.

When an inventory was made by C. C. Robinson, of the Custodian's Office, only 1 net was found by him and inventoried under Custodian No. 730. There is no record of this net being sold by the Custodian, nor is there any record of the other 2 nets, inventoried by J. D. Mather.

The Custodian's agents removed from the Colonial Cannery House No. 8, under the name of T. Okamoto, a list of chattels on July 7, 1942, and another list on July 10, 1942. On August 13, 1942, they removed, from the same house, a list of chattels under the name of K. Okamoto. In reply to a letter from the Custodian, asking him to identify the initials, T. and K., Hatsutaro states that the only Okamotos in the Colonial Cannery were his son, Tadaharu, and himself.

Goods that were of any value, were removed and auctioned by the Custodian, and at the request of Hatsutaro Okamoto on February 9, 1945, a detailed list of articles which were sold in Auctions Nos. 14, 19, 22 & 23, was sent to him. In his letter of March 3, 1945, Hatsutaro Okamoto sent in a list of chattels, missing from our auction sheets, which he states he left in the Protected Area. It is noted, in this list, that he omitted many articles which he declared originally on April 20, 1942, such as:

- 2 Chests of drawers
- Sofa
- Singer sewing machine
- Gramophone
- Bicycle
- School text books
- World books
- 4 Cords of wood

These items were never found by the Custodian. Hatsutaro Okamoto must have dealt with these chattels after making his declaration to the Custodian.

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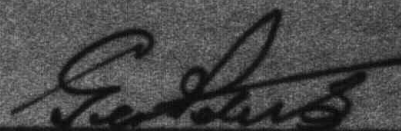
On information received from the B. C. Packers, Ltd., they state that all wood left on their property by the Japanese was purchased direct from the Japanese and paid for in cash.

It is noted that the Custodian removed to storage, 3 iron beds and springs, which had not been auctioned. In practically all cases in Steveston, this type of bed had to be discarded as being of no saleable value, so we must assume that these items were discarded.

In a letter received on March 3, 1945, from Hatsutaro Okamoto, he states that a set of logging equipment and a garden cultivator were left in the Protected Area. These items were never found by the Custodian.

Our attached Schedule will show the disposition of chattels declared by Hatsutaro Okamoto.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

January 21, 1947.

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

Re: Natsutaro OKAMOTO

Reg. No. 03466

JAPANESE DECLARATION - APRIL 20, 1943.Stored at Colonial Cannery.

2 Stoves	- 1 sold Aug. 6/43, 1 missing
Dinner set	- auctioned
Kitchenware	- auctioned
Pottery	- auctioned
Knives	- auctioned
Dishes	- auctioned
2 Chests of drawers	- never found by Custodian
Wardrobe	- auctioned
6 Beds	- missing
Carpets	- 4 auctioned
3 Bookcases	- auctioned
Sofa	- never found by Custodian
2 Tables	- " " " "
8 Chairs	- 12 auctioned
Desk	- auctioned
Singer sewing machine	- never found by Custodian
radio (Custody N.C.M.P.)	- never reported by N.C.M.P.
Gramophone	- never found by Custodian
Waterhose	- " " " "
Bicycle	- " " " "
School text books	- " " " "
World books	- " " " "
4 Cords wood	- " " " "
Bathtub	- " " " "

Stored in packing shed on No. 2 road.

Palmer Engine - sold after appraisal Nov. 15/44.

Farm equipment - never found by Custodian, reported stolen.

Stored at Colonial Cannery.

12 Fishing nets) 3 nets inventoried by J.D. Mather and 1 net
 6 Lines (cork & lead) inventoried by G.C. Robinson, no record of any
 nets sold.

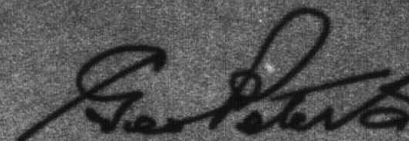
Declared by letter - March 3/45.

Set Logging equipment - never found by Custodian.

Garden cultivator - " " " "

Box records - missing

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



George Peters,
 Office of the Custodian.

Name: OKAMOTO, T

File:

Reg. No:

CHATTELS

3 Lanterns
2 Tins oil
2 Pots
1 Coffee pot
1 Tea kettle
1 Box dishes
1 Tin dishes
1 Box jars
1 Can dishes
1 Mattress
4 Rolls linoleum
1 Wash board
1 Box records
1 Gas stove
1 Ironing board
1 Bookcase
2 Cupboards
1 Spade

2 Rakes
2 Crow bars
1 Mop
1 Broom
1 Cabinet
1 Generator
1 Saw sharpening set
1 Cupboard
1 Axe

Left in the House:

5 Sets springs
5 Iron beds
1 Heater and pipes
1 Large H. M. wardrobe

This represents all my chattels in the restricted area of
British Columbia.

Date _____ Signed _____

Please sign and return one copy to this office.

MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

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FILE NO: 4968

NAME: OKAMOTO Hatsutaro

DATE ADVERTISED: August 29th, 1944
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME: G. EASTHOPE

VALUATION: \$25.00

PURCHASE PRICE: \$25.00

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL: _____

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

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

☒ YES

☐ NO

Paid in full

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY: _____

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD: 7 H.P. Palmer engine

NAME DEANITO, Haimona

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4968

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevenson, B. C. on October 13, 1944.

Garden tools
3 Rolls of Linoleum

\$1.00
6.50

Total

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.75
 { Advertising: 0.27
 { Moving: 0.52

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 7.50
\$ 1.54
\$ 5.96

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevenson 22

Remarks.

NAME CLARENCE, B. C.

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4968

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B. C. on January 19, 1945.

✓ Bundle of blinds
✓ Kitchenware
✓ Kitchenware
✓ Kitchenware
✓ Kitchenware
✓ 4 Kitchen chairs
✓ 6 Kitchen chairs

\$ 0.38 F
1.55 K
1.55 K
0.25 K
0.66 K
1.55 K
2.00 K

Total

\$ 7.40

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee \$0.74
(Advertising 0.46
(Moving 1.31)

\$ 2.91

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 4.49

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 27

Remarks.

*Original and
transcribed
for*

NAME OKAMOTO, Hatsuhiro

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4968

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on February 16, 1945.

✓ Cupboard
✓ Cupboard

\$ 0.50 F
1.50 F

Total

\$ 2.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$0.20
(Advertising) 0.09
(Movings) 0.20

\$ 0.49

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.51

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 29

Remarks.

NAME STAVSTON, Hester

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4943

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Staverton, N. C. on June 2, 1944.

✓ Bird Cage	\$0.50 M
✓ 2 Stone Jars	0.30 K
✓ 2 Stone Jugs	0.50 K
✓ 2 Fluted dishes	0.25 D
✓ Alabaster dish	1.25 D
✓ Glassware	2.00 K
✓ Hand painted bowl	0.50 D
✓ Hand painted bowl	0.75 D
✓ Hand painted bowl	1.80 D
✓ Hand painted plate	0.75 D
✓ Hand painted plate	1.25 D
✓ Box of miscellaneous articles	0.80 M
✓ Box of dishes	2.00 D
✓ Box of dishes	1.00 D
✓ Bowls	2.50 D
✓ Sealers	0.75 M
✓ Sealers	0.50 M
✓ Sealers	0.50 M
✓ Sealers	1.25 M

Total

\$20.45

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$2.00

\$ 5.40

(Advertising) 1.00

(Moving) 2.25

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$15.05

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Staverton 14

Remarks.

NAME DEANOTO, Salvatore *original 7/2/95*

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4944

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on September 1, 1944.

Cabinet
Kitchen cupboard

\$ 1.50 F
1.50 F

Total

\$ 3.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.30
(Advertising: 0.16
(Movings: 0.35)

\$ 0.61

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 2.19

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 19

Remarks.

NAME REARER, Hester

REGISTRATION NO. 03/66

FILE NO. 106

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Stevenson, B. C. on November 14, 1948.

Chair
Shelf
Dishes
Dishes

\$.65 F
.25 F
2.00 D
2.50 D

Total

\$ 5.40 ✓

Less Expenses:

(Auctioneer's Fee .54
(Advertising .18
(Moving .21

\$.93

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 4.47 ✓

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevenson 42

Remarks.

NAME OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4968

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

4 Kitchen chairs

\$ 3.00 F

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee)	\$ 0.30
Less Expenses:	(Advertising)	0.23
	(Movings)	<u>0.32</u>

Net Proceeds Credited:

3.00

0.85

2.15

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 37.

Remarks.

NAME OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

REGISTRATION NO. 93466

FILE NO. 4908

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevaston, B. C. on May 18, 1945.

— High chair

\$ 3.00F

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.30

Less Expenses: (Advertising 0.15

(Movings 0.40

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	3.00
\$	0.85
\$	2.15

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevaston 34.

Remarks.

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NAME

OKAMOTO, Matsutaro

Original sold
Feb 9/45

REGISTRATION NO. 03466

FILE NO. 4968

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on October 27, 1944.

Garden hoe
 Shovel
 2 Pinch bars
 Rake
 Rake

\$ 0.35 T
 0.50 T
 1.50 T
 0.35 T
 0.75 T

Total

\$ 3.45 ✓

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.34
 { Advertising: 0.13
 { Moving: 0.22

\$ 0.69

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 2.76

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 23

Remarks.

OKAMOTO, Hatsumoto,
Registration No. 03466,
File No. 4968.

February 1, 1944.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
1374	3 lanterns	\$3.00
none	gas stove	<u>1.00</u>
	TOTAL SALES.....	\$4.00

UNACCOUNTED FOR

730 x	5/40 x <u>7</u> x 60 - 190	\$200.00
	5/60 x <u>5½</u> x 55 - 200	140.00
	5/40 x 5 13/16 x 50 - 150	75.00

x Not removed to Custodian storage in final inventory.
Left at the B. C. Packers' Colonial net loft.

/as

March 12, 1946.

Re: Hatanoto OKAMOTO
Reg. No. 03466

The following table is extracted from record books received from the B. C. Packers Co., covering their COLONIAL CANNERY net house. The Japanese Fish Collectors were instructed to have the Japanese fishermen enter in these record books the nets which were left by them in the company net houses.

The original record books are in the hands of Mr. F. G. Shears, Director.

Japanese No.	Description	Value
✓1	Corks - 6" - 350 pcs. @ 2¢	\$7.00
✓2	Corks - 7" - 98 pcs. @ 4¢	3.92
✓3	250 fath. - Corks & lines with lead	60.00 (set)
✓4	130 fath. - Corks & Lines with lead	45.00 (set)
✓5	275 fath. - Corks & lines with lead	53.00
✓6	200 fath. - Corks & lines with lead	45.00
✓7	Barbours - 40/5 - 150 fathoms - 5 13/16"	150.00
8	10 fath. new - 60 mesh	150.00
✓9	Barbours - 60/5 - 5" - 200 fath. 55 mesh	140.00
	" - 50/5 - 5" - 150 fath. all green - 50 mesh	75.00
10	Barbours - 40/5 - 5 13/16 - 65 fath - 50 mesh	14.00
11	" - 60/5 - 7" - 45 fath. - 45 mesh	20.00
✓12	Barbours - 40/5 - 7" - 175 fath. (with lead & cork) 60 mesh (new)	200.00
✓13	Barbours - 40/5 - 6" - 200 fath. (with lead & cork) 60 mesh	175.00
14	Japan net - 5 13/16 - 75 fath. - 50 m.	15.00
✓15	Barbours - 60/5 - 6" - with lead & cork - 150 fathoms - 50 mesh	125.00
16	Barbours - 40/5 - 5 13/16 - 150 fathoms - 50 mesh - 2 ply green	75.00

Total \$1202.92

E. Gibson

January 17th, 1947.

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO
Registration No. 03466

All trunks and personal belongings in storage at Steveston were opened and inspected in October, 1945. Goods of no value were discarded; clothing of no saleable value were turned over to U.N.R.R.A.; saleable articles were auctioned and any personal photographs or goods of a personal nature are stored, ready for shipment at the request of the Japanese.

OKAMOTO, T.
Lot No. 203

Auction: 1 kitchen chair

OKAMOTO, T.
Lot No. 164
Col. #8

Description: 1 small open basket

Auction: sealers
1 alarm clock, no glass
2 coat hangers

Description: 1 box, open

Auction: phonograph records

Auction: 1 iron pot

Auction: 1 aluminum pot

Auction: 1 wash basin

Description: 1 open wooden box

Auction: Misc. kitchenware

Description: 1 open tin

Auction: Misc. dishes

Discarded: broken dishes

January 17th, 1947.

Auction: 1 washboard

Description: 1 open wooden box

Auction: Misc. kitchenware
and china

Discarded: broken china

Auction: 1 wooden book rack

January 17th, 1947.

A telephone call was received on November 22, 1946, from Mr. Howell, who does special work for the Custodian. He informed us that the Buddhist Temple had again been broken into and that all parcels of personal goods stored in the basement had been opened and the contents strewn on the floor. It is impossible to identify to whom they belong.

GP/1c

File No. 4968

January 21, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

No: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO
Reg. No. 03466

There are no claims against Hatsutaro Okamoto
revealed on the file.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

Registration Number 03466

OKAMOTO, Etsutaro

P. O. Box 166, Stevenson, B. C.

EXHIBIT NO. 726-7

DATE Sept 28/42

FILED BY Gracie

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Parcel #1 - Lot "A" of Block 5, Block 8 of Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 4245, Dist. of New Westminster. C of T #76616E.

Parcel #2 - Lot 4 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 6195, Dist. of New Westminster. C of T #138728.

OWNERSHIP

My Agent has examined the Titles of the above properties, which are in the name of Etsutaro Okamoto.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Parcel #1 consists of 1.673 acres, of which approximately 1 acre is in Peas and the balance is in Loganberries.

Parcel #2 consists of 1 acre not yet sown to crop.

This man also has 1 acre leased from the River Fish Company adjoining, which has been sown to Strawberries.

The only buildings on this property are 3 small packing sheds, which are in poor condition.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941 on property owned.

INSURANCE

There is no fire insurance on this property.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventories of effects and nets attached hereto.

REMARKS

The above property has been leased to Mr. Howse who has paid \$50 for the strawberry crop this year and an additional \$50 for the other properties 1 and 2. Howse has paid the money direct to Okamoto, prior to his evacuation and my Agent has examined the receipts.

This man has been living in a house owned by the Colonial Cannery, where his effects as per inventory have been stored.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the arrangement arrived at with Mr. Howse be approved and that Mr. T. E. King be appointed Agent to act for the Custodian in the matter. I would further recommend that the nets as per inventory, be sold.

July 10, 1942.

W. Markes

Registration Number 0466

OKALOTO, Hatautaro

INVENTORY OF NETS STORED IN THE
COLONIAL NET HOUSE.

1 Net 5/40 x 7" x 60 x 175 Fsth. with lines	\$200.00	130
1 " 5/60 x 6" x 50 x 190 " " "	125.00	7
1 " 5/50 x 5 3/8 x 50 x 150 " " "	75.00	3

16/1

Registration Number 03466

CEALOTO, Matentaro

INVENTORY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS
LEFT AT COLONIAL CANNERY

Sundry Crockerware

Sundry Kitchenware

1 Wardrobe

4 Beds Complete

1 Linoleum Rug

8 Chairs

200' Water Hose

1 7 H.P. Palmer Engine in shed at #2 Rd. with
sundry farm equipment.

FILE 1708

NAME OKAMOTO, RAISUKE REG. NO. 03/66

Item No.	Description	Appraised Value	Jap Value	Sold For	Buyer	Date	Receipt No.	Location
730	5/40 x 7 1/2 x 50 x 175		200.00					Colonial Net Loft
	5/40 x 7 x 60 x 175 with lines		200.00				(declared by father) *	"
	5/60 x 6 x 50 x 150		125.00					"
	5/50 x 5 1/2 x 50 x 150		75.00					"

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: August 31, 1944

Name: OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

Reg. No. 03466

File: 4968

Boat File No.: CUSTODIAN 4968

Name of Vessel: "H.O."/"T.O." - 30' x 7' x 3' (1930) Ford Car Engine (1931)

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 3071

Naval No.: NW.072-E

Owner's Valuation: \$850.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: Oct. 20, 1942 - \$375.00 - Feb., 1943 - \$250.00

Date of Sale: February 23, 1943

Purchaser: British Columbia Packers Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Custodian

Selling Price: \$250.00

Paid to ~~DEVELOPER~~ Custodian: 250.00

Supervision Costs: 33.35

Balance due Owner: 216.65

Paid to: Cr. Account of Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

Location of Boat at Sale: Foot of Byrne Rd. New Westminster
(ex New Westminster)

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs: Star Shipyard Job 159 - \$399.54 (Paid)

Claim #354- Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. \$31.45 (paid)

Additional Information: The owner has objected to the sale price of his boat. There may be some justification for his objection. This matter is not closed. *gm*

Claim of \$52.35 has been filed with Nelson Bros. Fisheries to cover loss of equipment. We understand that this claim will be settled when that company receive settlement of the claims they have filed in connection with vessels purchased by the company.

*Paid
23/5/45*

*Fin Jackson
Feb 5, 1947*

*Cheque to purchase rec'd. 22/2/43 from
B.C. Packers Ltd.*

\$

EXHIBIT No. *726-10*
DATE *Sept 28/48*
FILED BY *Sho Rice*

JOHN GOULD
Marine Surveyor and Appraiser
VANCOUVER, B. C.

At
foot of Byrne Rd
New Westminster.

CABLES:
"GOULD" VANCOUVER, B. C.
TELEPHONE:
PACIFIC 9046

No. 28.N.

"T.O." or H.O.

Survey Report

To whom it may concern:

Name.	"T.O."
Official No.	N.W. 3071.
Owner.	Hatsutaro Okamoto.
Dimensions.	L. 30 ft. B. 7 ft. D. 3 Ft.
Engines.	Gasoline.
Name & H.P.	Ford Model A. 15 H.P.
Fuel.	Gasoline.
Tank Capacity.	1 Tank. 20 Gals.
Pumps.	None.
Lighting.	Electric. Generator None.
Anchors.	None.
Chain.	None. Rope. None.
Compass.	None.
Stoves.	1 coal stove.
Fire Extinguishers.	None.
Valuation.	Two Hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

February 1943.
Vancouver, B. C.

John Gould
Marine Surveyor.

JOHN GOULD

Marine Surveyor and Appraiser
VANCOUVER, B. C.

CABLES:
"GOULD" VANCOUVER, B. C.

TELEPHONE:
PACIFIC 9046

106.A.

M.V. "T.O."

Survey Report

To whom it may concern:

Official No.	N.W. 3071.	Type.	Troller.
Owner.	Halsutaro Okamoto. Steveston. B.C.		
Built by.	Japanese. Steveston. B.C.		
Age.	1930.		
Dimensions.	L. 30 ft. B. 7 ft. D. 3 ft.		
Tonnage.	Gross 3 Tons.		
Material..	Wood.		
Masts.	Headlight pole.		
Superstructure.	Trunk Cabin.		
Engines.	Gasoline.	Aux.	None.
Name & H.P.	Model. A. Ford Truck engine. 4 Cyl. 20 H.P.		
Built & Installed.	1940.		
Fuel. No. of Tanks.	Gasoline. 1.		
Location.	Forward in bows.		
Material & Capacity.	Galv Iron. 25 Gallons.		
Filled & Vented.	From Deck.		
Carburetor.	Standard Ford.		
Tailshaft.	1" dia. Bronze. 2 years old.		
Propeller.	3 bladed Bronze. Protected by Skeg.		
Fuel line to Eng.	Copper.		
Shutoff Valves.	On Tank & Engine.		
Pumps.	One on Deck.		

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Lighting.	Electric. Driven. Off main engine.
Batteries.	Hart Type. 6 V. 32 A. 4 Cells.
Wiring.	Common. Condition, Fair.
Anchors.	One Stock 40#
Chain.	2 Fathoms $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Rope. 20 Fathoms 3"
Compass.	3" Spirit in binnacle box.
Towing Bitts.	1 wood Bitt aft.
Exhaust Location.	Out through Port side
Clear of W'work.	Yes. Water cooled.
Stoves, Heaters.	1 Coal oil stove in cabin.
Eng room Ventilation.	Side Ports & Companionway.
Fire Extinguishers.	None.
Sea Connections.	One Brass.
Valuation.	Three Hundred seventyfive (\$375.00) dollars.
Est Market Value.	Four Hundred (\$400.00) dollars.

Vancouver. B.C.
October 20th, 1942.

John S. Gould
Marine Surveyor.

447 H.O

Repairs Done on Vessel-- N.Y. 072 R -- Job No. 159

Cleaned and washed hull inside and outside.
 Caulked and repainted hull to L.W.L.
 1 Coat priming paint on hull & where necessary.
 Renewed 2nd plank from garboard port 16'-0"
 Renewed 3rd " " " " 20'-0"
 Renewed 4th " " " " 12'-0"
 Renewed 4th " " " " 16'-0"
 Renewed stem head
 Renewed stem band
 Renewed canvas on pilot house
 Renewed floor boards and bunk boards in engine room
 Renewed main hatch boards.
 Renewed floor boards in aft cock-pit.
 Re-soldered water tanks.
 1 cylinder head, 10'-0" No. 14 wire, 2 battery cables
 1 cut-out, 1 ammeter, 1 ignition switch, 1 piston ring.
 Generator repaired 1 valve guide, 1 Delco-Pumy coil
 Engine in fair condition (Model A Ford converted)

Work commenced	May 5, 1942
" completed	May 15, 1942
Handed over to Navy	May 16, 1942.

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Amount of Labour	--	\$210.15
Overhead	--	52.54
Direct Materials	--	66.23
Sub Total..		\$328.92
Sub Contracts & Finished		
Material		4.69
Dock & Scale Charges		39.50
PROFIT 8% on (1)(2) & (3)		26.31
Profit 2% on Fin. Mat.		.12
Sub Total		399.54
		<u>399.54</u>

Letter of Authority sent out 15 July, 1942--as follows:
 Washing down interior and exterior of hull; caulking;
 painting and effecting repairs on vessel & engine as pointed
 out by Naval Supervisor.

*Information
 included from
 Navy.*



LICENCE

No. 3071 N.W.

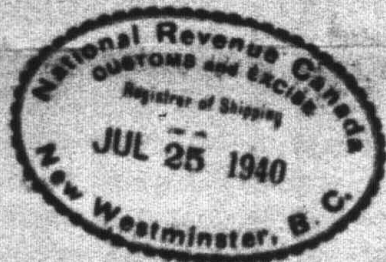
Port of Registry,

New Westminster, B.C.

This is to Certify that the Motor Fishing Boat "H.O."
of which the particulars are herein contained, was this day licensed by me, the Collector of Customs and Excise
of Customs at New Westminster, B.C. under the provisions of Part I of
the Canada Shipping Act, 1934.

MEASUREMENTS	FEET	INCHES	TONNAGE	NUMBER OF TONS
Length	30	0	Approximate	3
Breadth	7	0	Palmer Motor,	
Depth	3	0	7 H.P. No. 2700330	
NAMES OF OWNERS (OR NAME OF OWNER)				NUMBER OF SHARES HELD BY EACH*
Hatsutaro Okamoto,				64/64
Box 166, Steveston, B.C.				
By Authority of Transport Order No. 147 in 1940				
Dated at Ottawa, 17th July, 1940				

* (If the property in
the ship or vessel is not
divided into shares, this
column need not be filled
up.)



A. G. FADDEN,
Collector of Customs and Excise

Signature

per.

Dated this 25th
day of July 1940

- BILL OF SALE -

I Hatautaro Okamoto of Steveston B.C.
in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty (\$650.00)
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, transfer ^{dollars} 64/64th shares
in the boat described below, to _____
of _____ B.C.

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT

Length 30 feet 0 inches Propelling Power _____
Breadth 7 feet 0 inches Maker's name _____
Depth 3 feet 0 inches Ford engine H.P. _____

Registered at Port of New Westminster Official number N.W. 3071

Further, I the said Hatautaro Okamoto for my
heirs covenant with the said _____

and his assigns, that I have power to transfer in the manner afore-
said, the premises herein^{be}fore expressed to be transferred and that
the same are free from encumbrances.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, this sixth
day of May one thousand nine hundred and forty two.

executed by the above named Hatautaro Okamoto
Vendor.

In the presence of _____
M. L. [Signature]
Witness.
Secretary _____
Occupation.
Steveston, B.C.
Address.

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T.O.

Name of Vessel (船名)	H. O.	Official Number (登記番)	NW 3071	Naval Control Number (海軍省ノ番)	NW 072 E
Port of Registry (登記港)	New Westminster	Date of Registry (登記期日)			
Length (長さ)	30'	Width (幅)	7'	Depth (深)	5'
Make of Engine (Present) (機械ノ名) (現在ノ)	Ford	Date When Re-Installed (若シ入替ヘタ場合ハ其ノ期日)	1940		
Horse Power (馬力)	model A 1931	Knot (Speed) (速力)			
When Hull Built (船体建造年)	1930	When Hull Rebuilt (若シ改修ノ場合ハ其ノ期日)			
Type of Vessel (船ノ種)	Seiner ☐	Packer ☐	Gill-Netter ☒	Troller ☐	Trawler ☐
	セイナー	パツカー	ギルネット	トロローラー	底引キ
Formerly Used as (従来ノ用途)		Value (Replacement) (船價) (建造スル場合)			
Date When Surveyed Last (最近ノサーベイナタル期日)		Value (Present) (船價) (現在ノ)	¥ 850.00		
Pace of Operation (使用航路)	Fraser River	Value (Insured) (船價) (保険ヲ附スル場合)			
Charter From: 1940 (傭船期金年)	1941	Chartered To: 1940 (傭船先)	1941		
Amount of Mortgage, If Any (抵當額ノ金額)		Mortgaged To: (抵當擔書入先)			
Registered Owner's Name (登録船主名)	Okamoto, Hatsutaro	Actual Owner's Name (現實所有者名)	Okamoto, Hatsutaro		
ADDRESS (住所)	Steveston, B. C.	ADDRESS (住所)	Steveston, B. C.		

⑤ Please refer to "Certificate" of British Registry in filling this blank; special attention is required in cases of "Length" "Width" and "Depth"
此ノ様式ヲ記入スルニ充分「登録証」ヲ御覧下サシ 特ニ「長さ」「幅」及「深」ニ御注意願ヒマス

C O P Y

No. 1 Road

6

Phone Steveston 123

EASTHOPE SALES & SERVICE

Steveston, B. C.

June 16th, 1944.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Acting on your instructions, I have
examined and appraised the following machinery.

No. 13967	This part of an engine is only fit for Junk and at the most I would value it at a price of-----	2.50	Parcel 2
9609	This engine I value at	10.00	Parcel 3
5549	This Frisco Standard is obsolete and would value at This engine is in fair shape.	150.00	Parcel 4
4473	This Bridgeport Engine I would value at	50.00	Parcel 5
Unknown from Phoenix Cannery,	This engine is only junk and is worth scrap value.		Parcel 7
No. 4968	This engine is worth only	25.00	Parcel 8

Yours very truly,

"G. Easthope"

Evacuee File 4968

Advertisement appearing in Vancouver
Newspapers on August 30th, 31st and
September 1st.

5-1-8-14
**BOAT ENGINES
and
POOL ROOM
EQUIPMENT
FOR SALE**

The Secretary of State of
Canada and/or Custodian
offers for sale by tender:

PARCEL No. 1 Two pool
equipment. tables and

PARCEL No. 2 1 cyl. 8 h.p.
Bensid en-
gine, incomplete.

PARCEL No. 3 2 cyl. 20 h.p.
Japanese
Diesel, incomplete.

PARCEL No. 4 1 cyl. 8 h.p.
Frisco stan-
dard engine.

PARCEL No. 5 Bridgeport en-
gine with
clutch.

PARCEL No. 6 8 h.p. heavy
duty engine,
cracked head.

PARCEL No. 7 Bensid engine
and parts, in-
complete.

PARCEL No. 8 7 h.p. Palmer
engine, in-
complete.

PARCEL No. 9 2 cyl. 20 h.p.
heavy duty
Vivian engine.

Tenders for the individual parcels
should be addressed to the under-
signed marked "Tender" up to
Noon, Pacific Daylight Saving
Time, on the 20th day of Septem-
ber, 1944, and must be accom-
panied by a certified cheque pay-
able to the Custodian for 10% of
the amount tendered.

Arrangements to inspect will be
made on application to Mr. G. M.
Harris, Custodian Agent at Steves-
ton, B.C.

The highest or any tender not
necessarily accepted.

These assets are offered for sale
without any warranty whatsoever
on the part of the Custodian as to
condition or state of repair.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C., this
20th day of August, 1944.

THE CUSTODIAN,
505 Royal Bank
Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Case No. 726 - Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, File 4968

Boat Claim: "T.O." New Westminster 3071
purchased new in 1935 at cost of \$1,500.00
re-ribbed in 1939-cost \$100.00.
new Ford marine engine installed 1940 cost \$250.00

Gross Claim: \$650.00

Sale: Sold by Custodian February, 1943 at price placed on boat by Gould
at or around date of sale.

Purchaser:	B. C. Packers Ltd.
Sale Price	\$250.00 + 52.35 = 302.35
Expenses:	33.35 (proportionate share)
Net Credit:	216.65

Equipment on Boat: In addition to proceeds of sale of boat, the sum of \$52.35 has
been credited to claimant covering equipment missing from boat
at time of Gould's appraisal of February, 1943.

Valuations: Phillipson: no appraisal
Gould: Oct. 20/42 - \$375.00 (Est.Mkt.Value-\$400.00) Feb./43-\$250.00

The total amount received for the boat & equipment was \$302.35.
The equipment was on the boat when she was surveyed by Gould
in October, 1942. The prices of the individual items making up
the \$52.35 received for equipment were those at which similar
equipment was priced in connection with Naval Claims.

The total received for boat & equipment is \$72.65 less than Gould's
valuation of Oct. 20/42 and \$97.65 less than his estimated market value
of that date. Presumably hull and engine had deteriorated to that
extent between October, 1942 and February, 1943.

Damage: Shipyard bill of \$399.54 was paid covering repairs made on instructions
of Naval Service to cover damage which occurred after boat was surrendered.
These repairs were completed before Gould examined boat.
See Kishizo Kimura's letter of April 20, 1943 (in vessel section of claim
file).
Hatsutaro Okamoto signed Bill of Sale May 6, 1942, transferring boat
at price of \$650.00. These Bills of Sale (purchaser's name blank) were
signed by owners of condemned boats to enable the JFVDC to dispose of
constructive total losses and file claim in behalf of the Japanese for
the loss of his boat. The fact that such a Bill of Sale was signed
supports the information given by Mr. Kimura.
We have no record of the "as is" price of \$400.00 referred to by Mr. Kimura.

This boat was among the 52 boats turned over to Nelson Bros. custody.
This boat was leased by Nelson Bros. to B.C. Packers, who leased boat to
Fraser River Fish Co. Boat was in B.C. Packers hands in February, 1943,
when Gould made second appraisal.

/FM

File #4966

Oct. 31, 1942.

MEMORANDUM.

To: Administration ✓ *Mr. Sherris*

Accounting Department.

From: P. H. Russell.

There are two properties on this file each with dyking charges which were placed on the tax sale schedule this year, adding costs in each case of \$13.75 to the very trifling dyking charges of a few cents on each property.

It is suggested that as the assessors knew that these were Japanese properties and knew that they were in the hands of the Custodian, and knew or ought to have known that no forfeiture proceedings can be brought against Japanese properties, these tax sale costs cannot be levied or upheld. It is thought that payment must be refused and that we should insist on cancellation of the charges so that they cannot later be charged against the lands.

Please ask Dyking Assessor to change record of subjects name from AKIMOTO to OKAMOTO.

R

PHE:AS

MEMORANDUM

January 15, 1943

To: Files Nos. 4968, 5227, 4473

From: R. B. MacVedie

Chattels in most of the houses at the Colonial Cannery were moved by the Japanese or the Cannery people into two of their houses, Nos. 5 & 8, and were not tagged.

When these goods were moved to our storage warehouse (except in the case of individual names, where chattels could be identified), the effects were all listed under the name of the former tenant of the two houses mentioned above.

RBV:NDP

RBM.

File No. 4968

July 13, 1943

To: Mr. Alexander

From: F. Matheson.

MEMORANDUM RE: Fishing Vessel "H. O."

1. This vessel was a gill-netter, 30' x 7' x 3', hull built in 1930, equipped with a 1931 Model A Ford car engine which was installed in 1940. The owner's original valuation was \$850.00, but he was willing to accept \$650.00.
2. According to Mr. Kimura, this vessel was damaged during the impounding. She was lying at Atagi Boatyard, where a prospective purchaser offered \$350.00 "as is". The owner estimated the cost of repairs at around \$300.00, and was willing to accept the offer and to claim for the cost of the damage. The boat was appraised and a value of \$400.00 "as is" was placed on her, the sale therefore was not completed.
3. The boat file shows only that the boat was lying at Atagi Boatyard, and that she was sent from there to Star Shipyards for repairs. These repairs cost \$399.54. The repairs consisted of, cleaning and washing hull inside and out; caulking and reputting hull to lower water level; one coat priming paint on hull and where necessary; renewing four planks; renewing stem head and stem band; renewing canvas on pilot house; renewing floor boards and bunk boards in engine room; renewing main hatch boards and floor boards in aft cock-pit; re-soldered water tanks; replaced cylinder head, 10'-0" No. 14 wire, 2 battery cables, one cutout, one ammeter, one ignition switch, one piston ring; generator repaired one valve guide, one Delco-Pony coil.
4. This vessel was one of the fifty-two turned over to Nelson Bros. Fisheries under a care and maintenance agreement, by the terms of which, Nelson Bros. Fisheries could use the boats or charter them to other parties. In the event of the boats being used, Nelson Bros. Fisheries were to pay \$25.00 for the season (this payment, like the maintenance charge, was to be wiped off in the event of a sale of the boat). If the boats were sold or leased, Nelson Bros. were to supply the missing equipment and claim for the cost of this. In the case of the "H. O." a claim amounting to \$31.45 was made and was paid on March 10, 1943. Equipment not missing was supplied with boat.

File 4968

May 15, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harris

FROM: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: OKAMOTO, Matsutaro

Enclosed is copy of letter received from the above
on May 15, 1944. Will you please -

1. Bring into our No. 3 auction room effects
declared to be left in the care of Mr. Herbert A. Howse.

2. Find out if the 7 H.P. Palmer Engine
mentioned is still at the Colonial Cannery as stated or what has become
of it.

REM:GM

R.B. Mackenzie

COPY

P.O. Box 136,
Taber, Alta.,
May 10, 1944.

Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On May 4, I received your letter stating that you have sold
our land.

I want to inform you that we have left our house goods and
farming equipments in a small shack on the farm;

Lot 4 of 14, 4 acres portion of the West half of Section 18,
Block 3 North, Range 6 West Map 6198, District of New West.,
Mun. of Richmond, C of E 51324

in the care of Mr. Herbert A. Howse, Steveston, B.C. Since the farm is
sold I want to turn our properties in the shack to the Custodian.

Another thing regarding my fishing nets and Palmer engine the is
I left at the Colonial Cannery in Steveston, B.C. I want to know what
you have done with it.

The list of nets are as followed:

	Brand	Inches	Meshes	fathoms	ply	price
1.	Barbour	7"	60	169	5/40	\$200.00
2.	"	5 1/2"	55	200	5/60	140.00
3.	"	5 1/2"	50	180	5/40	100.00

The 1st. net on the list (7") has cork and lead lines with it.

4. 7 H.P. Palmer Engine.

I trust that you, as one of the staff of the custodian to check the
matter of nets and engine and send me a reply as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

MEMORANDUM

File No. 4968

July 12th, 1944

TO: FILE

FROM: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: OKAMOTO, Ratsutaro

The above lived in a house owned by Colonial Cannery, where he left his household effects. These were moved from house #8 on July 7th and 10th, to our storage warehouse #2 and on August 13th, 1942, three complete beds were moved to Japanese Church, (see lists 48, 92 and 98 on file).

On May 22nd, 1944, we moved from a barn on Gilbert Road, to #3 warehouse auction room, chattels as per list 491 on file.

To date chattels have been sold at Steveston Auction #14.

On June 16th, 1944, an incomplete 7 H.P. Palmer Engine was appraised by Easthorpe Sales and Service, at \$25. This will be advertised for sale by tender in due course.

RSM

REM/MHG

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. F.G. SHEARS
FROM: MR. K.W. WRIGHT

Re: Tenders - "Boat Engines & Pool Room Equipment" advertised on the 29th August, 1944 - tenders to close 20th September, 1944.

The following is a list of the tenders opened in my Office this morning in the presence of Mr. Green. Valuations are also listed.

Will you be good enough to place these on the agenda for the next meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee in order that approval may be given for those tenders that have been accepted.

PARCEL 1

File No.	Valuation	Amt.	Encl.	Tenderer	Remarks
Int. 1033	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$7.50	LaSalle Recreations	ACCEPT
		\$65.00	\$6.50	Murray Leith	Reject

PARCEL 2

13967	Mr. Gould \$15.00 Easthope \$ 2.50 (Junk)	* \$20.00 & \$50.00	\$20.00 \$ 5.00	American Traders Co. for parcels 2, 3, 7 and 8 H. Westminster Auto for parcels 2 to 9 inclusive	
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PARCEL 3

9609	Mr. Gould \$75.00 Easthope \$10.00	* &	See offer Parcel 2 See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 4

5549	Easthope \$150.00	&	See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 5

4473	Easthope \$50.00	&	See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 6

1876	R.G. Ransford worthless - Junk	&	See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 7

Unknown	Easthope - only Junk & is worth scrap value	* &	See offer Parcel 2 See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 8

4968	Easthope \$25.00	* &	See offer Parcel 2 See offer Parcel 2		
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PARCEL 9

9943	Mr. Gould \$500.00	&	See offer Parcel 2 \$40.00 \$4.00	Douglas A. Garbo	
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I have asked Mr. Green to let us have a report, together with his recommendations, for submission to the Advisory Committee.

Tenders have been handed to the Accounting Department for safe-keeping.

Hold for Board Meeting

File No.: 1704

October 2nd, 1944.

To: Mr. E. W. Wright

From: Mr. E. F. Green

Re: Tenders -- "West" engines and Seal Barn Equip-
ment advertised on the 29th August 1944 --
tenders to close 22nd September, 1944.

In answer to yours of September 21st, I have
the following to report.

Parcel 1. I have asked Mr. Peers to handle this
as it is an insurance asset.

Parcels 2 and 3. These engines are stored out-
side our Stevenson section room being too heavy to move in-
side and are clearly no longer of any value except as scrap.
They were, in early 1943, valued by Mr. Gould at \$27.00 and
\$21.00 respectively but in June this year, were appraised by
the Hastings Sales & Service as worth \$2.00 and \$10.00 res-
pectively. My recommendations for the disposal of these
appear below in conjunction with:

Parcel 4. This is appraised by Hastings as
"only junk and worth scrap value". It was doubtless aban-
doned by the owner of whose name we have no record.

The only offers for the above Parcels are that
of the American Trader's Company of \$20.00 for these and
No. 3, and that of the Westminster Auto of \$40.00 for Parcels
2 to 4. As Parcel 4 is valued at \$150.00 and Parcel 3 at
\$500.00, I think the latter bid may be ignored and I recom-
mend that I be given authority to advise the American Trader's
Company (who are scrap merchants) that if they will pay
\$20.00 for Parcels 2, 3, and 7 only, we will accept. Parcel
4 is dealt with below.

This leaves Parcels 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. I recom-
mend the following.

MEMO - TO MR. WRIGHT

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October 3rd, 1944.

Parcels 4, 5, 8, and 9 to be left in situ pending further offers. They all have some salable value as engines with a possible exception of Parcel 8 which is only valued at \$25.00.

Parcel 6 is valued as junk only by Mr. Ransford of the Nelson Bros. Cannery and I recommend that I be given authority to sell this to the American Trader's Company as scrap on the basis of its weight and the current price per pound for scrap metal.

WFO:LF

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May 25, 1945.

MEMORANDUM: File 4968

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, #03466

From: F. Matheson

The JP on this file shows the following :

"Radio (handed over to Military Police)"

but no radio belonging to this man was reported as being in the possession of the R.C.M.P, nor was a radio belonging to him turned over to the Custodian by the R.C.M.P.

We wrote Hatsutaro OKAMOTO on August 31, 1944, in regard to this radio, and asked for a copy of the radio receipt in order that the radio might be traced. We have received no reply.

Unless OKAMOTO produces some proof that he did surrender a radio, there is nothing further we can do.

F. Matheson

4968

July 14, 1942

J. D. Mather, Esq.,
315 Metropolitan Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

Please accept our thanks for your report of July 10, and we note that the only buildings on the property owned by this party are three small packing sheds which are in very poor condition. As recommended by you, we will ask Mr. King to attend to the rental management of the two parcels of land owned by this party, which have been leased to Mr. Howse for \$50.00 per year.

In regard to the land leased from the River Fish Company, sown to strawberries, the crop of which was sold to Mr. Howse for \$50.00 cash, is there any obligation of Okamoto in regard to the lease for the future?

In connection with the personal effects, we note the discrepancies between your list and that given on the "JP" form. We have made a record of the fishing equipment and will arrange for its disposal.

Yours truly,

GDM/GH

F. G. Shears
Assistant Manager

[Handwritten signature]

Thomas C. King
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER
FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
AUG 31 1942

Milson
PHONE STEVESTON 138

78 GEORGIA STREET

Steveston, B.C.

August 28th, 1942.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Assistant Manager,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, file #4968.

Replying to your letter dated August 25th,
1942.

Have communicated with Mr. H. Howse in
reference to this property and taxes due. He Mr.
Howse gives me to understand that he is liable and
promised Okamoto that he would pay taxes on all
his registered property as declared. He immediately
got in touch with the Town Hall, or promised me he
would, and arrange re. these taxes.

It appears to the writer that he then is
responsible for the charges on No. 1 and No. 2 pro-
perties, which are both registered in Okamoto's name.

He, Okamoto, also has another piece of land
which he leased from the River Fish Company which was
planted in Strawberries, and for which Mr. Howse paid
Okamoto the sum of \$50.00 and ^{per month} \$15.00 yearly thereafter.
This property Howse claims he does not have to pay the
taxes on, as it is the property of this River Fish Co.

The Mr. Howell mentioned does not appear in this
at all.

Yours very truly,

Thomas C. King

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3rd September, 1942.

Mr. R.G. Palmer,
Collector,
The Lulu Island West Dyking District,
Richmond Town Hall,
Brighouse, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have just received from you a number of notices of tax sale under Section 84 (3) of the "Drainage, Dyking and Development Act" covering properties in the Municipality of Richmond belonging to individuals of the Japanese race.

We wish to call your attention to the Consolidated Regulations respecting "Trading with the Enemy (1939)", Articles 50 & 51, which we quote in full for your information as follows:-

"50. The Custodian shall not be liable for any tax, assessment, mortgage, lien, charge, call, rent, interest or payment upon or in respect of any property vested in him. (P.C. 2512, R. 43 Am.)

51. No property vested in the Custodian shall be forfeited for default in doing any act or making any payment in respect thereof, or attached, seized or taken under any legal process or any distress, or foreclosed, or sold under any mortgage, lien, pledge or charge, or sold for any tax or assessment. (P.C. 2512, R. 44 Am.)"

We trust that you will find the foregoing to be self-explanatory and will appreciate the fact that tax sales covering the properties in question cannot be made without the consent of the Custodian first obtained in each instance.

We are writing to you separately in connection with each of the notices you have forwarded to us.

In order that our records may be complete we would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter, for which please accept our thanks in advance.

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In conclusion, we wish to point out to you that property belonging to individuals of the Japanese race which has been registered with the Custodian vests in the Custodian and that property belonging to individuals of the Japanese race who have not registered their assets with the Custodian vests automatically in the Custodian as from the time such individual of the Japanese race left the Protected Area.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander,
Manager

RPA:FM

Thomas C. King
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER
FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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78 GEORGIA STREET

Vancouver, B.C.

October 23rd, 1942.

Mr. G. D. Milsom,
Administration Department,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, File #4968.

I have this date been able to get in touch with Mr. H. A. Howse in regard to the properties leased from the above, and have pleasure in attaching copy of the lease drawn up between them.

Mr. Howse informs me that he has paid the Dyking tax due on these properties, and although he did not have the receipt with him, he will send it to me at once and will also look after the usual taxes when they become due (Nov 16th) and will forward them to me at once.

Re. your letter of the 31st August and the property of the River Fish Company. There seems to be no agreement made, only word of mouth, and which he has been renting for several years at the rate of \$50.00 per year. He seems to wish to keep this property which consists of a five acre plot in Section 18, Sketch 4855 and situated near the old property of this River Fish Co. I told him that he would have to arrange with the Soldiers Settlement Board in regard to this, and no doubt he will be governed accordingly. He also paid me the amount of \$50.00 for the year 1942 on this and also showed me a receipt for the like amount for the year 1941. No taxes are due from Mr. Howse on this plot. This \$50.00 will appear on my next Rental Statements.

In reference to the piece of property which Okamoto rented from the River Fish Company and was supposed to have sublet from Okamoto. His explanation in regard to this is that he bought the Strawberries on this small plot from Okamoto and which was included in the \$100.00 paid him before his evacuation, and although he would like to retain this plot he is not so very fussy about it. I told him that the same arrangements would have to be made with the S. S. Board in this case too.

Yours very truly,

Thomas C. King

*From see letter giving
forward to Mr. Peers
Re. Atkinson's 9 acres
date which comes on
of these properties*

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3rd November, 1942

The Corporation of the Township of Richmond,
Richmond Town Hall,
Brighouse, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We have before us your Notice of Tax Sale dated August 28th 1942 covering Lot A of Blk. 5 of Blk. 8 of Sec. 11, Blk. 3 N, R. 7 W, Map 4245.

This shows Dyking charges on this property to be in default of 52 cents to which have been added costs of \$13.75, making a total of \$14.27.

Under Order-in-Council P.C. 1665, Japanese properties situated in any protected area of British Columbia are vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian as defined in the Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939).

We must refer you to paragraph 51 of the Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy which reads as follows:

"No property vested in the Custodian shall be forfeited for default in doing any act or making any payment in respect thereof, or attached, seized or taken under any legal process or any distress, or foreclosed, or sold under any mortgage, lien, pledge or charge, or sold for any tax or assessment."

It will therefore be necessary for you to withdraw this property from your Tax Sale list. The only amount which can remain against the property is the arrears of 52 cents as in view of the fact that the property should not have been placed on your Tax Sale list. expenses incurred cannot be assessed against the property.

Will you please advise us that this matter has been corrected and if there are any other properties which in the ordinary way might be liable for Tax Sale, it will be necessary for them to be withdrawn and no additional costs levied against the properties.

In regard to the particular property referred to above we notice that you have this assessed in the name of H. Akimoto. The correct name of the party involved is Hatsutaro OKAMOTO. We would

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suggest that your records be changed accordingly.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Manager.

FCS/PMH

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c/o Mr. A.L. Chipman,
Welling, Alberta,
March 12, 1943.

B.C. Boat Commission,
Maurine Bldg.
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir:

Inquiring about my boat, Navy No. N.W. 072E,
which on Dec. 27, 1941, was wrecked and sunk by
the navy at Steveston.

On May, 1942 Mr. U. Sakamoto of Steveston,
handed me a bill of sale, which said that I were
to get the full price of my boat, \$650.. I
signed the bill and he informed me that as the
bill has to be approved by the Federal Gov't it
will take some times.

It is now March 1943, and I have never heard
anything about it. At least I should know what
has become of my boat.

I trust that you, as one of the member of
the Japanese Fishing Vessel Commission, check
this matter over and send me a reply as early as
possible.

Yours truly,

H. Okamoto

*Boat repaired at Govt. expense
sold by Custodian.
DM*

H. C. T. O.

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19th March, 1943.

Mr. H. Okamoto,
Registration No. 03466,
c/o Mr. A. L. Chipman,
WELLING, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of
March 12th with reference to your boat, the
"H.O.", HW 0722, we wish to advise you that
this boat was repaired in July at a cost of
\$399.54, which costs were assumed by the Navy.

The boat was sold on February
19th for \$250.00, which amount, less certain
charges, will be credited to your account.

Yours faithfully,

M. Sullivan,
Specified Articles Department.

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Alpine Lodge Community

CHRISTINA LAKE, B.C.

Cascade, B.C.

April 20th, 1943.

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Office of the Custodian,
Fishing Vessels Department,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Sirs:-

Attention Miss F. Matheson.

Vessel "T.O." (H.O.) NW-3071 NW-072B

With reference to the above vessel, I have received a letter from her owner, Mr. Hatsutaro Okamoto, Sterling, Alta., that the vessel was sold at \$250.00 and that the repair charges were \$399.54 according to advice received from you, but that he is not at all satisfied with the way the vessel was handled.

This vessel was said to be used by the Royal Navy at Steveston at the time of impoundment order and while under use she was damaged and sunk, later raised and after inspected by their surveyor, she was sent to New Westminster for repair.

While the vessel was at Atagi Boat Works, shortly prior to inspection, there was a buyer bidding \$350.00 (As is) and as the owners idea of repair cost was around \$300.00, Mr. Unosuke Sakamoto, attorney for the owner, suggested settlement at \$650.00. However, upon inspection, she was appraised \$400.00 as is, and consequently the deal was not put through. These records must be in the vessel's file. *mailed*

In view of the above circumstance, I think the owner is entitled to receive \$650.00 at least in lieu of his vessel, therefore, kindly look into this matter and arrange amicable settlement at an early date.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. Kimura
Kishiso Kimura
Reg. No. 00232.

Enclosed with letter July 5th - H. L. Brown

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COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alta.

June 15th 1943

Mr. W.A. Eastwood, General Manager, Vancouver, B.C.

Re H. Okamoto #03466
Custodian File #4968

The above named was owner of a fishing vessel "H.O" NW 072 E, and the following information is supplied me.

On or about Dec. 27, 1941, this boat was rammed and sunk by the Navy at Steveston in what appears to have been an accidental collision. Under date of March 19, 1943, and in response to an inquiry by the above named, Mr. Sullivan of the Specified Articles Department of the Custodian's Office wrote to inform Mr. Okamoto that the boat had been repaired in July 1942 at a cost of \$392.54 "which costs were assumed by the Navy". Mr. Sullivan goes on to state "the boat was sold on Feb. 19, 1943, for \$250.00, which amount less certain charges will be credited to your account."

Insofar as the damage to the boat was made by the Navy (it amounted to almost \$400.00) it is not understood why the boat was not sold for \$650.00 and that credit given Mr. Okamoto.

It is requested that competent investigation be initiated with a view to clarifying the issues in this case and that we be informed of the findings.

"A.E. Russell"

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PORTLAND, OREGON

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PORT OF LOS ANGELES
PILLSBURY & CURTIS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
TELEPHONE WILMINGTON 422
WILMINGTON

July 8th, 1943.

Miss F. Matheson
Specified Articles Dept.
Japanese Evacuation Section.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madam;

re M.V. "T.O." or "H.O."

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When I surveyed this vessel in October 1942., she was complete, fully equipped and in Sea-worthy condition, as per my survey report 106.A. dated October 20th, 1942. Her value at that time I placed at \$375.00.

When I surveyed her again in February 1943 she had been practically stripped of all her equipment and had been very badly neglected. I then placed a value of \$250.00, as per my survey report No. 28.N. dated February 1943 which at that time I considered her value.

Faithfully yours,

John Gould

Marine Surveyor.

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July 17, 1943.

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.,
325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

The fishing vessel "H. O." (or "T.O.") NW.3071, NW.072E, was among the fifty-two boats released to your company in July, 1942, under the care and maintenance agreement made with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

This vessel was subsequently leased by your company (as authorized under the above-mentioned agreement) to the British Columbia Packers Ltd.

If you would kindly supply us with an inventory of the equipment aboard this vessel at the time she was released from the custody of your company, this information would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

Nelson Bros. Fisheries

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PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF
FINEST QUALITY **PARAMOUNT BRAND**
CANNED SALMON, PILCHARDS & HERRING
FISH MEAL & FISH OIL

TELEPHONE
"NELBRO"

222 HOWE STREET
Vancouver, B.C.

July 19, 1943.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Dear Sirs:

Answering your letter of July 17th, File No. 4968,
We have found that our claim in the amount of \$31.45 for
missing equipment on the fishing vessel "T.O.", N.W.3071,
N.W.072 E, was paid to us on March 11th, 1943, your voucher
dated January 13th, 1943, Cl. 351, Stat.No.30502.

On September 4th, 1942 she had engine complete and
running lights *and anchor*.

The items as per our claim were:

1 only V-Belt	\$ 1.60	
1 " Coleman Stove	5.50	
20 fms. Rope - Anchor		
Line	6.60	
1 only Compass - 3"	11.25	
1 " 6-Volt Battery	6.50	\$ 31.45

Yours truly,

NELSON BROS. FISHERIES LIMITED

per.

Art Newcomb

AHN/AMH

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August 3, 1943.

Mr. A. E. Lawson,
British Columbia Packers Ltd.,
Foot of Campbell Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Re: Vessel "T. O." NW.3071. NW.072E

The above-indicated vessel was sold to your company in February 1943, for the sum of \$250.00, after having been surveyed and appraised at that figure by Mr. John Gould.

At the time of survey, the vessel was in the custody of your company; having been leased from Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., and the valuation of \$250.00 was based on the boat as she was at the date of survey.

Unfortunately, however, due to an oversight on our part, the value of this vessel's equipment (which had been stored for safekeeping and was not on the boat when she was surveyed) was not added to Mr. Gould's "as is" valuation.

Would you please call to see the undersigned in connection with this at any time convenient to you?

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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PILLSBURY & CURTIS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
TELEPHONE WILMINGTON 400
WILMINGTON

August 6th, 1943.

Miss F Matheson,
Specified Articles Dept.,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madam;

re M.V. "T.O." or "H.O."

If there had been Running Lights,
Batteries &/or V-Belt on board the above named
vessel when I surveyed her in February 1943 they
would have been recorded in the Survey Report.

I tried to make it quite clear that
this vessel had been stripped of practically all
her equipment between the two surveys, i.e. Oct-
ober 1942 and February 1943., in my letter of
July 8th, 1943.

Faithfully yours,

John Gould

Marine Surveyor.

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November 16th, 1943

Mr. Ritchie Nelson,
Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.,
325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, Reg. #03466

On August 9th, we wrote you making claim for \$52.35 worth of equipment belonging to the above-named man. This equipment having been supplied to the vessel "H.O." which was placed in your custody in July 1942, leased by your company to British Columbia Packers Ltd. and later purchased by British Columbia Packers Ltd.

At the time of purchase by the British Columbia Packers Ltd. this equipment was missing from the boat.

We wrote you on August 30th, in reply to your letter of August 26th, explaining the matter, but to date have received no reply.

We would greatly appreciate your reply at your earliest convenience, as the matter is rather pressing, and Okamoto is requesting settlement.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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December 4, 1943

Mr. A. E. Lawson,
c/o British Columbia Packers Ltd.,
Foot of Campbell Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vessel "H.O."/"T.O." NW.3071

We give you below a list of the equipment,
shown on the report of the Custodian's surveyor as being
missing at the time of the survey in February, 1943 of
the above-indicated boat.

Pump	\$7.00
Generator	17.50
Anchor & Chain	10.00
Anchor Line	6.60
Compass	<u>11.25</u>
	\$52.35

The prices given are in accordance with those
allowed by Naval Service in connection with claims for
loss of equipment.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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Mr. Hatautaro OKAMOTO,
Registration No. 03466,
Box 136, Taber, Alberta.

June 1, 1944.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the Custodian Release Form which we received on May 31, 1944:

On receipt of your letter of May 10 our Steveston Representative went to the small shack on the farm and brought in to our No. 3 warehouse auction room all the goods he could find.

He reports that this house has been ransacked several times and the garden tools and other property reported stolen.

The goods brought in will be sold at public auction tomorrow and your account credited with the proceeds.

The last paragraph of the letter of May 10 regarding nets will be answered by another department.

The Palmer Engine is still at the Colonial Cannery and will be sold at a later date.

In July, 1942 we moved from the Colonial Cannery, house #8, to our warehouse #2 chattels in the name of T. Okamoto, and on August 13, 1942, chattels in the name of K. Okamoto.

We would be glad to know if these goods belong to you or some of your family as we did not know what names the initials K. and T. stand for. Perhaps you can advise us so that when the goods are sold we will know to whom we should credit the proceeds.

For your information we enclose circular 0/534.

Very truly yours,

R.B. Mackenzie.
Protection Department.

REM/GM
encl.

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August 1st, 1944.

Mr. Hatsutaro OKAMOTO,
Registration No. 03466,
Box 136,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for yours of July 23rd answering our enquiries as to ownership of effects marked with your surname. This letter is with particular reference to your enquiry about nets.

We regret that we cannot trace any of the nets mentioned in your letter of May 10th as having been left at the Colonial Cannery. The Steveston Canneries have all along refused to accept responsibility for Japanese-owned nets left on their premises and while we have been able to trace and dispose of most claimed to have been left behind, there have been some shortages. We still have your 7 H.P. Palmer engine and shall be disposing of this in the near future.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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NOTE TO FILE: The position as outlined above is not satisfactory, as in an undated report appearing on file in front of our letter of April 28th, 1942, Mr. Mather reports the existence of three nets stored in the Colonial Net House and approximating in value and description to those claimed by

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August 31, 1944.

Mr. Hatsutaro OKAMOTO,
Registration No. 03466,
Box 136,
Taber, Alta.

Dear Sir:

In your statement of personal property, you
list,

"Radio handed over to Military Police"

As our records of surrendered radios contain
no reference to a radio belonging to you, we would be
pleased if you would send us a copy of the receipt you re-
ceived when you surrendered your radio, so that we may take
steps to trace this radio.

If we do not hear from you, we shall assume that
your radio was not turned over to any Government agency, and
that you do not wish us to take any further action in regard
to this radio.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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March 15, 1945

Mr. Hatsutaro OKAMOTO,
Reg. No. 03466,
P. O. Box 136,
Taber, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 3rd,
we enclose additional statement of chairs and
kitchenware which were sold at auction.

We find that the beds have not yet been
disposed of and we have no record of any logging
equipment or round table and we presume that the
dishes were included in the list of chinaware and
bowls which were sold.

Our agent reports that the garden tools
were stolen and we are unable to find any garden
cultivator.

One box of records was sent to storage.

In regard to your nets, we wrote you on
August 1, 1944 that we were unable to find any
trace of the nets having been left at the Colonial
Cannery. The Steveston Canneries have all along
refused to accept responsibility for Japanese-owned
nets left on their premises.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson
Administration Department

GDM/GH
Enc.

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April 20, 1945.

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.,
325 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Vessel "H.O."/"T.O.", NW.3071
 and Hatsutaro OKAMOTO. #4968

On August 9, 1943, we filed with your company a claim to the value of \$52.35 for equipment belonging to the vessel "H.O."/"T.O." NW.3071. This vessel was one of those placed in the custody of your company, and leased by your company to fishermen.

This vessel was leased by your company to British Columbia Packers Ltd., who, we understand, in turn leased her to a fisherman.

When this vessel was appraised by Mr. John Gould in February, 1943, the following equipment, which was known to be on the vessel at the time she was placed in your care or to have been supplied as shown by the claim filed by your company, was missing:

1 Pump	\$ 7.00
1 Generator	17.50
1 Anchor & Chain	10.00
1 Rope	6.60
1 Compass	<u>11.25</u>
	<u>\$52.35</u>

and claim for the value of this missing equipment was filed.

We would be pleased to hear from you in regard to this matter, as we are anxious to have all outstanding claims in connection with fishing vessels settled as quickly as possible.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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May 9th, 1946.

The Manager,
Royal Bank of Canada,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are attaching six \$100.00 Dominion of Canada
3% bonds due September 1st, 1966, numbered as follows

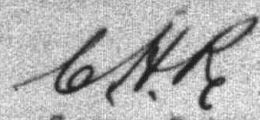
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with coupons numbered 1 to 41 inclusive, attached. Please forward
these bonds by registered mail, insured, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce
at Taber, Alberta, and instruct them to hold for the account of Hattotaro
OKAMOTO, Registration No. 03466. Mr. OKAMOTO has been advised that these
bonds are being sent.

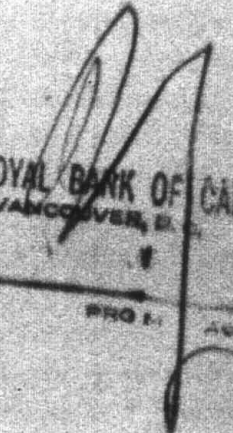
Please advise us of your charges, and we will
issue a cheque in favour.

Yours truly,


George Peters
Administration Department

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Encl. - six \$100.00 bonds


THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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February 5, 1947.

The Manager,
Royal Bank of Canada,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are attaching two \$100.00 Dominion of Canada
3% Bonds and one \$50.00 Dominion of Canada 3% Bond, numbered as
follows:

P.7 H0206834 - \$ 50.00
 A954884 - \$100.00
 A954885 - \$100.00

Coupons due on September 1, 1946, have been clipped
and credited to Hatsutaro Okamoto's account with the Custodian.

Please forward these bonds, by registered mail, to
the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Taber, Alberta, and instruct them to
hold for the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto, Police Registration No. 03466.
Mr. Okamoto has been advised that these bonds are being forwarded on his
behalf.

Kindly collect all your charges from Mr. Okamoto
before delivery.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL
Att.

Receipt of the above-numbered Dominion of
Canada 3% Bonds is hereby acknowledged:

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Receved

MISCELLANEOUS

July 26, 1949.

TO: Mr. B. Good
FROM: Mr. J. Cuming

Re: Case No. 726 - Hatsutaro OKAMOTO, and Mr.
Virtue's letter of June 29, 1949.

DATA:

The award re above is incorrectly noted as \$71.25 and should be \$86.17 (being at the rate of 28.5% due to having been sold other than by Nelson Bros. Ltd.)

Corrected Award Sheet herewith.

DATA:

Claim is for \$345.00 as per Transcript Page 5, Line 22 to Page 6, Line 15, wherein the following question and answer is recorded:

Q. Then your total claim would not be \$450.00 for these nets but would be \$345.00?

A. Yes.

(Previous testimony notes both lines as per Page 9 of Exhibit No. 1 should have been included in the price of \$200.00 claimed for net number 1.)

MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS:

Incorrect addition by Mr. Virtue of Page 11, Exhibit No.1 accounts for his total of \$400.00. Correct total is \$401.00.

Review of the file and figures noted on our record sheets notes the necessity of changing our records as follows:

1 Scale \$50.00 - moved by J.W.G.Hunter from "No Record" to "D.N.F." should be returned to "N.R." as the claim was the first time the Custodian heard of it even though numerous letters from the Claimant noted the contents of his home and farm shack.

Logging Equip-
ment \$40.00
30.-

- moved by J.W.G.Hunter from "N.R." to "D.N.F." even though Transcript, Page 18, Line 10 to Page 19, Line 7 notes that this equipment belonged to a person other than the Claimant or his wife (See Page 18, Lines 21 and 22).

Therefore, as no personal loss was incurred by the Claimant it is not his privilege to include same on

his claim, without submitting a further claim for the other person and a Power of Attorney to allow himself to act as claimant.

This item will be placed in the "E.I.C." column.

Strawberry boxes
& Grates \$36.00 -

These were never declared or found and the only use to which the claimant could have put them would have been in the operation of a one acre leasehold as per Exhibit No.7. However, Claimant sold this crop to a Mr. Howse for \$50.00 and it is reasonable to assume that either they were used by Howse or included in the selling price.

In any event they were never declared in any of his many letters to the Custodian and were not found. The writer personally feels that they should be "N.R." instead of "D.N.F." as per present Award Sheet. D.T.Braidwood to advise please.

2 rolls Fence Wire
\$6.00 -

The claim for "Fence Wire" started life in the original claim as a "Sprayer \$5.00".

No fence wire was declared or found and this item should be transferred from "D.N.F." back to "N.R."

D. T. Braidwood to advise please.

AN AMENDED ANALYSIS OF CLAIM.



IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

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

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
September 26th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
NATSUYARO OKAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

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APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

W.S. RUSSELL, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

MRS. LUCIE HANDFORD,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 726, Matsutaro Okamoto.

HATSUTARO OKAMOTO, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Okamoto, this is a summary of evidence in
support of claim I am showing you?

A Yes.

Q This was prepared under your own direction and from
information and figures supplied by yourself?

A Yes.

Q This is your signature, Mr. Okamoto, at the end
of this document?

A: Yes.

Q This is the basis of your claim to the Commission?

A Yes.

Q You believe the contents of this document to be
true to the best of your knowledge, information
and belief, is that right?

A Yes, it is all true.

MR. RUSSELL: I will put that in as an exhibit.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. RUSSELL: I wonder if my learned friend would produce
a net list made the 10th of July, 1942, and a letter
dated the 3rd of March, 1945.

Q You are claiming for a fishing vessel, Mr. Okamoto,
is that right?

A: Yes.

Q Now, I am showing you a picture here (indicating),
it is of a boat; is that boat in the foreground
your boat?

A; That is my boat.

Q And that is the boat for which you are claiming

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\$400.00, is that right?

A: Yes.

Q It says on the back of this picture "taken March 1940"; do you know who wrote that on there?

A It was written by my son who has since died.

MR. RUSSELL: I will put that picture in.

(PHOTOGRAPHIC MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: I don't appear to have the net list of July, 1942. I have another list here. Is that what you have reference to (indicating)?

10 MR. RUSSELL: Q: I am showing you a net list which is undated, but it has a receipt stamp on the top "April 30th, 1943"?

A Yes, that is my list.

Q That is your list, is it? A: Yes.

Q I notice that this doesn't correspond exactly with your summary of evidence; this document here (indicating). You show the value of this first net at \$200.00, which is the same as your summary of evidence, but here in your summary of evidence you show it as 200 fathoms and in this net list you show 190 fathoms.

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Is that the same net? A: Yes, it is the same net.

Q Now, this second item, I can't see that this corresponds very closely. You show the estimated value here of \$75.00, which would probably make it this third net here on your net list?

A The prices seem to be reversed. The 5-3/8 there should be \$75.00 and the 5-3/4 should be \$140.00.

Q Well, you made no claim for \$140.00 in your summary of evidence. How does that come about?

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A There must be a mistake; I thought I had.

Q Well, which is the correct statement of your nets, the one on this summary of evidence, or this one here in your net statement?

A This list is the correct list, the one I have in my hand.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What he calls the net list.

MR. RUSSELL: The net list, the fishing net inventory.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are you going to file that now so that we will have it connected up with that statement?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, I will put it in.

(NET INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RUSSELL: Q: Well, do you wish to amend this statement of nets, cork lines and lead lines on page 9 of your summary of evidence to correspond with this net statement which you made sometime prior to 1943?

A Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, look, Mr. Russell, on Exhibit 3 have you or has he set forth there the net lines and the lead lines separately? If you will look at page 9 of Exhibit 1 you will find here a Cohoe, cork line, value \$65.00, which goes with the Sockeye net of \$75.00, making a total of \$140.00, so that possibly you have got the correct values on Exhibit 1, except that they are divided.

MR. RUSSELL: That may be it, sir; that may be the explanation.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is the third net valued there on that list there?

MR. RUSSELL: \$75.00. The descriptions actually are not quite the same.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: No, but the third net, what is that?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, that is \$75.00.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Those two are valued at \$75.00, are they?

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MR. RUSSELL: Pardon me. Perhaps I can check it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You see, the \$75.00 and the \$65.00 makes your total \$140.00. Now, here is a \$40.00 which does not appear on this net list.

MR. RUSSELL: No, it doesn't appear on the net list at all.

Q You are claiming for some cork lines for your Cohoe net, \$65.00. Now, in this net statement you are showing \$140.00 for a 5-1/4 inch net, and what we are trying to do is to find out if this \$140.00 includes \$65.00 worth of lines or not. Can you tell us that?

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A This \$65.00 for cork lines is included in the first item for \$200.00; that is inclusive. These two following nets have no cork or lead lines and, therefore, this \$65.00 is included in the \$200.00.

Q Well, would the value of the net then without the lines be \$135.00?

A No, it should be \$95.00 instead of \$200.00, because these two items, cork lines and lead lines should be deducted from that \$200.00 to get the total value

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of the nets.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Oh, I see. So that the \$200.00 item includes the lines, one cork and the other lead which have each been used two weeks as in the case of the first net, so that the net value is \$95.00, and the other lines are \$65.00 and \$40.00 respectively?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I see.

10 THE INTERPRETER: He says those lines are just a repetition; it should be all included in the \$200.00.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: It should all be included in the \$200.00?

A Yes.

Q Then your total claim would not be \$450.00 for these nets but would be \$345.00? A: Yes.

Q I think that is all, sir.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate, both parcels, were sold for their fair market value.

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I am submitting that the nets were sold for their fair market value. I would point out that the nets were sold by tender for \$302.35, and the claimant's amended claim now amounts to only \$345.00.

I am submitting the other chattels were sold for their fair market value. Some chattels were declared and not found, others there is no record of at any time. The scale and the tools and other items again are abandoned. A few were lost or stolen. I am submitting if the Custodian is responsible for any chattels that the claim made to

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the same by this claimant is exorbitant.

I submit as an exhibit two farm appraisal reports, one respecting Lot "A", Block 5, and the other Lot 4, sub-division of a 14.4 acre parcel of the West Half of Section 18.

(APPRAISALS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

10 MR. RICE: I submit two tax notices for the Corporation of the Township of Richmond, Brighthouse, B.C., one respecting Lot 4 showing the land valued at \$327.00 and the improvements at \$50.00, total taxable value \$352.00. The other is Lot "A", Block 5, value of land \$437.00, improvements \$20.00, taxable value \$447.00.

(NOTICES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: I submit three summaries respecting the real estate and one summary respecting the personal estate.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Four altogether?

MR. RICE: Yes.

(SUMMARIES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

20 MR. RICE: I submit the report of J. D. Mather dated July 10th, 1942, showing a net statement and an inventory of household goods left at the Colonial Cannery.

(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

MR. RICE: I tender an analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

30 Q I show you a J.P. form dated April 20th, 1942;

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In Chief.

does that bear your signature?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: I tender his J.P. form as an exhibit.
(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

MR. RICE: I tender, your Honour, as an exhibit a
summary taken from vessels records regarding the
claim made by the claimant for a boat. Apparently
this boat was damaged and sunk when in possession
of the Navy. It was repaired at the Star Shipyard
at a cost of \$399.54, which was paid by the Navy.
The boat was then valued or appraised by John Gould,
that is, on October 20th, 1942, at \$375.00. The
boat did not sell, and later it was appraised again
when some of the equipment had been taken off at
at \$250.00, and was finally sold at \$250.00.
Apparently, the Nelson Brothers Fisheries Limited
made good to the Custodian for certain things taken
off the boat, or presumably used by them, so that
there was a refund of \$52.35 that was paid by Nelson
Brothers, and which the claimant here receives a
credit for.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: \$52.35?

MR. RICE: Yes, \$52.35. There is a letter from Nelson
Brothers Fisheries Limited enclosing the cheque
for that amount, and I tender both documents as
one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

MR. RICE: I don't know whether I mentioned it before or
not, but I am submitting that the boat or vessel
was sold at its fair market value.

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Q Where did you leave your household goods and farming equipment? There is no claim for farming equipment, is there? It has been dropped?

MR. RUSSELL: No, there is a claim there, page 11.

A They were left in two separate rooms at the cannery. The nets were left in an upstairs room in the cannery.

MR. RICE: Q: But your household goods and farming equipment, they were left in two separate rooms at a cannery?

A: They were left

at house No. 19.

Q Whereabouts in house No. 19? A: My things were left there along with other people's.

Q Where is house No. 19? A: Around the middle of the block of cabins.

Q What place?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is the name of the place or town?

MR. RICE: Q: Steveston, B.C.? A: Yes.

Q Why didn't you say so. Now, what was the number of the house again that you left them at?

A I don't remember clearly, but I think it was No. 19.

Q I might point out to you that in your J.P. form you said, "Will leave wood at No. 12 cannery house and farm equipment in packing shed on No. 2 Road."

A Yes, I left my farming implements on No. 2 Road, but I don't remember any wood.

Q You don't remember any wood? A: No. I had some but I sold it to a Chinaman.

Q Well, what about your household effects or chattels?

A They were all left at this same No. 19 house along

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Cross Exam.

with chattels and belongings of several other people.

Q All left at house No. 19? A: I am not sure whether it was 19 or 12.

Q Along with several other evacuees' property, is that it? A: Yes.

Q And who owned house No. 19? A: It belonged to the cannery.

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Q Well, what cannery? What was the name of the cannery? A: Colonial Cannery.

Q Colonial Cannery? A: Yes.

Q It wasn't the Scottish Cannery? A: No.

Q Colonial Cannery? A: Yes.

Q I show you a letter dated May 10th, 1944, written from Taber, Alberta, to the Custodian. Is that your signature on that letter?

A Yes, that is my signature.

Q That is your signature? A: Yes.

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MR. RICH: Well, this letter, your Honour, reads in part, "On May 4th I received your letter stating that you have sold our land.

"I want to informed you that we have left our house goods and farming equipment in a small shack on the farm:

"Lot 4 of 14.4 acres portion of the West half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West Map 619" and I don't know whether it is "5" or "8", "District of New Westminster, Municipality of Richmond, C. of R. 51324

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Cross Exam.

in the care of Mr. Herbert A. Howe."

Now, does that refresh your mind at all about where you left your chattels? Now, is that letter right, or did you leave them at house 19 belonging to the cannery?

A These household goods are just odds and ends of furniture we had. The main part of those things we had we left at the cannery as I said just now, and these are just small articles of the farming equipment.

Q The farming equipment and small articles were left in the house or in the care of Mr. Howe on the farm?

A Yes, in the small shack on the farm.

MR. RICE: I will ask that to be marked as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

MR. RICE: Q: I show you a proof of claim form that you swore to on the 18th of November, 1947; is that your signature on that document?

A Yes.

Q That is your signature? A: Yes.

MR. RICE: I tender the proof of claim form filed by the claimant on November 18th, 1947.

(CLAIM FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 12).

MR. RICE: Q: In your proof of claim form you swore that your farming equipment -- oh, no, you have it here. The proof of claim form gave no itemized list of the farm equipment that was valued at \$150.00. You leased your house and your farm to Mr. Howe, did you not? A: I leased the farm to a Mr. Howe through Mr. King; the house

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didn't belong to me, it belonged to the cannery.

Q Well, you leased Lot "A" and Lot 4, described as
Parcels 1 and 2 in your summary of evidence,
respectively?

A: The lots were
on Mancton Street and on No. 2 Road.

Q Do you know what Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 of the
summary of evidence that you have filed today
mean? One is described as Lot "A" and the other
as Lot 4?

A: Yes, Parcels 1
and 2.

Q Parcels 1 and 2?

A: Yes.

Q Well, you leased both of these parcels to Mr. Howse
for \$100.00 for the first year, did you not?

A It was just for that one year.

Q You have a written lease with Mr. Howse, have you
not?

A: Yes.

Q Can you produce it?

A: I haven't got it
with me, but that \$100.00 rent was just for that
one year.

Q Then Mr. King had nothing to do with the thing,
you made a lease yourself for the house?

A For the following years they were just to pay the
taxes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Have you got a lease, Mr. Russell?

MR. RUSSELL: I don't think we have, sir.

A I have the agreement at home.

MR. REE: Q: Well, it is clear then that you leased
your place to Mr. Howse for \$100.00 for the first
year and thereafter for the duration of the war he
was to have it by paying the taxes and the water rates?

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A Yes, I believe that is so, but, in any case, if you see the agreement it will be there.

Q If you don't know, say so. I am asking you; you are on oath here, whether it means anything to you or not?

A: Yes, that is

correct.

Q Well, if you rented it to Mr. Howse for \$100.00 a year and thereafter permitting him to use the place on the payment of the taxes and the water rent, why do you say that the rental value is \$500.00 a year, or, to be exact, the rental of both places is \$750.00 a year?

A Well, I think there is that much value in the place because I planted loganberries, and the strawberries were just coming on in the second year.

Q Well, what you are swearing to here, whether you know it or not, is that a place that you valued at \$1600.00 has an annual rental value of \$500.00, and another place that you swore to as having a value of \$400.00, a fair market value of \$400.00, has a rental value of \$250.00 per year?

A May I have the question again?

BY THE REPORTER: "Well, what you are swearing to here, whether you know it or not, is that a place that you valued at \$1600.00 has an annual rental value of \$500.00, and another place that you swore to as having a value of \$400.00, a fair market value of \$400.00, has a rental value of \$250.00 per year?"

A The one valued at \$1600.00 I had planted loganberries and I consider that I could expect a rental

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of \$500.00. The \$400.00 parcel was planted in strawberries and, therefore, I consider \$250.00 a fair rental.

MR. RUSSELL: You will notice that is on a share crop basis. He is talking about the second parcel.

MR. RICE: Q: Well, after spending \$300.00 or \$400.00 you can get \$250.00 rent?

A I had a letter from the Custodian asking me whether I would care to sell this parcel at \$1600.00 because there was a buyer in the market.

Q And you agreed to sell for \$1600.00?

A The letter should be on the file.

MR. RICE: I would point out, your Honour, that there was a buyer of this property for \$1600.00, and he found out he had made a mistake in the property and he refused to go on with the purchase, and the place was eventually sold to the Director of the Veterans Land Act for \$409.00. A person by the name of Stanley Sepel offered \$1600.00, but made a mistake on the property that he thought that he was offering the money on and withdrew his offer.

A There was a buyer for this parcel valued at \$1600.00 by the Custodian and he asked me whether I would agree to sell because there was a cash purchaser for this piece of land.

Q Yes, but that was just a mistake he made in the description of your land.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Mr. Rice is just explaining that the man who made that offer made a mistake in the property for which he was making an offer, and it

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was not this man's property, it was somebody else's. You might explain that to him. What does he say now?

A I did receive a letter telling me that it was an offer for the wrong parcel, but on comparing the title deeds with the number of the parcels I think it was the same one. There was no mistake about it, it was my land. If you compare the title deeds with the letter from the Custodian you will see it for yourself.

Q Yes, but the number of the parcel in the Custodian's letter might very well be the number of the property which this man had, but would not be the property which the man had in mind when he was making the offer, so that does not mean anything.

A I don't know about that, but the number mentioned in the Custodian's letter and my property were the same.

Q Yes, that is true, but the point is that the man who made the offer had some other property in mind.

MR. RICE: I point out, your Honour, that according to the summary of evidence, Exhibit 1, the claimant swears that he purchased this property for \$1300.00; and he planted loganberries and peas which he claims cost him \$125.00, and built a packing house in 1928 at a cost of \$150.00, making a total claim, with no write-off for the packing house at all, of \$1575.00, and yet the value of his claim on this parcel of land is \$1600.00.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Not only that, but there is not

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a word of evidence in here to whom he paid the \$1300.00 to. I had that in mind to ask him whether there was a building burned, or something. You see, here is \$1300.00 for two acres of land, and the purchase price of Parcel 2 is \$340.00, and nothing is said as to who sold the property to him, or what they got or anything else, so that you cannot very well have the \$1300.00, or take the \$1300.00 as the basis for the claim, can you?

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MR. RICE: Perhaps I had better ask him.

Q Who did you buy this land from? I mean Lot "A".

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q: Can you not tell the name of the person that you bought it from without going into a long conversation? A: No, I don't remember.

Q He does not know.

MR. RICE: He doesn't know.

Q How do you know that you paid \$1300.00 then?

A Yes, I remember buying that and I have the receipt.

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Q Well, where is the receipt then? All right. What was on the place when you bought it in the way of buildings?

A: There was nothing apart from some loganberries about ten or twelve years old.

Q No other improvements at all? A: No.

Q And you paid \$650.00 an acre for two acres?

A Yes, the total is \$1300.00, so that it must have been so.

Q You haven't got the receipt on you that you paid

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for the property?

A: I haven't got it

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with me, but I have it at home. If necessary,
I shall post it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, it is no good at home,
that is one thing sure. And they are certainly
not going to take into consideration anything
like that.

MR. RUSSELL: Well, your Honour, would you care to
adjourn this and have him bring in his receipt
and produce it to you.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, he has had every opportunity
to have this stuff here, and he certainly has got
the rental value high enough and everything, and
that was not overlooked. Oh, we will let him
file it if he wants to afterwards.

MR. RUSSELL: This brings up a matter, sir; we can't
examine every witness on every one of these points
in this summary of evidence.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: By jove, you just cannot take
a statement and say "This is all true" because
it is quite evident that it is not all true
in every case, because you are dealing with
people who do not speak English very well, at
least, and you have just simply got to go into
this thing with some detail if you are going to
succeed in some of this stuff, that is all.

MR. RICE: Well, you are claiming that you paid \$100.00
for kitchen utensils. Have you any record of that?
Oh, make him answer the question; he can say "Yes"
he has or he hasn't.

30 A I can't remember in detail.

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Q You can't remember in detail. Now do you know that you paid \$100.00 for kitchen utensils new and old as described in your summary of evidence?

A We had a new dinner set, among other things. I actually think we had more than \$100.00 worth.

Q But you have no record of the \$100.00? You are just guessing at it as to what the value of your kitchen utensils would amount to?

A No, I can't remember in detail.

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Q Well, your logging equipment, you are swearing you paid \$100.00 for logging equipment. There is no list of it. Have you got a list of it, your logging equipment?

A: That must be a mistake, I think. I put down some \$30.00 odd dollars.

Q No, you say that is what it is worth. Is \$30.00 all you say that you paid? \$100.00 is what you swore you paid for it?

A Yes, it must have cost about that.

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Q Well, how do you know if you haven't got a list?

A It isn't my own; it belongs to my wife's younger brother.

Q This logging equipment is not yours at all then?

A And he left it in my care.

Q So that you don't know what it consists of?

A My wife's brother told me that he had bought it at that price and he valued it at what it is listed there.

Q Your wife's youngest brother told you that he had bought logging equipment that cost him

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\$100.00. Did he give you a list of what it consisted of?

A: No, he didn't

tell me.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is there anything else that belongs to the wife's brother in this list, I wonder. Anything else belongs to the wife's brother?

A: No, just the logging equipment.

MR. RICE: Q: What is the bath box, or is that meant for a bath tub?

A: It should be

10 Q a bath tub.

Q It should be a bath tub?

A: Yes, it is

a Japanese wooden bath tub.

Q It is a Japanese wooden bath tub?

A: Yes.

Q Well, you bought it for \$37.00 in '41 and apparently used it for a year, but it would have no depreciation, is that it?

A: That is just

the amount I paid for it, the market value at the time I purchased it. I had it made for me. I don't know what it cost or what it was worth when we left the Coast.

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Q You don't know what it was worth when you left the Coast. All right.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Any questions, Mr. Russell?

MR. RUSSELL: No questions.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Show him that list there (indicating), and here are the values of all these articles there, and just ask him who gave him those values, or who gave those values and all that in here to the man that prepared that Exhibit 1.

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Discussion.

A I gave him the values.

Q You gave the values contained in that Exhibit 1 that I have shown you?

A Yes, I gave the values.

Q I see. All right, that is all, thanks.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

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W. R. Howard
"W. 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.

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CASE NO. 726.

H. Okamoto,
Discussion.

Lethbridge, Alberta,

October 12th, 1948.

B E F O R E

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

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MR. RUSSELL: Your Honour, in Case No. 726, Matsutaro Okamoto, we endeavoured to secure a deed showing the sale of land, and the hearing was adjourned for us to secure a copy of the same. I have now a certified copy of the deed as filed in the Land Registry office, and I would like to put that on the file.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right, that is fine.

MR. RUSSELL: It will be put in as Exhibit 13.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The deed will be filed as Exhibit No. 13.

(DEED MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 13).

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

John
"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.

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DEFENCE BRIEF

Lethbridge, Alberta.
September 28th, 1948.

Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

File No. 4968

Case No. 726

REAL PROPERTY CLAIMS
(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim (1)

Lot A of Blk. 5 of Blk. 8 of Sec. 11
Blk. 3N., R. 7W., Map 4245, D.N.W.

\$1600.00

Parcel (1)

Appraised at
\$417.50

Sold for
\$409.00

Witness: H. L. Sinclair, Appraiser.

Reference:- Farm Appraisal Report (Lot A)
Page 3 states: "The only building on
property is a small shed of no value".

Claim (2)

Lot 4 of a 14.4 ac. portion of
W. 1/4 of Sec. 18, Blk. 3N., R. 6W.,
Map 6195, D.N.W.

\$400.00

Parcel (2)

Appraised at
\$218.00

Sold for
\$214.00

Witness: T. Godfrey, Appraiser.

Reference:- Farm Appraisal Report (Lot 4)
Page 1 states: "No Buildings".

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS
(All claims shown are Gross)

Amended Claim (3)

Net

\$345.00

Not accounted for, theft, etc.

Witnesses: J. D. Mather - to prove report,
July 10/42.
C.C. Robinson, Staff.

Transcript p.4, lines 14-19: Claimant states
claim for nets amended as per net state-
ment which he made sometime prior to 1943.
However, on p.6, lines 14 and 15 the claim
is changed to \$345.00. It would seem
that he has amended his claim for nets
as per Summary of Evidence, Page 9.

Claim (4)

Boat

\$650.00

Valuations
\$375.00 - Oct. 20/42)
\$250.00 - Feb. /43) J. Gould.

Sold for
\$302.35

Witness: John Gould, Marine Surveyor.

Reference:- See Exhibit #10, Summary Taken
From Vessels Records: Additional Information,
2nd paragraph which makes up total sale price
of boat.

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Claim (5)

Farm Equipment

\$151.00

Note: error in addition
see Ex. 1, p.11.

(a) Goods valued by claimant
at \$24.00 (Auction) Sold for
\$4.45

Witnesses: G. M. Harris, Staff.
Thompson & Co., Auctioneers.

(b) Goods valued by claimant
at \$20.00 Declared not found.

Witness: C. C. Robinson, Staff.

Note:- Not declared until Mar.3/45, see
letter on claim file.

(c) Goods valued by claimant
at \$92.00 No record at any time.

Witnesses: J.D. Mather
C. C. Robinson.

(d) Goods valued by claimant
at \$15.00 Not accounted for, theft, etc.

Witness: C. C. Robinson.

Claim (6)

Household Chattels

\$250.00

(a) Goods valued by claimant
at \$123.00 (Auction) Sold for
\$30.55

Witnesses: G. M. Harris, Staff.
Thompson & Co., Auctioneers.

(b) Goods valued by claimant
at \$30.00 Declared not found.

Witnesses: J. D. Mather
C. C. Robinson.

Reference:- Letter Mar.3/45 first mention
of logging equipment - not found.

(c) Goods valued by claimant
at \$97.00 Abandoned.

Witness: C. C. Robinson.

Handwritten notes:
A 147.- for 35.-
(50.- DNF - 70.- EIC)
{ 92.- NR
15.- RNM
97.- Aban
401.-
Hunter put all DNF
but Seal's son should be
returned to NR.
Logging eqpt \$30.- should be
in EIC instead of DNF as
Jpt P18L10 - P19L7 notes
same as being other than
claimant's property. i. e.
no loss to him personally - no claim.

Submission:- p.6, lines 17-19:
"I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate,
both parcels, were sold for their fair market value".

Handwritten notes:
A 147.- for 35.-
20.- DNF
30.- EIC
50.- NR
42.-

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Continuing submission:

P.6, lines 24-27, line 28-30, P. 7, line 1:-

"I am submitting the other chattels were sold for their fair market value. Some chattels were declared and not found, others there is no record of at any time".

"A few were lost or stolen. I am submitting if the Custodian is responsible for any chattels that the claim made to the same by this claimant is exorbitant".

P.8, lines 29 and 30:-

"I am submitting that the boat or vessel was sold at its fair market value".

Errors in Submission:

P.6, lines 20-23:-

"I am submitting that the nets were sold for their fair market value. I would point out that the nets were sold by tender for \$302.35, and the claimant's amended claim now amounts to only \$345.00". - - -

No nets were sold, they were not accounted for (see amended claim analysis). The \$302.35 referred to is the selling price of the boat. Claimant's amended net claim amounts to \$345.00.

P.6, lines 27 and 28:-

"The scale and the tools and other items again are abandoned".

No record at any time of scale (see amended claim analysis). Tools to the amount of \$4.45 were sold as per analysis.

<u>Summary of Defence Witnesses</u>	<u>Where Required</u>	<u>Summary of Documents to be filed</u>	<u>Witness Proving same.</u>
H. L. Sinclair	(1)		
T. Godfrey	(2)		
J.D. Mather	(3), (5)c, (6)b		
C.C. Robinson	(3), (5)b, c, d. (6)b, c,		
J. Gould	(4)		
G.M. Harris	(5)a, (6)a.		
Thompson & Co.	(5)a, (6)a.		

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Name of Claimant

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REAL PROPERTY										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		
					409.00 214.00	275.00 117.00				275.00 117.00
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 & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
		302.35		86.17						86.17
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	
						.00 545.00	241.50	.00	241.50	
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			
147.00	35.00	10.50	46%	175.00	80.50			91.00		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										611.50

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March 21st, 1951

Mr. Hatsuaro OKAMOTO,
P. O. Box 388,
Taber, Alta.

Dear Sir:

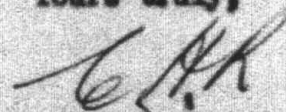
Distribution is now being made from the
assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98
per share. You were the holder of 16 shares and payment
to you is as follows:

16 shares	\$ 543.66
Less previously advanced	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 473.66

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



C. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

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