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Steveston
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: YESAKI, Miyakichi
HOME ADDRESS: Dyke, ^{East} ~~North~~ of #2 Rd., Steveston, B. C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03583 SEX: Male AGE: 43
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: Great West Packing Co., Steveston, B. C.
MARRIED? yes
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Sunae 3920
ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Dyke, ^{East} ~~North~~ of #2 Rd., Steveston, B. C.
NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Sachiyo (F) Tadashi (M) Tamotsu (M)
Mitsuo (M) Shiro (M) Itsuo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Dyke, ^{East} ~~North~~ of #2 Rd., Steveston, B. C.
AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 11, 9, 6, 2, 4 mos.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 1 acre of land within 10 acre land belonging to River Fish Co., Steveston, B. C. Sec. 18, Block 3, North Range 6 West Half. This land is the second acre from the margin of the East Half Sec. 18, New Westminster District. No. number on document from River Fish Co., Steveston, B. C.
2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 6 room 2 storey frame house with basement, 1 Net house across from this house on the water front (water front belongs to River Fish Co., Steveston, B. C.)

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) North West Fire. \$2,000.00 jointly on house and furniture. No. 205702. Policy in owner's possession.
4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$27.89 per year payable to the River Fish Co., Steveston, B. C. 1941 taxes paid.
5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Occupied by owner and when he is evacuated, he is going to leave the house empty and turn the key over to the Custodian.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: in owner's possession. Title
is from the River Fish Co., Steveston, B. C. but no Municipal title.
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: none
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
none
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)
none
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: none

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
6 beds and mattresses, 3 tables and 6 chairs, 2 sofas, 1 gramophone
and records, 1 kitchen stove, 1 heater stove, kitchen utensils,
washing machine, 1 Singer sewing machine, 2 ~~xxxx~~ bureaux, 1 trunk,
and personal effects and \$1500.00 worth of Nets in owner's possession
at Dyke, ~~xxxx~~ of #2 Rd., Steveston, B. C. 3 row-boats in net house
belonging to declarant, ~~xxxx~~ across from owner's home. 1 gas boat,
(M. Y.) in custody of Navy, New Westminster, B. C.
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS
none
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY none

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none North West Fire.
\$600.00 on furniture. Policy No. 205702. Policy in owner's possession.

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 Bond in owner's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life. \$1,000.00. Policy No. 831434. Beneficiary,
wife, Sunae Yesaki. Policy in owner's possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

REMARKS: Fishing boat and Nets will be sold if declarant finds a good
prospect and furniture will be left in the present house at Dyke, N. of
No. 2 Rd., Steveston, B. C. Personal effects will be taken with
declarant when he is evacuated.

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 16th day of April 1942.

A. McArthur

Witness

(Signature)

M. Yesaki

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date May 5/43

Our File No. 5048

Full Name YESAKI, Miyakichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03583

☒ Male - Female
(check)

Age May 6/1899

Former Address Box 172, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated Mar./42 ☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address c/o Ed Chudleigh, Picture Butte, Alta.

☒ Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Ne (TAZAKI), Surname #03584

Name of Husband - - -

Name of Father Jinshiro (Dec'd)

Name of Mother YESAKI, Yuki

Names of Children under 15 Sachiyo (F) 3/10/28; Tadashi (M) 4/1/31;

Tamotsu (M) 14/9/34; Mitsue (M) 27/7/36; Shiro (M) 21/8/39; Itsuo (M)

2/12/41.

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of N.W. 3072. House & one acre
of land - \$1800.00.

20th November, 1947.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

CATALOGUE NO: VLA
JAP. NAME Miyakichi YESAKI
CIVIC ADDRESS #2 Road & Gilbert Ave., Steveston, B.C.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lots 5 & 6 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West half of Sec. 18, Blk 3 North, Range 6 West, Map 6195 of the Mun. of Richmond in the Dist. of New West'r. BC
CLASSIFICATION 6 room frame dwelling.
Cert. of TITLE C of T #132781-E d/30 Aug 1939 registered in the name of the River Fish Co. Ltd. (LRO Search 29/9/42)
STATE OF TITLE No registered Encumbrances nor Judgments.
Yesaki held unregistered deed due to property not having been subdivided.
(LRO Search 29/9/42)
WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE In possession of the Registrar, L.R.O.
(LRO Search 29/9/42)
VESTED Cert. applied for 31/3/43, reg'd as #25932 16/6/43.
C of E #51937 d/16/6/42 as being Vested in the Custodian.
APPRAISED VALUE Not recorded on file. *See file 8837 River Fish Co. (VLA)*
ASSESSED VALUE This house and property were assessed by the Mun. of Richmond as part of a tract of land owned by the River Fish Co. Ltd. No separate tax notices were issued in the case of Yesaki as he held an unregistered deed.
FIRE INSURANCE Not involved.
CHATELS Not involved.
SOLD TO The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.
APPROVED Not recorded on file.
SOLD AS AT 15th August, 1945.
PURCH. PRICE & TERMS OF SALE Sold as part of a parcel of land owned by the River Fish Company Ltd., Yesaki's share being \$1302.40.
DATE OF RECEIPT OF PURCH. PRICE Ledger entry dates receipt as being January 4th, 1946.

EXHIBIT NO 785-4
DATE October 13/46
FILED BY Crabtree

20/11/47

(2)

130.80
65.73
196.53
\$1302.40
9.

ADJUSTMENTS

Gross proceeds of sale (Yesaki's share)		
Retn. of water rates pd in adv		
Advertising costs	\$ 17.23	
Appraisal costs	10.85	
1943/4/5 Taxes (Pd from River Fish Co. Ltd. account)	102.72	
	\$ 130.80	\$1311.40
NET PROCEEDS OF SALE AFTER ADJMTS.....		\$1180.60

(An amount of \$65.73 being rentals credited during the period 15/8/45 to date of final adjustments was deducted)

CERT. OF TITLE
TO NEW OWNER

As Yesaki held an unregistered deed, no C of T in the case of his particular portion of the tract was procurable. The C of T held by the River Fish Co. Ltd. covered.

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FUNDS RELEASED
TO CREDIT OF JAP.

No "release order" from this office Admin. Dept. to Acctg. Dept. is recorded on file. A "hold funds" order noted in the ledger under date of 26/7/45 and instituted to ensure sufficient funds for Adjustment of Sale, has been cancelled 20/11/47.

JAP. ADVISED RE
SALE AND FUNDS

A query from Yesaki through the B.C. Security Commission on January 7th, 1946, was answered by this office to B.C. Sec. Comm. for forwardance, to the effect that the property was in course of sale and that Yesaki would be personally advised within a week or so of full details in regard to the sale.

No correspondence is contained on the file to indicate that Yesaki was so informed.

JAP. COMMENTS
RE SALE

None recorded on file.

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HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATIONDescription of
property

J.D. Mather's report on this property (29/6/42) is quoted in part as follows:
"This is a part of property subdivided and sold by the River Fish Co. and not yet registered.....The land consists of approximately one acre and has not been cultivated this year (1942). There is on the property a new 6 room frame, shingle roof house with basement, inside toilet, wash basin, no bath, situated between Gilbert and No. 2 Roads. This house is accessible in winter only by water, and in summer by going through the fields at the rear. The house is in need of paint."

Agent appointed

On the recommendation of Mr. Mather, Mr. T.C. King of Steveston was appointed agent for this property, and the agency was maintained by him until such time as Mr. C.C.

20/11/47.

...as Mr. C.C./

Robinson opened a branch office for the Custodian in Stevenson.

TENANTS

Ida M. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor rented the premises on Oct. 1st, 1942 at a monthly rental of \$15. plus \$2. Water Rates. Correspondence on file indicates that Mr. Taylor had rented the property with a view to purchasing, and upon arrears of rent in the amount of \$255. at 1st July, 1944, legal aid was necessary to secure the surrender of the premises.

Pat Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell tenanted the premises from Aug. 22nd, 1944 to approximately Dec. 1st of that year. He paid \$17. per month (incl. Water Rates) for three months, then vacated owing a small amount of arrears. An attempt to collect the arrears brought forth a letter from him in which he stated that he had neither work nor money.

E. Richards

A Mr. Richards rented the property on March 10th, 1945 at the same rental as previously obtained from other tenants. He was still tenant at date of completion of sale of this property to the Veterans' Land Act, and no arrears in his case are recorded.

PAYMENT OF TAXES

As this property was registered in the name of the River Fish Co. Ltd., taxes were paid from funds held to their credit until such time as the property was sold, when 1943/4/5 taxes for Yesaki's portion of the land were computed and deducted from his portion of the total gross proceeds.

REPAIRS

\$12. was paid to W.J. McDiarmid on 22nd March, 1945, for installing a Toilet Supply Tank and connections.

E. Richards was allowed a rental deduction of \$15. during the month of June, 1945, as compensation for the installation of Hot Water Pipes and Tank.

OFFERS TO PURCHASE

The file does not record any offers to purchase other than by the V.L.A. except in correspondence between this office and the first tenant, Taylor. No actual offers were received from Taylor, he evidently expecting to procure the property upon his son being discharged from the Navy and by virtue of the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

THE ABOVE SUMMARY IS A FULL AND COMPLETE RECORD OF ALL ITEMS CONTAINED IN FILE 5048 IN REGARD TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY Miyakichi YESAKI.

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

21 Nov. 1947

J. Cumming
J. Cumming, Admin. Dpt.

JC/..

21st November, 1947.

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARYDeclared by
Japanese

When completing Form JP on 16th April, 1942, Yesaki declared the existence of a \$2000. policy No. 205702 placed with the North West Fire Insurance Co. This policy according to him covered the building in the amount of \$1400. and the balance of \$600. was on the chattels.

Investigation by this office supported his claim and divulged the date of expiry to be Sept. 6th, 1944.

Placed by
Custodian

On June 1, 1944 this office placed with the London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Co. coverage of \$2000. on the building alone, as the chattels were then in the process of being removed to Storage for auction. Policy No. in this case was #3403080, and the date of expiry, 1st June, 1947.

Upon sale of the property to VLA the policy was cancelled on Jan. 8th, 1946, and the unused portion of the premium paid in the amount of \$8.96 was returned by the insurance company and credited to Yesaki.

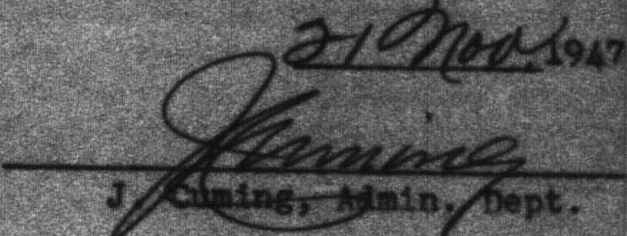
Claims nil.

No claims were entered by the Custodian during the period this property was under his administration.

THE ABOVE SUMMARY IS A FULL AND COMPLETE RECORD OF THE FIRE INSURANCE AS INDICATED BY FILE, NO FURTHER INFORMATION BEING AVAILABLE FROM FILES OF YESAKI'S RELATIONS.

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21 Nov 1947


J. Cumming, Admin. Dept.

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20th November, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

CHATELS

Please refer to the attached Summary and Schedule.

BONDS

Yesaki declared one \$50. Victory Bond to be in his possession when completing Form JP on 16th April, 1942.

This bond was left in the owner's possession and the file does not divulge the existence of any further items of this nature.

BANK ACCOUNT

Declared nil on Form JP and not contradicted by file.

LIFE ASSURANCE

Yesaki divulged the existence of a Sun Life Assce. Co. policy No. 831434 with a face value of \$1000.

This policy was left in his possession and administered by him, the only instance in which this office entered the picture being the procurement of the policy and the forwardance to Yesaki on March 12th, 1947th a Sun Life cheque in the amount of \$776.71, being the Cash Surrender Value of the policy.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Declared by Yesaki to be nil when completing Form JP, and the only item divulged by perusal of his file appears to be a \$3.00 refund from the B.C.E.R. Co. as a refund of Security Deposit. This amount was credited to his account.

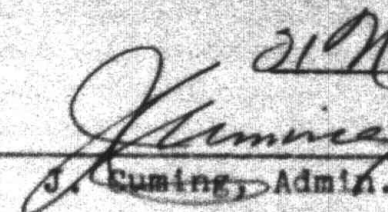
NETS & FISHING GEAR

Please refer to the Chattel Summary and Schedule.

NO INFORMATION IN REGARD TO PERSONAL PROPERTY IS CONTAINED ON FILE OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS RECORDED IN THIS AND ATTACHED SUMMARIES.

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

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J. Cumings, Admin. Dept.

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CHATTAL SUMMARY

Form Inventory	When completing Form JP on April 16th, 1942, Yasaki enumerated articles which he declared to have been left on his premises. His wife (3920) declared herself to be without property. Yasaki's inventory appears on the Schedule.
Date of evac.	Yasaki was evacuated on March (?) 1942.
Agent's inv.	On June 29th, 1942, Mr. J.D. Mather inventoried the chattels found on the premises, and his inventory appears on the attached schedule.
Breaking & entering.	In his property report Mr. Mather states that the premises had been entered forcibly.
Other Jap's chattels	The first record on file to indicate that Tsuneko NISHI (5025) had left chattels in Yasaki's home is contained in a memo to file under date of 23/10/42.
Request for inv.	Upon Yasaki's property being rented to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, various requests were forwarded to the branch office at Stevenson for a chattel inventory, however, review of the file does not indicate that one was ever taken.
Chattels movd. to storage 22/8/44	On the termination of tenancy by the Taylors on July 1st, 1944, all chattels on the premises were removed to Storage and eventually sold by auction.
Division of proceeds of auctions.	Reviewing the Chattel Department's division of the proceeds of auctions, the file does not indicate the method used in determining which of two articles of a like nature could be stated as belonging to a certain party. Perusal of the attached Schedule and inventories as declared on both Yasaki's and Nishi's files, indicate that a great similarity exists. In making the division of actual articles, the files disclose that each Japanese was only credited with an article if declared by him, but in view of the fact that Nishi appears to have been credited with the articles which brought the greatest monetary return, it is considered by the undersigned that information other than that which is contained on both files was a deciding influence. With this thought in mind, and in view of the fact that neither file contains information to the contrary, it is considered by the undersigned that it is advisable to close the file on the basis of the Chattel Department's division.
Sewing machines	Both Yasaki and Nishi claimed to have left a sewing machine in Yasaki's house, but the only one found on the premises, was shipped to Nishi on Dec. 17th, 1942. This machine turned out to be Yasaki's, and upon Nishi being informed of this he retained possession of the machine pending receipt of his own. The file does not disclose Nishi as ever having surrendered Yasaki's machine to the rightful owner.
Re Schedule	The column 'Other Disposition' has been purposely omitted

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CHATTLE SUMMARY (Cont'd)

from the attached Schedule inasmuch as the missing chattels disappeared during the period between Yasaki's evacuation and the date of removal of the remainder to storage, and whilst one letter on file infers that the Taylors may have been responsible for the disappearance of some of the articles, no information to substantiate the inference is contained on file.

PERUSAL OF THE FILES OF YASAKI, NISHI and THEIR FAMILIES DOES NOT DEVULGE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAN THAT WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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

21 Nov. 1947.

"J. Cuming"
J. Cuming, Admin. Dept.

JC/

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

Date: December 1, 1948.

E. Suber
JY.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

JP Form
Inventory

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Re Schedule

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CHattel SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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[Signature]
Cuming, Admin. Dept.

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CHattel SCHEDULE

Yesaki Inv. as per Form JP 16/ 1/42	Mather's Inv. 29/6/42	Removed to Stge in name of Yesaki or Nishi	Left on premises as junk. Yesaki	AUCTIONED proceeds cr. to:	
				Yesaki	Nishi
6 Mattresses		-	-		
3 Tables	5 HM	-	3		
6 Chairs	9	10	1	4-1/9/44 1.00	6-1/9/44 4.75
2 Sofas	2	2	-	2-1/9/44 1.00	
1 Gramophone & records	1 (no records) (noted.)	1	-	1-1/9/44 1.00	
1 Kitch. stove	1	1	-		1-1/9/44 14.00
1 Heater stove	2	1	1	1-1/9/44 3.00	
Kitch. utensils	-	-	-		
Washing machine	-	1	-	1-1/9/44 65.00	
1 Singer Sew. Mach.	-	-	-		
2 Bureaux	1 Bur. 1 ch.drwr.	2 bur. 1 dresser	-	(1 dress. with mirror)	(1 dress. & 1 ch.drwr.)
1 Trunk	-	-	-	(1/9/44 5.50)	(1/9/44 23.00)
Pers. effects	-	-	-	1-1/9/44 3.00	2-1/9/44 14.50
	6 Beds	3	3		
	1 Shrine	-	-		
	1 W'barrow	-	-		
	1 Baby carriage	-	-		
	1 Bicycle (no saddle)	-	-		
	1 Baby bathtub	-	-		
	1 Bookcase	-	-		
	1 Desk	-	-		
		1 Screen door		1-1/9/44 2.50	
		1 Jap. Elec. Mach.		1-1/9/44 2.00	

NET & FISHING GEAR SCHEDULE

3 Rowboats	4 Duck punts	-	-	-
Nets worth \$1500.		1 net sold 27/11/42 to Nelson Bros.	\$30.00	
	Sundry fish. gear	-	-	-
	1 Blue stone tank	-	-	-
	1 set Net guards	-	-	-
	1 Net truck	-	-	-

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8th January, 1948

DISPOSITION OF ARTICLES DECLARED	No. of	AUCTION Date of	Proceeds	Disc- arded	Ship- ped	NEVER IN OUR POSSESSION
2 Sofas	2	1/9/44	1.			
1 Gramophone & records	1	1/9/44	1.			
1 Heater stove	1	1/9/44	3.			
1 Washing machine	1	8/6/45	65.			
Nets worth \$1500.	1 Sold	27/11/42	30.			Hal. "
Personal effects						"
1 Trunk						"
1 Sewing machine (Singer)					17/12/42	"
Kitchen utensils						"
3 Rowboats						"

THE FOLLOWING GOODS DECLARED BY YESAKI WERE SOLD IN PART OR DISCARDED AS UNSALABLE

6 Mattresses				3		Presumed all discarded.
3 Tables				1		Stated "Home made"
6 Chairs	4	1/9/44	1.			
2 Bureaux	2	1/9/44	(1) 5.50			1 Cr Nishi

THE FOLLOWING GOODS WERE NOT DECLARED BY YESAKI - WERE REMOVED TO STORAGE AND AUCTIONED

1 Screen door	1	1/9/44	2.50
1 Jap. Elec. Machine	1	1/9/44	2.
3 Beds	3	1/9/44	3.

AUCTION & SALES PROCEEDS :

Date of Auc- tion or sale	Gross Proceeds	Auc'r Fee	Advert. Cost	Mov. Cost	Net Proceeds
1 Sep 44 Auc.	19.00	1.90	1.03	2.21	13.86
8 Jun 45 Sal.	65.00	6.50	3.14	7.50	47.86
27 Nov 42 Sale	30.00	--	--	--	30.00
	114.00	8.40	4.17	9.71	91.72

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: July 25, 1944

Name: YASAKI, Miyakichi

Reg. No 03583

File: 5048

Boat File No.: JFVDC 488

Name of Vessel: "M.Y. 1321", 30'x8'4"x3'5" (1936) Easthope 10 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 3072

Naval No.: NW.033-B

Owner's Valuation: \$1,200.00

JFVDC Valuation: 748.00 Survey 88 NW

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: April 29, 1942

Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Vendor: Miyakichi YASAKI, Copy unsigned

Selling Price: \$900.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~and Custodian~~ 900.00

Supervision Costs: 11.50

Balance due Owner: 888.50

Paid to: M. Yasaki, per U. Sakamoto

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Claim #139- Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. - \$26.25 (Paid) *Through Dept. of Marine*

Additional Information:

J. M. Watson
not 21, 1947

21st November, 1947.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES
SUMMARY

BOATS

One Fishing Vessel as per brown-edged Summary was sold by Miyakichi YESAKI prior to being brought under the control of the Custodian.

No funds in this connection were administered by the Custodian.

CAMERAS
FIREARMS
AUTOS
RADIOS

None declared on completion of Form JP at date of 16th April, 1947, and review of the file does not divulge the existence of any articles of this type.

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

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J. Cumming
J. Cumming, Admin. Dept.

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File No. 5045

March 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM
RE CLAIMS

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI

There are no claims on file against the
above party as at this date.

DCM/CH

Registration Number 03583

YASAKI, Miyakichi

Dyke, East of 2nd Road, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Believe description is correct as in Form "JP".
I am informed that Yasaki does not hold Deed. This is a
part of property subdivided and sold by the River Fish Co.
and not yet registered.

OWNERSHIP

I am informed that this is the property of Miyakichi
Yasaki.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

The land consists of approximately one acre and has
not been cultivated this year. There is on the property, a
new 6 room frame, shingle roof house with basement, inside
toilet, wash basin, no bath, situated between Gilbert and No. 2
Roads. This house is accessible in winter, only by water
and in summer, by going through the fields at the rear. The
house is in need of paint.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941.

INSURANCE

I have been unable to examine the fire insurance
policy, but believe it to be correct as stated in Form "JP".

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventory of effects
attached hereto.

REMARKS

The personal effects as per inventory, have been left
stored in the house. There is also on the property, near the
river, a small net house, which has been used for storage, as
per inventory. There is in the basement of this house, a
considerable quantity of nets and fishing gear, which are piled
in the corner of the basement. These would require an experienced
net man to sort out and hang properly, as if left in the present
position, would deteriorate very rapidly.

This man apparently has requested that the property
be not rented, but did not turn over his key before evacuation.

The property was visited in company with Lieuts.
Handford and Murphy, who checked up on the boat gear and it was
found that the place had already been entered forcibly. So far
as I can discover, nothing was missing.

(over)

Registration Number 03583

YAMAKI, Kiyakichi

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend firstly that the nets be properly checked and if possible, sold and secondly, that the property be handed to T. C. King for management on behalf of the Custodian, with a further recommendation that the house be rented.

June 29, 1942.

A. M. Mather

Registration Number 03583

TESAKI, Miyakichi

INVENTORY

STORIED IN HOUSE

1 Duck Punt
1 Net Truck
1 Wheelbarrow
1 Baby Carriage
Sundry Fishing Gear
1 Bicycle, no saddle
1 Heater
1 Baby Bath Tub
1 Kitchen Range
2 Chairs
1 Table, home made
1 Bed and Spring
1 Single Bed Complete
2 Tables Homemade
2 Beds and Springs
1 Bureau
1 Shrine
1 Chair
1 Gramophone
2 Sofas
1 Heater
1 Chair
1 Table Homemade
1 Book Case
2 Beds complete
3 Chairs
1 Desk
1 Chest Drawers
1 Table Homemade

IN NET HOUSE

3 Duck Punks
1 Blue Stone Tank
1 Set Net Guards

5048

1483 West 15th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
February 10, 1945.

Mr. Robinson,
Japanese Custodian,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re the renting of the premises known as RED CANNERY EAST DYKE, 3-19, this transaction has not been to your satisfaction or mine due to the unethical manner this has been handled. I have not been advised officially of any change in the custodian or advised by any person as to who I shall pay my rent to. Mr. King advised me in the event of the goods in the said home being offered for sale I would have first offer to purchase, this has not matured, as I understand a man called there in my absence and took all fishing gear owned by the Japs, as to how he entered or on what authority I do not know. I have not received a receipt for my last cheque to date. I was to be informed of the possibilities of using the ground belonging to the house and what protection one would have in the event of my offer not exceeding a competitive offer. In this case we should have some assurance as to the crop, etc., the hay on the premises is a fire hazard, therefore, the land should be burned under at once. Mr. King has a signed inventory of the goods on this property and it would seem right that he should have advised you of my address in town, also of to whom I should pay and be responsible to.

These comments are made in view of your remark to my wife as to who I thought I was using premises and not paying for them. I am not in the habit of leaving myself or wife open to this treatment regardless of any malicious statements you have heard, I have not informed any person of any intention of vacating these premises. I would suggest your considering the source of any rumours to that effect. Due to the shortage of gas and working Sundays I have been unable to get down and see you but shall do my utmost to see you by the 19th of this month.

Trusting this will give you a better understanding of the situation.

Yours truly,

Henry Taylor
per M. Taylor

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

March 19th, 1943.

185 BURNHAM STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Mr. C.C. Robinson,
Custodian Agent,
P.O. Box 635,
STEVESTON, B.C.

? ~~Ind. No.~~

Miss Taylor House

Re: YESAKI, Miyakichi #03583, Picture Butte

Custodian letter attached to Mr. Robinson:

It will be O.K. to ship the sewing machine to the above, provided it can be secured and delivered to the Richmond Transfer without other expense than to call at the present place of storage and pack same up.

The Richmond Transfer to send by C.P.R. freight, freight charges paid here to our account, they to send us bill of lading and cartage bill.

If the machine is to be crated, Richmond Transfer please arrange. The two tricycles and two double beds are not to be shipped at present.

CWF:FF
Encl.

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

c.c. Richmond Transfer
204 Alexander St.
Vancouver, B.C.

9th 25/43. There is no machine here
BOR

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

June 8th, 1945.

395 BURNARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

C.C. Robinson, Esq.,
Custodian Agent,
P.O. Box 635,
STEVESTON, B.C.

File 5048

Re: YESAKI, Miyakichi #03583 Picture Butte

My letter March 19th:

It will be O.K. to ship the two double beds of the above from this man's house on the North side of Dyke Rd. between No. 2 and No. 3 Road, via Richmond Transfer and Canadian Pacific freight, charges prepaid at our expense, bill of lading and cartage charge to us promptly. If the sewing machine has not already been shipped, it should be sent at the same time. If the two kiddies' tricycles are crated so it will not entail much extra expense they may be sent along, Richmond Transfer to advise about how much the tricycles weigh to segregate the charge. This family is on relief. These goods were released by Custodian's letter of March 3rd, file 5048.

C.W. Fisher
Transportation

CWF:FF

c.c. Richmond Transfer
204 Alexander St.
Vancouver, B.C.

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 3048

July 30th, 1943

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

Re: Miyakichi YERAKI

The above is again writing about some goods he wants shipped from his house now rented to Mrs. Ida E. Taylor.

- 2 Double beds
- Sewing machine
- 1 Tricycle
- Food Chopper
- Kettle

Do you think you will be able to get at these goods in the near future?

RM:17

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd AUG 16 1943

File No. 5048

0-165-A

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION. *Truckee*

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address 2 MR. ED. CHODIEICH Date AUGUST 10/1943
PICTURE ROUTE ALTA.To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, MIYAKUCHI YESUKI, Police Registration No. 03472

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

stored at STEVESTON PIKE - BETWEEN 2ND RD AND 3RD RD.in possession of CUSTODIANand I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

2 DOUBLE BED, 2 GARDEN HOE1 SINGER MACHINE, 2 SHOVEL2 TRICYCLE, 2 FORK2 KITTLEOriginal Address P.O. BOX 172, STEVESTON, B.C.Date Evacuated to Vancouver APRIL 22, 1942Date Evacuated to Present Address APRIL 24, 1942Number in Family - 12 years and over 5Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 2Number in Family - under 5 2TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 9I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia
Security Commission.APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per

M. URSINI
Claimant Signs Here*CC Robinson Steveston*
*Custodian Royal Bank Bldg**See your file 5048 letter Mar 3rd*
Substitute this release & ship goods
as usual - instructing Richmond Transfer
*as to billing P.P.D. per acct C.W. Fisher**Vancouver 8/13/43*



DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd OCT 20 1943

File No.

Ans.

Referred

CUSTODIAN FILE NO. 5048.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alberta,
October 15, 1943.

Mr. C. W. Fisher, Transportation, Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI, #03583.

With reference to the Custodian's letter of October 5th to above named, we are requested to inform you that, of the beds required, two are brown metal double beds with coil springs.

With regard to the sewing machine, Mr. Tsunezo Nishi and Mr. Yesaki appeared in my Office together, and stated that they had each effected a J.P. registration form at time of evacuation, and they each declared one singing sewing machine, treadle type. I am informed that since then, Mr. Nishi applied for his sewing machine, and received Mr. Yesaki's, and Mr. Yesaki now makes application, so that he may be forwarded Mr. Nishi's machine, and they will arrange their exchange at this end. It is further stated that possibly the present tenant of the property is making temporary use of the sewing machine in question.

AE Russell

AE. Russell.

T/

cc - C.W. Fisher.

44 5048
Re: Property of--
Yasaki, Miyakichi.

H. A. Taylor,
1483 West 18th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.,
November 5, 1943.

Mr. Robinson,
Japanese Custodian,
Steveston, B. C..

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 3rd instant, I had the experience of having the plumbing and water system freeze last year. I allowed the present party living there, three months for repairing same last winter. The property has been vacant all summer, as I have had in mind to put this place in condition and improve road and live here myself permanently. The cost of putting this in condition would be considerable, in view of this I am reluctant to spend money on this work, unless I have some assurance that I shall be able to buy this place. I was given to understand these places were to be offered for sale last summer. I have spent considerable in ploughing and cultivating land. I was promised this would be done by a party that had already been hired for the job. I waited until May of last year and eventually had to do this myself. This, of course, made my crop of potatoes so late that they are of little use. Incidentally, had \$200.00 of carpenter's tools and the leads and lines of a fall net, stolen out of the basement. These were this side of the partition from where the owners nets were. I have been going to see you regarding this repeatedly, but due to the shortage of gas I have not been able to do so as yet.

In regards to the property, I am prepared to pay \$10.00 per month for the Winter months and keep it occupied until Spring, even if I have to let it, rent free.

I was given to understand returned soldiers of World War the 1st, would have first option. Since discussing this with the board on these matters in the Roger's Building, I was advised the returned soldiers of this war have first option. In this case I would buy for my son, by proxy. He is operating between Halifax and Scotland and I have advised him to forward me Power of Attorney, to act on behalf of him. I am prepared to pay \$1500.00 for said property on the following terms: \$750.00 cash, \$750.00 terms, \$25.00 per month, plus 5%, and in the event of the Government deciding to return said property to present owners, I shall accept \$1500.00, plus improvements and consider taxes and rent paid by me for use of property.

to--Mr. Robinson

November 5, 1943.

I would appreciate your advising owners of my offer, also allowance you are prepared to allow me for my expense incurred on land and freezing of pipes, etc., against the present rent owing.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

Yours truly,

Henry Taylor

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 5048
5025

March 2nd, 1944

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: YESAKI, Miyakichi
NISHI, Tsunezo

Chattels have not been well handled on these files as appears from the following.

Mr. Yesaki, file 5048, declared certain effects among them beds, washing machine and sewing machine, left in his house on the dyke.

Mr. Nishi, file 5025, also declared items including beds, washing machine and sewing machine, left in a house which now appears to be Mr. Yesaki's.

File 5025, 13/10/42, Mr. Fisher advises that each Japanese wants his sewing machine (memorandum to file 5048, 23/10/42) and we had no objection. Shipment was evidently not made, however. (Mr. Fisher's of December 10th, 1942 to Mr. Robinson on file 5025 enclosing Custodian Release dated 5/12/42 from Mr. Nishi). Shortly afterwards (27/2/43) Yesaki wrote in on file 5048 for his sewing machine, two tricycles and two double beds.

It appears from Mr. Robinson's note to Mr. Mackenzie's memorandum of March 3rd on file 5048, that one sewing machine was shipped to Nishi in December 1942 and no other machine was found in the house.

Further applications were subsequently received as follows:

5025, 6/5/43:

- 2 Brown frame beds and springs
- 4 Chisels
- 2 Wood planes
- 2 Bundles manila rope

5048, 18/5/43:
(letter)

- 2 Double beds
- 1 Sewing machine
- 2 Tricycles etc. etc.

} n.s. none appear in Nishi's inventory - see report 27-6-44.

MEMO - TO THE FILE

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March 2nd, 1944

considerable trouble over collection of rent) is being approached and a demand made that the goods be made promptly available.

HFG:IF

File # 5048
5025

1483 West 15th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
March 7, 1944.

Mr. H. F. Green,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.,

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI
Tsunezo NISHI

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 7 1944
File No.	5048 & 5025
Ans.	
Referred	

5048-274 Peter

Dear Sir:

Re yours of the 3rd instant. I regret having ignored inquiries re these goods, my reason has been due to the number of times a transfer has called there and helped themselves to what ever they needed. I have not been asked previously to release anything, or been considered as having any jurisdiction over this property. I am at a loss to know why I am asked to be present now.

I have never considered living there until an agreement or lease and inventory was taken and a full explanation of the condition I would be under. I rented this property in order to have first option to purchase. This was to take place within a few months.

I find the situation has been grossly misrepresented and very unethical all the way through. I shall call at your office after 4:20 p.m., Thursday the 9th.

Yours truly,

Henry Taylor

The Taylor called & will be here again 4:20 14/3/44

1483 West 15th,
Vancouver, B. C..
March 17, 1944.

Custodian of Japanese Property,
c/o Mr. Eters,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C..

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 18 1944
File No.	5976
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Sir:

Re our conversation of late date. My hours of employment are the same as your office hours, therefore, I shall be unable to call in the near future. I lost six days in December negotiating with the returned soldiers civil re-establishment. My calling again would necessitate taking more time off, and the expense of this has been terrific to my small earnings. Since my interview with you I have firmly established the point of my lost leads, lines and tools, these were taken with the Japanese nets. I do not say they were taken knowing they were my property, but in the disposal of same, there must have been an allowance made for these, therefore, I am entitled to reimbursement for same. As I stated in my interview I rented this property fully furnished and within three or four months the house was almost empty. In view of this, I have repeatedly requested a reduction in rent. I am prepared to make this house habitable, paper board walls, purchase new or used toilet and all necessary plumbing, build drum furnace in basement and fill in road to house with whatever material there is available only to the extent a car can pass over to the property. You will realize this road is in bad shape and a half a mile long, therefore, any decent job would run into several hundred dollars. In its present condition it is usable only in dry weather, then at a great hazard to one car and springs.

In respect to arrears, your claim as of May 1943 to date. The labour and material involved in the aforementioned plan will exceed any arrears.

My future rent would be the previous suggested, \$12.00 per month. I would do the said work as outlined previous to moving in. My neighbour's house is a better built house and they have been sick all winter due to the construction and no furnace.

Should you find this to your satisfaction, Mrs. Taylor will consummate the arrangement, as I find it very embarrassing trying to discuss matters without teeth.

Mr. Peters

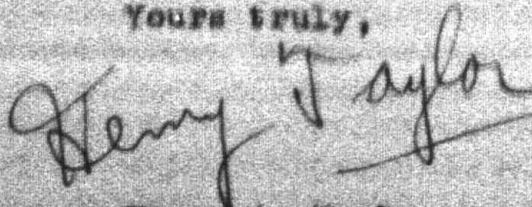
March 17/44

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As I have said previously, I have gone to more trouble than one can realize in order to retain possession of the property in order to be in a position to purchase when matters are settled.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry A. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Henry A. Taylor.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 5048

April 2, 1944.

To: Mr. K. W. Wright

From: George Peters

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI

Manning

You will remember that the tenant, Ida M. Taylor, is in arrears of a considerable amount of money and this file was passed to Locke, Lane & Sheppard for collection or eviction. We have not heard anything further from Locke, Lane & Sheppard with reference to what progress is being made. The Chattels Department is very concerned about shipping certain chattels which have been requested by the Japanese out of this house.

We have heard a general rumour from Steveston that the Taylor's take the attitude that the Custodian entered without their permission and did not consider themselves as tenants, and the expression supposedly used by them was that they were going to see the Custodian sweat. Would you kindly see Locke, Lane & Sheppard at your convenience and try to see if this matter can be brought to a conclusion.

GP:EB

file 5048
8837/2

June 1, 1944.

Mr. Thomas C. King,
78 Georgia Street,
STEVENSON, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance
Niyakichi YESAKI

The above named purchased property from the River Fish Company, and although the title is still in the name of the River Fish Company, we are advised that Mr. Yesaki bought this property and paid cash for it some time prior to evacuation; but the transaction was never registered.

The above numbered file (5048) is not available to me at the moment, but I understand the legal description of the land will be the same as given to you in our letter of today's date regarding Kunji KURO-MOTO--i.e. Lot 15 (322.25) of Plan of Subdivision of 14.4 acres portion of the W¹/₂ of Section 18, Block 3N, R6W, N. W. D. on sketch 7997.

However, we can leave out the legal description until later when I am able to obtain the above numbered file.

I understand there is a dwelling on this property constructed of frame with shingle roof, continuous cement foundation, with brick chimneys to the ground. I would like you to hold it covered for \$1600.00.

At your first opportunity, please inspect this property with view to placing insurance in line with the present insurable value. The last tenant in this place I understand, was a Mrs. I. Taylor. You will probably know this property and will have little difficulty in finding it.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

1483 West 15th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.
June 29, 1944.

Rec'd	JUN 30 1944
File No.	
By	Peter
Entered	

Mr. F.C. Shears,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Miyakichi Yisaki, Isunese Nishi.

In reference to your letter advising my vacating the premises owned by the above: The said premises have not been inhabited by me or my family, due to the unethical manner this entire situation has been handled.

In the first instance I was guaranteed I could buy this property within three months, unfurnished, providing I was a returned man. Mr. King, the Custodian was to be at the house at a specified time with Mrs. King to take inventory of furnishings and deliver me the keys, but repeated calls failed to bring keys or Mr. King.

According to Mr. King, a Mr. Howse had been employed to plow the land in order to keep down the fire hazard. This was not done. I rented this property on the First of August, 1942 fully furnished for \$17.00 per month, including water. In February 1943, the Custodian sent a Transfer to pick up furniture. I have been advised this same transfer made several calls and entered the house and took whatever they had on their list.

I have contacted the driver and he admitted he was there quite often but refuses to state what all he took each time, although he says a record is kept at his office of each article picked up, and to where delivered. This driver is now employed by a Feed Company in Marpole.

In March 1943, I was three months in arrears. I called at the Custodian's Office and interviewed a Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell informed me my dealings with Mr. King was general, and therefor if I said I owed this three months rent, this would have to be satisfactory, as they had no records on the matter. Mr. Russell also advised me the property was going up for sale in the very near future, and tenants had first chance to buy same. I had this land plowed and harrowed, etc.

2.
I read in the local newspaper this property had been taken over by the Soldier Settlement Board. I wrote to my son in the R.C.N.V.R. to get leave from Convoy Duty on the Atlantic, to come home and arrange to buy same, as the Legal Official in the Rogers Building, advised me a man would have to be a soldier of this war. I got special leave of five days from my employment to transact this deal. On calling to the Soldiers Board in the Rogers Building, we were advised by two men in charge of the office, not to pay any more rent to the Japanese Custodians office as it was entirely out of their hands. I then advised them I had only one interest in the property, that was to buy it; it was no use to me any other way.

They then fully investigated all details pertaining to it, and found it had been illegally sold by an Incorporated Company to the Japanese and without being subdivided. Therefor the property could not be sold without untold litigation. I advised them I expected a refund of all monies I had paid as rent and for improvements.

We informed them at that time we were through with the property as we never had a key and the Custodian or those under his jurisdiction entered the premises at will. I could not see how they could hold me responsible for any rent or the freezing of the pipes. Incidentally I did go down and wrap the pipes, but have not been in the house since.

I have had 200 Fathoms Sockeye Net and lines, and \$150 to \$200 of carpenters tools taken from the basement of this house, and a Transfer with an official of one of the cannerys did back up there last Spring and loaded up a truckload of gear etc from the basement. My goods were taken on this load.

I have advised Mr. Peters of this entire proceeding, and was practically called a liar. So in view of same I would appreciate your informing me of the name of the Provincial Official in charge of the Custodian property.

I am desirous of buying this property for a small Cannery, in the future. The terms etc would have to be very lenient, as I have since purchased an acre.

Yours in anticipation of an early reply,

Henry Taylor
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Vancouver, B.C.
July 21st, 1944.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUL 26 1944
File No.	5048
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Nelson</i>

Peters

Re: Miyakichi Yesaki and Property
on No 2 Road, Steveston, B.C.

I, Ida Mae Taylor, of 1483 West 15th Avenue, in the City of Vancouver, B.C., do hereby swear and take oath that I have not had anything whatever to do with the renting of the above premises. I also declare I have not conversed with or discussed this matter at any time with any of your appointed Custodians or Agents with regard to the renting of said properties. My husband, H.A. Taylor, rented this house for the purpose of fishing headquarters, also to purchase same when proper arrangements could be made and to my knowledge this property was released by him and my son Lyall, in the Navy sometime in December 1943 when they endeavored to make application for purchase of the aforementioned property.

I therefore deem it not necessary for my signature on any documents.

SIGNED

Ida Mae Taylor

Witnessed:

H. J. Moore
836 Dunsmuir St
Vancouver B.C.

Dated this 21 Day of July 1944.

WE, IDA M. TAYLOR and H. A. TAYLOR hereby
surrender to the Custodian of Enemy Property the premises
occupied by us as tenants being a house and approximately
two acres situated at the Dyke between Gilbert and No. 2
Road, on Lot Six (6) of a 14.4 acre portion of the
West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Block 3, North, Range 6, West,
Map 6195, District of New Westminster, in the Municipality
of Richmond, Province of British Columbia, and herewith
deliver to you the chattels received by us from
the Custodian as Bailees, and do further authorize
the Custodian, his officers and agents to enter upon
the premises, and to retake possession thereof and
of the chattels.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C. this 21 day of
June, A. D. 1944.

Ida M. Taylor

It being understood and agreed by the Parties hereto the
above signature is given in order to cause said release
immediately but shall not void previous statements to
vacate said premises given Soldiers Civil Re-establishment
in 1943.

It being further agreed said chattels are returned less
any articles removed from said premises or any articles
caused to be removed by the Custodian or agents thereof.

File No. 3443

ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 15 1944
File No.	
Ans'd	
Referred	Mr. [Signature]

MEMORANDUM - Mr. A.E. DUNSTON

August 15, 1944.

Re: MIYAKISHI YESAKI and Property
on No. 12 Head, Sternatch, B.C.

We now have possession of the above property. You will notice on the file that the documents submitted by Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard were signed by the parties concerned, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, with reservations. Kindly advise the writer, if you wish a follow-up on this to try to collect rent arrears which amount to well in excess of \$200.00.

*Enclosure Oct 1/44
Paid 7 months @ 1752 and with
CP:MS
and one 15 months to July 2/44
2-5-50*

*Mr. Peters
If you will let me have
a statement showing the amount
owed. I will ask Mr. Sheppard to write
to Taylor & say he has instructions to collect.
He may effect a settlement & avoid litigation
- This would appear desirable. I will
instruct Mr. Sheppard not to institute
proceedings without further advice from
K.P.H. or.
17/8/44*

File No. 5048

MEMORANDUM -- MR. K. W. WRIGHT

August 19, 1944.

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI and Property
on No. 2 Road, Steveston, B.C.

Attached you will find a statement of rent arrears of the above property.

For your further information we have been in touch with the Director, The Veterans' Land Act with reference to any arrangements which may have been made with the Taylors as to their tenancy during the time the property was in course of sale to the Director, and which was later withdrawn. Their files only show the enclosed copy of a letter written by Mr. T. Godfrey, their District Superintendent at New Westminster, in reply to a letter from Mr. Taylor in which he requested a new lease from the Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Their records show that at no time did they receive any notice from the Taylors that they were going to vacate. The Director also states that the Taylors at no time had received notice that they had taken over the property, but Mr. Taylor had come into their office stating that he had heard that the Soldiers Settlement Board had purchased the property, and was afraid that he would be asked to vacate.

We hope this information will clarify the statement Taylor made in a previous letter that he had served notice that he was vacating to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

GPFB

5048
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 21st, 1944

Messrs. Locke, Lann, Guild & Sheppard,
Barristers & Solicitors,
470 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Sheppard

Re: Niyukichi YEMAKI and Property
on No. 2 Road, Stoverson, B. C.

Gentlemen:

This is the case wherein you prepared the Surrender of the Premises and Chattels, and in accord with your instructions, Mr. Peters obtained the required signatures.

We are sending the file herewith and would direct your attention to the followings:

1. Memo of August 15th, 1944 - George Peters to K. F. Wright - and my reply indicating that we would place the matter in your hands, but that proceedings would not be instituted until we obtained your report.
2. Memo from Mr. Peters to K. F. Wright, August 19th, 1944, with attached statement showing arrears of rent amounting to \$255.00.

Please note the two clauses that Mr. Taylor had typed on the Surrender dated 21st June, 1944; also the letter from Mr. Taylor to Mr. F. G. Shears dated June 29th, 1944.

Will you please write Mr. Taylor and endeavour to effect a settlement.

An early report would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

KFW/JV
Encls.

K. F. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
January 3rd, 1945.

File this

5048.

Custodian of Alien Property,
505 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: NISHI, Tsuneko #03368
c/o E. & D. Bates, Kipp, Alta.

Your letter September 28th, file No. 5025:

In case the information has not been sent to you direct, below is quoted a letter from Welfare Officer, A. Wright, of 1102 - 5th Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alta., under date of December 23rd, 1944, in regard to the ownership of chattels as between the above and M. YESAKI, whose number was not given in your letter of August 31st, 1944.

I quote:

"In reply to your letter of September 28th, I have now secured from Mr. Nishi a statement as to the articles and furniture which belong to him, they consist of the following:

One Kitchen Stove
One Chest of Drawers
One dresser and mirror
Six kitchen chairs
Two complete Beds (no mattresses)

The balance listed by you belong to M. Yesaki.

Trusting this will enable you to make the proper adjustment to the credit of each of these parties."

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CWF:FF

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

MEMORANDUM

File No. 5025
5048

August 31st, 1944

TO: FILE

FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

Re: NISHI, Teunozo
YESAKI, Miyakichi

We have at last been able to gain access to the house on No. 2 Road, owned by Mr. Miyakichi YESAKI, and everything of value was removed to our Warehouse No. 3 Auction Room as per list no. 23, a copy of which will be found on both files.

After discussion with Mr. Fisher of the B.C. Security Commission, it was thought best to adhere to the present policy of disposing of, by public auction, all household effects as have a high re-sale value, and will so dispose of these goods, crediting all the proceeds to Mr. YESAKI, and freezing them in his account until it can be determined which is the owner, NISHI or YESAKI.

We have sent a copy of the chattels list to each of them, asking them to mark on it the items they can positively identify as their own and return to us promptly.

RMH/WHG

Stage list #23 d/22/8/44

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NAME YESAKI, Miyakichi

REGISTRATION NO. 03383

FILE NO. 3048

Transferred to probate 6025

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

Electric machine
Couch
Couch
4 Kitchen chairs
Bedstead
Box heater
Screen door
Dresser & mirror
Gramophone

\$ 2.00 M
0.50 F
0.50 F
1.00 F
- 3.00 -
- 3.00 -
2.50 M
- 5.50 -
1.00 -

*Original to claims counsel
(Vintee & Russell)
8/1/48
[Signature]*

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.90
(Advertising: 1.03
(Moving: 2.21)

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 19.00
\$ 5.14
13.86

Members of Custodian Staff Present, Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 19.

Remarks.

File No. 5048

March 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM
FOR FILE

Re: Miyakichi YESAKI.

Miyakichi YESAKI claims ownership of part of Lot 6 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. The property is registered in the name of the River Fish Company. YESAKI's property is represented on Sketch 7997 but subdivision was never filed.

ED/MD

NAME YENAKI, Miyakichi

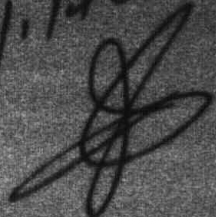
REGISTRATION NO. 03983

FILE NO. 1048

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevenson, B. C. on June 8, 1943.

Penith Washing Machine

- \$ 65.00 - 4

*Original to claims counsel
(Virtue & Proulx)
8/1/48*


Total
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 6.50
(Advertising) 3.34
(Moving) 7.50

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	65.00
\$	17.34
\$	47.66

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevenson 35.

Remarks.

Bank of Nova Scotia Building,
602 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

26th June, 1945.

Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Your files Nos; 295-131
295-136

EXHIBIT NO. 785-3
DATE October 13/46
FILED BY J. R. Rice

Dear Sirs:

re River Fish Company
Property at Steveston, B. C.

We have inspected this property and beg to report as follows:-

We do not know whether you desire to sell the various parcels to separate purchasers or to sell the whole property to one purchaser. We have appraised the parcels separately and show the total of the values in a summary. In the event of your wishing to sell to a single buyer, we are of the opinion that the market value of the whole property is less than the total of the various parcels. This total should therefore be discounted. We are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the owners to dispose of the whole property in one transaction, because it would probably take much longer to make separate sales, and there is a possibility that some of the parcels might prove unsaleable. The cost of taxation while holding the unsold portions would offset any advantage which might accrue from separate sales.

Other reasons for discounting the total of the separate values are as follows:-

1. Lots 6 and 7 of Block 2 are isolated and outside the dyke, very undesirable.
2. Lots 8, 9 & 10 of Block 3 are separated from the larger acreage and there would be a certain amount of inconvenience in their use by the owner of the acreage, besides extra fencing being required.
3. Although a road allowance is shown on the map, giving access to Blocks 5 and 6, no road exists in fact. The cost of making a roadway for traffic at all times of the year to give access to Block 6 would be considerably more than a road only to the northwest corner of Block 5 near to which a barn or other buildings could be placed to serve the whole area.
4. The property is not all of the same character. A purchaser desiring the water-frontage could probably use the whole of Block 6 including the two houses for employees, but would not require the remainder of the property. A purchaser requiring land for agricultural purposes would not need the water frontage. In either case a buyer of the whole property would place a lower value on the portion not actually required, because he would incur heavier taxation than necessary, or would be put to the trouble and expense of selling the parcels for which he had no use. Also a buyer for agricultural purposes would probably not be very willing to buy two houses.

In particular, we are of the opinion that Block 6 should be sold as one parcel. Portion of this is outside the dyke with frontage on the river and no road access, and comprises only a fringe of land. A purchaser of the water frontage would probably require more land in

26th June, 1945.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
Vancouver, B. C.

connection with it, protected by the dyke, for permanent buildings.

Description of Land

All of the land is situated in Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, a short distance east of the south end of No. 2 Road, at Steveston, Lulu Island, in the Municipality of Richmond.

Lots 6 and 7 in Block 2, Map 693, each 66' x 132', area 1/5th an acre each, but the construction of the dyke cuts off a triangle from Lot 6, reducing the usable area to .198 acre. The lots are outside the dyke and not protected from flooding at high tide. They are cleared and covered with coarse grass and not accessible. Building would only be possible on piles. Value \$50.

Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 3, Map 693, each 66' x 132' area 1/5th of an acre each. The lots are cleared and in rough grass but not cultivated. Lot 8 is a corner lot. Road allowance on 2 sides but no road exists. Value \$225.

Block 5, Map 6195. Area 5.21 acres. frontage of approximately 311 ft. on Road allowance. Canadian National Railway Right of Way adjoins the northerly boundary, approximately 671 feet. Good agricultural land under cultivation. No road access at present and no buildings. Proximity of railway right of way indicates possibility of future industrial development but prospect somewhat remote. Value \$1,430.

Block 6, Map 6195, North part inside the dyke, area 4.77 acres. Frontage on Road allowance of approximately 322 feet on west boundary, but no road exists. Good agricultural land under cultivation. Small shed on north boundary. Value \$1,200.

The easterly two acres of this block have been sold in 2 parcels of 1 acre each to 2 evacuees, who hold unregistered deeds. There is a dwelling house on each parcel. These parcels and the houses are described below under separate headings.

Block 6, Map 6195, South part outside the dyke. area .73 acre. Frontage on South Arm of Fraser River approximately 650 feet. Land area very short in depth and building only possible on piling. There are two old wharves of very light construction and in poor condition, one of them being dangerous, and two storage sheds 14' x 20' and 20' x 24'. None of the structures are of much value from a sale aspect. Value including buildings. \$1,000.

Description of Buildings situated on the two parcels of one acre each in Block 6.

Westerly House 1½ storey wood frame on concrete curb foundation 28' x 30' with 1 storey vestibule 7' x 8', 896 sq. ft. Exterior shingled walls and roof. Brick chimney. Basement plank floor in bad condition, low ceiling. First floor 4 rooms and vestibule and washroom with 2 fixtures. Attic, 2 rooms. General finish. Ceilings and walls lined with shiplap. Fir trim, doors and floors. Electric wiring. Condition good, but exterior never painted. Value \$1,200.

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Vancouver, B. C.

Easterly House 1 1/2 storey wood frame on concrete foundation,
34' x 24' plus 24' x 6' with projections 7' x 5', 9' x 4', 12' x 1' 8" -
1051 sq.ft. Construction and finish and condition as described above for
West house, but basement has concrete floor, and first floor a through
hall and open stairway, and attic 3 rooms.

Value \$1,500.

In addition to the buildings there are some small fruit
trees near the houses, approximately 7 on the west acre, Value \$25, and
17 on the east acre, Value \$50. Wood walks to the west house and concrete
walks to the east house. Value included with houses.

Access to the houses is by a plank bridge over the ditch
north of the dyke. There is no fencing.

Summary of Values

Lots 6 and 7 Block 2	2 at \$25.	\$ 50.
Lots 8, 9 and 10 Block 3	3 at \$75.	225.
Block 5. 5.21 acres	at \$275.	1,430.
Block 6. 4.77 acres inside dyke		1,200.
	2.77 ac. at \$275.	
	2. ac. at 225.	
Block 6 .73 acre outside dyke. Water frontage, wharves and sheds		1,000.

Houses on easterly 2 acres of Block inside the
dyke.

West 1 acre (EZAKI)	\$ 225.
7 fruit trees	25.
House	1,200.
Value to holder of deed	\$1,450.
Deduct value of land included in appraisal of Block 6 above	225.
Add to summary	\$1,225.

1,225. /

East 1 acre (KURAMOTO)	\$ 225.
17 fruit trees	50.
House	1,500.
Value to holder of deed	\$1,775.
Deduct value of land included in appraisal of Block 6 above	225.
Add to summary	\$1,550.

1,550.

Total of Values

\$6,680.

APPRAISAL as a single holding.

We are of the opinion that the market value of the whole
property is \$6,000.

Yours faithfully,
JOHNSON, REEVE & WATSON
per "D. W. Reeve"

DWR

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June 27, 1945.

Attention Mr. Frederick Field.

P. S. Ross & Sons,
Chartered Accountants,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: River Fish Co., Ltd.
YESAKI, Miyakichi and
KURAMOTO, Kunji.

As you are liquidating the above limited company we wish, for your records, to call your attention to the fact that the River Fish Co., Ltd., sold to Miyakichi Yesaki the West 1 acre portion of Lot 6, inside the Dyke, and the East 1 acre portion of the same lot to Kunji Kuramoto. There is a house built on each property. The two above mentioned Japanese were unable to register their deeds owing to the fact that this was not subdivided before evacuation of the Japanese.

With reference to your letter of June 2nd regarding taxes for the year 1943 and 1944 against these two properties, charged to the River Fish Co., Ltd., it will be quite in order, on the sale of the above properties, to recover the proportion of taxes charged against these two individuals.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Administration Department.

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VIRTUE & RUSSELL
Barristers and
Solicitors

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Lethbridge, Alberta

22nd December, 1947

Please refer to File No. 3212

Custodian,
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: KUNJI KURAMOTO #03716 and
MIYAKICHI YENAKI

We are now acting for these two men.

Apparently they are two of the men who made
up the company known as the River Fish Company Limited.

The company owned a parcel of land at Steveston,
B.C. Then each of these men apparently purchased one
acre of land from the Company, and built a house on this
land.

Apparently no subdivision was actually completed
or filed, and hence the individual owners of residences
did not actually receive a Deed although they owned the
land under equitable Title, and owned the dwelling con-
structed thereon.

Apparently these two men have been in corres-
pondence with you through the Department of Labour,
Japanese Division, here, and we enclose copy of a letter
dated January 21st, 1946 written by A. Wright to Kunji
Kuramoto.

You will note the last part of this letter
written almost a year ago to the effect that Mr. Wright
expected to have full information within course of a week.

Our clients are completely at sea as to what
happened to their property.

We wonder if you would kindly furnish us with

Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Department of Secretary of State,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Re: Kunji Kuramoto #03716 and
Miyakichi Yesaki

a complete report which will cover not only the individual properties owned by the two men above mentioned, but also the entire property of River Fish Company Limited.

As our clients may have to complete or amend the claims which they have already filed with the Commission we should appreciate receiving the fullest information, including a copy of:

- (a) J.P. Form in each case,
- (b) Any appraisal made,
- (c) Any correspondence which was had between the Custodian or his agent and these men or their agents.

Also, if you have the same information regarding the River Fish Company Limited we should like to have this.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours very truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL,

Per "A.G.V."

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encl.

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August 31st, 1944

Mr. Miyakichi YEMAKI,
Registration No. 03583,
c/o Mr. Challaigh,
Picture Butte, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Having at last been able to enter your house, we moved to our No. 3 Auction Room, on August 22nd, everything of value we could find, and pursuing the present policy of disposing, by public auction, all household effects as have a high re-sale value, these will be sold and the proceeds credited to your account.

Mr. Tamesse NISHI also declared chattels left at the same address, so some of the goods removed would no doubt belong to him. However, there were no distinguishing marks on any of the articles removed, so there was no way of identifying the owner.

We are sending to both you and Mr. NISHI a complete list of the chattels found in the house, and we would ask that you mark on this list the items you can positively identify as your own.

Until we hear from you in this regard, all proceeds will be frozen in your account.

Yours truly,

RBM/WHG
encl.

R. B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,

January 9, 1948.

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Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers & Solicitors,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kunji KURAMOTO #03716,
Nivakichi YESSKI and River Fish Co.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd December, we are enclosing herein copies of the registration "J.P." Form of each of the above men.

Our files indicate as you claim, that each of these men owned one acre of the property at Steveston in which the River Fish Company were interested, and adjustments were made for their ownership of this acreage when the River Fish property was sold.

Enclosed is a copy of Messrs. Johnson, Reeve and Watson's Appraisal, and it was on the basis of this valuation in relation to the sale price of the whole property, that credit was given to each of your clients. Statements of our ledger accounts are enclosed herein, also a short summary of the disposition of the articles declared by them at the time of evacuation.

In regard to the liquidation of the River Fish Company, this is still not entirely completed, but we are informed by the liquidator that there is approximately \$6500.00 on hand. However, there is a matter which requires clarification in regard to an enemy debt due to Nihon Kabushiki Kaisha, of approximately \$7000.00. This amount showed on the books of the River Fish Company, but it has been claimed by the offices of the Company that this debt was settled prior to the outbreak of war. We have recently asked

Virtue & Russell

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January 9, 1948.

Ottawa to communicate with Japan through the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Liaison Mission, Tokyo, for the purpose of establishing the facts regarding this indebtedness, after which a decision will be arrived at as to whether this money will be held as an enemy debt or released to the credit of the River Fish Company.

We trust that this present information will be of service to you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director

FGS/GH
Encl.

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CASE NO. 785.

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

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

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
October 13th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
MIYAKICHI YESAKI.

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 LILLIAN THOMAS,

Secretary.

MRS. LUCIE HANDFORD,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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M. Yesaki,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 785, Miyakichi Yesaki.

MIYAKICHI YESAKI, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Yesaki, I am showing you a summary of evidence
in support of claim. You gave the instructions and
provided the information from which this summary
was prepared?

A: Yes.

10 Q This is your signature there at the end of the
summary?

A: Yes.

Q You believe this to be true and correct?

A Yes.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q You bought this land in 1940, I believe, that you
are claiming for?

A: Yes.

Q What was it, a lot or a small farm?

A It was one acre.

Q One acre?

A: Yes.

20 Q Was the one acre used for farm purposes or was
it capable of being cultivated?

A I built my house on it and what remained of the
land I cultivated.

Q You started right in and you put some raspberries
and peas and fruit trees in, I believe?

A Yes.

Q How did they grow? A: We had a good
crop the previous year.

Q What do you mean the previous year?

30 A In 1940. That was 1941, the year before we were

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M. Yosaki,
In Chief.

evacuated.

Q You put some other improvements on, a bridge which you valued at \$85.00, or which cost you \$85.00; what sort of a bridge was that?

A The bridge was built over a ditch that ran in front of the house.

Q Who did you buy this land from?

A From the River Fish Company.

Q Were you a member of that company at all?

10 A Yes.

Q And you paid the company \$280.00?

A Yes.

Q Now, how did you pay that money? Was it in cash, or how was the payment made?

A I paid cash.

Q And did you retain your membership in the company after you had purchased the house?

A Yes, I am still a member.

Q What effect did the purchase of this house have upon your membership, if any?

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A I was a member from before I bought the house.

Q You built a 6-room house on this land in 1940 at a total cost of \$2000.00? A: Yes.

Q I am showing you a picture of a house?

A Yes, that is my house.

Q Is that the house that you built in 1940 on this land?

A: Yes, that is the

same one.

Q Is that structure in front of the house a bridge?

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A Yes, that is a bridge.

W. Yasaki,
In Chief.

Q Is that the bridge that cost you \$85.00?

A Yes; it cost me that much because I had to buy some big logs.

Q And is the net-house which you mention in your summary of evidence shown in that picture?

A No, it isn't shown in the picture; it is more in the foreground away from the picture.

Q What about the wharf, is it shown in the picture?

A No, that is not shown either.

10 MR. RUSSELL: I will put this in as an exhibit.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RUSSELL: Q: Was this house wired for electricity?

A Yes.

Q What other improvements were there in the house?

A Well, it wasn't quite finished when we took possession of the house.

Q Did it have running water and plumbing?

A Yes, we had city water.

20 Q In your proof of claim which you filed and which was dated the 13th of November, 1947, you showed the buildings to be valued at \$2300.00, which is the same valuation you placed on them in your summary of evidence which you filed today?

A Yes.

Q But in the proof of claim you valued the land at \$280.00, whereas you show on the summary of evidence today that it cost for the land and improvements, \$645.00? He valued it at \$280.00 in the proof of claim and he now says it cost \$645.00.

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A Yes.

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M. Yasaki,
In Chief.

Q How do you explain that difference?

A Well, when I made a proper estimate I arrived at that figure.

Q What did you pay for the land itself without any improvements?

A: I bought the land for \$250.00.

Q Is that the value that you put in your proof of claim?

A: Yes.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: In his proof of claim he also says "land well developed".

MR. RUSSELL: I beg pardon?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I say, in his proof of claim he also says "land well developed". In other words, when filing his proof of claim he put it down at \$250.00 for land well developed.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: What was the condition of the land when you bought it?

A: It was under cultivation.

20 Q You are claiming for some boat equipment, which includes a storage battery, a barometer, marine compass, a searchlight -- can you understand what I am saying? He can. Two anchors and rope,

two water tanks, two rowboats. Now, where were these articles left? A: Most of it was stored in the basement; articles such as the compass and some things were stored upstairs.

Q Did you have a fishing boat?

A The day before I evacuated I made arrangements to sell my boat.

30 Q Well, was any of this equipment I have read out, and

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M. Yasaki,
In Chief.

the other equipment which you have listed, on the boat?

A: No. It was just the boat alone that I sold, nothing connected with the boat. These things were stored in the house.

Q When you made your declaration in 1942, that is, your J.P. form, you listed fishing gear and you valued it at \$1500.00?

A: I don't think-- it was the boat, wasn't it?

10 Q I am not speaking of the boat; I am speaking of the fishing gear?

A: Yes.

Q And your claim amounts to more than \$1500.00; how do you explain that difference?

A After we were evacuated I went over the estimates more carefully and arrived at the larger figure. The other amount was made in a great hurry; the estimate was made in a great hurry.

Q How much time did you have to prepare your J.P. form and to estimate the value of your nets and so on?

2 A: I don't remember how much time we had, but, in any case, I have a large family and being evacuated like that in a hurry it just made me feel very flustered and I didn't have very much time.

Q What kind of a washing machine was this that you bought in 1941?

MR. RICE: It must have been a good one; it didn't depreciate in value at all.

A We just used it for four or five months.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: What kind was it?

30 A I think it was a Zenith.

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M. Yosaki,
In Chief.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Pardon?

A A Zenith.

MR. RUSSELL: Zenith?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Zenith.

A Yes.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: When did you buy the washing machine?

A In 1940. No, it was 1941.

Q When abouts in 1941?

A: I think it was

November.

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Q November?

A: Yes.

Q And when were you evacuated?

A It was in April of '42.

Q Was this washing machine a gasoline operated one
or an electric or hand? A: It was electric.

Q Was it new when you bought it?

A Yes, it was new.

Q You are claiming for two stoves; what condition
were these stoves in when you were evacuated?

A It was in good condition; I was using it at the time.

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Q Well, there are two stoves? A: One was a kitchen
stove and the other was a heater stove.

Q Now, what condition was the kitchenstove in when
you were evacuated?

A: It was good.

Q Were you using it?

A: Yes, we were using it.

Q Did it have a water jacket? A: No.

Q And what about the heater stove; what condition
was it in?

A: It was in good

condition.

Q Was it a coal stove or a wood stove?

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A Wood.

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H. Yonaki,
In Chief.

Q Did you use it in the winter of 1941, 1941-1942?

A Yes.

Q Did you not make an application to leave to Alberta sometime before you were actually evacuated?

A Yes.

Q What happened in that case? A: Is that before he left?

Q Before he actually left, yes?

A Well, I had wanted to come to Alberta.

10 Q So that what did you do? A: Well, I was told that I had a large family and there wasn't much work here, but in any case we were to come.

Q Well, were you able to come the first time that you applied to be evacuated? A: At first, I was told that I could come and then later on I was told I couldn't come.

Q You couldn't. And then when you were finally told that you could come were you given, how much notice were you given? A: The day before we were to leave I was suddenly told we couldn't depart. We had even prepared our lunches. And so my cousin and four or five other people went to Vancouver to make a special application, and the next morning, the day we were actually to leave according to the first arrangements, we were notified that we could leave after all.

Q All right, thanks.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate or the claimant's interest in the real estate was sold at its fair market value.

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M. Yasaki,
Cross Exam.

I am submitting the chattels that were sold or disposed of by the Custodian were sold for their fair market value. I am submitting that if the Custodian is responsible for any of the claimant's alleged loss that the claim made to the same is exorbitant.

10 I am submitting a copy of the appraisal made on this land belonging to the River Fish Company limited by Johnson, Reeve and Watson, Estate Agents of Vancouver.

(APPRAISAL MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: Two real property summaries dealing with the claim.

(SUMMARIES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: An analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: And a summary respecting personal property.

I have another one here; they should both go in together. There are two summaries.

20 (SUMMARIES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. RICE: Report of J. D. Mather. I think I will I will read this into the record, if I may, your Honour.

"The land consists of approximately one acre and has not been cultivated this year. There is on the property, a new 6-room house", no, "a new 6-room frame, shingle roof house with basement, inside toilet, wash basin, no bath, situated between Gilbert and No. 2 Roads. This house is accessible in winter

M. Yosaki,
Cross Exam.

only by water, and in summer by going through the fields at the rear. The house is in need of paint."

And then,

"The personal effects as per inventory, have been left stored in the house. There is also on the property, near the river, a small net house, which has been used for storage, as per inventory. There is in the basement of this house, a considerable quantity of nets and fishing gear, which are piled in the corner of the basement. These would require an experienced net man to sort out and hang properly, as if left in the present position, would deteriorate very rapidly."

I might say that the report goes on to say that the property was visited in company with Lieutenants Handford and Murphy, who checked up on the boat gear and it was found that the place had already been entered forcibly. "So far as I can discover, nothing was missing."

(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q You didn't have a title to your property, your land?

A I have no government title to it, but I have a title deed from the River Fish Company saying that the property was mine.

Q And you couldn't register that title that you had from the River Fish Company, could you?

M. Yasaki,
Cross Exam.

A I intended to do it but I didn't have the opportunity.

Q I am saying that the place had not been subdivided, and it wasn't possible for you to register any deed or transfer that the River Fish Company gave you?

A Could I have that question again?

BY THE REPORTER: "I am saying that the place had not been subdivided, and it wasn't possible for you to register any deed or transfer that the River Fish Company gave you?"

10 A Well, the one acre was part of a ten acre lot that the River Fish Company owned. I had intended to register, but I didn't do so.

Q I show you a photo; that is your home is it?

A Yes, it is.

MR. REE: I tender that as an exhibit.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

MR. RICE: Q: I show you a J.P. form dated the 16th of April, 1942 (indicating); did you complete and sign that form?

A: Yes.

20 MR. RICE: I tender the J.P. form.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

MR. RICE: For the purpose of the record, your Honour, I might put in a copy of a letter from Genji Otsu, from the River Fish Company Limited, dated February 21st, 1943, showing that the claimant had purchased an acre of this land, and it goes on to say,

"All the others are owned by the Company.

The selling of this property to the above people mentioned was a cash deal and the transaction is closed. The only matter incomplete

M. Yasaki,
Cross Exam.

in this business was the registration of the property at the office of the land registry. This was delayed by the war and the evacuation of our people which followed it. Nevertheless there was a mutual understanding between the both parties concerned, that the registration will be executed immediately after the war."

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While the letter doesn't say so, I think the real reason that the transfer was not registered, or the transfer of the property had not been registered, was that it was impossible to register it until a subdivision ^{plan} had been first registered in the land office.

Q Just what explanation did you give in regard to raising the value of your property from \$280.00 to \$645.00?

A: That is the land, is it?

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Q Yes, for the land? A: Well, the \$280.00 was for the original cost of the land, and I have now included in the \$645.00 I am claiming now the cost of building the bridge and various other improvements I made.

Q On November 13th last you swore that the value of your land was \$280.00, today you swear the value of the same land is \$645.00? A: That \$645.00 includes various things such as the bridge I built, and I believe the fruit trees are also included in that.

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Q Oh, yes, I don't think you have missed anything in it.

M. Yasaki,
Cross Exam.

The fruit trees don't loom up very large in that picture, Exhibit 8, do they?

A They are quite young trees, but we had a small crop the year before, and the trees were in bloom when we left.

Q How many were there? A: We had about twenty.

Q Another Japanese by the name of Tsuneko Nishi stored some of his goods in your dwelling house?

10 A Yes.

Q You have already referred to a washing machine; you say that had not depreciated five cents in value while you were using it from November until the time you were evacuated? A: Well, I am claiming that amount because I consider it is fully of that value.

Q And the same with the buck saws, hammer and wedge; you paid \$20.00 for those items and you say they are still worth \$20.00? Bucking saw is the description here? A: I consider it is fully worth that.

Q How old were the bucksaws and the hammer and the wedge? A: They were bought about two or three years before we left, but they were just used during the winter months for sawing firewood.

Q But they had not depreciated in any manner whatever in value? A: They cost me about \$10.00 when I bought them new.

30 Q I observe that the rubber hose, and the sprinkler,

M. Yesaki,
Cross Exam.

and the shovels and forks that you had purchased in 1941 and that you had used for a year had not depreciated in value at all?

A I don't think I am claiming for the full amount that I paid.

Q Well, that is what this summary of evidence says, that you are.

A: Well, there are a great many articles and they were all valued at about half of the original price.

10 Q This inventory doesn't say so? Indeed you have got it added up to a great deal more than it amounts to.

THE INTERPRETER: Perhaps if you showed it to him.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: On the total purchase price? I mean, on the valuation?

MR. RICE: Yes, on the valuation, your Honour.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The total adds up to \$883.75, but the depreciation on all the articles amounts only to about \$175.00, that is, on the personalty on pages 7 and 8 of Exhibit, it only amounts to \$175.00.

MR. RICE: Well, the addition of the value column on the first page is \$866.25, but I think you will find that it only adds up to \$831.25.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: This one has been corrected.

MR. RICE: Mine has not.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: And the total value is \$883.75 instead of \$918.75.

30 MR. RICE: Q: The barometer that you used for twelve years, about, did not depreciate in value?

M. Yasaki,
Gross Exam.

A Well, I consider that articles like that, if they are not damaged in any way are fully worth the original price.

Q Apparently the Japanese tea set, while it is a small item, it grew in price. It only cost you \$2.00 and you are valuing it at \$3.00?

A I don't think that is correct.

Q Well, what is correct? I don't think it is correct either.

A: Isn't there some mistake?

Q I don't know. I am asking you. The whole thing is a mistake in my opinion. You have bamboo baskets here, it is a small item, but you paid \$3.00 for them 1931 to 1934 and you say they were worth \$3.00 when you were evacuated in 1942, and you swear that is a fair value? A: Well, today, if we wanted to buy such articles we couldn't possibly replace them.

Q I am not talking about today, I am talking about 1942.

A: I would rather have

the articles than any money that I am claiming.

Q And your whole claim is based on that same line of thinking, I take it, than you would sooner have the articles than the fair value of the same?

A Well, I just consider that they are fully worth what I am claiming for.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Any questions?

MR. RUSSELL: No.

THE SUB-Commissioner: Q: Who prepared that statement?

That is Exhibit One, the personal property statement.

N. Yosaki,
Cross Exam.

A I prepared this myself, but my wife helped me prepare the kitchen utensils.

Q And when did you prepare that? You see, this is signed very recently. Was it prepared just before he signed it? A: Yes, it was prepared just before.

Q He got his sewing machine, did he?

A Yes, I received the sewing machine. It was sent to me in place of the one that my sister requested them to send. I am now using the one they sent me.

Q I thought that sewing machine was sent to this chap Nishi?

MR. RUSSELL: You can ask him; perhaps Nishi's wife is his sister, I don't know.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Oh.

A Yes, that is my sister's husband.

Q It was sent to your sister then, was it, and you got it from her, did you? A: She had requested them to send her the sewing machine, but they didn't send hers and they sent mine instead.

Q And then he got it? A: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Anything else, Mr. Russell?

MR. RUSSELL: No, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is all, thanks.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

W. H. HOWARD
"W. H. HOWARD" Official Reporter.

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER

Reference Brief

LINTHURIDGE
13 Oct. 48

Miyakichi YESAKI

File No. 5048

Case No. 785

Personal
REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>House</u> <u>Property on Lot 6 West Half of Sec. 18 Richmond on River Fish Co.</u>
<u>Claim</u>	<u>Appraised at</u> <u>Sale Price</u>
\$2580.	\$1225. \$1302.40

Appraisers: Johnson Reeve & Watson.

This property was part of a 10 acre lot owned by the River Fish Co., but the transfer had not been registered at the office of the Land Registry due to the property not having been subdivided.

This property was sold as a part of the property owned by the River Fish Co., claimant receiving for his share the sum of \$1302.40.

It is submitted that the real estate, or the claimant's interest in the real estate was sold for its fair market value.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim 2 Household Goods & Farm Equipment & Boat Equipment

Amended Claim
\$833.75

Sold for
\$77.50

Claim for Crops & Fruit Trees \$250. were outside the terms of reference and are not now claimed for.

The amended claim for these goods was cast incorrectly by \$35. which amount has been deducted from claim.

Claimant stated that his goods were stored in his house, together with goods belonging to another Japanese named T. NISHI.

Mr. J.D. Mather reported that these premises had been forcibly entered.

Many articles claimed for were valued by the claimant at the same figure at which he purchased them without allowing for any depreciation after some of them had been in use for several years.

Claimant stated that he had sold his boat and as these boats are usually sold in a complete state, it may be that this equipment was in the boat as there is no record of any of it having been found, but claimant states that this equipment was stored in the basement and not sold with the boat.

(a)	Goods value	\$232.50	Sold by auction for \$77.50
(b)	"	112.75	Declared not found (Kitchen equipment etc.)
(c)	"	75.00	Abandoned (Beds & Stove)
(d)	"	281.00	No record at any time (Boat equipment etc.)
(e)	"	132.50	Not accounted for. (Theft, etc.)
		<u>\$833.75</u>	

Goods sold by auction for \$4.50 are not claimed for. Claimant stated that he had received his sewing machine which had been forwarded to T. NISHI in error.

Claim 3 Nets & Lines

Amended Claim

\$1685.

Sold for

\$30.00

The Bluestone Tank \$25. and Dogfish Lines \$20. are not now claimed for. Claimant declared nets and lines to the value of \$1500. for which he is now claiming \$1685.

Mr. J.D. Mather reported that a quantity of nets were piled in the corner of the basement and stated that it would require an experienced net man to sort out and hang them properly.

(a)	Goods value	\$200.00	Sold by tender for \$30.
(b)	"	1485.00	Not accounted for.
		<u>\$1685.00</u>	

It is submitted that the chattels that were sold or disposed of by the Custodian were sold for their fair market value and that if the Custodian is responsible for any of the claimant's alleged loss that the claim made to the same is exorbitant.

Name of Claimant

YERAKI, Miyakichi

Case 785

Custodian File

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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		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
		1318.								996.30 ✓
PERSONAL PROPERTY										Total
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		Total	
						281.00	216.45			136.45 ✓
NETS										Total
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	Total		
					200.00 1485.00	1179.50	30.00		1149.50 ✓	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										Total
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price	Total		
227.50	84.00	25.20	48%	520.25	147.51				172.51 ✓	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										2404.75 ✓

Miyakichi Yesaki (5048) / 03583

in account with

River Fish Company Limited

Total property sold for \$ 6,000.00

Advertising 79.30
Appraisal 50.00 129.30

Net proceeds 5,870.70

Appraisal \$6,680.00
Yesaki property 1,450.00

Amount due $\frac{1,450}{6,680} \times \frac{5,870.70}{1} = 1,274.32$

Deduct:

Taxes 1943-1944

1,700
7,318 of \$336.25 = 78.11

Taxes 1945 to 15th August, 1945

1,700
7,318 of \$105.96 = 24.61

Rent 15th August, 1945 to 9th December, 1945

at \$17.00 per mo. $\frac{116}{30} \times \frac{17.00}{1} = 65.73$

Add:

~~Insurance to 15th June, 1947~~

~~premium \$32.00~~

~~667~~

Water Rates 15th August, 1945 to
31st Dec., 1945 4 1/2 months

~~19.45~~

9.00

168.45 1,902.82

1,274.32

Cheque

\$ 1,114.87

+ 1,114.87

FF
per the

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March 21st, 1951

Mr. Miyakichi YESAKI,
Box 48,
Steveston, B. C.

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 5 shares and payment
to you is as follows:

5 shares	\$ 169.89
Less previously advanced	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 99.89

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



G. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

CHR:BK
Encl.

CLAIM NO. 785 - YESAKI Miyakichi

This claim is made in respect of a dwelling situate on a part of land formerly owned by River Fish Co.Ltd., which is the subject of claim No.954-C. The claimant, prior to evacuation, held an unregistered conveyance from the River Fish Co.Ltd., the registered owner of the entire property, covering a 1 acre portion of the land on which the claimant's dwelling was erected.

On the application of the material found in General Exhibit No.117, Counsel have joined in a proposal that the over-all recommendation adopted in relation to land in the Municipality of Richmond, i.e. Custodian selling price \$1310.00 plus 73 per cent., shall be applied in this instance. 1302.39

I concur in this proposal, since it involves the application of the same recommendation which has been made on all V.L.A. sales within that Municipality. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND payment to the claimant of the sum of \$956.30.

950.74

H. I. BIRD

Commissioner.

February 1st 1950.