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File No. ....

**ISSUED BY**

**Property** .....

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Regn. No. \_\_\_\_\_

| DUE<br>DATE | TENANT | MONTHLY<br>RENTAL | PREVIOUS<br>ARREARS | AMOUNT<br>DUE | AMOUNT<br>PAID | ARREARS |
|-------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
|             |        |                   |                     |               |                |         |



**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: AKUNE Yuichi  
HOME ADDRESS: Steveston, B. C. (P.O. Box 128 Trites Rd. Steveston)  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03397 SEX: Male AGE: 35  
OCCUPATION: Fisherman, Great West Cannery.

(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 Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shizuka

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: P.O. Box 128, Steveston, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Roy Isao (M) Daisy Sachiyo (F)  
Satoru (M) Misayo (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: P.O. Box 128 Steveston B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 6, 4, 3, 1 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: P.O. Box 128 Steveston, B.C. (Trites Rd.)  
5 roomed wooden frame bungalow.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. G. Takahashi, Steveston, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$60.00 a year.  
Paid up to date.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

In house, left: 1 Kitchen stove, chest, chairs 6, table, desk,  
Bed & Spring, electric clock, cupboard, gas stove,  
kitchen utensils, dishes, etc. Festival dolls (20)

In storage at Great West Cannery, Steveston, B.C.: 1 Row boat,  
(Hang lead & cork line \$165.00, Hang lead & cork line,  
NETS (155.00, Hangl lead & cork line 125.00, Stretched net  
(100.00 Line and lead, 25.00, Line & corks, 30.00,  
( stretched net \$30.00, stretched net 100.00, cork &  
( line 30.00

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



FORM 11-27

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

None

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

None

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

None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
One \$4.00 War Savings Certificate, in owner's possession.8. BANK ACCOUNTS: ~~Royal Bank of Canada~~ ~~St. James~~

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life Assurance Co., Vancouver Br. \$1000.00

Beneficiary, wife-Shizuka Policy in owner's possession. #2224316

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

None

## LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

None

2. TRADE DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 17th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

Yuichi Kane

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE April 30, 1943.

Our File No. 5538

Full Name AKUNE, Yuichi  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03397

☒ Male - Female  
(Check)

Age February 3, 1907.

Former Address Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated April 24, 1942 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address c/o Carl Alexander, Picture Butte, Alta. - c/o Jensen Bros. Farm, Raymond, Alta.  
c/o Mrs. E. Molfson, Raymond, Alta. (12/5/47)

☒ Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife (nee HISAOKA) Shizuka #03421

Name of Husband ---

Name of Mother AKUNE, Asano - Dec'd Name of Father Nariyoshi #05823

Names of Children under 16 Koy Isao (M) 20/3/36 - Daisy Sachiyo (F) 4/10/37 -  
Satoru (M) 28/10/40 - Misayo (F) 11/4/28.

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman.



# NET AND TWINE REQUISITION

WESTERN LECKIE LIMITED  
Commercial Fishing Equipment  
148 Alexander Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

EXHIBIT No. 599 - 2  
DATE Aug. 23/48  
FILED BY L.S. Turcotte

Date of shipment from Vancouver

Y. Akme

(G.O.L.)  
Order No.

"Great West" Cannery

Shipping Point

| Quantity | Fly and<br>Number | Quality | Size of Mesh | Meshes<br>Deep | Length<br>Stretched<br>Fathoms | Color, Selvage, Special Remarks                 | Name of<br>Fisherman |
|----------|-------------------|---------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|          | 6/50              |         | 7"           | 45             | 200                            | Hung lead & cork line<br>(150F 1940-50F 1941)   | \$165.00             |
|          | 5/40              |         | 6 1/2        | 45             | 200                            | Hung lead & cork line<br>(150F 1940 - 50F 1941) | 155.00               |
|          | 5/50              |         | 5 1/2        | 50             | 200                            | Hung lead & cork line<br>(1939)                 | 125.00               |
|          | 4/40              |         | 5 1/2        | 50             | 400                            | Stretched                                       | 100.00               |
|          |                   |         |              |                | 200                            | Line & lead                                     | 25.00                |
|          |                   |         |              |                | 200                            | Line & Corks                                    | 30.00                |
|          | 4/40 (1939)       |         | 6 3/8        | 50             | 100                            | Stretched                                       | 30.00                |
|          | 5/50 (1941)       |         | 5 1/2        | 55             | 400                            | "                                               | 100.00               |
|          |                   |         |              |                | 150                            | Cork & line                                     | 30.00                |

Per "J.D.W."

(Cannery Manager)

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

Sept. 27/48

*M. A. Wallace*  
LH



599 - 4  
EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE Aug. 23/48  
FILED BY L.S. Turcotte

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Stove Kitchen            | 50.   |
| Heater                   | 10.   |
| Chest                    | 11.   |
| Dresser                  | 13.   |
| Chair                    | 13.50 |
| Table                    | 7.    |
| Desk                     | 12.   |
| Bed & Spring             | 20.   |
| "                        | 15.   |
| Electric Mantle Clock    | 11.50 |
| Cupboard                 | 10.   |
| Gas Stove (2)            | 12.   |
| Festival Dolls for Girls | 35.   |
| Festival Dolls for Boys  | 45.   |
| Kitchen Utensil          | 23.50 |
| "                        | 40.00 |
| Dishes & Silverware      | 60.   |
| Row Boat                 | 25.   |
| Net                      | 760.  |
| Crib                     | 14.75 |

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

Sept. 27/48

*M. L. Turcotte*  
L.S.



AKUNE, Yuzichi  
File 5538 Reg 05397  
Agent of freight ship. # 32  
Customs Office,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver B.C.

G. C. I. Alexander,  
Picture Butte, Alta.  
March 13, 1943.

|                   |
|-------------------|
| EVICTED           |
| Rec'd MAR 18 1943 |
| File No.          |
| Ans. P. B. W.     |
| Referred          |

Dear Sir:—

I have received ~~your~~ the goods, which we have asked for in good condition, & must thank you very much for all the troubles. But in it there was not all the things I have asked for.

Goods received were,

- 1 box of fencing sticks.
- 2 bundles of fencing sticks.
- 1 box containing fencing uniforms.
- 1 box containing Japanese festival doll.  
(The glass to this was broken)

On list which we received says you have sent the two Colman's Gun Stone but you have sent the Festival Doll instead of it.

1. So please send me the Colman's Stone, as we are in need of it. This had not been in a box so please put in a suitable box. Also the following written below:—

2. The brown bag which contained the fencing uniform and I am sure there was 2 separate pieces of black cloth top piece was a jacket like and the bottom piece was a long skirt like made of black heavy cotton so please send it along. (It is worn with the fencing uniform.)



3. 2 Black Cast Iron Pot. 1 large and 1 smaller size.

When sending this please kindly mark "breakable" on the box.

4. I have left some important things in the drawer of a desk ~~and~~ which has ~~4~~ 6 drawers 3 on each side with one narrow one in centre.

Key with Mrs. Hana  
78 I am sending a key for it so please send all the things in ~~the~~ each of the drawer. Most important in the centre drawer. It has a pencil and few other writing books and ~~envelopes~~ <sup>envelopes</sup>. So please send all the things in ~~it~~ the drawer.

The above mentioned articles are very badly needed so please try your best to send it in your earliest.

I know how hard it would be for you to fix up these bits of things but these are things we have been missing ever since we were sent out here.

All the ~~the~~ mentioned articles are in the ceiling of the house except for the desk which is found in the small store room of the house.

I am sending \$3 in Money Order for freight and cartage ~~to~~ the above goods.

The house is in Great West Cannery on Trites Road 2<sup>nd</sup> house from brick house next to big Great White house on that road.

Once again asking you to send these in your earliest convenience and thanking you I remain,

Yours truly,  
Yuchi Akune.



MEMORANDUM

January 30, 1943

File No. 5538

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: R. B. Mackenzie

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Re: Yuichi AKUNE

This Japanese was a fisherman at the Great West Cannery and has a house on the Trites Road, 2nd house from the brick house, in Steveston, B. C., Great West Cannery.

He declares personal effects in the house and nets and lines in storage at the Great West Cannery.

Will you ascertain if these chattels are safe where they are at present and if they should be moved to one of our storage warehouses. Also, what should be done about the nets and lines, with a view to selling them?

This Japanese has requested a few chattels to be sent to him. This we have referred to the B. C. Security Commission.

We enclose a copy of the Japanese letter for your guidance.

RB:MDE  
Enc.



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

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | JAN 27 1943 |
| File No.           | 5538        |
| Ans.               | ARM &       |
| Referred           | John        |

% G. L. Alexander,  
Picture Butte, Alta.  
January 18, 1943.

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Dear Sir:

Please accept these few lines which I am writing to you. I have heard of the Custodian sending out articles to Japanese, some of their belongings when in need. If he should pay the freight charges.

Please send me a few of the articles mentioned below and I shall pay for the freight charges also cartage.

I have had stored ~~the small room~~ our belongings in one small room beside the kitchen also in the space between ceiling and roof to which can be entered to from the small stored room.

Please send, —

- ① A Japanese fencing uniform which is in a <sup>bag</sup> ~~bag~~ hung from the roof through a (2 by 4.)
- ② One box of fencing sticks (bamboo sticks.)
- ③ Two Coleman's Camp Stove found above ceiling also.

I hope the rest of the belongings would be looked after too. Thanking you.

Our house is on the Trites Road 2<sup>nd</sup> house from the brick house in Steveston, B.C. Great West Cannery.

Hoping to hear from you. Once again thanking you,

I remain,

Yours truly,  
Yusaku Akune.

Reg. No. 03397



ANKER, Taichi  
Reg. No. 03397,  
File No. 5538

November 18th, 1948.

NET STATEMENT

| <u>Quant. No.</u> | <u>Description</u>        | <u>Jan. Value</u> | <u>Appraised<br/>by G.P. Lockie</u> | <u>Sale Price</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1043              | 6/50 x 7 x 45 - 200       | \$ 165.00         | \$120.00-A.A.15                     | \$140.00          |
| Cannery           | 5/40 x 6 1/2 x 45 - 200   | 155.00            | \$110.00-A.A.15                     | 110.00            |
| Cannery           | 5/50 x 5 7/8 x 50 - 200   | 125.00            |                                     | 110.00            |
| Cannery           | 4/40 x 5 7/8 x 50 - 200   | 100.00            |                                     | 90.00             |
| 1068K             | 4/40 x 6 3/8 x 50 - 100   | 30.00             |                                     | 7.00              |
| 1068              | 2 pcs. 5 1/2" sockeye net |                   |                                     | 32.00             |

Not accounted for, theft, etc.

|      |                         |        |
|------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1064 | 5/50 x 5 1/2 x 55 - 100 | 100.00 |
|------|-------------------------|--------|

Declared, but not found

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| 200 fath. lead line | 25.00 |
| 200 fath. cork line | 30.00 |

*B. Macdonell*



AKUNE, Yuichi  
Reg. No. 03397,  
File No. 5538

October 15, 1943.

NET STATEMENT

| <u>Cust. No.</u> | <u>Description</u>          | <u>Jap. Value</u> | <u>Sold</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1043             | 6/50 x 7 x 45 - 200         | \$165.00          | ✓ \$140.00  |
| 2 Cannery        | 5/40 x 6½ x 45 - 200        | 155.00            | ✓ 110.00    |
| 3 Cannery        | 5/50 x 5½ x 50 - 200        | 125.00            | ✓ 110.00    |
| 4 Cannery        | 4/40 x 5½ x 50 - 400        | 100.00            | ✓ 90.00     |
| 5 106BK          | 4/40 x 6½ x 50 - 100        | 30.00             | ✓ 7.00      |
| 6 106B           | 2 pos. 5½" sockeye net      |                   | ✓ 32.00     |
| 7                | 150 fa. cork line           | 30.00             | ✓ 15.00     |
|                  | Total net sales.....        |                   | \$510.00    |
|                  | Less freight & cartage..... |                   | 3.00        |
|                  | Credit Balance to Date..... |                   | \$507.00    |

UNACCOUNTED FOR

|           |                      |          |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| 8 (empty) | 5/50 x 5½ x 55 - 100 | \$100.00 |
|           | 200 fa. lead line    | 25.00    |
|           | 200 fa. cork line    | 30.00    |

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File No. 5538

May 12, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Yuichi AKUNE  
Reg. No. 03397

There are no claims against Yuichi Akune revealed  
on the file.

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



George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL



SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: April 12, 1944  
Name: AKUNE, Yuichi Reg. No. 03397 File: 5538  
Boat File No.: JFVDC 372  
Name of Vessel: "Y.A." 29'3"x6'10"x2'8"(1936) Easthope 10HP (1941)  
Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2408  
Naval No.: NW.096-E  
Owner's Valuation: \$1,100.00  
JFVDC Valuation: 920.00 - Survey #431  
Custodian Valuation: None  
Date of Sale: April 7, 1942 /  
Purchaser: H. Bell-Irving & Co.Ltd.  
Signature on Sales Papers: No copy  
Selling Price: \$975.00  
Paid to JFVDC ~~22.25~~ ~~22.25~~ 12.25 \$975.00  
Supervision Costs: ~~962.75~~ 12.25  
Balance due Owner: 962.75  
Paid to: Y. Akune, April 8, 1942  
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster  
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

*J. Maclean*  
*April 26/46*



NAME ALLEN, Fred

REGISTRATION NO. 03397

FILE NO. 5538

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B. C. on March 16, 1948.

Box heater  
Hand made table  
Cupboard  
Cupboard

\$5.25  
1.00  
1.25  
2.50

Total

\$ 10.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.00

\$ 2.65

(Advertising: 0.69

(Moving: 0.96

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 7.35

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 31

Remarks.



Files 1447 - HIGO, Mankichi  
 4190 - Inao TARATA  
 1938 - Y. ARUNE  
 G/181 - Chattel Suspense Account.

November 6, 1946.

MEMORANDUM

List of goods removed from the Spillsbury House on Triton Road, Steveston, on August 13, 1942. House owned by United Marine Products, Files 11269, 3308, 1457 2915 and 7039. Original list will be found on Chattel Suspense File G/181, 290.

| INVENTORY (p. 50)         | DATE     | on FILE             | WHERE DISPOSITION       |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 large trunk             | 7/11/45  | H. HIGO - 1447      | Unaccounted for         |
| 1 Glazed wooden case      |          | TARATA, Inao - 4190 |                         |
| x 3 gas galley stoves     |          |                     | "                       |
| x 3 wooden boxes dishes   | 24/11/44 | Chattel Suspense    | "                       |
| 1 High chair              | 8/6/45   |                     | "                       |
| 1 Wash board              |          |                     | "                       |
| 1 Mile Garden tools       | 27/4/45  |                     | "                       |
| 1 Mile Clothing           |          |                     | "                       |
| x 4 Curtains dishes       | 24/11/44 |                     | Given to U.N.R.R.A.     |
| 1 Round table Dining      | 29/8/45  |                     | "                       |
| (separate legs)           |          |                     |                         |
| x 1 Chest of drawers      |          |                     | Lent to Lt. O'Brien (x) |
| x 1 Desk                  |          |                     | Unaccounted for         |
| x 1 Iron bed & spring     |          |                     | "                       |
| x 1 Wood case J-p Figures | 7/11/45  |                     | "                       |
| 1 Large carton            |          |                     |                         |
| 1 Kitchen cabinet         |          |                     |                         |

--- Left in the house ---

(x) - According to the original Inventory Book (List #50) the chest of drawers was lent to Lt. O'Brien and from information received from Mr. Peters, we learn that it has not yet been returned. Lt. O'Brien was in the Army and lived at Steveston.

The original inventory also lists a pair of field glasses and a camera & tripod. The field glasses have been claimed by Mankichi Higo as having been left in his Truck and the proceeds of sale \$4.61 net, has been transferred to his account. The Camera and tripod are in Chattel Suspense Account.

When the personal goods stored at Steveston were sorted out in October 1945, the following goods were found:

1 canvas bundle tied - given to U.N.R.R.A. as per schedule above and some items were discarded.

x 1 large open carton - Contents - festive dolls and toys were sold 7/11/45-Steveston.



- 1 small open carton - contents given to U.M.R.R. & discarded.
- 1 open wooden box - Contents being rubbish were discarded.
- 1 open carton - Pictures and Photographs - kept aside and stored in the Buddhist Temple at Stevenson.

To summarize, it would appear, that, Hunkichi HIGO left a Trunk which has been sold and the proceeds credited to him; that Inao TABATA left a wooden case containing web, twine and a generator (as per letter 22/3/46 on his file), and that neither has not been accounted for.

The Spillbury house was owned by Y. HIKIDA, File 3308 and his partners in the United Marine Products (Files 13269, 1467, 2915 and 7039). This house was occupied by Y. ASHIDA, File 5538 who is very likely the owner of the chattels not claimed by HIGO and TABATA. All the files mentioned above have been checked in an effort to find the items not placed in Suspense Account and which are still at present unaccounted for:

- 2 Gas galley stoves. ✓
- 1 Wash board
- 1 Desk ✓
- 1 Iron bed and spring ✓

- 1 Chest of drawers (lent to Lt. O'Brien as previously mentioned).

No trace of these has been found.

CG.

*cg*  
*Higo & Tabata Declared Household  
furnishings at Wickenburg Is.*



Extract from a memo dated June 15, 1946 on file 3308 -Yosemon HIKIDA

"Ernest Spillsbury leased the house of Yosemon HIKIDA, on Trites Road. The tenant of this house was Yuichi AKUNE, File 5538, and goods in the name of HIGO and TABATA were moved from this house on August 13, 1942 and inventoried as per list #50 on File 4190. The field glasses are claimed by Mankichi HIGO in his letter of June 7, 1946, as being in the trunk which appears as Item #1 on List #50, so we are crediting his account with the proceeds of their sale. We can find no owner for the camera and tripod taken from the same house so we are transferring the proceeds from their sale to Chattel Suspense Account."



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September 16, 1943

Mr. Yuichi AKIIE,  
Registration #03397,  
c/o Carl Alexander,  
Picture Butte, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sun Life Assurance  
Policy #2,224,316

Enclosed please find Sun Life cheque  
in favour of yourself and your wife, in the  
amount of \$142.98. This covers the Cash  
Surrender value of the above numbered policy.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson  
Insurance Department

SHO:KT  
Encl.



SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA  
HEAD OFFICE - MONTREAL

COPY

Office of the Custodian  
MR. S. M. GIBSON

YOUR FILE 5538

September 11, 1943

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION |             |
| Rec'd      | SEP 13 1943 |
| File No.   | 5538        |
| Ans.       | <i>Amly</i> |
| Referred   | <i>nd</i>   |

Mr. Tsuchi Akuma,  
c/o Carl Alexander,  
PICTURE HUTTE, ALTA.

Dear Mr. Akuma:

Re: Policy No. 2,224,314

We are, today, sending our cheque in favour of yourself and your wife, covering the Cash Surrender Value of this policy in the amount of \$142.98, to the Office of the Custodian here. This amount is in full settlement of all claims under this policy. You may expect to receive the cheque shortly.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. HAY,  
BRANCH SECRETARY

*[Signature]*  
Per:

WCH/EF

The cheque referred to is attached



ANALYSIS OF REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

**FILE NO.:** 5578

**CLAIMANT:** Hiroshi Roy SENDA, representing Estate Kaichi Senda

**PROPERTY:** Lots 1, 3 and 4 of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28,  
Township 17, Map 2184, Municipality of Mission, D.N.W.

**CLAIM:**

|                                                                                         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Estimated value of Land:                                                                |                  |
| Purchase price for 17.74 acres at \$200. per ac.                                        | \$3548.00        |
| Cost of clearing 11 acres at \$200.00 per ac.                                           | 2200.00          |
| 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres under crops (cost of plants and<br>fertiliser) at \$200. per acre | 1550.00          |
| Rented 2 acres elsewhere at \$40.00 annually                                            | 40.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                            | <b>\$7338.00</b> |
| Estimated value of Buildings:                                                           |                  |
| Dwelling 26x32 - 2 floors, five rooms                                                   | \$1000.00        |
| Rhubarb hot house 24x50                                                                 | 395.00           |
| Tool Shed 16x24                                                                         | 130.00           |
| Wood Shed 16x24                                                                         | 100.00           |
| Garage 12x18                                                                            | 20.00            |
| Barn 16x24                                                                              | 75.00            |
|                                                                                         | <b>\$1720.00</b> |

**TITLE:** Registered in the name of Kaichi Senda

**ENCUMBRANCES:** None registered.

In a letter (on claim file) dated October 1, 1942, written by "M. Kudo" on behalf of Kaichi Senda in reply to a query from this office, it is stated that Kaichi Senda sold a  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre portion of this property to the Mission Japanese Farmers' Association. A copy of the Agreement for Sale covering this  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre from Kaichi Senda to Tashiro Hashizume and Kumeichi Fusino (as Trustees of the Mission Japanese Farmers Association) made from the original loaned to us by Alexander S. Duncan, Barrister, New Westminster, appears on claim file.

Custodian Vesting Filed 24997, dated November 22, 1942.

|                        |              |               |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>ASSESSED VALUE:</b> | Land         | \$ 890.00     |
|                        | Improvements | 800.00        |
|                        |              | 1690.00       |
|                        |              | Taxes \$35.62 |

**CLASSIFICATION:** Small fruit farm with dwelling and outbuildings

**RENTAL ARRANGEMENT:** Leased by Kaichi Senda on April 14, 1942, to Frank Morrison for a term of 10 months from April 1, 1942, with option to extend the lease for 1943. Consideration \$700.00 including crops, with provision that in the event of crop failure by, namely, Major or act of war, the Lessee to have the right to use and occupy lands and premises and crops during 1943 without further payment. The lease also included buildings, Live Stock and farm implements. (extract from Lease on Claim file)

Lease was extended by Collateral Agreement to September 30, 1943. Consideration \$110.00 payable August 31, 1943.

**APPRAISED:** By Soldier Settlement Board, May 26, 1942, \$1600.00

**SOLD:** To The Director, Veterans' Land Act, as at January 1, 1943, for \$1743.00, with the approval of the Advisory Committee. The sum of \$18.75 being the proportion of the sale price



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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

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

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Lethbridge, Alberta,  
August 23rd, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
YUICHI AKUNE.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

L.S. TURCOTTE, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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Y. Akune,  
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 599, Yuichi Akune.

YUICHI AKUNE, the claimant herein, being  
first duly sworn, testified through  
the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q Mr. Akune, you are making a claim for loss which  
you say arises out of a sale by the Custodian  
of certain fishing nets and a rowboat?

A Yes.

10 Q I am showing you a statement of the nets and row-  
boat (indicating). Does that statement contain  
information which is correct to the best of your  
memory and belief?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I present that, your Honour, as an exhibit,  
(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Now you stored your nets in a netthouse?

A Yes.

Q Off the Great West Cannery?

20 A Yes.

Q And was a list made of the nets at that time?

A Yes.

Q I am showing you a document (indicating). What  
is that?

A: The Great West  
Cannery's manager and I discussed the nets at  
the time they were left there, and these are  
what we considered fair prices in the right hand  
column.

Q And that is a list of the nets, a description and  
a list of the nets?



A Yes.

Q With the fair prices on the right hand side?

A Yes.

Q And that is signed with the initials of the  
cannery manager?

A: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I submit that, your Honour, as Exhibit 2.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. REE: It is a receipt?

MR. TURCOTTE: A receipt from the cannery with the  
prices marked.

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Q And you are claiming for those prices that are  
shown on that cannery list?

A Yes.

Q Now you are claiming \$25.00 for the rowboat. Can  
you give us the reason you say it was worth \$25.00?

A I had it made two years before evacuation and  
at that time I paid \$35.00 for it.

Q \$35.00?

A: Yes.

Q And was it in good shape when you left the Coast?

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A Yes.

Q You are also claiming for some household goods?

A Yes.

Q And I am showing you a statement of them (indicating).

A Yes.

Q Is the information contained in that statement  
true to the best of your belief and memory?

A Yes, including what I consider to be fair prices  
at the time of evacuation.

Q I see. I present that, your Honour, as Exhibit 3.

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(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).



MR. TURCOTTE Q Now did you make a list of your household goods before you left British Columbia?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you make that list?

A While I was still at Steveston.

Q While you were still at Steveston?

A Yes.

Q But in what did you make the list; what sort of a document or book?

10 A It is in a notebook that I have here.

Q In a black notebook? A: Yes.

Q Is it all on the one page?

A Yes.

Q Perhaps we could tear that out and file it. Would it be all right to tear that and file it with the Court? A: Yes.

Q Now you say you made this list out in Steveston?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I would like to present that, your Honour, as an exhibit.

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(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: It is a list of chattels, is it?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, a list of chattels.

Q Now you remember signing a list for the Custodian called the J.P. Form?

A Yes.

Q Now in that form you only set out one bed and spring, and you didn't include a baby crib which you are now claiming for. Can you give us any reason why those two articles were not in the J.P.

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form?

A: Such items as that I did not include because at that time we figured that the war would be over in about six months and that we would be coming back.

Q That is, you are trying to tell us then that you were not too careful and that you might have forgotten some things, is that right?

A Yes.

10 Q Now you are making a claim for approximately, well it is exactly \$123.50 for kitchen utensils, other kitchen utensils and dishes and glassware. The kitchen utensils \$23.50, other kitchen utensils \$40.00, dishes and glassware \$60.00. Will you just tell us what you had that came to that amount, that made that amount about \$123.00?

A I am afraid the question is a bit too long.

Q It is these three items here (indicating), the last three, they total \$123.50.

20 A Well this includes miscellaneous kitchenware, some of which was new, some had been used a short while and some was fairly old. These prices are as close as we could figure to the value.

Q And these prices were figured out before you left the Coast?

A Yes.

Q Now were there any sets of dishes?

A Yes, there were some dinner sets, and then there were Japanese style sets of crockery and such things.

30 Q Now you are making a claim for festival dolls,



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\$35.00 and \$45.00. Perhaps, your Honour, the analysis of personal property claim could be filed by my learned friend at this time so that you can follow it.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Now for girls' festival dolls and boys' festival dolls, \$35.00 and \$45.00, there is a notation that a box containing Japanese festival dolls was shipped to you in 1943, apparently.

10 A At that time I wrote asking for my gas stove to be sent.

Q Yes. A: The gas stove didn't arrive but I did receive one box with the boys' dolls in it.

Q But you got the boys' dolls?

A Yes.

Q So that the \$45.00 for the boys' dolls, that should be cut off, should it?

A The previous answer needs clarification. Contained  
20 in the box for the boys' festival were a number of dolls of which I received just one.

Q You just got one doll? A: Yes.

Q Well how much should be taken off your claim of \$45.00 for that one doll?

A About \$5.50.

Q \$5.50? A: Yes.

Q Now your kitchen range, was it a good one?

A Yes.

Q Size? A: It was a six-hole  
30 range with a water heater on the side.



Q Reservoir on the side?  
water reservoir on the side.

A: With a

Q I see. I think that is all.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the property sold by the Custodian was sold for its fair market value. I am submitting that the chattels claimed by the claimant and which were not declared, the Custodian is not responsible for, and if there are any articles that the claimant is claiming that the Custodian is responsible for, I say that the claim is exorbitant.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q You say it cost you \$35.00 for the material for that boat?

A: That cost

\$35.00 for the material and the labour.

Q Oh, I thought you said that you build it yourself?

A No, I had it made.

Q You had it made?

A: Yes.

20 Q Are you sure it wasn't \$25.00 that it cost you?

A No, there is no mistake. My boat was a fairly big one.

MR. RICE: Perhaps you made a slip on that one there. There is a gas stove at \$15.00 and apparently the claim as filed is for two gas stoves, \$15.00.

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, it should be two gas stoves.

MR. RICE: Two gas stoves?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

MR. RICE: I am referring to Exhibit 3, your Honour. And then you also say kitchen utensils, \$23.00.

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you mean that to be \$23.50?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, it should be \$23.50.

MR. RICE: I notice that your personal property claim totals, according to my figures, \$392.75, whereas the claim is filed at \$406.25.

MR. TURCOTTE: I don't think I put everything in the personal chattels form. I just took the main or large items. For example ---

10 MR. RICE: ---the 50 cents added on would make it \$393.25.

MR. TURCOTTE: For example, I haven't got the table in, have I? Yes, I have; a dresser, apparently I left the dresser out.

MR. RICE: \$13.00?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

MR. RICE: You didn't intend to abandon that?

20 MR. TURCOTTE: No. Of course <sup>in</sup> a large number of these personal chattel claims I haven't listed all the chattels. They asked for a description of major items and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed.

MR. RICE: I think your other claim sets forth the chattels in detail.

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

MR. RICE: My understanding of that is that that is your full claim?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

30 MR. RICE: Q How do you arrive at the value of the stove \$15.00? I am sorry, it is \$50.00. How do you arrive at the value of the stove at \$50.00,



a stove that was eight years old when you were evacuated from there?

A It was actually 7 years old; it was presented to me when I was married. Twenty friends donated \$4.00 each, a little over \$4.00 each, bringing the cost price when it was new to over \$80.00 and my wife used it very carefully and at the time of evacuation I thought it was worth \$50.00.

10 Q How do you arrive at the valuation of \$23.50 for kitchen utensils? A: The \$23.50 amount is about one-third of what the various items cost because they were in use every day.

Q Can I see Exhibit No. 4? (Exhibit 4 to Mr. Rice). Exhibit 4 did not itemize the kitchen utensils?

A I overlooked those at the time I made the list.

20 Q Well the list contains kitchen utensils \$23.50 and what I want to know is if you have got a copy of the list to show how the amount of \$23.50 is arrived at?

A No, I have no detailed list making up the total of \$23.50.

Q Well where did you get the figure \$23.50 if you have no statement with regard to it?

A At the time we left we gathered together such things as aluminum sauce pans, mixing bowls, and other small items of kitchen wares and totalled what we thought they had cost and then marked it down to one-third.

30 Q Why didn't you keep a copy of that list for \$23.50?



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A There was no list made. We just looked at the items.  
We just got all the items out.

Q And guessed at the price?

A And looked at them.

Q And guessed at the price?  
estimated the price.

A: And

Q And guessed at the price?

A Well, we remembered the prices that we paid more or  
less and marked it down from that.

10 Q And did you mark down the prices that you paid  
and that added up to \$23.50?

A We just got these things out and took a physical  
look at them, looked at them and remembered what  
we had paid for them when they were new, and then  
marked them down to \$23.50 because they had been  
used every day.

Q How many boys' dolls were there that you had there?

A About sixteen altogether.

Q Sixteen boys' dolls?

A: Sixteen

20 dolls, sixteen boys' dolls.

Q I wanted to know how many boys' dolls?

A Sixteen boys' dolls.

Q And how many girls' dolls?

A About two less than the boys', about 14.

Q Fourteen girls' dolls, is that right?

A Yes.

Q That would be 30 dolls altogether?

A Yes, altogether about 30, they were in two big  
boxes.

30 Q Well didn't you receive a shipment of a box with



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dolls in it?

A: Yes, I

received a box, 16 x 16, with just one doll in it.

Q All right.

A: That par-

ticular doll was in an separate box from the rest when I left it. All the rest were in two bigger boxes.

Q But you only declared two boxes, did you not?

A Yes.

10 Q I notice in your declaration you declared two festival dolls, not boxes; you just declared two festival dolls.

MR. TURCOTTE: Twenty.

MR. RICE: You can read it two ways; it could be 2 or could be 20.

MR. TURCOTTE: The way you show it on your analysis of personal property claim is 20. "J.P. Declaration, festival dolls (20)."

MR. RICE: It could be read as 2 or 20; there is a mark over it.

20 Q I show you your J.P. declaration. Is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q And you have got down here festival dolls; do you know whether it is 2 or 20?

A It isn't two.

Q It is twenty, is it?

A: Yes.

Q Well that was on the 17th of April, 1942?

A Yes.

Q Well will you explain how 20 has now grown up to 30 dolls?

A: The 20 was

30 the ones that we bought for the children ourselves,



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but the children also received presents of such dolls from other people and I had not included those at the time of the original declaration.

Q Why didn't you include them?

A As they were presents received from other people we didn't know the price of them; we could have guessed, but we didn't include them.

Q But you didn't include them?

A No.

10 Q Why are you including them now?

MR. TURCOTTE I don't think he included them. You asked how many dolls he had and he answered you.

MR. RICE I asked him how many dolls he was claiming for.

MR. TURCOTTE The question was how many dolls were there, not how many he claimed.

MR. RICE I am talking about his claim, not about presents or something else. I am asking what he is claiming.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I think he had better answer the question.

A Well there actually were about thirty altogether and if such things could be returned to me now, I would prefer to have them returned to me, but as they were lost I am claiming for them.

MR. RICE Q: Why didn't you drop one doll when you fixed up your claim before my learned friend and swore to it that the statements that you submitted, Exhibit 3, was true and correct?

30 MR. TURCOTTE Your Honour, there is nothing in any of



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our statements setting out the number of dolls.  
We have two boxes of dolls, boys' dolls and girls' dolls.

MR. RICE: He admits that a doll worth \$5.50 should be deducted.

MR. TURCOTTE: That is true.

MR. RICE: Then you are reducing your claim by \$5.50?

MR. TURCOTTE: If you really want to get down to cases and start figuring up what the value of 20 dolls would be, we would have it up quite a little higher than our claim here now.

MR. RICE: I presume. Eighty dollars for dolls seems to me as exceptionally high, but I admit I don't know very much about them.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

MR. TURCOTTE: That is all, thank you, Mr. Akune.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

*[Signature]*  
"S.R. HOWARD"  
Official Reporter.

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER.



Defence Brief

LETHBRIDGE  
23 August 1948

Yuichi AKUNE

File No. 5538

Case No. 599

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Amended Claim

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Household Equipment | \$400.75         |
| Fishing Equipment   | 785.00           |
|                     | <u>\$1185.75</u> |

Claim 1 Furniture, etc.

\$400.75

This claim has been reduced by \$5.50 as claimant stated that he had received one doll from Custodian of this value. (Trans. Page 6)

- (a) Goods value \$40.00 Sold by Auction for \$10.00
- (b) " " 29.75 No record at any time
- (c) " " 331.00 Declared not found

\$400.75

One bed & spring and baby crib were not declared and never found.

Claimant stated that he received one box of Boys Dolls from Custodian but only one doll was in the box which he valued at \$5.50.

Claim 2 Fishing Equipment

\$785.

Claimant stated that his nets were stored at the Great West Cannery.

- (a) Goods value \$730.00 Sold by Tender for \$499.
- (b) " " \$ 55.00 Declared not found.

\$785.00

Two nets for which claimant claims \$320. were appraised by C.P. Leckie & Co. at \$230.



It is submitted that the property sold by the Custodian was sold for its fair market value and that the chattels claimed for, which were not declared, the Custodian is not responsible for and if there are any articles that the Custodian is responsible for, that the claim is exorbitant.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Thompson & Co.

Mr. Harris

C. P. Leckie & Co.

Where required

1 (a) Auctioneer

1 (a) Staff

2 (a) Appraisers

BMP/mw



Name of Claimant **AKUNE, Tsuchi**Case **599**Custodian File **9536**

| <u>REAL PROPERTY</u>                 |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             | Total         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Greater Vancouver                    |                                     | Rural (except V.L.A.)                                                  |                                   |                                                                           | V.L.A. (except Mission Village)                                |                                                                            | V.L.A. Mission Village                 |                                                          |                             |               |
| Sale Price                           | 5% thereof & 12.50                  | Sale Price                                                             | 10% thereof                       | Charges 12.50 & Comm.                                                     | Sale Price                                                     | Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices<br>% of Amount Total                    | Sale Price                             | Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices<br>% of Amount Total |                             |               |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| <u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>             |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| Motor Vehicles                       |                                     | Boats and Boat Gear                                                    |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| Sale Price                           | 25% thereof                         | Sale Price                                                             | Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price  | Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price                                           | Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners | Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing | 45% of amount in next preceding column |                                                          |                             |               |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| <u>NETS</u>                          |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| Total award for Nets plus Sale Price |                                     | Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing |                                   | Percentage Total Award to Total Claim                                     |                                                                | Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing             |                                        | Apply % ratio to Claim                                   | Deduct Custodian Sale Price |               |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                | 700.00<br>55.00                                                            |                                        | 528.50                                                   | 99.00                       |               |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>        |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| Claim for goods Sold By Auction      | Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction | Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price                                   | Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim | Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid | Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column    | Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender                                         | 12% of Sale Price                      |                                                          |                             |               |
| 27.00                                | 8.75                                | 2.63                                                                   | 32.4%                             | 331.00                                                                    | 107.24                                                         |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             |               |
| <b>TOTAL RECOMMENDATION</b>          |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                        |                                                          |                             | <b>159.57</b> |