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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 5554

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: MURA Kumaichi
HOME ADDRESS: Rice Mill Rd., Eburne B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03347 SEX: male AGE: 45
OCCUPATION: Vegetable Grower.

(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: None

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shigeko

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Rice Mill Rd., Eburne B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: none

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: none

AGE OF CHILDREN: none

EX-106-7
DATE Sept 23/48
FILED BY G.R. Rice

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Land owned by J.E. Gibson, Eburne
Land not owned by Mura Kumaichi R.R. #2.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 2 Storey wooden frame
Dwelling house, 6 rooms, 2 Barns, 1 Stable, 1 Garage

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Occupied by owner.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: *none*

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: *none*

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN *none*

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: *See page 1, Section 2.*

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: *Mr J. E. Gibson, Risenmill Rd.,
Burne.*

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: *Landlord's \$30
per acre per year.*

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: *none*

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: *Strawberries - 2 acres;
Peas - 10 acres.*

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

*17 Chairs, 4 Tables, 1 Dining Room suite, 2 Chesterfields,
Bedroom furniture, 1 Bureau, 4 Beds, 2 Cupboards 1 Cook Stove
1 Heater, 1 Gramophone, 1 Tractor, 1 Plough, 1 Desk Plough
1 Harrow, 2 Cultivators, Seed Sewing Machine, Spray pump, sprayer
36 Hoes, 2 Spades, 14 Forks, 5 Rakes, 2 Water Hose, 2 Hand Cultivator
2 Shovels, 1 Potato Digger, To be kept in Garage and Barn at
Rice Mill Rd., Burne 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

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 War Savings Certificate, \$10.00 War Savings Certificate, In

Declarant's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: East End Royal Bank of Canada, Main and Hastings
About----- \$30.50. Account No. Unknown

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Prudential Life Insurance Co of America.

\$500.00 Beneficiary Wife Shigeo. Policy No. 54133717

In declarant's possession. Two Life Insurances for \$500.00 each
Same Company.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. _____

none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

none

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

none

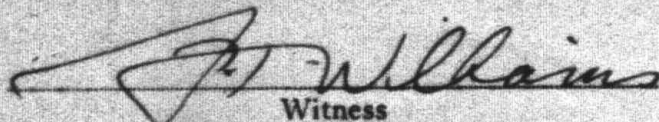
I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 19th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

N. Mura



Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Apr 28/43.

ur File No. 5554

Full Name MURA, Kumaichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03347

☒ Male - Female
(check)

Age Jan. 20, 1896.

Former Address Rice Mill Rd., Ebeune R.R#2, B.C.

Date Evacuated Apr. 28/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address c/o L.H. Peterson
Granford, Alta. 12/1/49

☒ Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife (ONO) Shigeko # 03348 ⁶²⁰⁶

Name of Mother Same Surname Name of Husband -

Name of Mother MURA, Shio Name of Father Kanematsu (In Japan)

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by [Signature] Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Vegetable Shower Owner
of house only at above address
One tractor, 2 motor trucks, one car.

5354
Registration Number 03347

MURA Kumaichi

Rice Mill Road, Eburne, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

This man owns no land. He is renting 30 acres from one J. E. Gibson, 501 Rice Mill Road, Eburne.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

The land consists of 30 acres, of which 10 acres are planted in peas and 2 acres in strawberries, the balance unplanted this year. Since notified of evacuation, Mura has stopped cultivation. I consider the whole crop worthless and that it will have to be plowed down. As stated in Form "JP", there is a frame, shingle roof dwelling containing 6 rooms on the property, which was erected by Mura. The house is hardly fit for habitation and should be pulled down. The other buildings shown in Form "JP", i.e., 2 barns, 1 stable and 1 garage, are actually the property of J. E. Gibson.

INSURANCE

There is no insurance on the property.

FINANCIAL POSITION

While he claims to have no liabilities, I am informed by Mr. Gibson, he is in arrears for approximately \$400 in rent and for farm implements and tools as shown in Form "JP", which are now in possession of Mr. Gibson and the personal effects are locked in the garage mentioned, the key having been handed to one Kyirner, a German. I understand that he has sold some of his furniture and all of his wood to Kyirner.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that authority be given to obtain the key to the garage from Kyirner and to have such furniture as what remains, moved into storage. The implements and tools might be left with J. E. Gibson, against the accounting for the arrears of rental.

May 5, 1942.

A. Mather

EXHIBIT NO. 706-6
DATE Sept 23/48
FILED BY E. E. A. Rice

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June 10/48

Re: Kumaichi MURA, Reg. No. 03347

Declared Aug. 19/42

Nov 27/44
Storage List

Auction Dec. 7/44 & Jan. 19/45

11 Chairs	11 Kitchen Chairs	11	\$5.75
1 Dining Suite	1 Dining Table)		
	& 6 Chairs)	25	11.50
1 Table	1 Kitchen Table	5	.50 ✓
2 Chesterfields	2 Couches	-	1.75 ✓ X
1 Bureau	1 Bureau	15	6.00 ✓
1 Cook Stove	1 Cook Stove	30	1.00 ✓
1 Heater	1 Heater	10	4.25 ✓
1 Gramophone	1 Gramophone	7	5.75
1 Plough	1 Plow	-	2.50 X
1 Harrow	1 Harrow	10	11.50
2 Cultivators	2. Cultivators	20	2.50
Seed Sowing Machine	1 Seeded	15	5.00
Spray Pump	6 Spray Pumps	21	11.50
Sprayer	1 Sprinkler	-	1.00 X
36 Hoes	40 Hoes	30	7.95
2 Spades	1 Spade	1.50	1.25
14 Forks	14 Forks	12	7.80
5 Rakes	5 Rakes	5.50	1.15
2 Water Hose	2 Water Hose	6	5.00
2 Hand Cultivators	2 Hand Cultivators	15	5.75
	1 Lawn-mower	-	15.00 X
	1 Bicycle	-	6.50 X
	3 Boxes China)		
	ChinaWare)	40	14.50 ✓
	1 Bx. Little Hoes		.50 X
	3 Crocks		5.10 X
	2 Fr. Gum Boots		1.25 X
	4 Wooden Pails		.30 X
	2 Iron Pots	6	3.55
	Small Stand		.25 X
	Wdle. Stove Pipes		.35 X
	Extension Cord		1.75 X
	Bottle Capper		.75 X
			<u>\$149.20</u>

6 Chairs }
2 Tables } Not found
2 Cupboards }

1 Table)
4 Beds) Abandoned

1 Tractor) Tractor, plough, potato digger & disc. harrow sold by Mr. Mura
1 Disc Plough) to Harry Scott, for \$450.00, June, 1943. Funds paid to Custodian.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File 5554

January 8, 1944.

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MURA, Kumaichi - Reg. 03347

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

APPRAISED VALUE

TRUCK

1932 Chevrolet Truck
No. T55
License No. (41) C 2912

\$105.00 ✓

Sold to: L. Pinto

Date: September 10, 1942.

Selling Price: \$105.00

Harker

Bids received up to July 25/42 in response to advertisement calling for tenders

Cartwright Lumber Company Ltd. - \$75.00

EXHIBIT NO. 106-5

DATE Sept 23/46

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MEMORANDUM

To: File 5554

January 8, 1944.

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MURA, Kumaichi - Reg. 03347

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
TRUCK	1934 Rugby Truck No. T54 License No. (41) C 2913	\$95.00 ✓

Sold to: J. Skene

Date: September 21, 1942.

Selling Price: \$80.00

Harker

No bids received up to July 25/42 in response to advertisement for sale by tender.

EXHIBIT NO.

DATE

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Sept 23/48
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MEMORANDUM

To: File 5554

From: Specified Articles Department

June 29, 1943.

Re: MURA, Kumaichi-Reg. 03347

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
CAR	1932 Pontiac Sedan No. C-24 License No. (41) 51249	\$150.00

Sold To: Campbell Motors

Date: 21st August, 1942.

Selling Price: \$130.00

H. L.

Bids received up to July 25/42 in response to advertisement for tenders:

Johnston Motor Co. Ltd.	\$75.00
E. Holland	75.00
5762 Rhodes St.	90.00
Bowell McDonald Motor Co.	95.00
Fordyce Motors Ltd.	127.50

EXHIBIT NO.

DATE

FILED BY

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Sept. 23/48
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USED CAR APPRAISAL RECORD

NAME T 55

ADDRESS _____

Paint			
Tires <u>4 full 2 part</u>	\$ <u>3.00</u>		Make
Body & Fenders	\$ <u>0.00</u>		<u>Blind</u>
Glass	\$ <u>0.00</u>		Body Style
Top	\$ <u>0.00</u>		<u>Platform</u>
Nickelling	\$ <u>0.00</u>		Year
Radiator	\$ <u>0.00</u>		<u>1932</u>
Running Boards	\$ <u>0.00</u>		License
Mats & Kick Pads	\$ <u>0.00</u>		<u>82912</u>
Upholstery	\$ <u>0.00</u>		Serial
Hardware	\$ <u>0.00</u>		<u>597019</u>
Motor Expense	\$ <u>0.00</u>		Mileage
Transmission	\$ <u>75.00</u>		<u>15442</u>
Rear Axle	\$ <u>0.00</u>		Remarks
Universal Joints	\$ <u>0.00</u>		
Clutch	\$ <u>0.00</u>		
Steering	\$ <u>0.00</u>		
Brakes	\$ <u>0.00</u>		
Tighten Up	\$ <u>6.00</u>		
Muffler	\$ <u>10.00</u>		
Sundries <u>Wash & Clean</u>	\$ <u>8.00</u>		
Wash & Clean Motor	\$ <u>2.00</u>		
Clean Interior	\$ <u>2.00</u>		
Oil & Grease, Change	\$ <u>2.00</u>		
Oil & Check Over	\$ <u>1.00</u>		
Total	\$ <u>117.00</u>		

Mod. interested in _____
 Salesman ☒ Selling price \$105.00
 Date _____ Less Repairs _____
 Appraised by H. Evans Allowance _____
 For immediate acceptance only. _____

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Detachment

Seizure No.

FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment File No.
Sub-Division File No.
Division File No.
Headquarters File No.

Detachment
Sub-Division
Division
Date

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RE: MURA, Kumaichi Rice Mill, H. C. Burne, B.C.

On March 9th 1942, 1 H. P. Price RCMP
MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
		LICENSE NO. (41) C 2913 MAKE & MODEL 54 Rugby truck SERIAL NO. 1093 ENGINE NO. 1093 SPEEDOMETER READING 229593 CONDITION 74968 appears fair EXTRA EQUIPMENT Heater EXHIBIT No. 706-4 DATE Sept. 23/48 FILED BY G. R. Rice DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED Signature of Owner Japanese Registration No. # 03347 Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder DATE: March 9/42 Signature of Member Submitting Report

USED CAR APPRAISAL RECORD

NAME

T. S.

ADDRESS

Paint

Tires 2. Smooth 4 good \$2.50

Body & Fenders

\$4.00

Glass

\$8.50

Top

\$1.00

Nickelling

\$1.00

Radiator

\$1.00

Running Boards

\$1.00

Mats & Kick Pads

\$3.50

Upholstery

\$1.00

Hardware

\$2.00

Motor Expense

\$15.00

Transmission

\$1.00

Rear Axle

\$1.00

Universal Joints

\$1.00

Clutch

\$1.00

Steering

\$1.00

Brakes

\$1.00

Tighten Up

\$10.00

Muffler

\$1.00

Sundries

\$10.00

Wash & Clean Motor

\$2.00

Clean Interior

\$2.00

Oil & Grease, Change

\$1.00

Oil & Check Over

\$1.00

Total

\$78.00

Make

Roughly

Body Style

Peel form & Make

Year

30

616 13.70

License

2913

Serial

1093

Mileage

74968

Remarks

Wash & Clean

30 x 5

Mod. interested in

Salesman

Selling price

\$95.00

Less Repairs

\$

Date

Appraised by

A. G. Jones

\$

Allowance

\$

For immediate acceptance only.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Detachment

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Seizure No.

FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment File No.
Sub-Division File No.
Division File No.
Headquarters File No.

Detachment
Sub-Division
Division
Date

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RE: Kumatehi MURA Ricemeal Rd R R R Hburne B C

On Mar 9 1942, 1 Goodfellow K R

MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PGS.	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
LICENSE NO. MAKE & MODEL SERIAL NO. ENGINE NO. SPEEDOMETER READING CONDITION	(41) 51249 Pontiac 162209 840821 64046 Fair	TIRE NUMBERS (32) 4
EXTRA EQUIPMENT	Heater	EXHIBIT NO. 706-3 DATE Sept 23/48 FILED BY G. R. Rice
DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED	Appearance Fair	
	X <i>T. Mura</i> Signature of Owner Japanese Registration No. 03347	
Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder		
<i>E. A. Morris</i>		
DATE: Mar 9		
<i>K. B. Goodfellow</i> SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SUBMITTING REPORT		

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment

Seizure No.

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FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

Detachment File No.
Sub-Division File No.
Division File No.
Headquarters File No.

Detachment
Sub-Division
Division
Date

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RE: MURA, Kunichi Rice Mill Rd, Burnaby, B.C.

On March 9

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H.P. Price RCM? MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PGS.	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
		LICENSE NO. (41)62912 MAKE & MODEL 32 Chev. 1 ton truck SERIAL NO. 597019 ENGINE NO. 2320426 SPEEDOMETER READING 15442 CONDITION appears fair, has two broken windows
		EXTRA EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED Signature of Owner Japanese Registration No. Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder DATE: March 9/48

NONE

EXHIBIT NO.

706-5

DATE

Sept 23/48

FILED BY

H. P. Price

#03447

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SUBMITTING REPORT

Chase, B.C.,

Apr 12, 1943?

The Custodians Office,
Vancouver, B.C.

RECEIVATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 16 1943
File No. _____
Ans. _____
Referred _____

Dear Sir,

Please release for delivery to
Mr. Harry Scott, Chase, B.C. my
tractor, disc, and plow, potatoe
digger. Price is \$450.00 F.O.B. Lulu
Island

Yours truly,

Witness
W. D. Small. (attest)
B.C. I.B.
4/15/43

Kusnaichi Mura

Kusnaichi Mura

Mr. Scott (Mura states) is to pay \$50.00 clear
it is to meet any expenses.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUN 16 1943

File No.

Ans. G-165-A

Referred

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address K. Mura

Date

4/5/42C/o. Neil PetersonGranford, AlaskaTo: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, Kumaichi Mura, Police Registration No. 03347Mr. Harry Mott, Chase, B.C.hereby request you to release to ~~me~~ the under-noted property
stored at Rice Mill Road, RR. 2 Skumie B.C.in possession of Custodiansand I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

1 - Allis-Chalmers Tractor1 Disc Cockshutt: 1 Cockshutt Plow.1 Potato diggerOriginal Address Rice Mill Road, RR. 2 Skumie B.C.Date Evacuated to Vancouver 28/4/42Date Evacuated to Present Address 29/4/42Number in Family - 12 years and over 3Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old -Number in Family - under 5 -TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 3I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia
Security Commission.

APPROVED:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____

Kumaichi Mura
Claimant Signs Here

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R. R. 2. Ebenezer May 20 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

Mr. E. E. Drewery

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MAY 21 1942

Dear Sir.

In answer to your inquiry about Mr. Kumaichi Mura as my tenant.

I leased to him some land at the beginning of 1934 for three years which was renewed in 1937 for a further three years. Which expired and there has been no renewal.

Mr. Mura has paid no rent for the present year. I have paid 38²⁵ he owed for water. There may be a bill for Electric Light which I have not got yet.

Mr. Mura had about Eight Acres early Pear planted. which were neglected. And I have plowed down and planted other crops.

In fact I had started to plow them before Mr. Mura went away.

I think the above covers the information you require.

Please send me a copy of his list of goods which he has left on my property. Hoping to have a reply soon as convenient.

I beg to remain

Yours Truly.

John E. Gibson

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29th May, 1942.

Mr. J. E. Gibson,
Eburne, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Kumaichi MURA

We thank you for your letter of 20th May, in which you state that there is no lease in operation on the property and that there has been no rent paid for the present year.

We also note you have ploughed down the eight acres of early peas, and planted this in other crops.

The following is a list of furniture and implements as declared to be in the garage and barn at Eburne, by Kumaichi Mura.

17 chairs	1 tractor ✓
4 tables	1 plough ✓
1 dining room suite	1 disc plough ✓
2 chesterfields	1 harrow
1 bureau	2 cultivators
4 beds	1 seed sewing machine
2 cupboards	1 spray pump
1 cook stove	1 sprayer
1 heater	36 hoes
1 gramophone	2 spades
	14 forks
	5 rakes
	2 water hose
	2 hand cultivators
	2 shovels
	1 potato digger ✓

Would you be good enough to let us know if these goods are still on hand.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Assistant Manager

CCR:ND

Handwritten notes:
Mura to
Mr. Gibson
July 1942

#24

July 24th 1942
4157 Dundas St.
Van. B.C.
Gen 0127R

J. McPherson,
Custodian Enemy Property.
Dear Sir,

I wish to bid \$7500 for 1931 Pontiac Sedan
now in storage on Main St.

I am a War Worker employed by the
Dominion Bridge Co and I need car to travel
to and from work

I have 1928 Model of the same make but
this car is condemned for further use.

I am carrying 3 passengers to work with me
Inclosed \$750 10 per cent of bid offer.

Yours Truly
E. S. Holland

Car No 24 ✓
1931 Pontiac Sedan

✓
24

✓
179 ✓

FORDYCE MOTORS (1937)
LTD.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

July 23rd 1942.

The Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.
City.

#24

Dear Sir,

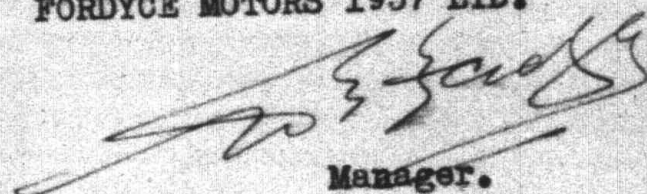
Re car No. 24 - 32 Pontiac Sedan.

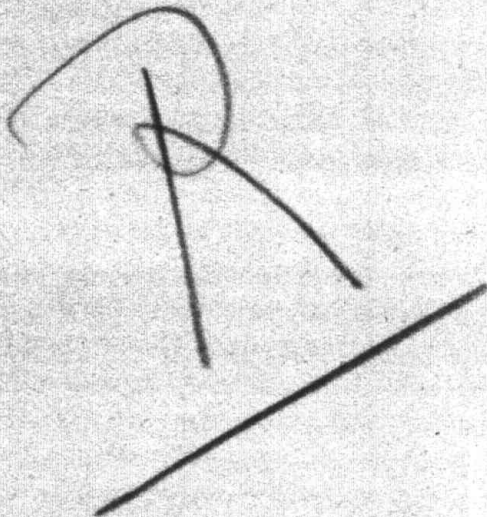
Our offer for the above car is One hundred twenty seven
50/100 dollars. \$127.50.

Certified cheque for 10% is attached.

Yours truly,

FORDYCE MOTORS 1937 LTD.


Manager.



✓
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BOWELL, Mc DONALD MOTOR COMPANY, LIMITED

615 BURRARD STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C.

TELEPHONE
TRINITY 3311

#24



July 24th, 1942.

Mr. C.V. McPherson,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find our cheque for \$9.50 being 10% of the
amount of our tender on Automobile,

✓ #24, Location A, 1932 Pontiac Sedan \$95.00

Yours truly,

BO ELL, MCDONALD MOTOR CO. LTD.,

JGMCD/jw

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JOHNSTON MOTOR CO. LIMITED*Authorized Dealers Plymouth and Chrysler*

TELEPHONE: FAIRMONT 0424



SEVENTH AND MAIN STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C.

July 25th, 1942

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Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to submit our tender for purchase
of the following unit listed in your catalogue covering
Japanese Vehicles.

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL	YEAR	STYLE	CUSTODIAN NO.	OUR OFFER
Chevrolet	A		1931	1 Ton	T55	\$75.00

Enclosed please find certified cheque to
cover 10% of our offer.

Yours very truly,

JOHNSTON MOTOR CO. LTD.

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6121
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 5554

808 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

January 13, 1943.

Mr. Kumaichi MURA,
Reg. No. 03347,
c/o Mr. L. H. Peterson,
Cranford, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Our No. T54

Re: Motor Vehicles

Your Rugby Truck

which was surrendered to the Authorities, has been
sold for \$ 80.00

Charges against your car were as follows:

Liens	\$
Administrative Expenses	\$ <u>27.21</u>
The Balance thereafter remaining of	\$ <u>52.79</u>

has been placed to your credit in our trust account.

Yours truly,


Specified Articles Department.

RPA:MA
JH

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street
100 BURNARD STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

June 15th, 1943.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kumaichi MURA, #03347

We enclose herewith in duplicate Release form relative to certain farm machinery owned by the above-named which he wishes to be released to Mr. Harry Scott, Chase, B. C., upon payment of \$450.00.

It is understood that this money is to be paid to your office and to be held by you to the credit of Kumaichi Mura and that all expenses in connection with the transfer of ownership are to be borne by Mr. Scott. In other words, Mr. Mura is to receive the amount of \$450.00 from this transaction.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

M. L. BROWN,
Office Manager.

MLB/GM
Enc.

5552 and 5554

June 25th, 1943.

TRANSPORTATION

Messrs. B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. M. L. Brown.

Dear Sirs:

Re: MURA, Kumaichi, Reg. #03347 and
KAWASE, Tadayoshi, Reg. #03473.

Thank you for yours of June 15th. Our records show that the machinery was shipped on May 13th. Mr. Tadayoshi Kawase owed Mr. Harry Scott \$450.00 and asked us on May 18th to credit Mr. Kumaichi Mura's account with this sum and debit his own. This has now been done and the net effect is, therefore, that Tadayoshi Kawase has paid off his debt to Mr. Harry Scott and Harry Scott has paid Kumaichi Mura for the farm implements.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

HFG:MAI.

Warehouse.....

Date. *Nov 29/44*.....

FILE NO. *5554*.....

NAME..... *K. MURN*.....

ADDRESS..... *Rice Mill District*.....

I have examined the undermentioned articles and
consider that they have no value.

4 bed beds (complete)

1 HM table

Left as valueless.

L.S.H.

Auctioneer.....

The above mentioned articles have been abandoned

[Signature]

NAME MURA, Kumaichi

REGISTRATION NO. 03347

FILE NO. 3554

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Stevenson, B. C. on December 7, 1944.

1 Shovel, 1 spade	\$ 1.25
2 Hakes	0.65
3 Hakes	0.50
2 Forks	0.75
2 Forks	0.90
2 Forks	1.00
4 Forks	2.05
4 Forks	3.10
2 Hoes	2.35
5 Hoes	0.75
6 Hoes	1.00
6 Hoes	1.25
5 Hoes	1.25
6 Hoes	0.75
6 Hoes	0.60
Sprayer	2.00
Sprayer	3.25
Sprayer	3.75
Sprayer	1.25
Sprayer	0.25
Sprayer	1.00
Garden hose	2.00
Garden hose	3.00
Bottle capper	0.75
Jar and crock	1.00
Water sprinkler	1.00
2 Pns. Gum boots	1.25
Extension cord	1.75
Total	
Carried Forward	\$ 40.40
Less expenses	\$
Net proceeds received	\$
Balance of cash on hand present	
Received from auctioneering list no.	
Balance	

NAME WDA, DunsightREGISTRATION NO. 03347FILE NO. 5234

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Stewarton, D. C. on December 7, 1944

	Brought Forward	
1 6 Gallon crock		\$ 40.40
1 Baskets		5.25
1 Iron Pots		0.30
1 Iron Pots		1.75
1 6 Gallon crock		1.80
1 Small stand		0.85
1 China		0.25
1 China		1.50
1 Plate		1.25
1 Plates		2.00
1 Plates		1.25
1 Plates		1.25
1 Plates		1.25
1 Glassware		0.50
1 Dishes		1.25
1 Dishes		1.00
1 Small box		0.30
1 China		2.75
1 Gramophone		5.75
1 Dresser and mirror		6.00
1 Dining table and 6 chairs		11.50
1 Barrow		11.50
1 Lawn mower and catcher		15.00
1 3 Kitchen chairs		2.25
1 Kitchen table		0.50
1 Couch		0.75
1 Cultivator		1.75
1 Plough		2.50
TOTAL	Carried Forward	120.60
1 6 Gallon crock		
1 Baskets		
1 Iron Pots		
1 Iron Pots		
1 6 Gallon crock		
1 Small stand		
1 China		
1 China		
1 Plate		
1 Plates		
1 Plates		
1 Plates		
1 Glassware		
1 Dishes		
1 Dishes		
1 Small box		
1 China		
1 Gramophone		
1 Dresser and mirror		
1 Dining table and 6 chairs		
1 Barrow		
1 Lawn mower and catcher		
1 3 Kitchen chairs		
1 Kitchen table		
1 Couch		
1 Cultivator		
1 Plough		
TOTAL		

NAME WIRA, Eumicht

REGISTRATION NO. 03347

FILE NO. 5551

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on December 7, 1944.

	Brought Forward	
Cultivator ✓	\$120.60	
Hand cultivator ✓	0.75	✓
Seeder and attachments ✓	3.50	✓
Hand cultivator ✓	5.00	✓
Bundle of stove pipes	2.25	✓
4 Kitchen chairs	0.35	✓
Cook stove	3.50	✓
Box heater	1.00	✓
Girls bicycle	4.25	✓
	6.50	

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$14.77
(Advertising) 9.32
(Moving) 15.93

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	147.70
\$	40.02
\$	107.68

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 26

Remarks.

NAME HERB. F. Smith

REGISTRATION NO. 03347

FILE NO. 3334

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevenson, B. C. on January 13, 1945.

5 { Chinese
Couch

\$0.50 ✓
1.00 ✓

Total

\$ 1.50

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fee \$0.15
 { Advertising 0.09
 { Moving 0.26

\$ 0.50

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.00

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevenson 27

Remarks.

File No. 5554

Reg. No. 03347

Date July 1945

Name MURA, Kumaichi

Your Account has been ~~DEBITED~~ CREDITED as follows

Refund of B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd.
Security deposit for light

\$2.46

Custodian of Enemy Property

Account 1001A

File No. 0324

Date	Particulars	Debit	Credit	Balance
1942 December 28	Proceeds Car sale	\$	\$ 233.00	
1943 June 24	T. Kammes re claim Mrs. Scott		450.00	
December 4	Sale of mail box		3.00	
1944 May 5	Cheque to you	600.00		
1945 February 7	Proceeds Auction Sale		107.68	
March 12	"		1.00	
August 6	B. C. Electric Railway refund security deposit		2.45	
		\$ 600.00	\$ 797.74	

CR \$ 197.74

Accounting Department
February 23rd, 1945

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February 25th, 1948.

Mr. J.E. Gibson,
501 Rice Mill Road,
R. R. #2,
Eburne, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In 1942 Mr. Kumaichi MURA reported to the Custodian that he owned several buildings on land rented from you. These buildings he states are a two storey six room house, 26 x 34 feet, a barn 36 x 52 feet, a root house 25 x 30 feet and a garage 10 x 18 feet.

Will you kindly confirm by letter at your earliest convenience that Mr. MURA is the owner of these buildings and that they are approximately of the size stated above. Also if they are in good, fair or poor condition. If they have been occupied since Mr. MURA left the property please state by whom and on what terms and by whose authority.

We especially desire that you advise us if these buildings may be moved off your land if owned by him. Please give us such information as will enable us to locate them, by street number or otherwise.

In a letter dated 20 May, 1942, you informed us that Mr. MURA was owing you some rent for the farm. If you have any such claim against him, please let us have particulars and amount of claim.

Should you wish to purchase these buildings we suggest that you call at this office at an early date.

Yours truly,

Ian McPherson
Office of the Custodian.

IM/EM

March 24, 1948.

Mr. J. E. Gibson,
No. 5 Rd., R.R. 2,
EBURNE, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Kumaichi MURA has informed the Custodian of Enemy Property that he is the owner of a two storey dwelling, two barns, a stable and a garage situated on land owned by you.

Will you kindly advise us if this claim is correct, and if so please give us the legal description of the parcel of land on which the buildings are.

We note from your letter of May 20, 1942, that you leased a farm to Mr. MURA from the beginning of 1934 for three years and extended this lease for a further period of three years, after which time he continued to occupy the land but that no lease was given him. A report on file states that Mr. MURA was owner of the dwelling only, which was said to be in a bad state of disrepair.

Will you kindly advise us if all the buildings above noted are owned by Mr. MURA or the dwelling only, if they are still on the land and what you consider the value of such as are owned by him, and if he is at liberty to move from your land any owned.

Also please advise if he is indebted to you for rent, giving the period for which rent is unpaid and the amount, with any other amounts owing, if any.

Yours truly,

Ian MacPherson,
Office of the Custodian.

IMac/CH

April 7, 1948.

REGISTERED

Mr. J. E. Gibson,
No. 5 Road, R.R. 2,
Burns, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We advised you on the 24th March 1948 that Mr. Kumaichi MURA claims to be the owner of several buildings on land owned by you. In a revised statement he describes these buildings as a dwelling, a barn, a root house and a garage.

In our letter we asked you if his claim of ownership of the buildings is correct. If you have any interest in them will you please inform us of the nature of such interest, supporting your claim with any documentary evidence in your possession. We should like to have from you your copy of the lease given him in 1934 of which we can make a copy for our records.

If we do not receive a reply from you within fifteen days from the date hereof we shall assume that Mr. MURA's claim of ownership is valid, and proceed to deal with the buildings as we may see fit.

If you are prepared to recognise Mr. MURA's claim and wish to make an offer to purchase all buildings owned by him your offer will be taken into consideration.

Yours truly,

Ian MacPherson,
Office of the Custodian.

IM/CH

Fraser, Paine & Edmonds
BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

G. L. FRASER, K.C.
PAUL BRITTON PAINE
W. H. KEMP EDMONDS
G. F. REINHARD

STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
475 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

15th April 1948.

PHONE PACIFIC 13045
CABLE ADDRESS "FRASLAW"
CODE-BEDFORD MENEIL

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 16 1948
File No.	5554
Ans.	SAW
Referred	Mr. Paine

Dear Sir:

Re: J. E. Gibson Esq.,
Your file # 5554

We have been handed your registered letter of April 7th addressed to the above named.

" Mr. Gibson instructs us that the Japanese tenant has no interest in any buildings on the property and his claim to any interest is rejected.

We are endeavouring to locate the lease entered into in 1934 and if we succeed in doing so, we will immediately furnish you with a copy.

For your information we are instructed that the buildings in question are of negligible value."

Yours very truly,

FRASER, PAINE & EDMONDS

Per: *Paul Britton Paine*

PBP:MG

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April 16, 1948.

Mr. Kumaichi MURA,
Registration No. 03347,
GRANFORD, Alberta.

Dear Sirs

Re Buildings on land owned by
J. E. Gibson, Eburne, B. C.

Further to our letter to you dated March 8th last.
We are today in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Fraser, Paine
& Edmonds, Solicitors, New Westminster, who inform us that Mr.
Gibson claims that you have no interest in any buildings on his
property.

Your interest, if any, will probably depend upon the
terms of your lease of the land from him. Will you please send
us your copy of this lease in order that we may ascertain the
terms thereof and reply to Mr. Gibson's solicitors. If we do
not hear at an early date from you we shall have no recourse but
to let you and Mr. Gibson settle the matter between yourselves.

Yours truly,

Ian MacPherson,
Office of the Custodian.

IMac/CH

VIRTUE & RUSSELL

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C. K.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.

22nd April, 1948

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212 - 91

Attention Mr. Ian McPherson.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 23 1948
File No.	5554
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Mr. McPherson: RE: KUMAICHI MURA
Registration No. 03347

Mr. Kumaichi Mura, for whom we act as solicitors, has brought us your letter of April 16th.

Mr. Mura's copy of the lease from Gibson was left by him in his dwelling when he was evacuated.

In order that we may advise Mr. Mura it is essential that we have an exact copy of the lease from Gibson to him.

We have no doubt that Mr. Gibson's solicitors will permit you to make an exact copy of that lease, and if you will kindly do this and send the said copy to us we shall then co-operate with you in maintaining Mr. Mura's rights.

It is evident that the matter is urgent, and we are therefore Airmailing this letter to you, and would ask that you obtain the lease with all possible speed and forward it to us by Airmail.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL,

Per

V/L
AIRMAIL.

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AIRMAIL

April 24, 1948.

Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers and Solicitors,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Re: Kumaichi MURA, Registration No. 03347
Your reference 3212 - 91

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of April 22, 1948 is acknowledged. On April 16 we received a reply from Messrs. Fraser, Paine & Edmonds, Barristers, Stock Exchange Building, 475 Howe St., Vancouver, per Paul Britton Paine, from which the following is an extract:

"Mr. Gibson instructs us that the Japanese tenant has no interest in any buildings on the property and his claim to any interest is rejected.

We are endeavouring to locate the lease entered into in 1934 and if we succeed in doing so, we will immediately furnish you with a copy.

For your information we are instructed that the buildings in question are of negligible value."

Mr. Paine has stated over the telephone that his client believes that the lease was registered and that the title will be searched as soon as possible and a report made in this regard.

For your information and guidance we attach copy of a letter received from Mr. Gibson dated May 20, 1942, and also Mr. J.D. Mather's report to the Custodian dated May 5, 1942 just one week after Mura left the premises.

We are suggesting to Mr. Paine that as the ownership of the buildings and the adjustment of rent are matters for agreement between Mr. Gibson and Mr. Mura, you might find it more convenient to communicate direct with Mr. Paine, keeping us advised as to your progress in reaching a settlement.

A statement of Mr. Mura's account with the Custodian was sent to him on March 8th last.

Would you please draw his attention to a query addressed to him by this office in 1944 with reference to a claim filed against him by the Farmers' Products Distributing Company Ltd. in the sum of \$23.33. Mr. Mura did not reply to our letter nor did we hear anything from him until February of this year. Mr.

Messrs. Virtue & Russell

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April 24, 1948.

Mura has a present credit in his account of \$197.74, which is available at his request less the amount of this claim which will be held pending a reply from him.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/mw
Encs.

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REGISTERED

22nd January, 1949.

Mr. Kumaichi MURA,
Regn No 03347,
GRANFORD, ALTA.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 2 1949
File No.	5554
Ass.	
Referred	J. Cumming

Dear Sir,

Receipt of your communication of the 12th inst. is acknowledged.

During 1942 the Farmers Products Distributing Co. Ltd. filed a claim against you with this office in the amount of \$26.33. As this was a Statutory Declaration it was necessary at this office to withhold from you funds sufficient to cover.

Upon receipt of your above letter we requested further information from Messrs. Norris & Baldwin, solicitors for the Farmers Prod. Dist. Co., and were informed this date that G. Wakabayashi of that company had filed an amended list of debtors during 1948 which we had not been advised of. The new list fails to denote any indebtedness on your part to the Farms Prod. Co., and we therefore take pleasure in enclosing herewith our cheque in the amount of \$26.33, representing the balance of your funds held at this office.

In order that we may be assured of your receipt of this cheque would you kindly sign, date and return the duplicate copy of this letter in the stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Yours truly,

J. Cumming
J. Cumming
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JG/..

ENCL: Ck \$26.33
Dupl.
Envl.

RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE-NOTED CHEQUE IS
ACKNOWLEDGED

.....1949
Kumaichi Mura
Kumaichi MURA

File No. 5554

August 30th, 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. D. T. BRAIDWOOD

FROM: MR. GOOD

Re: Kumaichi MURA, Case No. 706
Mr. Virtue's letter of August 12th

Real Property: Another Leasehold. No Award.

Miscellaneous

Chattels:

I think you might send Mr. Virtue a new analysis sheet as this has been made up since the breakdown was received on the two items of \$200.00 each on the old form, household furnishings and farm machinery.

You might also point out to him that in the figures he gives "Sale price of goods sold by tender \$768.00" he has included the sale price of the motor vehicles already in the award under that heading \$315.00 and the figures \$453.00 taken from the old analysis sheet are covering goods sold by tender for which no claim has been made. His 12% figure automatically disappears.

I have had made out an amended award sheet which you might send him at the same time as the analysis sheet.



BG:SK

August 30, 1949

To: Mr. Good

From: F. Matheson

Case No. 706, Kumaichi Mura, File 5554

Re: Virtue, Russel & Norman ltr. of August 12, 1949

Attached is new Analysis in connection with miscellaneous chattels claims

There are some slight changes from the figures shown in the brief and in the award sheets.

Brief

\$273.00 sold at auction for \$112.20
80.00 No record at any time
17.00 Declared, not found.
30.00 Abandoned
400.00

New Analysis

\$270.25 sold for \$112.20 at auction
83.00 No record at any time
17.75 Declared, not found
30.00 Abandoned
401.00

\$97.00 was realized from the auction of goods that are not dealt with in claim as awarded. This added to the \$112.20 from sale of goods in claim makes up the \$149.20 referred to in letter.

Sale Price of goods sold by tender -- \$768.00 (Virtue, Russel ltr)

3 Motor Vehicles were sold by tender for total of \$315.00 (See separate settlement)
Fork Equipment sold by claimant for 450.00 (No claim filed)
Mail Box sold by Custodian 3.00 (No claim filed)
\$768.00

F. Matheson

/m

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C.R.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

12th August, 1949

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

3212 - 91

D.T. BRAIDWOOD, ESQ.,
c/o Messrs. Sutton, Braidwood & Morris,
Barristers and Solicitors,
606 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Braidwood:

RE: SETTLEMENT AWARDS
Kumaichi Mura, Case No. 706,
Custodian File No. 5554

Real Property:

We draw your attention to Leasehold interest re-
specting thirty acres of land at Eburn for which the Claimant
has requested \$1,725.00.

Personal Property:

✓ Motor Vehicle - The settlement appears to be in
order with respect to this item.

Miscellaneous Chattels:

A review of the Analysis of Personal Property
shows the following:

Claimed for goods sold by auction.....	\$400.00	270.25
Sale price of goods sold by auction.....	149.20	112.20
Rebate of charges - 30%.....	44.76	33.66
Ratio in percentage - 37.3%..		41.55%
Sale price of goods sold by tender.....	768.00	80
12% of sale price.....	91.16	80

Would you kindly advise us re the above.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,

Per

R/L

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C.R.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

September 14, 1949

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

3212-91

Mr. D. T. Braidwood,
c/o Messrs. Braidwood Sutton & Morris,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Braidwood:

Re: Settlement Awards,
MURA, Kumaichi,
Case #706, Custodian
file #5554

We acknowledge your letter of September 12th and would advise as follows:

Real Property - Leasehold - We will be taking this up in Vancouver.

Personal Property - Motor Vehicles - As advised, this settlement appears to be in order. ✓

Miscellaneous Chattels - We agree with the first 4 columns in the award. We shall ask however, that you make an award with respect to goods of which we have no record at any time or which were abandoned amounting to \$113.00.

We would also point out that the claimant is entitled to 12% award on the \$453.00 realized from goods sold by tender for which no claim was made.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

Per

WSR/mvf

NOV 27 1947

Proof of Claim

IN THE MATTER OF Order-in-Council P.C. 1810, as amended by
Order-in-Council P.C. 3737; and

IN THE MATTER OF "THE INQUIRIES ACT" being Chapter 99
of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, and

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission appointed to inquire into and
report upon the claims of persons of the Japanese Race under said
Orders-in-Council.

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1. Name of Claimant in full: **Kumaichi Y Y Mura**

Registration No.

03347

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:

**Rice Mill Rd.
R.R. #2 Eburn B.C.**

3. Claimant's present address: **Cranford Alberta**

4. Claim relating to real property:

(a) Street address of real property: **Rice Mill Rd., R.R. #2 Eburn B.C.**

(b) Legal description of property:

- (c) Type of real property, i.e., farm, residence, commercial, etc., and short description of it:

Farm

- (d) Title or interest held by Claimant in the real property:

Rented

- (e) Fair market value of real property at date of sale:

(I) Land— \$

(II) Buildings— \$ 1725.00

House	26	by	34	\$900.
Barn	36	"	52	400.
Root House	28	"	30	350.
Garage	10	"	18	75.
				<u>\$1725.</u>

- (f) Amount of loss alleged to have been sustained by the Claimant under the terms of reference:

\$ 1725.00

5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

- (a) Location at which property was left by Claimant at date of evacuation:

**Rice Mill Road R.R. #2,
Eburn B.C.**

- (b) Type of premises in which property was left by Claimant and manner in which that property was stored or packed at time of evacuation:

Stored in garage.

- (c) In whose care was property left by the Claimant at date of evacuation?

Custodian
R.C.M.P.

- (d) Itemized and detailed description of the property which is the subject of the claim, and itemized value thereof at the time of sale, loss or destruction:

Household furnishings	\$ 200.00
Farm machinery	200.00
Tractor	
Plow	
Potato Digger	
Disc harrow	450.00
1934 Model Rugby truck	400.00
1932 " Chev. truck	300.00
1932 " Pontiac	300.00
Electric radio	35.00
	<u>\$1435.00</u>

- (e) Amount of loss alleged to have been sustained by Claimant under the terms of reference:

\$ 1435.00

6. I desire that my claim be heard at the City of Lethbridge in the Province of Alberta.

7. An Interpreter will be required.

DATED this

12th

November
day of ~~October~~, A.D. 1947.

Lamson Sanderson

Witness to Signature of Claimant.

Kumaichi Mura

Signature of Claimant.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, **Kumaichi Mura**
(Full Name of Claimant)

of **Cranford, Alberta**
(Present Address)

laborer
(Occupation)

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. I am the above named Claimant.
2. I have a personal and full knowledge of the circumstances and facts relating to the Claim above referred to.
3. The above Claim is true and correct.
4. I have not received any payment upon the above Claim other than the following:

One payment of \$ 600.00

for tractor, plow, potato digger and disc harrow.

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED at *Faber*

in the Province of Alberta,

this *12th* day of *November*

A.D. 1947.

Kumaichi Mura

Sauison Sanderson
A Commissioner for Oaths in and for
the Province of Alberta.

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CASE NO. 706.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I. 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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Leithbridge, Alberta,
September 23rd, 1946.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
KUMACHI MURA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

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APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

W.S. RUSSELL, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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K. Mura,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 706, Kumaichi Mura.

KUMAICHI MURA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Mura, I am showing you a document entitled
"summary of evidence in support of claim". You are
familiar with this document and its contents?

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A Yes.

Q It was prepared under your direction and from
material and information supplied by you?

A Yes.

Q This is your signature at the end of this document?

A Yes.

Q This document contains a summary of the material upon
which you are basing your claim, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And the contents are true to the best of your knowledge,
information and belief?

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A: Yes.

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

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. RUSSELL: Your honour, I might say it will be necessary
to amend the proof of claim with respect to personal
property from \$1435.00 to \$1093.72, which is the
net claim

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: Mr. Mura, your real property claim
consists largely of some buildings which were
placed on some land that you leased from a Mr.

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Mr. Gibson, is that right?

A: Yes.

Q Will you tell His Honour the arrangement you had with Mr. Gibson with respect to these buildings?

A At the time I leased the property I asked Mr. Gibson to put up some buildings on the property, but he said that he didn't wish to spend the money and said "You can go ahead and put them up yourself and if I want you to move at any time you can take them away with you."

10 Q Were there any buildings on the land at all before you put your own buildings there?

A No, there was nothing there until I moved on.

Q And you built these buildings which you are claiming on page 3 of your summary of evidence?

A Yes.

Q Whose money went into building these buildings?

A My own money.

Q What contribution did Mr. Gibson make to building these buildings?

A: He didn't put a cent into them.

20 Q Can these buildings be moved away from the land?

A There are 6 x 6 timbers around the base so that I think it would be possible.

Q I notice you are claiming for an electric radio?

A Yes.

Q Why was that not declared in your J.P. form which you made sometime in April?

A Before I was evacuated I was instructed to leave it with the Mounted Police.

30 Q Did you leave the radio with the Mounted Police?

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A Yes, I took it and left it with them.

Q Well, go on and tell us the rest of the story,
why it wasn't declared in your J.P. form?

A I thought it would be doubling it up if I declared
it with the Custodian after having deposited it
with the Mounted Police.

Q8 This radio was turned over to the Mounted Police
before the declaration was made?

A Yes, before the declaration.

10 Q And that is the reason it wasn't in your declaration,
your J.P. form?

A: Yes.

Q Thank you.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the chattels
sold by the Custodian were sold for their fair market
value.

I am submitting that there is no record at
any time respecting the radio left or referred to
by my learned friend.

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I am submitting that the buildings claimed by
the claimant are also claimed by Mr. Gibson on
whose lands they are situated, and it is up to the
claimant to have that matter settled.

I wish to submit as an exhibit, your Honour,
a personal property claim analysis.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: I wish to submit as an exhibit the police
report, copy of the valuation, and memorandum
respecting the Pontiac sedan, showing that it was
appraised at \$150.00 and sold to Campbell Motors
for \$130.00 on the 21st of August, 1942. I will

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ask those to be marked as one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

I wish to submit as an exhibit a police report, valuation or appraisal of Mr. Grene of McDermott Motors, and memorandum respecting the sale of a 1934 Rugby truck. This truck was appraised at \$95.00 and sold to J. Skene for \$80.00 on September 21st, 1942.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

10 MR. RICE: I submit as an exhibit a police report, appraisal by Mr. Grene of McDermott Motors, and a memorandum respecting the sale of an 1932 Chevrolet truck, appraised at \$105.00, and it was sold to L. Pinto at \$105.00 on December, no, September 10th, 1942.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: I submit as an exhibit a report of J. D. Mather regarding this property, dated May 5th, 1942.
(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

20 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q I show you a J.P. form dated the 19th of April, 1942 (indicating); is that your signature on that document?

A: Yes.

MR. RICE: I submit that as an exhibit, your Honour.
(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

MR. RICE: Q: When you delivered your radio to the police did you get or obtain a receipt for it?

A Yes, I received one but at the time of evacuation I lost it.

30 Q Did you ever write to the Custodian or the police

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about your radio?

A: I wrote to the Mounted Police asking them to send it to me, but we received a reply saying that they had handed it over to the Custodian.

Q Have you that letter?

A: I don't know whether Mr. Aeki has it or not.

Q You don't know.

MR. RUSSELL: We don't appear to have that letter, sir, on our file.

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MR. RICE: Q: Are you sure that you gave that letter to your solicitors, or are you sure that you ever had one?

A: Yes, I had it.

Q You had the letter. Are you sure you gave it to your solicitors?

A: I feel sure

that I did give it to him.

Q They say they haven't got it.

I think, your Honour, that the letter is rather important. The Custodian sets up that he has no record of this radio at any time and, consequently, he is not responsible for its loss, and, consequently, if there is anything, that ^{is, if} the Custodian is to be nailed with the loss of this radio, I think it should be perhaps produced if the claimant here has it.

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You had a lease, I believe, at one time with Mr. Gibson regarding the land on which your buildings were located?

A: Yes, it was

for three year periods.

Q Have you the lease in your possession regarding that property?

A. No, it was

in the desk of the house. I left it in the desk in

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the house at the time I evacuated.

Q And you have never, or have you tried to get that lease since you were evacuated? A: No, there was nobody there so that I didn't do anything about it.

Q You didn't try to get a copy of that lease after you had come away and left it, or you didn't try to get it?

A No, I was evacuated to this place and I didn't do anything about it.

10 MR. RICE: I will point out, your Honour, that my learned friend's firm on the 2nd of April, 1948, wrote the Custodian and asked the Custodian to try and get a copy of this lease which the claimant said he left in his house and suggested that the Custodian contact Mr. Gibson's solicitors and obtain an exact copy of the lease. On the 24th of April the Custodian replied to that letter of Virtue & Russell stating that they had received on April 16th a reply from Messrs. Fraser, Paine & Edmonds, Barristers, Stock Exchange Building, Vancouver, from which the following is an extract,

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"Mr. Gibson instructs us that the Japanese tenant has no interest in any buildings on the property and his claim to any interest is rejected. We are endeavouring to locate the lease entered into in 1934 and if we succeed in doing so we will immediately furnish you with a copy. For your information, we are instructed that the buildings are of negligible value."

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Apparently the matter drops there. Both parties claim the buildings and the Custodian takes the stand that the claimant's claim to the buildings has not been proved or substantiated.

MR. RUSSELL: You might read the following paragraph after the one that you read.

MR. RICE: Oh, I didn't intend to cut it short.

10 "Mr. Paine", that is the person that wrote the letter for Messrs. Fraser, Paine & Edmonds. I will continue the quotation my learned friend has asked for,

"Mr. Paine has stated over the telephone that his client believes that the lease was registered and the title will be searched as soon as possible and report made in this regard,"

and that letter is dated April 24th. The letter from Fraser, Paine & Edmonds is dated April 16th, 1948.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Nothing further was apparently done with regard to it.

MR. RICE: I have no further record regarding the ownership of these buildings, but it is up to the claimant to substantiate the ownership before he can expect the Custodian to step in and fight a lawsuit for him.

Q When you were evacuated where did you leave your property? I am speaking of your chattels other than trucks.

A They were all left in the garage.

Q Locked?

A: Yes.

30 Q And you turned the key over to a German by the name

of Kyirner, is that right?

A No, I handed one to Mr. Gibson and one to a
Mrs. Sasaki to hand to the Custodian.

Q Did you put any goods or chattels in the barn
when you left there?

A No, there is nothing that I am claiming for; there
were just some old crates, just a few old odds and
ends, but nothing that I reported or am claiming for.

Q Do you know this man Kyirner? A: No.

10 Q You don't know him? A: I know a man
named Reiner.

Q Reiner? A: Yes.

Q Did you leave a key with him? A: No.

Q Reiner, is he a German? A: I don't know,
German or Hungarian. I don't know. You see, he
lived about two miles away; after I turned my car
in he used to give me a lift occasionally, that is
how I know him.

Q Did you sell your wood to him? A: Yes, I sold
some wood to him.

20 Q You sold some wood to him? A: Yes.

Q And you say his name was Reiner? A: Yes, that
is what I understood it to be.

Q And did you sell some furniture to him?

A No.

Q Did you sell anything but wood to Reiner?

A I sold some scales.

Q Some scales? A: Yes.

Q What else? A: Nothing else.

30 Q Just scales and wood? A: Yes.

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Q And you say you gave the key to the garage to Mr. Gibson?

A: Yes.

Q And the key to the barn?
to the barn, a key to the barn.

A: And also

Q And the key to the barn you gave that to Mr. Gibson too. And what did you do with the other key?

A I handed it to a Mrs. Sasaki the day I left.

Q The day you left?

A: Yes, and she was to hand it to the Custodian for me.

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Q Do you know whether she ever handed it to the Custodian?

A: Well; I asked her to do so and I took it that she had done so.

Q Well, she was evacuated, was she not, shortly after you?

A: Yes.

Q And have you seen her since she was evacuated?

A No, she is in B.C.

Q Have you written her, or has she written you?

A Yes.

Q Did she say anything about the key, what she did with it?

A: No.

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Q She said nothing about the key and you said nothing about it. You weren't very much interested in the property you left there, were you?

A As I had given the key to Mr. Gibson I trusted that it would be all right and didn't worry too much, or didn't worry about it any more.

Q In other words, you appointed Mr. Gibson to look after the things for you? You were depending on him to look after the things until the Custodian took possession?

A: Yes.

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Q Did you owe about \$400.00 rent to Gibson when you left?

A: No, that was no such thing. The rental was \$900.00 a year.

Q The rental was \$900.00 a year? A: It was quite up to date at the end of 1941, and in 1942 I did no work there and was evacuated so that I didn't do anything.

Q How much did you owe a year for rent?

A \$900.00.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It was a pretty good farm.

MR. RICE: It must have been.

Q Did you buy your farming chattels from Mr. Gibson, your farming implements? A: No.

Q At the time you left there how much did you ^{owe} Mr. Gibson for rent?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: He said, I think, that he did not owe anything until 1941.

MR. RICE: But he didn't leave until 1942, and that he paid the rent in advance is my information, and also it is that he owes Gibson approximately \$400.00.

20 A I wasn't able to do any work on the farm in 1942, so that I don't think I owed him anything.

Q Did you owe anybody else for farm implements or tools?

A No.

Q Your J.P. form declared that you owed nobody, but did you not turn over your tractor and disc to Harry Scott for \$450.00 on account of a debt?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is he claiming for a tractor?

MR. RICE: No, he isn't, your Honour.

30 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That probably explains it; if he

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owed anything he turned the tractor over and settled it.

MR. RICE: He said that he owed no debts at all.

MR. RUSSELL: Perhaps he means that he liquidated it.

MR. RICE: Perhaps I am wasting time. That will be all.

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

MR. RUSSELL: Just in connection with the letter from the Mounted Police; we are satisfied we haven't got it in our files, and if the claimant is subsequently able to locate it, with the consent of my learned friend I would like to have an opportunity of putting it in.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, that should be granted.

MR. RICE: The matter may have been overlooked in the Custodian's office, but I don't want any edium thrown at the Custodian by saying that he wrote a letter to the claimant here.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The letter, I understood, was written by the police to the claimant.

MR. RICE: If the claimant is right in his evidence, it is up to the police or the Custodian's office to account for this radio.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I presume the police would have a copy of that letter.

MR. RICE: And it may be that this radio was sidetracked in some manner and, if so, the Custodian's office will want to clean it up.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes. All right, thank you.
(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.
"S.R. HOWARD" Official Reporter *[Signature]*

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER.

*Would this be
their letter to the
claimant?*

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Defence Brief

LETHBRIDGE
23 September 1948

Kumaichi MURA

File No. 5554

Case No. 706

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim 1 Buildings

Premises erected on land belonging to Mr. J. E. GIBSON at Rice Mill Road, Eburne, B.C.

Claim

Not Sold

\$1725.

Claimant did not own any land, he stated that he had a lease with Mr. Gibson regarding the land on which his premises were located for which he paid a rental of \$900. a year but stated that he was unable to find the lease. Messrs. Fraser, Paine & Edmonds wrote 15-4-48 to the Custodian stating that they were endeavouring to locate this lease.

Messrs. Fraser, Paine & Edmonds also stated that Mr. Gibson had informed them that the claimant had no interest in any buildings on the property and his claim to any interest is rejected and they were instructed that the buildings are of negligible value.

Mr. J. D. Mather reported that he considered the whole crop worthless and that the house was hardly fit for habitation and should be pulled down.

Claim 2 Furniture & Farm Equipment

Claim

Sold for

\$400.

\$112.20

Claimant stated that his goods were left in the garage and barn which he locked and handed the keys to Mr. J.E. Gibson and Mrs. Sasaki and he depended on Mr. Gibson to look after his goods for him.

(a)	Goods value	\$273.00
(b)	" "	80.00
(c)	" "	17.00
(d)	" "	30.00

Sold by auction for \$112.20
No record at any time (Harness, etc.)
Declared not found. (Cabinets, etc.)
Abandoned (Beds & Table)

\$400.00

Other goods sold by auction for \$37. were not claimed for.

Claim 3 Radio

Claim

\$35.

This radio was not declared and there is no record of it at any time.

Claimant stated that he handed this radio over to the Police but was unable to produce their receipt. Should claimant be able to find it, Mr. Russell was granted permission by the Commissioner to put it in.

Claim 4

Pontiac Sedan Car

Claim

\$300.

Appraised at

\$150.

Sold for

\$130.

Witness: Appraiser, A. W. Cruise,
(Consolidated Motors)

Rugby Truck

Claim

\$400.

Appraised at

\$95.

Sold for

\$80.

Witness: Appraisers, McDermott Motors.

Chevrolet Truck

Claim

\$300.

Appraised at

\$105.

Sold for

\$105.

Witness: Appraisers, McDermott Motors.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Where required

J. E. Gibson

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Owner of land

J. D. Mather

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Staff

Thompson & Co.

2 (a)

Auctioneers

Mr. Harris

2 (a)(d)

Staff

A. W. Cruise

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Appraiser

McDermott Motors

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Appraiser

Name of Claimant

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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					
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				
PERSONAL PROPERTY												
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear										
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column					
315	78.75											78.75
NETS												
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS												
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price					
270.25	112.20	33.66	41.55	57.75	23.99			57.65				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											136.40	

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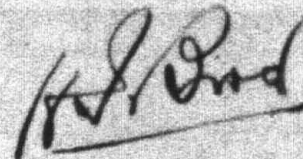
This claim is made in respect of the claimant's leasehold interest in 30 acres of farm land, which appears to have been held by the claimant as tenant of J. E. Gibson, 501 Rice Mill Road, Eburne, B. C. The claimant is unable to produce a lease.

Investigations made by the Custodian establish that the claimant did rent 30 acres of land from Gibson at \$900.00 per year, but he was unable to determine the duration of the lease, if any existed. The claimant remained in occupancy of the land until his evacuation on or about the 19th of April 1942. He was in arrears for rent for the year 1942 at the date of evacuation.

The Custodian's investigator, Mr. J. D. Mather, reported on May 5th 1942 that 10 acres were planted in peas and 2 acres in strawberries, the balance unplanted; that the 6 room dwelling erected on the property by the claimant "is hardly fit for habitation and should be pulled down". Gibson, the landlord, claimed to be the owner of 2 barns, stable and garage, and rejected the claim made by the Custodian on behalf of Mura to remove these buildings.

Whatever right of occupation Mura had was terminated by Gibson soon after the claimant's evacuation.

In the circumstances I can find no justification for the claim, and will make no recommendation in that regard.



Commissioner.

October 18th 1949.