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STEVESTON, B. C.

FILE No.

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**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: SAKAMOTO, Bunzo.HOME ADDRESS: P. O. Box 459, Steveston, B. C. (Imperial Cannery house)REGISTRATION NUMBER 04746 SEX: Male AGE: 64.OCCUPATION: Carpenter.

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Self.MARRIED? Yes.NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yasue. #5706ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: as above.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Mamoru (M) Taira (M) Noboru (M) #364ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: as above.AGE OF CHILDREN: 29, 18, 15**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

None.

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)



None.

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

None

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

Will hand over key to the Cannery.

1 Kitchen Stove, 1 Kitchen Cupboard, 1 Screen, 1 Bed.

At house belonging to the Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C. (P.O. Box 459)

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

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

None

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS.

None.

Living with sons in house belonging to Imperial Cannery.

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: P. O. Box 459, Steveston, B. C.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:



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) \_\_\_\_\_  
None.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \$300.00 approx. in Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C.
9. LIFE INSURANCE: None
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None.
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None
2. TRADE DEBTS: None.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 28th day of April 1942.

~~(Signature)~~ (Signed) B. Sakamoto

A. G. McArthur  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Dec 24/42

Full Name SAKAMOTO, Bunzo  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04746

☒ Male - Female  
(check)

Age Mac 2.1878

Former Address P.O. Box 459, Sturston, B.C.

Date Evacuated 21/5/42

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

Bridge River B.C.  
C/o Coldstream Ranch Vernon B.C.

☒ Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife SAKAMOTO Yasue (05001)

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 18

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Registered with Custodian Yes  
(yes or no)

Requested By C. Girard

Additional Information

Carpenter, (formerly of Japanese origin)



B. SAKAMOTO Reg. No. 04746  
Westbank, B. C.

EXHIBIT No. 158-1  
DATE 12/2/48  
FILED BY M. McHester

| Items                                  | Approximate Date Purchased | Price Paid | Price Received | Price Estimated |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Bench grinder                          | 1941                       | 10.00      | 4.75           | 7.00            |
| Nails                                  | 1941                       | 15.00      | 4.00           | 9.00            |
| Square                                 | 1940                       | 5.00       | 2.00           | 3.00            |
| 2 Axes & sledge                        |                            | 6.00       | 1.00           | 4.00            |
| Box of bits & sundries                 | 1938 ?                     | 17.00      | 3.25           | 9.50            |
| Caulker mallet & iron                  | 1938                       | 10.00      | 1.00           | 6.00            |
| Pinch bar                              | 1938                       | 3.00       | 1.00           | 2.00            |
| Box of tools                           |                            |            | 3.50           | 6.00            |
| Square pliers & wrench                 |                            | 8.00       | 1.00           | 5.00            |
| Box of tools                           |                            |            | 1.00           | 5.00            |
| Caulker mallet & iron                  |                            | 10.00      | 1.25           | 6.00            |
| Stock & dies                           | 1937                       | 20.00      | 7.50           | 12.00           |
| 2 spoke shaves                         | 1939 ?                     | 3.00       | .50            | 1.50            |
| Set of socket wrenches                 | 1940 ?                     | 3.00       | 1.50           | 2.00            |
| Hand drill                             | 1937                       | 7.00       | 1.60           | 4.50            |
| Hand drill                             | 1936                       | 8.00       | 2.00           | 4.00            |
| Grease gun                             | 1935                       | 3.00       | .30            | 1.50            |
| Caulker mallet & iron                  |                            | 10.00      | 1.50           | 6.00            |
| Hand drill                             | 1935                       | 7.00       | 2.25           | 4.50            |
| Set of chisels                         | 1936                       | 12.00      | 5.50           | 12.00           |
| 2 Augers                               | 1936                       | 5.00       | 1.25           | 2.50            |
| Box of tools                           |                            |            | 3.50           | 7.00            |
| Pulley                                 | 1940                       | 6.00       | .50            | 3.00            |
| Shackle & sundries                     | 1935                       | 15.00      | 1.50           | 7.50            |
| Carton of packing                      | (unused)                   | 4.00       | 1.75           | 4.00            |
| Black & Decker 1/2" Drill (heavy duty) | 1939                       | 99.50      | 47.00          | 80.00           |
| Black & Decker 1/2" Drill (heavy duty) | 1940                       | 55.00      | 25.00          | 40.00           |
| 2 Band saw blades                      | 1940                       | 16.00      | 6.00           | 10.00           |
| Electric cord & wire                   | 1938                       | 6.00       | 1.25           | 4.00            |
| Box of boat nails                      | 1941                       | 5.00       | 1.25           | 5.00            |
| Table lamps                            | 1939                       | 10.00      | 3.00           | 6.00            |
| Carburator                             | 1940                       | 15.00      | 1.75           | 9.00            |
| 3 Lengths brass shaft (new)            |                            | 9.00       | 2.00           | 6.00            |
| 3 Crow bars (specially made)           |                            | 5.00       | 1.00           | 3.00            |
| Box of plane, saws & sundries          |                            |            | 7.00           | 10.00           |
| 3 Balls of Linoleum                    | 1939 (good)                | 40.00      | 3.25           | 14.00           |
| Coal oil stove                         | 1939                       | 20.00      | 2.00           | 8.00            |
| Coal Box                               |                            | 10.00      | .75            | 5.00            |
| Extension cord (rubber)                | 1940                       | 12.00      | 3.50           | 8.00            |
| Clamps                                 |                            | 15.00      |                |                 |
| 3 Long                                 |                            | 24.00      |                |                 |
| 8 12" G-Clamps                         |                            | 48.00      |                |                 |
| 24 8" "                                |                            | 113.60     |                |                 |
| 66 6" "                                |                            | 21.00      | 78.25          | 100.00          |
| 3 Adjustable                           |                            | 30.00      | 13.05          | 18.00           |
| Wrenches                               |                            | 21.00      | 3.90           | 15.00           |
| 7 Hammers                              |                            | 42.00      | 17.75          | 21.00           |
| 6 Braces                               |                            | 25.00      | 6.50           | 12.00           |
| Box of bits                            | 1939                       |            |                |                 |
| Blocks                                 |                            | 40.00      |                |                 |
| 4 Snatch Blocks                        |                            | 8.00       | 17.85          | 24.00           |
| 2 Blocks                               |                            | 25.00      | 1.00           | 5.00            |
| Gramophone                             | 1935                       | 200.00     | 5.75           | 40.00           |
| Gramophone records                     |                            |            |                |                 |
| Chinaware (dishes, cup etc.)           |                            |            |                |                 |
| (some of the china unused)             |                            |            |                |                 |
| Kitchen Utensils                       |                            |            |                |                 |

Can't distinguish on list  
20.00  
70.00

316.45 337.55 667.50

Unmarked Analysis  
667.50 - 337.55 = 330.00



**MEMORANDUM**

August 19, 1949.

TO: Mr. Good  
FROM: E. Robertson

Est. Case No. 158 - Rense SAKAMOTO

The figures given by your Department are as follows:

Auction \$667.50 - changed to \$619.05  
INF, RM 00 - changed to \$48.45.

This Claimant, according to Transcript, Page 2, Lines 24-26 and Exhibit No. 1 (copy of which is attached to this Memo), is only claiming for goods sold. Total claim is for \$667.50.

In Exhibit No. 1 the item "Wrenches" shows credit received of \$13.05 whereas the auction sheets reveal that \$14.05 was credited to the Japanese from sale of wrenches.

No amount in the Column "Price Received" is shown by the Claimant for "Chinaware (dishes, cup etc.) (some of the china used)" and "Kitchen Utensils" but the auction sheets reveal that dishes and kitchen utensils in the amount of \$11.75 were sold by the Custodian. The sum of \$33.85 has been listed in as Custodian credit, but this is not correct according to the auction sheets, and this figure would appear to have been arrived at by totalling all the typed figures in column "Price Received" and subtracting that total from \$397.35, the amount given as Custodian Credit in Transcript, Page 2, Lines 10-14.

Exhibit No. 1 is the revised claim and from it you will see the changes mentioned above, marked in red pencil. The revised analysis reads as follows:

Goods valued by Claimant at \$667.50 - sold at auction for \$316.45.

/ER

Attached - Revised Claim (Exhibit #1)



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THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

O: The Commissioner,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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

(1) NAME (MR.) SAKAMOTO BUNZO (RCMP) Reg. No. 04746  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Box 459, Sturston, B.C.

(3) Present Address Westbank, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

- (i) Farm  
(ii) Residence Type of business \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) Business  
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern  
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,  
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Boat Shop

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)  
2 Mr. Yamamoto's barn 3 Mrs. Morikawa's barn  
barn

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Packed up in boxes

(over)



(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of evidence which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

Some chattels were in Mr. MacIsaac's car, and in an evidence although they came into his possession later

|     |                           |                                |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Estimated Value \$ 197.00 | Furniture                      |
| 2.  | Estimated Value \$ 173.00 | Antiques                       |
| 3.  | Estimated Value \$ 260.00 | Miscellaneous items            |
| 4.  | Estimated Value \$ 903.00 | Gasoline equipment             |
| 5.  | Estimated Value \$ 45.80  | Sticks (shells left over from) |
| 6.  | Estimated Value \$        |                                |
| 7.  | Estimated Value \$        | vacation                       |
| 8.  | Estimated Value \$        |                                |
| 9.  | Estimated Value \$        |                                |
| 10. | Estimated Value \$        |                                |

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e))

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.  
(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

DOMINION OF CANADA  
TO WIT:  
I, Bunzo Sakamoto  
of Westbank  
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:  
The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City of Kelowna or British Columbia in the Province of British Columbia  
this 22nd day of November  
A.D. 1947.  
N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.



Bunzo SAKAMOTO

Reg. no.

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Particulars</u>                                 | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1945 August 6   | B. C. Electric - refund security deposit for light | \$           | \$ 2.16       |                |
|                 | " " " " gas                                        |              | 3.00          |                |
| October 26      | Proceeds Auction Sale                              |              | 24.06         |                |
|                 | " " "                                              |              | 20.04         |                |
| November 15     | Sale of web and net                                |              | 65.00         |                |
|                 | Charge for shipping effects                        | 12.86        |               |                |
| 1946 February 5 | Proceeds Auction Sale                              |              | 382.07        |                |
| October 15      | Cheque to you                                      | 483.47       |               |                |
|                 |                                                    | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |                |
|                 |                                                    | \$ 496.33    | \$ 496.33     |                |

NIL

Accounting Department  
January 28th, 1948



December 4, 1945.  
% Coldstream Ranch,  
Vernon, B. C.

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |                 |
| Rec'd              | DEC 6 1945      |
| File No.           | 6431            |
| Ans.               |                 |
| Referred           | <i>M. Nitta</i> |

Mr. George Peters,  
Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Received your letter dated November 22, 1945, concerning the account credited to me from the auction sale performed without my consent. And which advised me that this amount also included the sale of Mr. Yamamoto's goods. I you have sent to me and have given notice immediately to above mentioned Yamamoto's about the articles. Their reply was that they wished me to received their sum together with my amount. I have examined the statement again and again but I have noticed nothing other than the disk and the plow belonging to this person.

Also I wish to advise you that this auction sale was done without notifying me that it has become such a complicated matter. If you'd have taken little time to notify me before the actual sale, it would have been much easier for both of us, I believe sincerely. But since it has been done and Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Nitta expressed their desire for me to received this sum on behalf of them, I am requesting your kindness in remitting this total sum to me very soon. Also we have to advise you that so much of high valued articles have disappeared that I do not know what happened to them. I'm sure Messers Nitta and Yamamoto will be disappointed to discover their things lost.

In conclusion, please send me my trunk containing my personal belonging, which you wrote you still have. Thank you.

I hope this letter will meet with your approval. And my request for your kind reply immediately.

Yours truly,

*B. Sakamoto*

Bunzo Sakamoto  
Reg. No. 04746



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April 30th, 1945.

Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO,  
Registration No. 04746,  
Bridge River,  
SHALALTH, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of April 7th we got in touch with Mrs. Morrical, to whom we have sent a copy of your letter, with the list of effects you claimed were missing.

[ Mrs. Morrical declared she had turned over to us everything of yours in her possession and that nothing whatever remained in the barn at No. 9 Road.

The only thing of yours we have remaining in our storage warehouse are the two trunks and their unknown contents.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

RBM:LBM

P.S. The two trunks mentioned above were shipped to Taira SAKAMOTO, son of Bunzo SAKAMOTO, on ~~January 18th, 1945.~~  
Acc. 7/44



File No. 6431

April 24th, 1944.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Bunzo SAKAMOTO - Reg. No. 04746

CREDITORS:-

NO CLAIMS ON FILE, at this date.

/ND



File No. 3306

February 15th, 1945

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Yasuo SAKAMOTO (Mrs. Duns) - Reg. No. 07001

DEBITORS:-

1. B. C. Electric Railway Co. .... \$ 5.72  
(Against Y. SAKAMOTO)

To a/c.

File No. 6431

Duns SAKAMOTO - Reg. No. 04746

CREDITORS:-

NO CLAIMS ON FILE.

To a/c.

/s/



REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 6431

November 6th, 1945.

RE: Bunzo SAKAMOTO, Reg.No. 04746

This file reveals that the above owned no real property in any protected area in British Columbia.

The file reveals that the above carried no Fire Insurance.

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

November 13th, 1945.  
RBM:LBM

*R. B. Mackenzie*  
R. B. Mackenzie



LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 6431

March 27th, 1946.

RE: Sumao SAKAMOTO, Ag. No. 04746

A claim in the sum of \$5.72 is filed against Yasuo (Mrs. Sumao) SAKAMOTO, wife of the above, File 5906, by the B.C.E.R. Company. When written to regarding this account she replied on June 9th, 1945, and stated that she did not owe the B.C.E.R. any money. We wrote to the B.C.E.R. on July 6th, 1945, and gave them this information. They were also given the address of Mrs. SAKAMOTO in case they desired to take this matter up direct with her.

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

March 27th, 1946.

RSM:LPM

R. B. Mackenzie

*J. Mathison*  
*Oct 11/46*



VESSELS SUMMARY

File No. 6431

Bunzo SAKAMOTO

Reg. No. 04746

Our vessel records contain no reference to the gillboat hull, mentioned in Cassiar Packing Company's letter of April 23, 1942, as having been purchased by that company from Bunzo SAKAMOTO.

However, two vessels were transferred from Bunzo SAKAMOTO to persons of other than Japanese origin, as is shown in the records of the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee. These were:

"AMANDA P" - This vessel was not impounded. She was reported to be a new vessel, and she appears in our records only because it was necessary for the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee to approve the transfer from SAKAMOTO, before the new owner could obtain licence. The purchaser of this vessel was Francis Millard and Company Ltd. The purchase price was \$500.00. Date of sale is unknown.

"SONNY BOY" - This vessel was not impounded, and appears on record only because approval by the Committee was necessary before transfer of title could be made. This vessel was purchased by Mac Thomas, Indian, on September 17, 1941, for the sum of \$650.00.

The purchase price in both cases must have been paid direct to SAKAMOTO, as no moneys were paid in to the Committee or to the Custodian.

Dated: November 13, 1945.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with information in J.F.V.D.C. files.

*J. MacArthur*  
*March 15, 1946*



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 6431

Oct. 10/46

RE: Bunzo SAKAMOTO, R.g. No. 04746

CHATELS:

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 28/42 and was evacuated on May 21/42, declared a few household effects left in one of the houses of the Imperial Cannery at Steveston, where he had been living with his family. We did not find any goods belonging to the above at this home.

A Mrs. Morrical advised us that goods belonging to the above were stored in a barn near her home. This barn was the property of Jukichi YAMAMOTO. Goods were removed from this barn by the Custodian in the name of the above and sold at auction for the net sum of \$540.45 and this sum credited to the account of the above with this office. However after correspondence between the above and ourselves and also with Mr. YAMAMOTO it was found that a plough and a McCormack disc credited to the account really belonged to YAMAMOTO, and the proceeds from their sale in the sum of \$49.28 was transferred from the account of Bunzo SAKAMOTO to the account of Jukichi YAMAMOTO.

We were advised by Mr. Keiji NITTA File 13686, that he had left a box of tools in the barn belonging to Jukichi YAMAMOTO, but in his letter of March 25/45, he requests that we pay the entire amount to Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO, as apparently the two men meant to divide the money between them in the proportion they thought correct. We also thought some of the goods might belong to Taira, son of Bunzo SAKAMOTO. There is a letter on his file dated Oct. 4/45 stating that he wishes the entire funds from sale of goods at this barn sent to his father. Taira's own funds have been remitted to him and his file closed and Mr. Keiji NITTA was repatriated to Japan on May 31/46.

The account of the above was debited with the sum of \$12.86, being shipping costs on goods remitted to his son Taira.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES:

A letter dated April 23rd, 1942, from the Cassiar Packing Company Ltd. Vancouver, states that they purchased from Mr. SAKAMOTO a gill net boat hull. Mr. Glen McPherson endorsed on the Bill of Sale that the Custodian had no interest in this boat. No funds were received from this transaction by the Custodian. Two other boats are mentioned and these are dealt with fully on the Specified Articles Summary on file.

MONEYS RECEIVABLE:

In July, 1945, the account of the above was credited with the sum of \$5.16, being a refund of security deposit for light from the B.C.E.R.

The file reveals that Mr. SAKAMOTO held a Certificate of Title for some property owned by Eikichi HAYASHI, File 3385, as security for a loan of \$350.00. He wrote and advised us on March 3rd, 1945, that he had received the money from Mr. HAYASHI and had sent the Certificate of Title back to him.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

Oct. 10/46

LEM:

*L. McKinnon*  
L. McKinnon



CHATTEL SUMMARY

File No. 6431

March 15th, 1946.

RE: Bunso SAKAMOTO, Reg. No. 04746

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 28/42 and was evacuated on May 21, 1942, declared chattels as listed on the Chattel Schedule on file, left in a house belonging to the Imperial Cannery at Steveston, where he had been living with his family. When our Steveston representative went to remove the chattels to storage on Feb. 5/43, he found the house empty.

A Mrs. Morrical called at this office in September, 1944, and advised us that a lot of chattels, owned by the above, had been left in her care. These had been stored in a barn near her property at 119 Steveston Highway, owned by Jukichi YAMAMOTO, File 4947. She stated that these chattels were being stolen and asked us to remove them to our storage warehouse for protection. It appears that she had not previously advised the Custodian that she had any Japanese goods in her care.

On Sept. 28/44, we moved all the effects found in this barn to our auction and made an inventory as shown on our Chattels List #39 on file. Mrs. Morrical had told us that these goods had been stored by Taira SAKAMOTO, File 6432, a son of the above. Therefore when these goods were sold at our Steveston auctions, the net proceeds amounting to \$540.45, were credited to the account of Taira. After checking the files of Bunso and Taira more closely, we were not certain which of them owned these goods, and after considerable correspondence with them we finally received a letter dated January 3rd, 1945, signed by them jointly, authorising us to send the total balance to the father Bunso, and the transfer was accordingly made from the file of Taira to that of Bunso. It is noted that no chattels are declared by Mrs. Bunso SAKAMOTO, File 5906 or by Mamoru SAKAMOTO, File 5364, another son of the above.

It is noted that Keiji NITTA, File 13686, declared he had left carpenter's tools in care of the above. Our inventory included these tools and the proceeds from sale of same were credited to Bunso SAKAMOTO. Mr. NITTA has agreed that we should send the total proceeds from sale of goods to the above and they would arrange between themselves what portion of this sum belonged to Keiji NITTA. The son Taira was also quite satisfied with this arrangement, therefore a cheque for the total credit balance is being sent to Bunso SAKAMOTO.

Jukichi YAMAMOTO, the owner of the barn as mentioned above, claimed ownership of a plough and a McCormack disc, included in the inventory of the goods of Bunso SAKAMOTO. The above agreed in his letter of Dec. 4/45 that the proceeds from sale of these two articles should be deducted from his account and credited to the account of Jukichi YAMAMOTO. This was done on Jan. 31/46.

On April 2/45 we wrote to Bunso SAKAMOTO enclosing sales sheets of his goods sold. He replied on April 7/45 listing a large number of items he stated were not included in our sales sheets. (These items are listed on Chattel Schedule). A copy of this letter was sent to Mrs. Morrical. In her reply she stated that she had turned over to the Custodian all remaining goods belonging to Bunso SAKAMOTO left in her care, and that no effects remained in the barn. These goods may have been stolen prior to the time the goods were removed from the barn by the Custodian.



as Mrs. Morrical had given theft of some of the goods as her reason for asking the Custodian to remove the goods to our warehouse.

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

March 15th, 1946.

REM:LEW

*R. B. Mackenzie*  
R. B. Mackenzie

Oct. 11/46

An old engine, stripped and of very little value, was left by SAKAMOTO in Steveston. A Vancouver firm offered to purchase it but when the above asked the sum of \$30.00 for it, they withdrew their offer. This engine has been abandoned as of no value.

Oct. 11/46

LEW:

*L. MacInnon*  
L. MacInnon



CHattel SCHEDULE

File No. 6431

November 13th, 1945.

RE: Bunzo SAKAMOTO, Reg.No.04746

DECLARED

April 28/42

1 Kitchen stove  
1 Kitchen cupboard  
1 Screen  
1 Bed

INVENTORIED

Sept.28/44

1 Coal oil stove  
1 Cupboard  
3 Screens (window)  
2 Beds complete  
1 Basket effects  
\* 2 Trunks - shipped to Taira  
1 Box clamps SAKAMOTO, son of the above on Jan.18/45.  
1 Box lanterns  
7 Boxes  
2 Boxes tools  
1 Bundle saw blades  
1 Box miscellaneous  
1 Box blocks & tackle  
2 Small boxes  
2 Large boxes  
1 Carton  
1 Gramophone  
1 Jack  
3 Crow bars  
1 Bundle shaft & clamp  
3 Rolls linoleum  
1 Bundle shafting  
6 Blocks  
1 Large pulley  
3 Axes, sledge  
1 McCormick disc  
1-7" McCormick plough  
5 Pieces web  
1 Walker turner planer  
1 Black & Decker  $\frac{3}{8}$ " drill  
1 Black & Decker  $\frac{1}{2}$ " drill  
Extension cord  
Tools, etc.  
Tool box

SOLD

All sold at  
Stevenson auctions  
October 13th and  
October 27th, 1944.

List of goods  
declared in  
letter dated April 7/45  
4 Nets (fishing)  
2 Tricycles  
1 Midget's car  
2 Boxes Japanese dolls  
Wooden chairs  
1 Set "World Book" Encyclopedia  
Flower pots and bowls  
1 Desk lamp  
1 Coal warm stove



CHattel SCHEDULE

4 (1 set) copper washing tub  
1 Electric radio gramophone  
1 Bed  
20 some personal & group photographs  
1 Electric motor  
Frames and pictures  
Innumerable school text books  
1 Sets drafting sets  
    weight  
    rule  
    T square, etc.  
1 Dining set

We sent a copy of this letter to Mrs. Morrical and she stated very definitely that all the effects belonging to Mr. Bunso SAKAMOTO had been handed over to the Custodian. We have been unable to find any trace of these goods.

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

November 13th, 1945.

RBM:LEW

*R. B. Mackenzie*  
R. B. Mackenzie



*Original sent to Langdon 2-4-41*

NAME SAKAMOTO, Bunzo

REGISTRATION NO. 04746

FILE NO. 643

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

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Hardware                    | \$1.00   |
| - 1 Bench grinder           | - 4.75 ✓ |
| ✓ Sundries                  | 0.80     |
| ✓ Nails and sundries        | - 4.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Square                    | - 2.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Adze                      | 3.00     |
| ✓ 2 Axes and sledge         | - 1.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Brace and 3 bits          | - 4.00   |
| ✓ Box of bits and sundries  | - 3.25 ✓ |
| ✓ Saw vice                  | 1.00     |
| ✓ Clamp                     | - 1.00   |
| ✓ Wrenches                  | - 1.25   |
| ✓ 2 Hammers                 | - 0.70   |
| ✓ Caulker mallet and iron   | - 1.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Keyhole saw               | 0.80     |
| ✓ Brace                     | - 2.25   |
| ✓ Bits                      | - 4.50   |
| ✓ Pinch bar                 | - 1.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Brace                     | - 3.75   |
| ✓ Box of tools              | - 3.50 ✓ |
| ✓ Spoke shave               | 0.95     |
| ✓ 2 Hatchets                | 1.80     |
| ✓ Saw vice                  | 0.60     |
| ✓ Square, pliers and wrench | - 1.00 ✓ |
| ✓ Clamp                     | - 0.50   |
| ✓ 3 Clamps                  | - 3.25   |
| ✓ Box of tools              | - 1.00 ✓ |
| Total                       |          |

Carried Forward

\$ 53.65

~~Debit - Expenses~~

\$

~~Net - Expenses - Credit~~

\$

~~Master - Inventory - Credit - Expenses~~

~~Inventory - from - Master - Inventory - Credit - Expenses~~

~~Inventory~~



NAME SAMUEL D. BUNDO

REGISTRATION NO. 04746

FILE NO. 6491

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

| Brought Forward                               |                 |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| ✓ 4 Files                                     |                 | \$53.55   |
| ✓ Caulkers mallet and iron                    |                 | 0.50      |
| ✓ Vice Screw                                  |                 | - 1.25 ✓  |
| ✓ Hammer                                      |                 | 0.75      |
| ✓ Stack and Disc                              |                 | - 0.75    |
| ✓ 2 Wrenches                                  |                 | - 7.50 ✓  |
| ✓ 2 Spoke chaves                              |                 | - 0.50    |
| ✓ Set of socket wrenches                      |                 | - 0.50 ✓  |
| ✓ Vice                                        |                 | - 1.50 ✓  |
| ✓ Brace                                       |                 | 2.50      |
| ✓ Brace                                       |                 | - 2.25    |
| ✓ Brace                                       |                 | - 3.50    |
| ✓ 2 Axes                                      |                 | 1.75      |
| ✓ Hand drill                                  |                 | - 1.60 ✓  |
| ✓ Hand drill                                  |                 | - 2.00 ✓  |
| ✓ Saw knife                                   |                 | 1.50      |
| ✓ Wrench                                      |                 | - 3.25    |
| ✓ Large wrench                                |                 | - 1.50    |
| ✓ Large wrench                                |                 | - 1.50    |
| ✓ Large wrench                                |                 | - 1.25    |
| ✓ Pipe cutter                                 |                 | 1.00      |
| ✓ Grease gun                                  |                 | - 0.50 ✓  |
| ✓ Large auger                                 |                 | 1.00      |
| ✓ Wrench                                      |                 | - 2.00    |
| ✓ Wrench                                      |                 | - 1.00    |
| ✓ Axe                                         |                 | 1.00      |
| ✓ Hammer                                      |                 | - 0.40    |
| Total                                         | Carried Forward | \$ 100.00 |
| <del>Balance-Expenses</del>                   |                 | \$        |
| <del>Net-Expenses-Received</del>              |                 | \$        |
| <del>Balance-Expenses-Received-Expenses</del> |                 |           |
| <del>Balance-Expenses-Received-Expenses</del> |                 |           |
| <del>Balance-Expenses</del>                   |                 |           |



NAME SAKAMOTO, BunzoREGISTRATION NO. 04746FILE NO. 643

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B.C. on October 13, 1944

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Brought forward:                       | \$ 100.00 |
| 1 Caulkers mallet and iron             | - 1.50 ✓  |
| 2 Hatchets                             | 1.50      |
| 1 Hand drill                           | - 2.25 ✓  |
| 1 Set of chisels                       | - 5.50 ✓  |
| 1 Brace                                | - 4.00    |
| 1 Hammer                               | - 0.85    |
| 2 Hammers                              | - 1.20    |
| 3 Augers                               | - 1.25 ✓  |
| 1 Box of tools                         | - 3.50 ✓  |
| 1 Pair of clamps                       | - 7.25    |
| 1 Pulley                               | - 0.50 ✓  |
| 1 Block                                | - 1.10    |
| 1 Screw jack                           | 7.00      |
| 1 Plane                                | 3.75      |
| 1 Pair of gas boots                    | 1.50      |
| 1 Snatch block                         | - 5.50    |
| 1 Snatch block                         | - 2.75    |
| 1 Snatch block                         | - 1.50    |
| 1 Snatch block                         | - 6.00    |
| 1 Block                                | - 1.00    |
| 1 Box of block and tackle and sundries | - 1.50 ✓  |
| 1 Carton of packing                    | - 1.75 ✓  |
| 1 Walker Turner Planer                 | 150.00    |
| 1 Black and Decker 1/2" drill          | - 47.00 ✓ |
| 1 Black and Decker 3/4" drill          | - 25.00 ✓ |
| 1 Clamps                               | - 19.00   |
| 1 Clamps                               | - 17.25   |
| 1 2 Bandsaw blades                     | - 6.00 ✓  |
| Total to be carried forward:           | \$ 426.90 |

~~Less expenses:~~~~For proceeds credited:~~~~Members of Custodian Staff Present.~~~~Extracted from Auctioneering List No.~~~~Remarks.~~



NAME SAKAMOTO, SumoREGISTRATION NO. 04746FILE NO. 6431

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B.C. on October 13, 1944.

Brought forward:

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Gramophone records               | 426.20 |
| Gramophone records               | -1.00  |
| Gramophone records               | -1.00  |
| Gramophone records               | -1.50  |
| Gramophone records               | -2.25  |
| Dishes                           | -1.50  |
| Dishes                           | -1.00  |
| Kitchenware                      | -1.50  |
| Iron pot                         | -1.25  |
| Bowls                            | -1.25  |
| Dishes                           | -1.50  |
| Kitchen utensils                 | -3.75  |
| Electric cord and wire           | -1.25  |
| Gun boots, apron and pail        | 3.50   |
| Box of boat nails                | -1.25  |
| Table lamp and Japanese Lantern  | -1.00  |
| 3 Window screens                 | 0.60   |
| Box of sundries                  | 0.80   |
| Carburator                       | -1.75  |
| Axe                              | 0.50   |
| 3 lengths brass shaft            | -2.00  |
| 3 Crow bars                      | -1.00  |
| Box of tools                     | 3.50   |
| Box of planes, saws and sundries | -7.00  |
| 3 Rolls of linoleum              | -3.25  |
| Coal oil stove                   | -2.00  |
| Cabinet                          | 5.00   |

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$48.08

480.80

Less Expenses: (Advertising:

\$16.93

\$ 98.73

(Moving:

\$33.72

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 382.07

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 22.

Remarks.

480.80

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*Signal sent to Sanyo 2-10-44*

NAME SAKAMOTO, Rense

REGISTRATION NO. 04746

FILE NO. 6431

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

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| ✓ 1 Tool box      | - \$ 0.75 |
| ✓ Extension cord  | - 3.50 ✓  |
| ✓ Axe and sledge  | 2.50      |
| ✓ Clamp           | - 3.00    |
| ✓ Auger           | 1.00      |
| ✓ Auger           | 1.00      |
| ✓ Auger           | 1.25      |
| ✓ 2 Clamps        | - 3.00    |
| ✓ Nail puller     | 1.25      |
| ✓ Nail and spring | 1.00      |
| ✓ Nail and spring | 12.00     |

|                            |  |                 |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Total                      |  | <u>\$ 30.25</u> |
| Less Expenses:             |  |                 |
| { Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.03 |  |                 |
| { Advertising: 1.18        |  | \$ 6.19         |
| { Moving: 1.98             |  |                 |
| Net Proceeds Credited:     |  | <u>\$ 24.06</u> |

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 23

Remarks.



NAME

SAKAMOTO, Bunzo

REGISTRATION NO. 04746

FILE NO. 6431

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 10, 1944.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 2 Clamps                     | \$ - 4.00 |
| 1 5 Clamps                     | - 5.00    |
| 1 5 Clamps                     | - 6.00    |
| 1 5 Clamps                     | - 6.00    |
| 1 3 Clamps                     | - 3.00    |
| 1- Caulkera mallet (no handle) | 0.50      |
| 1- Pinchbar                    | 0.10      |
| 1 Bench vice screw             | 1.00      |
| 1- Gramophone                  | - 1.00 ✓  |

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.66  
 Less Expenses: (Advertising: 1.22  
 (Moving: 2.68

|    |       |
|----|-------|
| \$ | 26.60 |
| \$ | 6.56  |
| \$ | 20.04 |

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 24.

Remarks.



ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO:  
OLD-AGE PENSION BOARD  
661 RICHARDS STREET  
VANCOUVER, B.C.



Old-age Pension Board  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PLEASE QUOTE OUR FILE NUMBER  
WHEN REPLYING

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | MAY 9 1950 |
| File No.           | 6431       |
| Ans.               | Reed       |
| Submitted          |            |

May 5th, 1950.

Custodian of Enemy Property,  
675 W. Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SAKAMOTO, Bunso,  
Westbank, B.C.  
File 57.770

The above-named is applying for pension and in this connection we require further information.

Would you kindly let us know what assets, ~~real and personal,~~ you are holding on behalf of the above-named.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance in this matter, we are,

Yours truly,

*J. M. Penman*  
For Old-age Pension Board

HM  
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February 6th, 1930

Mr. Bunso SAKAMOTO,  
Westbank, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Custodian has today forwarded to Yasemon Hikida and Gihyee Takahashi the sum of \$7,355.12 "In Trust". This represents the net proceeds from all the assets of the Stevenson Nosen Kaisha. Included in this amount is the final distribution to shareholders at \$46.847 per share. You were the holder of 1 share and therefore the amount due to you is \$46.85. For this payment you will please look to Mr. Hikida and Mr. Takahashi, who will be responsible for the distribution of this trust fund.

Yours truly,



C. H. Reed  
Office of the Custodian

CHR:BK



October 10th, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mr. Banzo SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 04746,  
WESTBANK, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$483.47. In accordance with the arrangement made with Mr. Keiji NITTA and Mr. Taira SAKAMOTO, it is expected that you will distribute these funds in the amounts payable to each of the interested parties. Whatever share is payable to Mr. NITTA must be returned to this office at once.

Your file has been reviewed and it is noted that when you made your declaration to the Custodian on April 28th, 1944, you declared a few household effects located at a house belonging to the Imperial Cannery, Steveston, where you and your family had been living. No goods were found at this house when our representative called to remove the effects to storage.

A Mrs. Morrical called at our Vancouver office in September, 1944, and told us that there were chattels belonging to you which had been left in her care. These had been left in a barn owned by Mr. Jukichi YAMAMOTO. The barn was located near the house of Mrs. Morrical, whose address was 119 Steveston Highway. As goods were being stolen from this barn, Mrs. Morrical asked us to remove them to our storage warehouse for safe keeping. On September 28th, 1944, we inventoried all goods found there and removed them to our auction room. These goods were sold at our Steveston auctions for the net sum of \$540.45 and this amount was credited to your account with this office.

The sum of \$49.28, representing the net proceeds from sale of a plough and a McCormack disc, was transferred from your account to the account of Mr. Jukichi YAMAMOTO. This transfer was made after receipt of your letter of December 4th, 1945, in which you agreed that these two articles belonged to Mr. YAMAMOTO. Your account was also debited with the sum of \$12.86, being the cost of shipping two trunks and some other articles to your son Taira, on December 7th, 1944.

An old car engine, stripped and of very little value, left by you in Steveston, has been abandoned, as we were unable to sell it. A Vancouver firm offered to purchase it but when you asked the sum of \$30.00 for it, they withdrew their offer.

According to information supplied to this office, the Cassiar Packing



Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO

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October 9/46

Company Ltd. of Vancouver, purchased a gill net boat hull from you on April 23rd, 1942. This did not come under the control of the Custodian.

In July, 1945, your account was credited with the sum of \$5.16, being a refund of security deposit for light from the B. C. Electric Railway Company Ltd.

It is noted that a Certificate of Title for some property owned by Eichi HAYASHI and held by you as security for a loan of \$350.00, was returned to him on repayment of the loan, as stated in your letter of March 3rd, 1945.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian, and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque, we are enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

L. McKinnon  
Office of the Custodian

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February 25th, 1946.

Mr. Masaru SAKAMOTO,  
Registration No. 64496,  
Bridge River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re Policy No. 2036499: Enclosed herewith you will find  
Cash Surrender Value of the above policy made up as  
follows:

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Cash Surrender Value   | \$ 576.50     |
| Automatic Premium Loan | <u>114.62</u> |
| Net Amount             | \$ 461.88     |

made out in favour of yourself and Bunzo SAKAMOTO.

Re Policy No. 853264: Also enclosed is the Cash  
Surrender Value of the above policy made up as follows:

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Cash Surrender Value   | \$ 667.53     |
| Automatic Premium Loan | <u>112.46</u> |
| Net Amount             | \$ 555.07     |

made out in favour of yourself and your mother, Yaeie  
SAKAMOTO.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these two  
(2) cheques.

Yours truly,

George Peters  
Administration Department

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Encl. - 2 cheques

c.c. Department of Labour,  
Japanese Division.



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November 21, 1945

Mr. Junichi IMAKOTO,  
Registration No. 04904,  
c/o Mr. Joe Tetre,  
Granford, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 18th and also a copy of a letter dated November 13th through the Department of Labor, Japanese Division, with reference to certain chattels left in the Richmond District. It is regrettable that you did not declare any chattels in the protected areas on your declaration of April 20, 1942. Your son, Etsuo, did not declare any chattels on his original declaration of April 20, 1942 but at our request he signed a declaration on April 21, 1943 to which he attached a list of certain goods left in the area. Your other son, Yoshio, did not declare any chattels in the area. Let us know if the list sent by Etsuo was a complete list which included not only your chattels but your son, Yoshio's chattels, or were the chattels declared by Etsuo his own personal property?

On March 1, 1945, we received a letter which you sent to Mr. George Pemberton and handed to us in which you mentioned a horse and harness which you left with Mr. David Gilmore at Stoverton. On April 18th you received a letter from the Custodian in which you were told that your horse loaned to Mr. Gilmore had to be destroyed by order of the Veterinary Surgeon of Brighouse. The harness was removed by the Custodian and sold and credited to the account of Etsuo. Would you kindly advise us the color of the horse, the approximate age when left with Mr. Gilmore and whether it was a mare, gelding or stallion? Also, let us know if you have another horse in this district, and if so, give us the same information as above.

With reference to a McCormick dooring disk and pipe, there is no record of you declaring this to the Custodian. But it seems you have received information from Mr. Etsuo IMAKOTO that this was sold and credited to his account. It appears that Mr. IMAKOTO's chattels were stored in a barn on your property and in the care of Mrs. Horriol. Mr. IMAKOTO also omitted to declare any chattels in this area and the first notice the Custodian had of these chattels was when Mrs. Horriol came to the Custodian Office in September, 1944, advising us that she was caring for the personal effects of Mr. IMAKOTO. The Custodian removed all the goods that were in the barn and had them inventoried and credited to Mr. IMAKOTO's account. It was later admitted by Mr. IMAKOTO that goods belonging to Mr. Keiichi IMAKOTO were amongst Mr. IMAKOTO's goods and they have agreed to make an arrangement between themselves as to the money. We will now have to write to Mr. IMAKOTO



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November 21, 1945

with reference to the disk and place which you claim belongs to you. This will further hold up any funds to be released until ownership of these two items can be clarified.

We would like you to reply to everyone of our questions so that we may be able to deal with your request intelligently. We are requesting Mr. Bunzo GAKUMOTO to check the chattel list we have sent him and to then forward the list to you so that you may identify your own possessions and make some satisfactory arrangement between yourself and Mr. GAKUMOTO.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department

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cc: Dept. of Labor,  
Japanese Division



MEMORANDUM

File No. 13686  
6431 -  
6432

Sept. 11/45

TO: The File  
FROM: Mr. A. B. Mackenzie

RE: Keiji KITTA  
Bunzo SAKAMOTO  
Bunzo SAKAMOTO

On Nov. 26/42, the above was sent J.P. forms to fill out. He replied on Dec. 4/42 stating that he had left all his belongings in the hands of Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO and was sending him the forms to complete. After further correspondence he wrote on March 16th, enclosing a yellow, "No property" card, which had been sent to him when he stated in his letter that he had nothing to declare.

He wrote again on March 25/45 authorizing us to pay to Bunzo SAKAMOTO the entire sum credited from the sale of chattels, which included those of the above, and which had been left in the care of Mr. SAKAMOTO. All the chattels found in Mrs. Morrical's barn were sold at auction and the proceeds credited to Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO, who has been identified as the owner.

REM:LEM



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March 7th, 1945.

Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 04746,  
Bridge River,  
Shalaith, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: 4th Avenue, Steveston, B. C.  
Eikichi HAYASHI.

We refer you to our letter of January 25th and February 12th and although we sent you a stamped and addressed envelope it is regretted that you have not had the courtesy to answer either of our letters.

We are now informed by Mr. Eikichi HAYASHI, whose address is Building No. 2, Greenwood, B. C., that he has paid to you in full the loan of \$350.00—he states this was paid on February 1st, 1945. Unless, therefore, we hear from you to the contrary by the 28th of this month we shall assume that what Mr. Hayashi states is correct and that you have no claim against him.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,  
Administration Department

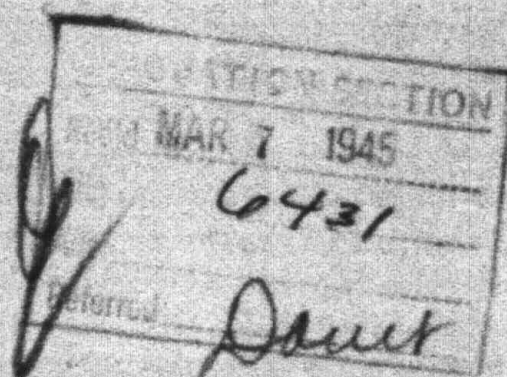
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saying \$350.00  
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8/3/45*



Bridge River, B. C.  
Shalalth, P. O.  
Mar. 3rd, 1945.

The Office of Custodian.  
506 Royal Bank Building  
Hastings and Granville St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.



Dear Sir:-

Please accept my apology for not making  
this ~~early~~ report early.

I have received the money from Mr. E.  
Hayashi, Greenwood, B. C. on Feb. 1st, 1945.

~~That~~ Therefore I have sent the title back to him.

Yours truly,  
B. Sakamoto.



MEMORANDUM

File No. 6431

August 14th, 1944

TO: Mr. Harris

FROM: Mr. Mackellie

Re: SAKAMOTO, Bunzo

Referring to our memo of August 1st, we have received another letter from the above, in which he tells us the I. YAMAMOTO mentioned is Yoshio YAMAMOTO, file 4964, whose land has been sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act. The land apparently on which the barn is situated was rented to Mr. E. Herbert, R. R. No. 1, Williams Road.

RMH/MBH

*OK  
Left to  
Linn S. Lamb  
All again*

*RBH*



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# CASSIAR PACKING COMPANY, LIMITED

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C.,

23 April 1942.

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Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.  
Royal Bank Building.  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

We recently purchased from Mr. B. Sakamoto of Steveston, B.C. one gill-net boat hull. We contacted your office at the time of purchase and you informed us that it was in order for us to go ahead with the deal.

We have now made application for a licence to be issued for this boat and the Registrar of Shipping informs us that Ottawa requires that your office should endorse our Bill of Sale so as to state that the Custodian has no interest in the boat.

We would appreciate it very much if you would comply with the above request.

Yours truly,

CASSIAR PACKING COMPANY LTD.

per

*C Macmillan*

*Mr. W. D. Morrison  
signed on Bill of Sale  
that the boat was  
in trust. Apr. 23/42  
JL*



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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

B E F O R E  
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

Vernon, B. C.,  
February 18th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
SHIRO SAKAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HENDER, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

D.J. HANFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

T.P. HUNNIN, Esq.,

Official Reporter.



G. Sakamoto,  
In Chief,  
Discussion.

MR. McMASTER: In this case, my lord, I want to call one of the sons. The father isn't very intelligible and it might make matters more simple.

THE COMMISSIONER: This is purely a personal claim, is it?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

TAIRA SAKAMOTO, a witness called on behalf of the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

MR. McMASTER: I would ask leave to amend the claim, my lord, by reducing the total of the items claimed to \$667.50, the Custodian's credits \$337.55, leaving a net claim of \$329.95. I

I might explain, my lord, the reason for the reduction is that the claimant left a considerable quantity of goods in the premises of some friend where they lived and they didn't come to the attention of the Custodian until the friend reported some of the goods were being stolen. Then the Custodian went out and took over the goods, and apparently a number of items may have been taken before they actually came into his possession. So that the list, if I am not mistaken, refers entirely to articles received by the Custodian and sold by him.

Q Are you sometimes known by a Canadian first name as well? At: Yes.

Q What is it? At: Roy.

30 Q Do you recognise your father's signature on this



claim farm?

A Yes.

Q At the time that you were evacuated, did you live on your father's farm with him?

A It isn't a farm.

Q I am sorry; what is it? What sort of a place did he live at?

A My father was a boat builder.

Q Oh yes; I am sorry. You lived at home, did you?

10 A Yes.

Q Were you around his boat-building works at all?

A Yes.

Q Are you familiar with the goods and chattels with respect to which he is claiming?

A Yes.

Q I produce to you a list. Did you prepare that list or cause it to be prepared, a list of chattels showing the description and values and the approximate date of purchase and the price paid, the price received and the price estimated?

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A Yes.

Q Did you obtain the information with regard to the date of purchase and price paid from your father?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I ask to file that as Exhibit 1, my lord.

(INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q Now, from your knowledge of the goods and chattels that your father had about his business there, and those which appear on this list, do you think, in your opinion, the values which he has claimed

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T. Sakamoto,  
In Chief.

for the various items appearing on Exhibit 1 are  
reasonable as a fair market value?

A Yes, they are.

Q Have you ever had occasion to deal in second-hand  
goods and chattels?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Have you ever had occasion to deal in second-hand  
goods and chattels -- to buy and sell them as a  
business?

10 A No.

MR. McMASTER: Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: No questions, my lord.

The defense is that these were sold for their  
fair market value, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: These goods listed are all the goods  
sold, are they?

MR. HUNTER: We are not concerned with lost articles or  
anything of that kind, no, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well your task has been an easy one,

20 Sakamoto. That is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

J. P. Hornobin  
"J. P. HORNOLIN"  
Official Reporter.



Name of Claimant **SAKAMOTO, Denise**Case **158**

Custodian File

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| <u>REAL PROPERTY</u>                 |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             | Total  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Greater Vancouver                    |                                     | Rural (except V.L.A.)                                                  |                                   |                                                                           | V.L.A. (except Mission Village)                                |                                                                            | V.L.A. Mission Village                                         |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| Sale Price                           | 5% thereof & 12.50                  | Sale Price                                                             | 10% thereof                       | Charges 12.50 & Comm.                                                     | Sale Price                                                     | Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total                       | Sale Price                                                     | Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total |                        |                             |        |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| <u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>             |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| Motor Vehicles                       |                                     | Boats and Boat Gear                                                    |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| Sale Price                           | 25% thereof                         | Sale Price                                                             | Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price  | Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price                                           | Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners | Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing | 45% of amount in next preceding column                         |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| <u>NETS</u>                          |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| Total award for Nets plus Sale Price |                                     | Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing |                                   |                                                                           | Percentage Total Award to Total Claim                          |                                                                            | Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing |                                                        | Apply % ratio to Claim | Deduct Custodian Sale Price |        |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>        |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| Claim for goods Sold By Auction      | Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction | Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price                                   | Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim | Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid | Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column      | Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender                                         | 12% of Sale Price                                              |                                                        |                        |                             |        |
| 629.05                               | 337.55                              | 101.26                                                                 | 54.55%                            | 58.45                                                                     | 31.88                                                          |                                                                            |                                                                | 133.14                                                 |                        |                             |        |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDATION                 |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             | 133.14 |



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Mr. Bunzo SAKAMOTO,  
P. O. Box 144,  
Westbank, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 158

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$ 133.14.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 132.61  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ .53  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears  
Director

FGS:BN  
Encl.