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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: HAMAURA, MotaroHOME ADDRESS: Acme Cannery, Eburne, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 05294 SEX: M AGE: 67OCCUPATION: Fisherman - None

(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: NoneMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: TsuneyoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same addressNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Emiko (F)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same addressAGE OF CHILDREN: 9

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Near Acme Cannery, Eburne, B.C.Lot (2) of portion of Sec. 28, Blk 5 North, Range 7 West, SeaIsland, New Westminster District, B.C. Area 90' x 200'.Building lot and truck garden.2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 28' x 38' stuccoed wooden-  
frame 2-storeyed 9-roomed Dwelling. Woodshed & bathroom.3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) \$ 1,500.00, Co's name  
unknown, insurance placed through agent Tanaka. Prem abt \$36, expiry  
May/June 1943. Policy at home.4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) Abt \$ 33.00 p.a. 1941 paid. Township  
of Richmond, B.C.5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. Land Registry Office New Westminster, B.C. None

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST. None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION. 2590 Eton St., Vancouver, B.C.  
Wooden frame 2-storied 7 roomed dwelling.  
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS. Mr. Shigeru Hamaura (son) same address

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID. Rent free.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE. None

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN. None

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

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

Left at Declarant's home near Acme Cannery, Burnaby, B.C.:-

Goods as per list attached.

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



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Motaro HAMAURA personal property.  
Registration No. 05294.

2 sets chesterfield.  
2 carpets.  
1 heater  
1 kitchen stove.  
2 tables  
6 spring beds and 1 mattress.  
1 smoking cabinet  
1 electric Singer Sewing Machine.  
1 bookcase.  
1 ice-box  
1 set new world books.  
1 electric range.  
10 chairs.  
1 gas heater.  
1 bureau  
1 barometer.  
1 trunk.  
1 gas stove.  
4 storage battery.  
2 gas lanterns.  
1 sewing machine.

J. R. Swenson



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \$ 500 covered by the same policy as for the house.

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: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

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

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

Dated this 28th day of April, 1942.

*G. H. H. H.*

Witness

(Signature) *M. H. H. H.*

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

*960*



P.D.  
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

July 13/43

Our File No.

6643

Full Name

HAMBURA

Motaro

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

05294

Male - Female  
(check)

Age

Aug 15/1874

Former Address

Acme Cannery, Eburne, B.C.

Date Evacuated

May 22/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

c/o E. Pearson, Picture Butte, Alta.  
c/o Mrs. Lena Hardley,  
Turin, Alta.

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife

at Mrs. SAITO, Chee (dec'd)  
2nd Tames - 06797 present wife

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

dec'd

Name of Father

dec'd

Names of Children under 16

Tokashi (m) 10/4/26

Hideo (m) 30/10/30

Requested by

PO

Registered with Custodian

yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman House + 2 acre  
land (fished as helper to son Kazuo)



File No. 6643

August 20, 1947.

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REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

CATALOGUE NO.: Veterans' Land Act      FILE NO: 6643  
REGN. NO. 05294

JAPANESE NAME: Masitaro HAMAURA

CIVIL ADDRESS: Goulding Road, Sea Island, Mun. of Richmond.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 5, Blk. 2 of Sec. 28, Blk 5 N, Rge. 7 W,  
Map 5884, Mun. of Richmond, Dist of New Westminster.

TITLE: C of T No. 120423E dated 27/April/37, in name of  
Masitaro Hamaura and in possession of Registrar.  
(Conf. LRO Search 29/Dec./42 on file).

STATE OF TITLE: Clear. No judgements. (LRO Search 29/Dec./42)

VESTING: Vested in Custodian 8/Jan./42. Registered 26/Jan./43,  
No. 25347, C of E No. 51013.

DESCRIPTION OF  
PROPERTY: 9 room dwelling of 2 storey stucco, frame, shingle  
roof construction. Land of approximately one-third  
acre cleared. (Mather report 19/May/42)

ASSESSED VALUE: (1942) Land \$250.00, Improvements \$2,530.00,  
Total \$2,780.00, Taxable Value \$1515.00

\*AP PRAISED VALUE: Not disclosed by file.

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SOLD

SOLD TO: The Director, Veterans' Land Act as at 1/Jan./43.

FUNDS: \$2,043.00 being full purchase price received.  
26.81 being unused portion of insurance premiums.  
Less 8.75 being arrears of taxes to 31/Dec./42  
Less 3.00 being cost of registration  
2,058.06 being total credit released to account of  
Hamaura and advised by statement forwarded 14/Apr./44.



**INSURANCE:**

Involved. See Insurance Summary.

**CHATELS:**

Not involved.

**HISTORY OF  
ADMINISTRATION:**

Report by J. D. Mather dated 19/May/42 divulges the land was planted partially in strawberries which had not been cultivated and could be considered as a worthless crop. Therefore, no funds were received or disbursed in this connection.

Hamaura neglected to have the Municipality turn off the water, this was attended to by this office 22/Sept./42.

The property was rented to Cpl. S. L. PRIOR of the RCAF on 15/Oct./42, at a monthly rental of \$20.00, these monies being payable at this office. Initial funds as received were credited to Hamaura's account and used to pay water rates and arrears of taxes for the years 1941 and 1942, until such time as all outstanding charges were paid.

An undated letter received 21/Dec./42 from Prior requested rental date be adjusted to the first of each month, and that payment be made to J. W. Fairhall of 1318 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B. C., as being more convenient for him. These requests granted and Fairhall advised in our letter of 10/Mar./43.

Various requests for an allowance to cover costs of decorating were received from Prior, and correspondence relating thereto appears on file under the following dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 19, May 18, April 7 and June 7, of 1943. Our letter dated 14/June/43, authorizes a deduction from rental in the amount of \$15.00 to cover. An amount of \$1.50 was paid on 5/May/43 to Eburne Sheet Metal and Plumbing Works to cover the cost of a chimney inspection.

All monies derived from rental of this property were credited to Hamaura's account until time of sale to the V. L. A. At this time due to the date of sale being 1/Jan./43, all funds (less adjustments) which accrued to Sept/43, were turned over to V. L. A.

The net proceeds of the sale of this property were released to the open credit of Hamaura and he was provided with a Statement of Sale under date of 14/April/44.

Various sums as per ledger, have been submitted to him upon request and his final credit balance in the amount of \$ 612.88, being funds derived from the sale of this

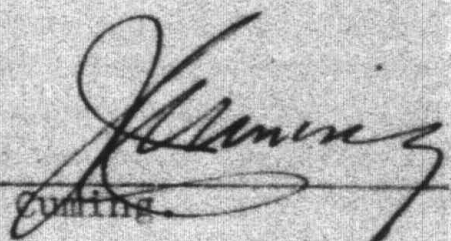


Property and auctions of personal possessions covered in the summaries attached, is forwarded by cheque under covering letter dated 21 Aug 47.

C of T No. 166786E of New Westminster, BC, Land Registry Office received and acknowledged by The Director, The Veterans' Land Act in their communication of 29/Feb/44.

An offer to purchase dated 26/May/43 from C.J. Butterley is on file. He offered \$3,250.00 cash. In the reply dated 31/May/43, he was advised that this office was not in a position to accept the offer at that time, but that he would be advised if it became possible in the future.

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

  
J. Cumming

JC/JWW



August 20, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Motaro HAMAURA  
Regn. No. 05294

Chattels:

An inventory unsigned by Hamaura and undated is on file. An inventory prepared by this office under date of Nov. 24/42 was forwarded to and returned by him with his signature inscribed under date of Dec. 3/42. As this inventory is considered the most complete, same has been taken as the more correct and used as the basis for accounting.

Numerous reference in Bills of Lading to "Ctns. and Boxes of Effects" have been compared with requisitions submitted by Hamaura, and where it may be presumed the articles requested have been forwarded under the aforementioned nomenclature, same has been inscribed on the Chattel Schedule attached hereto.

Specified Articles:

|          |   |                                     |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Boats    | ) |                                     |
| Autos    | ) | NONE DECLARED OR DISCLOSED ON FILE. |
| Firearms | ) |                                     |
| Radios   | ) |                                     |

Bonds:

"None" declared on Form "JP" and none disclosed on file.

Bank Account:

"None" declared on Form "JP" and none disclosed on file.

Life Insurance:

"None" declared on Form "JP" and none disclosed on file.

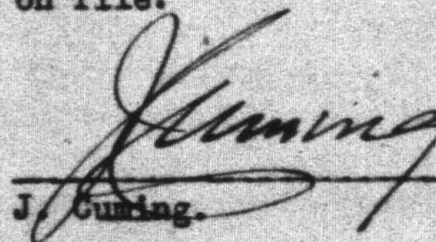
Accounts Receivable:

Declared "nil" on Form "JP".

<sup>BCER</sup>  
A refund of Security Deposit in the amount of \$5.00 was received at this office. This sum was credited to his account and he was advised Feb. 11/43.

No further correspondence on file re accounts receivable.

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

  
J. Cuming.



August 21, 1947.

CHattel ScheduleRe: Motaro HAMADRA  
Regn. No. 05294INVENTORY 24/NOV/42.SOLD/SHIPPEDOTHER DISPOSITION2 Beds & springs  
1 Mattress  
2 Mattresses HM  
2 Bedspreads

Shipped 4/Jan/44

Presumably destroyed.  
Presumably destroyed.  
Presumably shipped in  
"Gtns. effects"1 Mantel clock (spring)  
1 Bell  
1 Dresser  
Sacking stand  
1 clock (spring)  
1 RadioShipped 20/April/44  
Pres. shipped as "pers. effects"  
Shipped 20/April/44  
Shipped 20/April/442 Chas. suites comp  
with four chairs  
1 Ed Chr Heater  
1 Gurney Oxford ck  
rge (sawdust)  
Dining rm table HM  
5 Kitch chairs1 Chas. & 2 chairs shipped  
20/4/44  
Shipped 20/April/44.25 Sawdust Hopper Auction 12/5/44  
1.00 Auction 12/5/44  
5.50 4 shipped 4/Jan/44  
16 sold auction 12/5/44

Rge. unaccounted for.

As this was a 9 rm dwelling,  
it is considered the chairs  
were miscounted.Elec Sew Machine  
1 Ice Box HM  
1 Bk case bamboo  
Singer Sew Machine  
1 Table HM  
2 Riding lights  
1 Spotlight  
20' Evy Elec cord  
Auto horn (old)  
Hand saw  
Lge sheet galv iron  
10 Vol World BkShipped 20/April/44  
14.00 Auction 12/5/44  
.50 Auction 12/5/44  
2.25 Auction 12/5/44  
1.25 Auction 12/5/44  
Pres. shipped Req. 13/4/44  
Pres. shipped Req. 13/4/44  
2.10 4 sold auction 12/5/44  
Shipped April 20/44  
Pres. shipped See Req.  
17/Nov/43

C. HIRAI, File No. 532

Unaccounted for

Presumably shipped in  
"Gtns. effects"  
File 532, HIRAI1 Trunk (cont unkn)  
Egeroroll Linoleum  
4 Beds & springsShipped 4/Jan/44  
2 Bds shipped 12/Feb/44  
1 Bds shipped Apr./44

Unaccounted for

2 glass door slides for  
showcase  
200' V-joint flooring  
2 Mattresses  
6 Pictures (framed)Presumed sold (letter 7/9/44)  
1 shipped April/44.  
.60 3 sold auction 12/5/44  
Presumed shipped Req. 17/Nov/43  
2.25 3 Sold auction 12/5/44  
Shipped April/44

Unaccounted for

1 X-cut saw  
Gtn. (pers off & pic)  
11 One qt. sealers  
Box dishes & pers offPers off shipped Apr/44  
Auction 12/5/44 listed kitch  
utensils



|                                 |      |                                  |                                          |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 Coleman gas ltn.              |      | Presumed shipped Req. 17/Nov/43  |                                          |
| 1 Coleman gas stove             | .50  | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| Elec toaster (new)              |      | Presumed shipped Req. 13/Apr/44  |                                          |
| 1 Phonograph (spring)           |      | Presumed shipped Req. 13/4/44    |                                          |
| 1 Phonograph (Elec)             |      | Presumed shipped Req. 27/Mar./44 |                                          |
| Ctn. pers off                   |      | Shipped April/44                 |                                          |
| 1 8-gal crock                   | 2.75 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| 2 ctas salmon net thread        |      | Presumed shipped Req. 17/Nov/43  |                                          |
| Tool box (tools & also<br>saw)  |      |                                  | HIRAI, File 532                          |
| Beam scale                      | 4.75 | 1 shipped April/44               |                                          |
|                                 |      | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| 5 pr curtains                   |      | Shipped April/44                 |                                          |
| 2 rolls linoleum                |      | 1 shipped 14/Feb/44              |                                          |
|                                 |      | 1 shipped April/44               |                                          |
| Elec ck rge (Wahne)             | 5.00 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| 2 boxes (cont unkn)             |      | 1 Ctn dishes shipped 14/Feb/44   |                                          |
| Lge Kitch Cupboard              |      |                                  | 3 HM cupboards left in house<br>Inv. 486 |
| Wash board (glass)              |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| Kitch Utensils (few)            | 9.40 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| Boat Box Boat Eng Pts           |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| 2 Pike poles                    | .25  | 1 Pike pole Auction 12/5/44      |                                          |
|                                 |      | 2 Fishpicks Auction 12/5/44      |                                          |
| Pair oars                       |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| Fish net HM                     |      | Presumed shipped Req 17/Nov/43   |                                          |
| Shovel (old)                    |      |                                  | Presumably discarded                     |
| 2 Spades                        |      | Presumed shipped Req 13/4/44     |                                          |
| Builders jack                   | 5.25 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| Fish net roller                 |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| Coal-oil ltns.                  | 1.00 | 5 Sold Auction 12/5/44           |                                          |
| Floats & sinkers                | 3.00 | Sold auction "Net Buoys" 14/8/44 |                                          |
| 50' Garden hose                 |      | Presumably sold with gdn tools   |                                          |
| Small qty paint                 |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| Boat propellor & parts          |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| 2 galv water tanks for<br>boats | 1.25 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| 3 Gaff hooks                    |      |                                  | Unaccounted for                          |
| 200' 1/2" hemp line             |      | 1 Roll shipped 12/Feb/44         |                                          |
| 50' 1 1/2" rope                 |      |                                  | Pres. sold with anchors<br>14/Aug/44     |
| 5 Gal crock & galv pail         | 2.50 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| Iron Pots                       | 5.10 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| 4 Pels. Garden tools            | 3.70 | Auction 12/5/44                  |                                          |
| Peavy                           | 1.00 |                                  |                                          |
| 1 Anchor 30 lbs.                | 4.00 | Sold 14/8/44                     |                                          |
| 1 Anchor small                  | .50  | Sold 14/8/44                     |                                          |
| Drag hook                       | .60  | Auction 29/6/45                  |                                          |
| 1 Canning machine               |      | Shipped 14/Feb/44                |                                          |
| 1 Auto Battery                  |      | Shipped 20/April/44              |                                          |
| 1 Ice cream freezer (Icebox?)   |      | Pres. shipped Req 17/11/43       |                                          |







August 21, 1947.

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

Re: Notaro HAMAURA  
Regn. No. 05294

Hamaura declared \$1,500.00 expiring May/June 1943. Policy No. and Company involved not known.

Information supplied by McGregor, Johnston and Thomas Limited, Vancouver, B. C., disclosed the above policy to be # 927/193940 of the North West Fire Insurance Company, face value \$2,000.00, expiring 1/May/43.

On expiration of the above, a policy No. 685510, value \$2,000.00, was placed with North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, being \$1,500.00 on the house and \$500.00 on the chattels.

On sale of this property to V.L.A., the insurance was cancelled and the unused portion of the premium paid, \$2.40, was credited to Hamaura.

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



J. Cumming.

JC/JJW







File No. 6643

August 21, 1947.

NET SUMMARY

Re; Motaro HAMAURA  
Regn. No. 05294

A letter from his son, S. Hamaura, (file 6644), is on file under date of 18/April/44 in which he stated nets were stored at Knight Inlet Cannery.

Enquiry revealed in a letter dated 5/May/44 from the Cannery that the nets were of no value at that time due to deterioration.

The above information was conveyed to Motaro Hamaura on 27/May/44, and no further correspondence is disclosed.

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

  
J. Cuming.

JC/JJW



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March 21st, 1951

Mr. Motaro HAMAUURA,  
P. O. Box 11,  
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Distribution is now being made from the  
assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98  
per share. You were the holder of 5 shares and payment  
to you is as follows:

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 5 shares                 | \$ 169.89     |
| Less previously advanced | <u>125.00</u> |
|                          | \$ 44.89      |

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached  
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

*C. H. Reed*  
C. H. Reed  
Office of the Custodian

CHR:HK  
Encl.



August 21, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Motaro HAMAMURA,  
Regn. No. 03794,  
P. O. Box 100,  
Picture Butte, Alberta.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | SEP 5 1947 |
| File No.           |            |
| Ans.               |            |
| Refer              |            |

Dear Sir:

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

Attached hereto our cheque in the amount of  
\$412.55 being final balance of monies held to your credit at  
this office. Statement of account is omitted as a full statement  
was rendered you Feb. 7, 1943.

We take this opportunity to advise you that in  
future all transactions between yourself and a second party should  
be dealt with directly without reference to this office.

To ensure your receipt of the above-mentioned  
cheque, will you please sign and date the duplicate copy of this  
letter and return same in the stamped, self-addressed envelope en-  
closed for your convenience.

Yours truly,

*J. G. Gilling*  
J. G. Gilling  
Office of The Custodian

JG/237  
Encl. 2

Received on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1947

M. Hamamura



August 20, 1947.

MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE  
FROM: J. Cuming

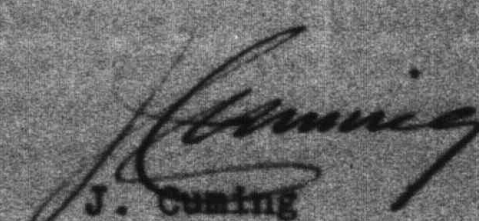
RE: Mitsuo HAMAURA  
Regn. No. 05294  
File No. 12547

Motaro Hamaura's son Mitsuo was a patient in a Provincial Government T.B. Sanatorium. Date of admittance, according to statement of account received and on file of Mitsuo under date of 15 Apr 43, is given as 18 Nov 40 with date of discharge 30 Mar 43. The liability in this instance amounted to \$1,545.00.

A 'phone call to RCMP Japanese Section (Cuming to Mrs I Scobie) on 20 Aug 47 elicited the information that Mitsuo, upon ceasing to be a patient in the above-mentioned sanatorium, had been evacuated to the New Denver Hospital and was as of date of this letter still a patient in that institution.

Prior to forwardance of the balance of monies held to the credit of the father Motaro HAMAURA, file 6643, a 'phone call to the Collector of Institutional Revenue, Court House, Vancouver, BC, (Cuming to clerk) was made to ascertain whether the father had subscribed to an undertaking to pay all or part of the costs of hospitalization. The answer being in the negative, final balance of account held by the Custodian was released to Motaro Hamaura.

In the case of Mitsuo HAMAURA, file 12547, perusal of his file indicates that he has no funds or tangible assets. Being of age prior to date of admission, the liability is one for which he is alone responsible.

  
J. Cuming  
Admin. Department

JC/..



File No. 6643

Reg. No. - 05294

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| EVACUATION SECTION |                 |
| AUG 15 1947        |                 |
| Rec'd.             |                 |
| File No.           | 6643            |
| Ans.               |                 |
| Referred           | <i>Pygmying</i> |

Aug. 12/47

Y. E. Pearson

Picture - Bulle  
etc.

Dear Sir:-

As it has been a long time since I drew  
out \$500 from my account of sale of my estate.  
Right now I'm pretty hard up so would  
you mind sending me the rest of its balance  
that is left (~~from~~) from my sale of estate.  
Please send it to me at your earliest  
convenient moment. If you can't send it  
to me, please send me a answer, but I hope  
you could send it to me. ~~Thank~~

Yours Truly

H. Homama

P. S. I think there is a balance of  
\$612.88 left my sale of estate.

~~Our~~ Our former address was Turin, Ill.  
but since then we have moved to  
address as above.



File 6643

Reg. 05294

Box 43

EVACUATION SECTION

REC'D APR 11 1948

FILE NO.

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TO R/M.

ALTA.

Dear Sir. — *Lester*

You have already sent us  
a sum of \$1,000 for the  
payment of my property  
which was sold for \$2,27.<sup>45</sup>.  
We still got \$1,127.<sup>45</sup> coming  
from your department.

So if possible please send  
us the balance or if you  
can't send the balance, please  
send <sup>under</sup> \$500 to keep us  
going till we get our  
first sugar <sup>but</sup> check which  
will be around 1st of July.



If you are going to <sup>send</sup> the  
balance of \$500 please  
transfer it to the Royal  
Bank of Canada in Lethbridge  
as soon as possible.

Yours Truly  
M. Hornum



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January 22nd, 1946.

Mr. Motaro HAMAUURA,  
Registration No. 05294,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of January 17th, we are today forwarding to the Royal Bank of Canada, Lethbridge, the Custodian's cheque in the amount of \$500.00 to be credited to your account.

As stated before, it is impossible to forward the balance of your account until your file has been completely reviewed. We will notify you immediately when the transfer of your account has been made.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department

GP:DMcI.



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*Registered*

January 22nd, 1946.

The Royal Bank of Canada,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:      Re: Motaro HAMAURA  
Registration No. 05294  
Turin, Alberta

On December 26th, 1945, you  
returned the enclosed cheque as the  
above named Japanese did not maintain  
an account with you. We understand now,  
however, that he is opening an account  
and will you kindly deposit the cheque  
in the amount of \$500.00 to his credit.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department

GP:DMcI.  
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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 5151

PLEASE REFER TO

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

January 2, 1946.

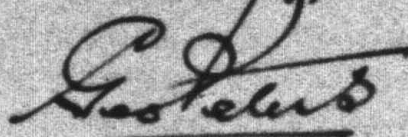
Mr. Motaro HAMAURO,  
Registration No. 05294,  
P. O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from you on November 21, 1945 requesting us to forward a sum of money to the Royal Bank of Canada in Lethbridge, Alberta. On December 20, 1945 we forwarded to the above mentioned bank a cheque in the amount of \$500.00 to be credited to your account with the bank. We are in receipt of a letter from The Royal Bank of Canada in Lethbridge advising us that they have no account in your name at their bank.

We will hold the returned cheque until you write to advise us that you have made arrangements to open an account with the above mentioned bank. The cheque will again be forwarded to be credited to your account.

Yours truly,



George Peters,  
Administration Department.

hbc

Jan. 17/46.

Dear Sir:  
Please send the money, which was to be transferred to the Royal Bank of Canada. As we will open an account before you send it to the bank. If possible we would like you to transfer all the money that's being held by the Custodian.

Thank you  
Yours truly,  
M. Hamauro



6643

January 2, 1946.

Mr. Motaro HAMAMURA,  
Registration No. 05294,  
P. O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

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George Peters,  
Administration Department.

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The Royal Bank of Canada

*Lethbridge, Alta.*

Please address  
all communications  
to the Manager

Refer to file

|                    |             |
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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | DEC 29 1945 |
| File No.           | 6643        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           | <i>etc.</i> |

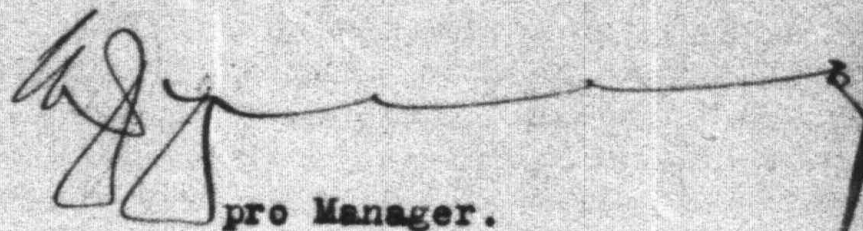
December 26, 1945

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

Dear Sirs:

We are returning herewith your cheque NO.9283  
for \$500.00 enclosed with your letter of December 20th.  
It is regretted that the payee does not maintain an  
account here nor have we any knowledge of his where-  
abouts.

Yours truly,

  
pro Manager.



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December 20, 1945.

Mr. Eotaro HAMURA,  
Registration No. 05204,  
P. O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We are forwarding this date a cheque for your credit  
to the Royal Bank of Canada in Lethbridge, Alberta in the amount of  
\$510.00.

After deducting the above amount your present credit  
balance is \$1,112.00. As we find it is impossible to revise your file  
until the first part of the new year your balance remaining with the  
Custodian will be forwarded as soon as this is completed.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department.

etc

cc: Dept. of Labour,  
Immigration Division.



6643

November 30, 1945.

Mr. Motaro HAMAUURA,  
Reg. No. 05294,  
P.O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date with reference to the balance of your account with the Custodian.

We regret that we have not been able to review your file up to the present time but as soon as this can be done the balance will be transferred as requested to the Royal Bank of Canada in Lethbridge.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department.

GP:AS

1612.88  
500.00  
1112.88



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| EVACUATION SECTION |  |
| NOV 21 1945        |  |
| 6643               |  |
| Peters             |  |

Motaro Homma  
Reg. No. 05294  
P.O. Box 43  
Foster, Tenn.  
Alb.

Dear Sir,

sent to you

I have heard from you since you  
sent me that five hundred dollars as a  
first payment from my property that  
was sold under you. As you have said  
in your last letter, that when my file  
is fully checked, you would send me  
the rest of the balance or transfer the balance  
to the Royal Bank of Canada in Little Rock.  
I am very anxious to know if you  
have finished checking my file and could  
send me the rest of balance or part of it  
at your earliest convenient moment.

Yours Truly  
M. Homma.

P.S. Please send me a reply to this  
letter at your earliest moment.



File note- 6643  
Reg. No. 05294

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| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | OCT 1 1945 |
| File No.           | 6643       |
| Ans.               |            |
| Referred           | Peter      |

Sept. 25/45

P.O. Box 43  
Laurin, Alta

Dear Sir:

I received your enclosed cheque  
a sum of \$500 which you sent  
to me last Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

As you have advised us regarding  
the bank you might transfer  
the rest of the balance.

Well, when you have fully cleared  
over the affairs please transfer  
the rest of balance to the

Royal Bank of Canada in Lethbridge.  
Please send us a note when you  
have transferred this balance.

Yours Truly  
M. Homma



6643

July 27, 1945.

Mr. Eotaro KANEKURA,  
Reg. No. 03294,  
c/o Mrs. Lam Handley,  
Tarin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from the B.C.  
Security Commission stating that you wish the balance of  
funds on hand with the Commission to be forwarded to you.

This office desires to make a complete review  
of your file in order to report fully concerning your affairs.  
This review will cause a little delay, but in the meantime  
we enclose a cheque in your favour for \$500.00 which we trust  
will meet your present needs.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this  
cheque and at the same time advise us regarding the bank to  
which we might conveniently transfer your balance for your  
credit. This balance will be transferred as soon as your  
file is reviewed.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department.

ME:AM  
encl.



6643

February 3rd, 1945.

Mr. Motaro HAMAURA,  
Reg. No. 05294,  
Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 31st and as regards the sale of your property this was disposed of to the Director, Veterans' Land Act (Soldier Settlement Board) and according to our file a detailed statement was sent to you on April 14th, 1944 which showed that the property was sold for \$2043.00 and that after adjustments had been made you had a credit balance in your account of \$2032.68.

We enclose copies of auctioneering lists giving particulars of chattels sold by auction to date as follows:

|                                |   |             |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Auction List, Steveston No. 13 | - | \$51.37 net |
| " " " No. 17                   | - | 4.06 "      |
| " " " No. 18                   | - | 109.00 "    |

and a statement of your account subsequent to the sale of your property is also enclosed from which you will observe there is a credit balance in your account of \$2127.45. Of this amount it will be necessary to retain the sum of \$50.00 to take care of legal fees in connection with the sale of your property, and in this connection we would refer you to the last paragraph of the statement dated April 14th, 1944 mentioned above.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,  
Administration Department

PD/ER  
Encs.



Box 43,  
Turin, Alta.  
Jan 31, 1945

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

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| EVACUATION SECTION |        |
| RECEIVED           | 2 1945 |
| 6643               |        |
| J. D. Smith        |        |
| M. K. Smith        |        |

Dear Sir:

Regarding our Properties and  
all our belongings that were  
sold or auctioned.

We would be very glad,  
if you will send us a statement  
of how much the things sold.

42127-45

Yours very truly,  
M. Hamstra



MEMORANDUM

File No. 6643

September 7th, 1944

TO: FILE

FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

Re: HAMAUARA, M.

Receipt for \$35.78 for lumber sold to the B. C.  
Packers Limited is on file 3389 as the same receipt  
includes the amount received for lumber sold which  
was owned by Mr. M. Tishima.

REM/MHG

*R.B.M.*



6643

May 27th, 1944.

Mr. D. C. Archibald,  
c/o B. C. Security Commission,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Re: HAMAUURA, Shigeru #03771  
HAMAUURA, Motaro #05294

The B. C. Security Commission here have sent us a letter signed by Mr. A. Wright addressed to Mr. Eastwood asking for some information about this man's nets stored at the Knight Inlet Cannery. *(Shigeru)*

We cannot trace receiving any query from Mr. Shigeru Hamaura about these nets nor were they ever declared to the Custodian, although he did send us a net form in March last year which appears to have been overlooked. We recently, however, had such an enquiry from Motaro Hamaura also living in Turin, Alberta. We looked up our records and answered on May 10th as per copy enclosed. On checking more carefully, however, we see that the equipment referred to really belonged to Shigeru Hamaura, and Motaro Hamaura apparently had no equipment at Knight Inlet. From our enclosure, you will see that there appears to be nothing more to be done in either case.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Enc.

HFG:IF



6643

May 10th, 1944

The A. B. C. Packers Ltd.,  
Knight Inlet Cannery,  
Knight Inlet, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Attention Mr. Matthews

Re: Motaro HAMAUURA

Many thanks for yours of May 5th. On further checking our records, we see that you wrote to this office in April 1942 at that time putting the value of \$83.00 on this man's equipment. We cannot trace ever having answered this letter, due we believe, to uncertainty about our policy at that time, but were under the impression that you were able to make fairly satisfactory arrangements direct with all the Japanese. In this man's case, he owed you \$124.00 for nets and apparently, therefore, had no equity.

no further details  
on letter 5-11-44  
10-5-44, original  
on G. 89

As his equipment will now be doubtless deteriorated, we consider that there is no point in shipping it down to us here where it would be no more likely, we imagine, to fetch a price. Unless, therefore, you see any prospect of securing any return at all, we suggest that you scrap it. We are writing to the Japanese to this effect.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF



NAME W. H. HARRIS, Esq.

REGISTRATION NO. 05294

FILE NO. 6643

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevenson, B. C. on August 11, 1944.

2 Iron Pots and sundries  
Galv. Can  
Galv. Pail and Steam Jug  
Sundries

\$ 0.25 -  
0.50 -  
0.50 -  
0.25 -

Total

\$ 1.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee \$0.15  
Advertising 0.08  
Moving 0.18

\$ 0.41

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.09

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevenson 18

Remarks

*Original sent to Evacuee File 3740*

1.50  
5.25  
67.65  
74.40



NAME HAMAURA, Motaro

REGISTRATION NO. 05294

FILE NO. 6643

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevenson, D. C. on July 14, 1943.

Wagon Jack

\$ 5.25 -

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.52  
(Advertising: 0.19  
(Moving: 0.48

Net Proceeds Credited:

|    |             |
|----|-------------|
| \$ |             |
| \$ | 5.25        |
|    | <u>1.19</u> |
| \$ | <u>4.06</u> |

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevenson 17.

Remarks

*Orig. sent to Bureau Feb 2/44*



NAME HAMAGRA, Notary

REGISTRATION NO. 05294

FILE NO. 643

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevaston, B. C. on June 29, 1945.

Drag hook \$ 0.60

|                        |                            |         |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Total                  | (Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.60 |
| Less Expenses:         | (Advertising) 0.03         | \$ 0.37 |
|                        | (Moving) 0.08              |         |
| Net Proceeds Credited: |                            | \$ 0.43 |

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevaston 36.

Remarks.



NAME HAMAUHA, Motaro

REGISTRATION NO. 05294

FILE NO. 6643

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at Steveston, B.C. on May 12, 1944.

|                                    | Brought Forward | \$       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| ✓ 5 Gallon crock & galvanised pail |                 | 33.90    |
| Iron Pot                           |                 | 2.50 -   |
| Iron Pot                           |                 | 1.50 -   |
| ✓ Book Shelf                       |                 | 1.00 -   |
| Small galley stove                 |                 | 0.50 -   |
| ✓ Square Dining Table              |                 | 0.50 -   |
| ✓ 3 Kitchen chairs                 |                 | 1.00 -   |
| ✓ 6 Kitchen chairs                 |                 | 1.50 -   |
| ✓ 5 Kitchen chairs                 |                 | 1.50 -   |
| ✓ Ice Box                          |                 | 2.50 -   |
| ✓ Electric Westinghouse (3 stove?) |                 | 14.00 -  |
| ✓ Round Dining Table               |                 | 5.00 0 - |
|                                    |                 | 2.25 -   |

Total

\$67.65

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$6.77  
 (Advertising: 3.14  
 (Moving: 6.37)

\$16.28

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$51.37

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston 13

Remarks.

*Original sent to Evance Feb 2/44*



NAME HAMURA, Notary

REGISTRATION NO. 05294

FILE NO. 6643

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on May 12, 1944

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| ✓ Bundle of garden tools   | \$ 1.00 - |
| Bundle of garden tools     | 1.10 -    |
| Bundle of garden tools     | 0.60 -    |
| ✓ Heavy                    | 1.00 -    |
| Garden tools               | 1.00 -    |
| ✓ Cross cut saw            | 0.75 -    |
| ✓ Cross cut saw            | 1.00 -    |
| ✓ Cross cut saw            | 0.50 -    |
| ✓ Pike pole & 2 fish picks | 0.25 -    |
| ✓ Heavy                    | 1.00 -    |
| ✓ 5 lanterns               | 1.00 -    |
| ✓ 2 Water tanks            | 1.25 -    |
| ✓ 2 Hand saws              | 1.00 -    |
| ✓ 2 Hand saws              | 1.10 -    |
| ✓ Marine spot light        | 1.25 -    |
| ✓ Rubber coat & pants      | 1.25 -    |
| ✓ 3 Framed pictures        | 0.60 -    |
| ✓ 8 Gallon crock           | 2.75 -    |
| ✓ Chinaware                | 2.50 -    |
| ✓ Chinaware                | 1.60 -    |
| ✓ Chinaware                | 1.25 -    |
| ✓ 2 Stone crocks           | 0.25 -    |
| ✓ Iron Pot                 | 1.10 -    |
| ✓ Iron pot & pail          | 1.50 -    |
| ✓ Sawdust hopper           | 0.25 -    |
| ✓ 2 Stone Jugs             | 0.30 -    |
| ✓ 2 Boiling kettles        | 2.00 -    |
| ✓ Table scale              | 4.75 -    |
| Total                      | \$ 33.90  |
| Less Expenses:             | \$        |
| Net Proceeds Credited:     | \$        |

~~Members of Custodian Staff Present.~~

~~Extracted from Auctioneering List No.~~

~~Remarks:~~



6643

*File*

May 10th, 1944.

Mr. Motaro HAMAUURA,  
Reg. No. 05294,  
Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

On receipt of yours of April 18th, we referred this matter to the Knight Inlet Cannery and received their advice that the nets were at the Cannery still, but were of no value to them. They say they made an offer at the time of evacuation, but no arrangements were finalized.

On further reference to our files, we find that in April 1942, the Knight Inlet Cannery wrote that they held for you the following articles.

1 Pair Lines.....\$30.00  
1 Dinghy and Oar.. No value  
4  $\frac{3}{4}$  stove wood.... 38.00  
1 Sockeye Web..... 15.00  
3 Lbs. Net Dye.... No value

No,  
S. Hamaura  
presumably  
Shigem 6644.

At the same time they advised us that you owed \$124.00 for nets sold to you and we, therefore, assumed that you had no further equity in such equipment as remained at their end.

Under these circumstances, we do not think there is anything further we can do for you in this connection.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IP



MEMORANDUM

File 6643

May 9, 1944.

To: Mr. Harris

From: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: HANUBA, Motaro - Reg. 05294

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the above on May 6th, asking for shipment of some goods.

Some of these goods appear on your List No. 486 which were removed from Prior's House to No. 3 Warehouse Auction Room on May 4, such as 6 Kitchen chairs, Cross cut Saw etc. The other articles asked for are probably still in the Prior House.

Please see what you can do in getting these things together and shipping them.

There is also a table cover and a square shovel asked for on Custodian Release dated April 4 which should be picked up at the same time.

RM/pls  
Encl.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
COMPANY'S AGENTS  
H. BELL-IRVING & CO., LTD.  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

**THE ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY**  
(LIMITED)

Knight Inlet

Cannery

May 5th

19 44.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | MAY 8 1944 |
| File No.           | 6643       |
| Ans.               |            |
| Referred           | Green      |

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

- Attention Mr. H. F. Green -

Dear Sir:-

Regarding your letter, file 6643, re Motaro Hamaura,  
we beg to state these nets are at this cannery but  
are of no value to us here. Please advise if we  
should ship these down to you.

At the time of the evacuation, we made an offer for  
these nets and had no reply until your letter of April  
24th, 1944. These two pieces of web are now deterior-  
ated to a certain extent and we cannot find any sale  
for them. These are the only two pieces of web we have  
belonging to the Japanese.

Yours truly,

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd.  
KNIGHT INLET CANNERY

PER [Signature]  
MANAGER

G.



C O P Y

Box 43, Turin, Alta.,  
May 3, 1944.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We have received our shipments by Freight from Vancouver.

Regarding the things that were stored in our house at the  
Acme Cannery, Eburne, B. C.

We have noticed that the following articles listed below  
were missing, when we received our shipments.

So will you please kindly look for it in our house, or ask  
our tenant who is living in our house about it (probably they  
might be using some of the things listed below).

| Quantity | Articles                                                                                  |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2        | Pillows for Chesterfield in Green or Blue Rayon Cloth,<br>(Rectangular shape)             |
| 2        | Table Cloths - colours - Yellow & Pick or Red.                                            |
| 1        | Linoleum Table oil cloth - Colour Walnut Brown.(which<br>was set on Kithcen Round Table). |
|          | Some Phonograph Records - English & Japanese.                                             |
| 6        | Kitchen Chairs - Walnut Brown.                                                            |
| 1        | Buck saw (red wooden handle)                                                              |
| 1        | Hand saw - Cross cut Saw                                                                  |
| 1        | Japanese Doll in Rectangular Glass Box                                                    |
| 1        | Chrome Cover for "Good Cheer" Heater Top.                                                 |
|          | Some Fishing net Sinkers                                                                  |

Please send the articles listed to the above address. We  
will pay the amount required for freight to the B. C. Security  
Commission at Lethbridge, as we did on our last shipment.

Yours truly,

M. Hamaura.



6643

April 24, 1944.

The Manager,  
Knight Inlet Cannery,  
Knight Inlet, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

The writer was under the impression that all Japanese nets at your end had been liquidated, but we have now had an inquiry from the above re the following, stated to have been left at your end:

200 fa. of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh  
400 fa. of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh

He asks that these be sold and if you still have them and can obtain any reasonable prices, we should be very grateful if you would do so and send us your cheque payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG/ms



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| EVACUATION SECTION |                     |
| Rec'd              | APR 20 1944         |
| File No.           | 6644                |
| Ans.               |                     |
| Referred           | <i>Section Head</i> |

*Box 35,  
Tulsa, Okla.  
April 18/44.*

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.

*Referred to L.J. Carr  
24-4-44*

Dear Sirs:

I have the following gill-nets  
at Knight Inlet Cannery, Knight  
Inlet, B.C.

(a) 200 fathoms of 5 1/2 mesh.

(b) 400 " " 6 1/2 mesh.

I should like to have these nets  
sold by Custodian. So will you  
please tell the Knight Inlet Cannery  
who is in charge of these nets to  
send it to the Custodian at  
Vancouver.

Yours truly,

*S. Hamura*



MEMORANDUM

File 6643

April 18, 1944.

To: Mr. Mackenzie

From: Mr. Harris

Re: Motorama HAMAURA

Chattels shipped today by Richmond Transfer Company to the above include:

- ✓1 Chesterfield suite (wine colour)
- ✓1 Heater
- ✓1 Snoker
- ✓1 Wall Clock
- ✓1 Sewing Machine
- ✓1 Dresser
- ✓1 Car Battery

GMR/pls



Canada

# DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

## OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

### JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 6643

Reg. No. 95294

506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

APR 14 1944

Mr. Motaro HAMAURA,  
P. O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Burna, B. C.  
Lot 5 Block 2 of Sec. 28 Block 5 North  
Range 7 West Map 5884, D. of N. W.,  
Mun. of Richmond, C. of E. 51013.

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

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

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

|                                                     |           |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Sale price of above described property              | - - - - - | \$ 2043.00 ✓      |
| Add:                                                |           |                   |
| Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943 | - - - - - | 26.81             |
|                                                     |           | <u>2069.81</u>    |
| Less:                                               |           |                   |
| Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942                  | - - - - - | \$ 8.75           |
| Registration fee                                    | - - - - - | 3.00              |
| Encumbrance—Principal                               | - - - - - |                   |
| —Interest                                           | - - - - - | 11.75             |
| Net proceeds of sale                                | - - - - - | <u>\$ 2058.06</u> |

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

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,  
Director.



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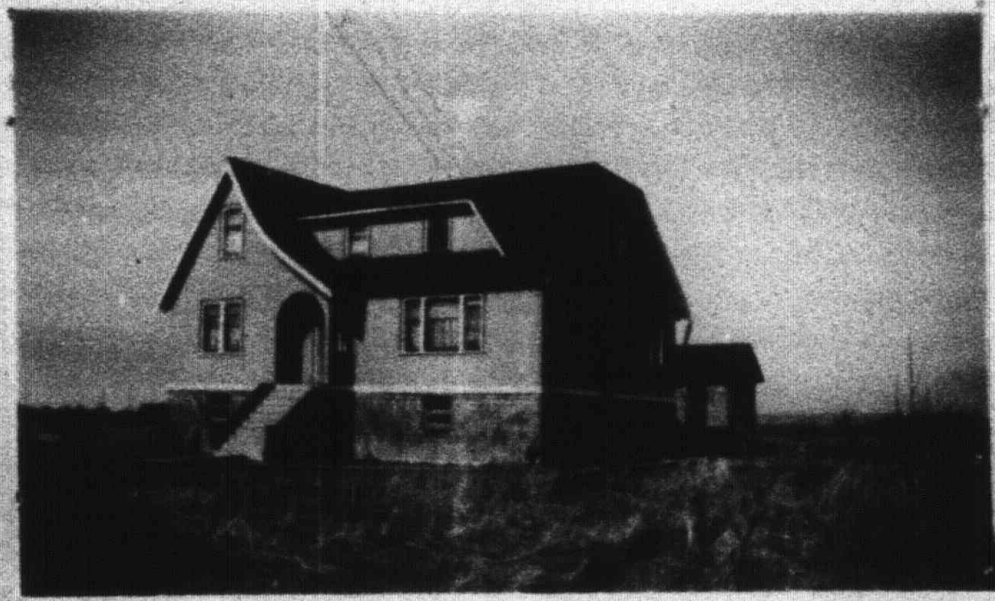
RP  
4

Name: Motaro HAMAURA

File: 6643

Date Taken: March, 1943.

Place: Richmond



The exterior of this house is finished with pink stucco.

Interior is nicely finished in natural wood and paper.

The house is only a few years old and modern.



BC-593-P  
BC-274-0

BC/593-P  
BC/274-B

Page 1

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

# Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.734

Land Description Lot 5 of subdivision of Lot 2 of portion of Sec. 28, Blk. 5N,  
Rge. 7W, Map 5889. Sea Island.

(No house number)

Containing 0.408 Acres

Owner's Name HAMAURA, Motaro

Post Office Address Eburne P.O., B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Marpole, B.C.E.Rly.

Distance 4 miles.

Market Town Vancouver

Distance 10 "

Church (give denomination) All within 4 miles

Distance

Nearest School Bridgeport (school bus)

Distance 4 "

State how property was identified: Iron posts, map and road.

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

Yes; it fronts on Goulding Road; 40' dirt road.

Is this district a good one? Yes; good farming Island.

Employment opportunity Varied; fishing, canneries, farms & Vancouver industrial.

Predominating Nationality and religion: British, Protestant.

Describe Fencing and its condition: North line wire only.

Value \$

Water supply: City water.

Value \$

## BUILDINGS ON FARM

| BUILDINGS  | DIMENSIONS | MATERIAL         | HEIGHT | ROOF  | AGE | Foundation | REPAIR | VALUATION |
|------------|------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----|------------|--------|-----------|
| HOUSE      | 39 x 39    | Frame,<br>stucco | 18     | Shgl. | 2   | Concrete   | Good   | \$2500.00 |
| Cabin      | 10 x 14    | Frame            | 9      | "     | 2   | Wood       | "      | 40.00     |
| BARN       | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
| BARN       | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
| CHICKENARY | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |
|            | x          |                  |        |       |     |            |        |           |

Electric light installed.

Total present day value \$ 2540.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm

\$ 2000.00

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

habitable? Closely boarded up; made inquiry from Mrs. Montgomery in residence

on Lot 1. She has been inside many times.

\$

Describe the basement and chimneys: Full basement; brick chimney to ground.  
Earth or concrete floor, not able to verify.

No. rooms downstairs? est. 5 Upstairs? est. 3 How finished Well papered over wood or  
Has toilet. plaster.

Are buildings painted? House, yes. Condition of paint Very good.

Distance from nearest bush All clear.

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



| ACRES                                                                                                | LEVEL, UNDULATING,<br>ROLLING OR HILLY           | SOIL<br>(State Depth)   | SUB-<br>SOIL                                      | KIND AND<br>QUALITY OF CROP        | VALUE<br>PER ACRE            | TOTAL             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 0.408                                                                                                | Flat                                             | Silty clay<br>10" to 1' | Good<br>clay.                                     | Was strawberries,<br>now wild hay. | \$200.                       | \$81.60           |
| Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.                                   |                                                  |                         |                                                   |                                    |                              |                   |
|                                                                                                      | LEVEL, UNDULATING,<br>ROLLING OR HILLY           | SOIL<br>(State Depth)   | SUB-<br>SOIL                                      |                                    | VALUE<br>PER ACRE            |                   |
| Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber,<br>stones, drainage, etc. |                                                  |                         |                                                   |                                    |                              |                   |
|                                                                                                      | LEVEL, UNDULATING,<br>ROLLING OR HILLY           | SOIL<br>(State Depth)   | SUB-<br>SOIL                                      | NATURE OF<br>RECLAMATION NECESSARY | RECLAMATION<br>COST PER ACRE | VALUE<br>PER ACRE |
| Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.                                                                     |                                                  |                         |                                                   |                                    |                              |                   |
|                                                                                                      | CHARACTER OF LAND E. G.<br>HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY. |                         | NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY<br>AND WHETHER MARKETABLE |                                    | VALUE OF LAND<br>PER ACRE    |                   |

Total value of Land \$ 81.60

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$2000.00

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

Total value of farm \$2081.60

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:  
Vacated this spring. Securely boarded up top and bottom. Wild hay now covers the lot.

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

Noxious weeds: Not in evidence.

Give approximate detail and Corporation of Township or Richmond.  
amount of all annual taxes and Taxes:  
names of Taxing Authorities: Arrears (1941) \$6.00. 1942 - \$33.97.

Date: August 1st, 1942.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination  
of the whole farm made on the 30 day of July 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"T. GODFREY"

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



# Farm Appraisal Report

HAMAURA, M.

**Remarks:** This small subdivision was made for the Japanese owners. They were all fishermen; some owned packers', others small boats. The settlement has little to recommend it as a home-site tucked close up against the dyke. River frontage<sup>here</sup> is owned by various packing companies who now use their large, old, rough buildings for storage, fishing gear, cans, etc. It is a noisy spot being in direct line with planes taking off from the airport one mile to the east. They roar over here continuously quite low.

There is no fuel on the Island. Lots 6 and 7 adjoining on the west are without buildings.

## (FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

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

## ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

## ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

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

Present Value

|  |    |
|--|----|
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |
|  | \$ |

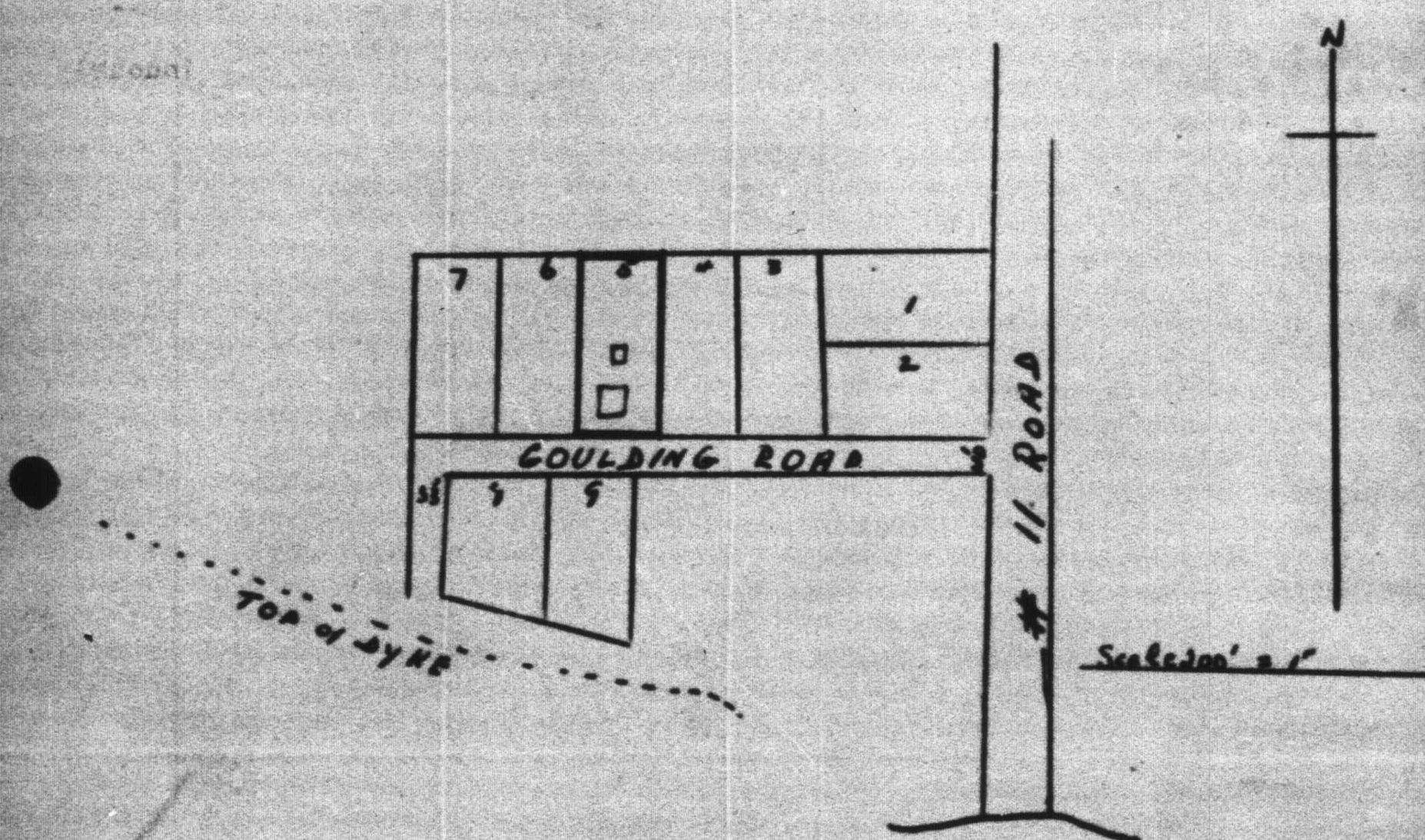
Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$



Diagram of Property

(122000)



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

value is \$ 2000.00

Date 3rd August 19 42

"I. T. BARNET"  
District Superintendent.



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION  
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

EVACUATION SECTION-B  
APR 18 1944  
6643  
Referred *[Signature]*  
Date: *April 15/1944*  
*int to Chu*

Address: *M Hamamura*  
*Bm 43 Turin Alta*

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, *M Hamamura*, Police Registration No. *05294*

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at

*Home Cannery, Vernon B.C.*  
in possession of *M Hamamura* house at *Gouldings road*

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such

articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

*(incl.) (Photograph 12 record) 1 trunk colour green*  
*Electrical treatment set 2 jap tea tray*  
*1 Chesterfield set complete with 2 chair colour (wine)*  
*(atom) 20' heavy ord auto horn 1 large roll of lindenm*  
*Box of dishes Electric toaster Beam scale 2 speed spirit level*  
*2 gal can*

Original Address: *Home Cannery, Vernon B.C.*

Date Evacuated to Present Address: *May # 1942*

Total Number in Family: *6*

CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: *\$ 15.00*

Approved:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: *SG Archibald*

*M. Hamamura*  
(Claimant Signs Here)

Vancouver, B.C., April 17th, 1944.

Mr. C.M. Harris,  
Custodian Agent, Stoveston, B.C.

✓ Custodian of Alien Property, 506 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

You may ship these goods by freight, cartage and freight charges prepaid to our account in the usual manner. Have a \$15.00 deposit.

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

*C.W. Fisher*  
C.W. Fisher  
Transportation

CWS:77



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 6643

April 12th, 1944

To: Mr. Mackenzie

From: Mr. Green

Re: Acme Cannery, Eburne.  
Notaro HAMAURA

Chattels on this file are as per attached list taken by our fieldmen and signed for by the tenant in November 1942. The question of insurance has now come up as per Mr. Gibson's memorandum of April 5th and I think we might consider moving to sale.

I mentioned to Mr. Harris the fact that it might be wise to move these Sea Island houses and he pointed out that the tenants were of rather a poor type and were using the Japanese furniture as they did not themselves own any. Rather than have them move out and leave the premises vacant, it might be wise to remove first all the stored items leaving only a minimum in the house such as kitchen stove, chesterfield, chairs, etc. etc., for which the tenant could sign anew and which could be moved later on at our mutual convenience. So long as the furniture left is restricted to fairly large items such as chesterfield suites in use, and the tenants give them reasonable treatment, not much harm can be done but I certainly think that all small items and those stored, should be promptly liquidated. } \*

Enc.  
HFG:IF

\* No, move everything as we no longer  
responsible for premises



## EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd

APR 8 1944

File No.

6643

Ans.

Referred

Address:

Box 43

## BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

## CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

G-165-B

Date:

April 14/44

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Motaro Homma Police Registration No. 05294

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at

Annie Conney Churne B6  
in possession of

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

Table-cloth Square-shawl

Original Address:

Annie Conney Churne B6

Date Evacuated to Present Address:

Box 43 Jerin alk

Total number in Family:

7

## CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: \$

Approved:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per:

M. Homma  
(Claimant Signs Here)

P.S. Table-cloth is still on kitchen table  
Shawl is at basement

<sup>two</sup> These articles are extra to the list  
of article that I have asked you couple days before

? Shipment already gone  
was here another

- see 11/2/44



## BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

APR 3 1944

British Columbia  
Security Commission

Address:

Box 43  
Jurin Alta

Date:

Mar. 30/44

The Secretary of State, acting in his  
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, Mytaro Homma Police Registration No. 05294  
hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored atAnne Cannery Churne B.C.  
in possession ofand I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such  
articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

iron pan; heater stove; Wall Clock; storage battery;  
 aluminum gas stove; Electric Sewing machine; 1 bed & spring with mat and cover  
 (sinker) pool-chopper; Smoking Stand; 1 Small phonograph  
 electric; aluminum pan; Fish net; Iron guard to fit heater stove  
 Iron net " " " "

Hand Saw.

Original Address:

Anne Cannery Churne B.C.

Date Evacuated to Present Address:

Box 43 Jurin Alta.

Total number in Family:

7

## CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British  
Columbia Security Commission.Deposit received: \$ 15.00

Approved:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per:

Mytaro Homma  
(Claimant Signs Here)

Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1944.

Custodian of Alien Property,  
505 Royal Bank Bldg., VANCOUVER, B.C.Two copies of Release to you. Will ship when sufficient to warrant a special truck  
to Anne Cannery. Although have \$15.00 deposit, do not wish to make a special trip  
as made shipment to this party on Feb. 1944 from Anne. In the meantime, goods should  
be lined up for shipment and not for sale.

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

C. W. Fisher  
C. W. Fisher  
Transportation

CWF:FF

For Mr. Harris Stevenson

P.T.O.



February 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM

To: File 6643

*Goods shipped*

From: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

Re: N. HAMAURA—Reg. No. 05294  
Box 43  
Turin, Alta.

1 crosscut saw

1 bundle rope

1 clock

1 barometer

1 set books

1 ice cream freezer

2 batteries

1 bundle pictures

2 cartons (gas heater)

2 beds

3 springs

1 bundle side irons (4)

10 pr. curtains

(2 gas lanterns?)

(from Priors)

RBM:JS



EVACUATION SECTION  
Rec'd JAN 23 1944  
File No. 6643-6644  
Ans. *M. H. K. K. K.*  
Referred *M. H. K. K. K.*

*6644*  
*Peter Feb*

*Motaro Hamaura*

*Box 43.*

*Turin alto.*

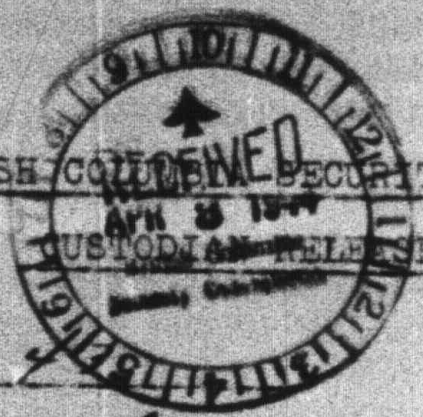
*Dear Sir*

*I send send about 2 month ago  
I want send my Furnitures.  
so I paid in \$ 20 Dollera for  
Deposit re freight to B. C. Security  
Commission. when you recieved  
this letter. Please send my  
Furnitures as soon as possible.  
He are waiting long time.  
send Shigeru Hamaura's  
Furnitures too.*

*your truly*



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION



|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | APR 4 1944 |
| No. 6643           |            |
| Ans.               |            |
| Referred           | Noted      |

Address: Box 143  
Terri alh

Date: Mar. 27/44

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Mr. Hama Police Registration No. 05294

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at

Ame Cannery Churne B.C.  
in possession of

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

*Shipped apr 18/44*

*1 Iron-pan, Heater Stone, Wall Clock, Storage-battery  
Columbian-gas stove, Electric sewing machine, wall-nat color  
bed, a spring, lead line, food-chopper, smoking stand  
Small photograph-electric, aluminum-pan, Fish-net  
Iron-guard to 1st Heater-stone, Iron net to 1st Heater-stone  
(Hand Saw.)*

Original Address: Ame Cannery Churne B.C.

Date Evacuated to Present Address: Box 143 Terri alh

Total number in Family: 7

CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: \$15.00

Approved:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: M. Hama  
(Claimant Signs Here)

Vancouver, B.C., April 3rd, 1944.

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

Two copies of Release to you. Will ship when sufficient to warrant a special truck to Ame Cannery. Although have \$15.00 deposit, do not wish to make a special trip as made shipment to this party on Feb. 14th from Ame. In the meantime, goods should be lined up for shipment and not for sale.

CWF:JT

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION  
C. V. Fisher  
C.V. Fisher  
Transportation

P.T.O.



The place where these articles are.

1 Iron pan - upstair near chimney

2 2 glass stove - dining room.

3 Wall clock - Bed room

4 Storage - battery

5 German - goats -

6 Electric sewing machine - upstair

7 1 wall - not shown but a spring - 1st room

8 Food - line - basement

9 1 food chapter - kitchen

10 Iron - not in the kitchen photo - upstair

11 1 iron from guard in the kitchen above kitchen

12 1 small photo showing rough electric upstair

13 1 smoking stand - upstair

14 Aluminum pan - under kitchen sink

15 Jack net - Basement

P.S. Please send the ~~the~~ all the articles shown which depending on the day.



# 6643  
05294

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

File No. BC/5000

(31-734)

Vancouver, B.C.

FEB 28 1944

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

HAMAURA, Motaro

Dear Sir:-

Re: Lot 8, Blk. 2 of Sec. 28, Blk. 5, N.,  
Range 7 West, Map 5004.  
MUNICIPALITY OF RICHMOND

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate  
Certificate of Title No. 144788 of the New Westminster  
Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the  
name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque  
for \$ 25,972.72, in favour of The Secretary of State,  
forwarded to you and dated February 9th, 1944, is the  
amount of the purchase price in full of the above land  
arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price

- \$ 2,043.00

Less arrears of taxes to  
January 1st, 1943,

- \$ 0.75

Amount paid to Secretary of State -

2,044.25

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

Yours truly,

*W.K. Chandler*

W.K. Chandler,  
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

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

FEB 29 1944

Date

Solicitor for  
The Secretary of State





## EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEC 9 1943

File No.

Ans. G-165-A

Referred

## BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

## CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address P.O. Box 43,  
Edmonton, Alberta.Date Nov 7<sup>th</sup> / 43.To: The Secretary of State, acting in his  
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, Notaro Hamaura, Police Registration No. 05294,

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

stored at Acme Cannery, Edburne, B.C.in possession of Hamaura's Houseand I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to  
such property. *See memo of Feb 11/44 for goods shipped.*Description of Property: also on Back of This Sheet:quantity: 1 Mantle Clock (Spring wind), (2) Beds and 3  
Bed Springs, 2 Car batteries in good condition  
1 Ice-cream freezer, 1 Wood - Chear Heater Stove  
a set of - 10 Volume World Book, 2 Gas LampsOriginal Address Acme Cannery, Edburne, B.C.Date Evacuated to Vancouver April 1, 1942.Date Evacuated to Present Address May 24, 1942.Number in Family - 12 years and over (6) six.Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old noneNumber in Family - under 5 noneTOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY (6) sixI agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia  
Security Commission.APPROVED:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

M. Hamaura  
Claimant Signs HereDeposit received \$20.00, Receipt #1383.  
Rec. Gen. draft forwarded Dec. 6/43.



# Disposition of Property: continued.

- (1) Barometer
- (2) Ctn. (containing Bolometer Net Thread)
- 10 pairs of curtains on inside of house downstairs.
- 200 lbs.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hemp rope.
- Box of tub in a box.
- about 20 lbs of stick Net Sinkers
- 1 Bolometer Box Store Hooker.
- 1 ~~Spent~~ Sewel - Corked - Protruding Hair.
- 1 Brown Colored Linoleum Table Cover
- 1 Aluminum Pan - 9" in diameter - 4" deep
- 1 Metal Pan  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in depth.
- Cups and Saucers in Kitchen Drawer near the sink
- 2 Pictures of old women & old men.
- 2 Pictures in frame on wall in Dining Room.
- 1 Mirror - Set door - Net.
- Fish Net in Basement.



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| EVACUATION SECTION |
| Rec'd SEP 23 1944  |
| File No. 6643      |
| Ans 23-2-44 RBM-   |
| Referred McKelvie  |

Ps. Box 43

June 1944

Sept. 20/44

as file 532 C.M.R.A.C

Dear Sir,

Please find out if there is a Singer  
Sewing machine and trunk still there,  
at the house of M. Hamamura at Burnie <sup>Courney</sup>  
which belong to Chuhei Hiraie who  
is now living at Lemon Creek.  
If the sewing machine and trunk is  
still there and if you could send it  
to us please send it to the following  
address:

CHUHEI HIRAI  
LEMON CREEK  
~~STATION~~ BC

Auction 13. Sewing Machine Sold for \$1.00

Yours truly  
M. Hamamura



6643

November 27, 1943.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Prior,  
c/o Lons Cannery,  
Edmore, B. C.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 23rd.  
All Japanese chattels which are being sold at the present time  
are being sold by auction. If you wish to buy some articles  
as listed in your letter it would be necessary for you to deal  
directly with the Japanese owner. You might also mention wearing  
apparel which you wish to buy at the same time when writing to  
the Japanese.

The Japanese name is Motaro HAMAURA, Reg. No. 05294.  
His address is Box 43, Turin, Alberta.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Administration Department.

GP:EB



Alma C. Sweeney  
C. Burne B.C.

Nov 23rd/43

Custodian of Enemy Property  
506 Royal Bank Bldg  
Vancouver B.C.

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | NOV 25 1943 |
| File No.           | 6673        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Tolson             |             |

Dear Sirs:

Once again I write in regards to the furniture in the house we now and have occupied for the past 13 months formerly the property of M. Hamamura. There is a lot of furniture in this house as you already know and I would very much like to purchase some of it. I notice by the papers that there is Japanese furniture being sold from time to time in both Vancouver & Westminster and I therefore am wondering if it is now possible for me to buy some of this and if so who must I deal with?

The furniture I would like is as follows

Either a complete Chestfield Suite or the Studio Lounge Suite

1 Smokers cupboard

1 Magazine table 1 electric Sewing Machine

1 Congoleum rug and numerous small

4 kitchen chairs cheap.

1 chest of drawers



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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.  
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Date Nov 7/43.

Address P.O. Box 43,  
Edmonton, Alberta

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his  
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Notaro Hamaur Police Registration No. 05294

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property  
stored at Acme Cannery, Edmon, B.C.

in possession of Hamaur's House.

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to  
such property.

Description of Property: on Reverse Side of this Sheet

Original Address Acme Cannery, Edmon

Date Evacuated to Vancouver April 1, 1943

Date Evacuated to Present Address May 24, 1943

Number in Family - 12 years and over 6 (six)

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old none

Number in Family - under 5 none

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 6 (six)

I agree to pay all charges as required by the  
Security Commission.

APPROVED:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

M.  
Claimant

Deposit received \$20.00, Receipt #1363.  
Rec. Gen. draft forwarded Dec. 6/43.

*Shipped Registered  
By Mac Donald*





64

20 of these

all you can find.  
old woman & old man in frame on wall in dining room.  
out in basement.  
all these

*[Handwritten notes:]*

- all you can find.
- Kitchen drawer near the
- pan - all you can find.
- Pan and Gray 9" in diameter and 6 1/2" deep
- Pan with cover - also black - 9" in diameter and 5" deep
- Noble Corner

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2 Lin. 1 foot in bed room wall - down stairs  
 10 pairs of foot printing - down stairs  
 X 200 feet 1/2" down stairs on inside floor down  
 X 100 feet 1/2" down stairs

1 Good 6 hr. fishing. Stone  
2 1/2 10 1/2 hours. Wood Brook  
2 1/2 10 1/2 hours. Wood Brook  
2 1/2 10 1/2 hours. Wood Brook

1 Shantle Creek (Spring 6' x)  
 2 Beds and 3 Red Springs x x  
 1 for batteries - good ones x  
 1 for - 6 years

Description of Property  
 1st lot 2 1/2  
 2nd lot 2 1/2



506 Boyd Park Bldg.  
Hastings & Larnville  
Vancouver B.C.

M. Haman  
Box 43  
Nashville

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | OCT 14 1943 |
| File No.           | 6643        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           | Green       |

Dear Sir:

Will you please send  
us the wall clock which is  
hanging on the middle bed room  
of the downstairs.

And 2 car batteries up stair  
by the ~~chimney~~ chimney on  
of the big room if it is good. and  
send me those 2 good ~~new~~  
new ones.

And send me the <sup>new</sup> salmon net or  
thread which is in the sack. in the  
up upstairs of the big ~~room~~ room or  
in the downstairs of the middle room  
in the closet.  
And ~~send~~ send me the iron pan which  
is about 9 or 10 in diameter. which is the  
big ~~room~~ room of upstairs by the chimney.  
M. Haman M. Haman.



Box 43,  
Turin, Ute.

July 15/43

|          |             |        |
|----------|-------------|--------|
| EX       | FILE        | NOTION |
| Rec'd    | JUL 16 1943 |        |
| File No. | 66-47       |        |
| Ans.     | Let         |        |
| Referred | De Tero     |        |

Custodian's Office  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Hastings & Granville  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the tenant of  
our house at Acme Cannery.  
We shall be pleased if you  
will tell us the following things.

1. Amount paid by Mrs. Stephen  
L. Prior for the rent of our house.
2. Number of person in the  
family, who is living in our house.
3. Former resident of our tenant.

Yours very truly,  
J. N. Handaurot.

P.S. In regards to the furnitures  
and contents of the house, we do  
not want any of these to be sold.



# INVENTORY

Steveston, B.C.  
April 19, 1944.

To: Miss Seaton

From: Mr. Harris

## NETS EX ACME CANNERY PROPERTY (of very little value)

|      |                                             |                      |              |
|------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2580 | pc. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "                       | T. KOYANAGI          | \$ not shown |
| 2581 | pc. 5 13/16 - 40 fa.                        | T. " 9944/0527       | 35.00        |
| 2582 | pc. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "                       | T. "                 | not shown    |
| 2583 | (2/40x5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x25-200 fa.           | T. "                 |              |
|      | (2/40x5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x25-200 fa.           | " "                  | 50.00        |
| 2584 | small pc. with lines                        | T. "                 | not shown    |
| 2585 | small pc. with l. line                      | T. "                 | " "          |
| 2586 | 5/60x5 13/16x49 $\frac{1}{2}$ -100 fa.      | T. "                 | 60.00        |
| 2587 | pc. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "                       | K. " ?               | not shown    |
| 2588 | (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 60m - 60 fa.             | T. "                 | 35.00        |
|      | 40m 100 fa.                                 |                      |              |
| 2589 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 200 fa. (very poor)       | H. FUJINO 74/15587   | 180.00       |
| 2590 | 5/50x5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x60-100 fa. (poor)     | H. HAMAURA 6643/0527 | 100.00       |
| 2591 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " spring                    | M. "                 | not shown    |
| 2592 | 5/50x5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x55-75 fa.             | K. " 6422/0525       | 50.00        |
| 2593 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 220 fa. | K. KOYANAGI ?        | 120.00       |
| 2594 | small pc. spring                            | K. HAMAURA 6422/0525 | not shown    |

File Nos: 9944, 741, 6643,

Original onfile G/167

Harris states nets of Hamaura now worth  
practically nothing - \$10.00 at the most.

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MEMORANDUM

June 11, 1943.

File No. 12136 A 6643

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: Geo. Peters

Re: Sadanosuke FURUKAWA  
& Mrs. Tamako TSUJIMOTO.

-- Lot 3 of Lot 1, Blk. "A", Sec. 12,  
E. 3 N., E. 7 N., Map 3086.

The above property was leased for the duration by a Chinaman, Toy Way, on the following terms: \$75.00 for the period April 18, 1942 to April 18, 1943 - thereafter \$5.00 per month for the building and \$35.00 per year for the land. In addition, the Chinaman is to pay water rates and taxes.

In June, 1942, with Toy Way's permission, the building was rented to Arthur Hubert for \$5.00 per month. This arrangement only lasted for two months. \$10.00 was credited to Toy Way's rent account, paying the \$5.00 portion of rent to June 18, 1943.

Please make arrangements to collect \$35.00 for land rent-- this being due on April 18, 1943 and \$5.00 for the building, starting July 18, 1943.

GP:NDE



MOTARO HAMAYAMA, File 4603

Same Cannery  
E. Burne B.C.  
June 2nd 1943.

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

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| EVACUATION SECTION |              |
| Rec'd.             | JUN 9 1943   |
| File No.           | 66-43        |
| Ans.               | 12/6/43 M.H. |
| Referred           | M.H.         |

Dear Sir:-

In regards to the furniture & contents of the house I now rent, I wonder if any definite plan has been decided in regards to disposing of these things, and I would very much appreciate it if you would let me know by return mail.

I am also wondering what to do or what can be done in regards to the dolls as they are getting very hot in the house since the warmer days have arrived. Now there are several bundles of sheep wool also quilt bats in this house that will be very good food for these pests and since it seems a shame to see this good material go to waste by letting these pests destroy it, when I feel sure there are many people including myself that could make use of these. There are several bundles but they are very small bundles but I feel there should be enough to make say four or five quilts and I am wondering what you are meeting to do with these



There is also several times I have been  
 to that and could be used by you for  
 a while and it is not to say me in the  
 in the case also dealing that in fact  
 they are not my among some of them and  
 there are several matters that have been  
 need in looking into so that they can  
 also be handled by you and to see  
 that I could care to state you please  
 maybe also to all me or for you the  
 all also have made matters.  
 Please let me know by return mail that  
 you will be about this time, also the  
 furniture because it is to be with a  
 made like to buy some I know of them  
 people that also made like to buy and  
 my own I made like to about paying in  
 of because I making it will be important  
 for me to pay all cost of me time for  
 that I need.

I am sincerely,  
 Mrs. Stephen J. Rice



# J. W. FAIRHALL

Notary Public

REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE - CONVEYANCING  
LOANS - RENTALS

1318 Southwest Marine Drive  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

June 7th. 1943

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| EVACUATION SECTION |                |
| Rec'd              | JUN 8 1943     |
| File No.           |                |
| Ans.               |                |
| Referred           | <i>Russell</i> |

*Peters out*

Office of the Custodial

506 Royal Bank Building, City

Dear Sirs :-

Re Motaro Hamaura, File No. 6643

Replying to yours of May 19th. I now have a letter from the tenant, Mrs Prior, in which she states that the sum of \$9.00 will purchase the papers for the kitchen and hall, she to put it on free of charge. She also requests that she be allowed for the cost of papering the two front rooms which amount to \$ 13.25 She papered these front rooms during the Easter holidays as she claims the rooms ~~were~~ were unfit for occupancy until they were renovated. Kindly advise me if she will be allowed for the paper already used and \$9.00 for paper yet to be used.

Yours faithfully

*JW Fairhall*



6643

May 31st, 1943.

Mr. C. J. Butterley,  
1323 West 71st Ave.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

Thank you for your letter of May 26th with reference to the above Japanese property.

The Department is not in a position at the present time to discuss the sale of this holding with you. Your letter has been placed on the file and should it happen that we are able to negotiate with you later on you will be so advised.

Yours truly,

*[Signature]*  
G. T. McKay,  
Farm Department.

V. C. A.

GTM/EM



EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAY 27 1943

File No. 6643

Ans.

1323 West 71st Ave,  
Vancouver B.C. Russell  
May 26th, -1943.

Mr. Russell  
Office Custodian Of Enemy Property  
Vancouver B.C.

DEAR Sir:-

Please accept this letter as a Tender for the Purchase of Japanese Property situated on River Road Lulu Island B.C. I believe the following Description covers the property, as house two outbuildings and approximately two acres of land.

Lot 5.  
Section 28.  
Block 5.N.  
Range 6.W.  
Map #4899.

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Terms. Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars \$3,250. 00  
Cash.

I am a returned man, and am anxious to establish a home near my work on the Sea Island Bridge, therefore I would appreciate your earnest consideration of this offer.

Yours truly

C.J. Butterley

*C.J. Butterley*

*ack: no action possible  
Set out as per offer at  
your in 6 weeks time*



6643

May 19th, 1943.

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 Southwest Marine Drive,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HANAUARA.

With reference to your letter of May 18th and Mrs. Prior, tenant of the subject Japanese property, our files show that on February 19th we asked Mrs. Prior to give us an estimate of what the material to decorate would cost and again a few weeks ago, Mrs. Prior called and was asked the same thing by our Mr. Anderson.

Will you please obtain this information from her and we will then advise whether the outlay is authorized. The decorating she has already done was without our authority.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,  
Papa Department.

WJI:MAI.



# J. W. FAIRHALL

Notary Public

REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE - CONVEYANCING  
LOANS - RENTALS

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | MAY 19 1943 |
| File No.           |             |
| Ans.               |             |
| Refered            | Russell     |

1318 Southwest Marine Drive  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

May 18, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs: Re Motaro HAMAURA, File No. 6643.

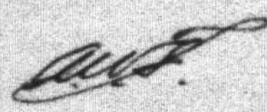
We have your letter of the 11th. instant and will endeavour to collect the \$12.00 water bill from the tenant of the above property.

We inspected this house some months ago and found that it certainly is in need of some decorating. The living room, dining room, hall and kitchen are the only rooms that are plastered, the balance of the house being merely finished in shiplap. At the time we inspected the house, all these plastered rooms were in bad shape as none of them had ever had any decorating of any kind. Since that time Mrs. Prior, the tenant, has papered the living room and dining room herself. The rooms which are finished in shiplap are good enough and do not need renovating.

Mrs. Prior is willing to paper or paint the kitchen, and hall, if we will supply the materials. She prefers paint. Also, I think she should be allowed for the materials used in papering the living and dining rooms. If satisfactory to you, I think we could arrange to allow the tenant for the materials and she would do the work free of charge.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. FAIRHALL

per 



May 11, 1943.

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 S. W. Marine Drive,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Esi Motaro HAMAURA

In your March Statement you deducted water rates paid by you following our letter to you. At that time the Lease was not on the file and the writer did not know that provision was made for the tenant to pay these water rates. Will you therefore receive this item of \$12.00 from the tenant and report at your convenience?

You should perhaps know that early in the year there was some correspondence current concerning decorations and alterations asked for by this tenant. This question may be raised again.

Mrs. Prior did not answer our letter, in which we asked her the cost of the decoration which she said was needed. If this question is raised again by her, perhaps you will be good enough to deal with it on its merit - not of course making any commitment, but advising us after you have inspected the premises.

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,  
Administration Department.

PHR:NDE



% Mrs. Lena Handley,  
Turin, Alta.  
May 8, 1943.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of Custodians,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver, B.C.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Recd               | MAY 12 1943 |
| File No.           | 6643        |
| Referred           | McClister   |

and a Russell

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of your letter of May 3, which stated that you wish to know about the settlement between NISHIMURA and us.

We will settle this problem between NISHIMURA and us, and we note that you won't be taking no further action.

Yours truly,  
Motaro Hamaura,  
Registration No. 05294.



*Please file*

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May 4th, 1943.

Mr. Juziro NISHIMURA,  
Registration No. 04777,  
McGillivray Falls, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Motoro HAMAURA - \$200.00

We thank you for your letter of the 27th of April in which you deal with the above claim quite fully. In our letter to you of the 24th of April we advised you that we had forwarded to HAMAURA your address, as per his request, and it may be that he has written to you about the claim.

Should you and he come to a settlement please advise this office and we shall take no further action.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

~~BR:DE~~



Box 43,  
 Durin, Alta.,  
 May 3/44.

Dept. of The Secretary of State  
 Office of Custodian,  
 506 Royal Bank Bldg,  
 Vancouver, B. C.

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| SQUAD SECTION |                      |
| Date          | MAY 6 1944           |
| File No.      | 664 3                |
| Ins.          | 5/5/43 R.O.M.        |
| Referred      | M <sup>c</sup> Kedie |

sent to M<sup>c</sup>Kedie

Dear Sirs;

We have received our shipment  
 by freight from Vancouver.

Regarding the things that were  
 stored in our house at; Acme Cannery,  
 Churn, B. C.

We have noticed that the following  
 articles listed below were missing, when  
 we received our shipment.

So will you please kindly look for  
 it in our house, or ask our tenant  
 who is living in our house about it.  
 Quantity Articles (Probably they might be using  
 some of the things listed below.)

2. Pillows for Chesterfield in Green or  
 Blue Rayon Cloth - Rectangular Shape.
2. Table cloth - Colours - Yellow & Pink or Red
1. Linoleum Table oil cloth - Colour Walnut Brown  
 which was set on Kitchen Round Table.
- Some Phonograph Records - English & Japanese.
6. Kitchen Chairs - Colour - Walnut Brown
1. Buck - Saw - Red coloured wooden Handle
1. Hand - Saw - Brass - Cut Saw
1. Japanese doll in Rectangular Glass Box
1. Chrome cover for "Good-Char" Heater top.
- Some Fishing - Net Sinters



Please send the articles listed to the  
above address. We will pay the amount  
required for freight to the B.C. Security Commission  
at Lethbridge, as we did on our last shipment.

Yours Truly,  
M. Hamstra



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May 3rd, 1943

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 S.W. Marine Dr.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

We wish to acknowledge with thanks  
your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing  
North British & Mercantile Policy No. 685-10  
covering on property belonging to the above  
party.

Please find enclosed our cheque for  
\$32.00 being payment in full for the premium.  
Kindly receipt and return your statement  
attached heretofore.

Yours very truly,

S. M. Gibson  
Insurance Department

SMG:KT  
Encl.



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May 3rd, 1943

Mr. Motaro HAMAUHA,  
Registration No. 05294,  
Sunnyside Ranch,  
Grand Forks, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: North British & Mercantile  
Policy No. 685510

Kindly be advised that the above numbered policy has been issued to cover for \$1,500.00 on dwelling and \$500.00 on Household effects on your property located on Goulding Rd., Lot 5, Blk. 2, Sec. 28, Blk. 5N, Range 7W, Municipality of Richmond, B.C. This is a renewal of North West Fire Policy No. 193940.

The premium for three years, amounting to \$32.00, is being paid to the Insurance Company and charged to your account.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson  
Insurance Department

SMG:KT



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April 30th, 1943.

Mr. J. G. McRae,  
Collector of Institutional Revenue,  
800 Georgia Street West,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mitsuo HAMAURA  
Registration No. 05922

Referring to your claim against the above named,  
amounting to \$1545.00.

We find that according to our file that his only  
assets would appear to be a radio (value \$20.00) and a \$1500.  
policy with the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

His father, Motaro HAMAURA, age 67, was, according  
to our information, a fisherman. His address is now:-  
c/o Mrs. Lena Handley, Turin, Alta. The father owns a lot  
and house out near Steveston. The land is assessed at \$250.00  
and the house at \$2530.00. He gets \$20.00 per month rent from  
the house. Our records do not show that he has any other assets.

As this party is still in hospital we are not taking  
any further action.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

AMcA:ND



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April 22nd, 1943.

Mr. Jujiro NISHIMURA,  
Registration No. 04777,  
McGillivray Falls, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Mataro HAMAURA, Reg. No. 05294 - \$200.00

We submitted the above claim to HAMAURA for payment and he has replied stating quite definitely that the amount was paid "Somewhere around the 20th of October 1941", and payment was made by Mrs. HAMAURA to your son Ichiro. There seems to have been some controversy between you and him, but he closes his letter by saying "He said we are all clear."

He has asked for your address and we are forwarding it to him. Should you and he agree on a settlement, or that the account is paid, please advise this office.

We shall take no further action until we hear from you.

Yours truly,

BRD:DE

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



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April 20, 1943.

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 Southwest Marine Drive,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA.

We wish to acknowledge your letter of March 31st advising us re insurance expiring May 1st covering on property belonging to the above named and located at the Acme Cannery, Burne, B. C.

Kindly arrange to renew coverage under the expiring policy which is North West Fire Policy No. 193940, covering for \$1,500.00 on the 1 1/2-storey frame dwelling with shingle roof located on the North Side of Fraser Dyke between No. 11 Road and Cannery Road, Sea Island, B. C. on Lot 5, Block 2, Section 28, Block 5 North, Range 7 West, in the Municipality of Richmond and also \$500.00 on household furniture. The above dwelling is further described as having continuous concrete foundation under all walls and all chimneys are built of brick from the ground.

In having this policy written, please adhere to general instructions contained in our Form Letter No. 102.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,  
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD



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April 20, 1943.

Mr. Matsu TANAKA,  
Registration No. 05503,  
Sunnyside Ranch,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

The above mentioned denies that he is indebted  
to you in the amount of 60¢ and has asked for your address.  
Should you wish to communicate direct with him, he is now  
located at P. O. Box 43, Turin, Alberta.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

MS:HA



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April 20, 1943.

Mr. Motaro HAMAURA,  
Registration No. 05294,  
P. O. Box 43,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We are investigating the matter of the debt between yourself and J. Nishimura and will communicate with you at a later date regarding this.

We note that you wish to communicate with Mr. Matsu Tanaka concerning his claim against you in the amount of 60¢. Please be advised that you may reach him at Sunnyside Ranch, Grand Forks, B. C.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

MS:MA



# J. W. FAIRHALL

Notary Public

REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE - CONVEYANCING  
LOANS - RENTALS

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| EVACUATION SECTION |               |
| Rec'd              | APR 1 1943    |
| File No.           |               |
| Ans.               |               |
| Referred           | <i>Gibson</i> |

1318 Southwest Marine Drive  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

*out to Stevenson*

March 31, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs: Re Motaro HAMAURA, file No. 6643.

On May 1st. next the fire insurance for \$1500 on the dwelling and \$500 on the furniture on the property owned by the above Japanese at Acme Cannery, Eburne, B. C. will expire. The Board rate for this property is 1.60 for 3 years, making a premium for the above amounts of \$32.00.

As we are acting as agents for this property, we would like to be allowed to place this insurance in one of our companies. Please let us know if we may do so.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. FAIRHALL

per

*[Signature]*

*Check Valuation  
Powers*



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March 18, 1943.

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 S. W. Marine Drive,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

Enclosed herewith is a water rate bill  
in respect of property which appears to be in your  
hands for management. Will you please be good enough  
to give this attention before the end of the month,  
so as to take advantage of the discount?

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,  
Administration Department.

PHR:NDE

Enc.







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March 10, 1943.

Mr. J. W. Fairhall,  
1318 S. W. Marine Drive,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

We should be glad if you would act as our  
agent with regard to collecting rent on the following  
property:

Address: Acme Cannery, Eburne, B. C.

Tenant: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Prior

Taxes: Arrears: 1941 ... \$6.30  
1942 ... \$33.97

Insurance: North West Fire Policy No. 193940,  
expiring May 1st, 1943; covers for  
\$1,500.00 on dwelling and \$500.00  
on household furniture.

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,  
Administration Department.

PHR:NDE



File No. 6643

Name: HAMANRA, Motaro

Date: 9th of March, 1943.

Lessor: The Secretary of State of Canada

Lessee: Elizabeth M. Prior

Property Land: Lot 5, Block 2 of Section 28, Block  
5 North, Range 7 West, Map 5884.

Consideration: Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$240.00)  
payable Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a month  
plus water.

Term: From the 15th day of October, 1942 to the 14th day  
of October, 1943.

Buildings: Yes

Chattels: Thereof sufficient space to be reserved for  
the sole and exclusive use of the Lessor in  
storing certain chattels and effects now on  
the premises.

GP:EB

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with Russell

M. Hamano

Box 43

Turner Alta

Mar. 3/19/43

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| EVACUATION SECTION |            |
| Rec'd              | MAR 5 1943 |
| File No.           | 6643       |
| Ans.               | D          |
| Referred           | McKinty    |

Dear Sir

The balance of which Jujuro  
Nishimura said \$200 is paid on the  
some where around the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1941  
This was paid to his son Ichiro from  
Mrs. Hamano ten twenty dollar bill.  
And when Mrs. Hamano paid the \$200  
Ichiro he said ~~that~~ he will bring the statement  
next week and he didn't bring it. and  
the next week he asked Mrs. Hamano for  
the another \$200 but Mrs. Hamano said he  
paid the \$200 2 weeks ago and you told  
that you will bring the bill next week  
when she paid the money and he said  
I will go home and fine about it. And  
next week Mr. Jujuro Nishimura came  
and asked for the money but Mr. Hamano  
said his wife to paid \$200 your son. So  
Mr. Nishimura said well we will make  
that O.K. ~~And~~ But Mr. Hamano  
owes another about \$260 so he said he  
will pay that all to And Mr. Nishimura said  
to Mr. Hamano that ~~we will~~ the  
first \$200 which he said he hasn't



received it ~~and~~ but after that he said  
that was mistaken so he said we are  
all clear.

Yours truly  
M. Hamaura.

Will you please let us know the address  
of J. Nishimura + M. Tanaka.  
O. J. 9341 out attached 9081A

~~44~~ The \$1.00 of which M. Tanaka asked  
is not correct. We do not know  
who M. Tanaka is.

22-4-43  
J



Home Laundry

6 Burne B.C.

Sept 20th 1943

Custodian of Enemy Property,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver B.C.

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| EVACUATION SECTION      |
| Rec'd FEB 22 1943       |
| File No. 6643           |
| Ans.                    |
| Referred <i>Whitson</i> |

Dear Sir:-

Re Motors Hamaura

In answer to your letter of Sept 15th wishing me to come to your office and execute a lease which you say has been prepared for me.

Well as I told a gentleman representing the custodian who called at the home one time it was my husband who is serving with the R.C.A.F. who rented the house and he was to have been given a lease but up to the present we have received no lease, and have always paid our rent until the last rent (which is not paid yet), and like I told this gentleman I myself would not sign a lease for a year because once my husband was moved there was nothing for me to stay here. Well the time has come and he has now been transferred to the North country some where.

I am willing to stay and pay my rent until I can find something else which is more satisfactory but I certainly do wish I could get an answer to two letters written to you



free by my husband & myself, in regards  
to my getting some repairs done to the toilet  
and also in material to decorate the kitchen  
dining room & living room as they are very  
much in need of same. There must be a  
very poor chimney on this floor because  
the stove smoke considerable & believe the  
chimney is not quite tight enough and we  
also note another cellar in regards to having  
it too a short first chimney on that as that  
we put in the top of the knee so we could  
make having some for another couple. We are  
at present we are not using the up above but  
cannot accommodate another couple because it is  
not finished completely up there and this is  
no way of having some but if you could  
to let me go to the expense to buy it and if  
not I putting a chimney on this floor as  
there seems that some we could live in it &  
also could be found out as this are above  
also belonging to the Japanese in the basement  
of the knee Mr. Butler now occupy your mother  
perhaps give us permission to get in as we  
must do as now seem to a close than to any  
also article that is being used & I understand  
they are using the Japanese stove in Mr. Butler  
home. If we could to this it would accommodate  
another family and I understand that are many  
needing living accommodation at present & it



would also make it easier for me as I feel  
I cannot afford \$21.<sup>00</sup> per month since I am  
alone now.

Please advise me by return mail if you  
will consider this matter and also let me  
know if I can pay my rent on said  
property at Fairhalls in Marpole because I  
understand as Mr Stephenson pays his there &  
he is renting a Japanese house at the Acme Cannery  
also. This would make every thing much simpler  
and easier and with less expense for me.  
And I feel in these times we should try  
to save as much as possible.

Trusting you will let me know the full  
details on these subjects by return mail  
because I would very much like to pay  
my rent but cannot pay this months rent  
also pay for decorating & chimney also toilet  
seat repairs as well so am hoping you can  
or will let me know by return mail.

And as I have said before I do not care to  
sign a lease for the said property

I am sincerely

Mrs Elizabeth M. Prior.



6643

February 19th, 1943.

Mrs. Stephen L. Prior,  
Eburne, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Motaro HAMAUURA

In reply to your request for decorating allowance on your rental, we would appreciate your advising us of the cost that the purchase of decorating materials would involve.

Regarding your inquiry about the installation of the chimney on the upper floor of the dwelling house, we must advise that you contact the Municipal Hall at Brighouse as the installation of chimneys comes under Municipal regulations and it would be necessary to first obtain a permit from them if they deem it would not be a fire hazard.

We are sorry that we are unable to allow you permission to move or use the kitchen range stored in the basement of the house Mrs. Butler is renting but if you are interested in purchasing this range, please advise us, making an offer, and we will write for authorization to sell if the Japanese is willing.

We trust you will find this satisfactory and would request that your payments be kept up to date and mailed direct to this office until proper authorization is obtained for any work.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,  
Farm Department.

VEA/EM



6643

February 15, 1943.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Prior,  
R. R. #1,  
Eburne, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Motaro HAMAURA

We shall be glad if you will call in at  
this office and execute a Lease which has been pre-  
pared for you on the subject Japanese property.

Your co-operation in this instance will  
be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. D. Richardson,  
Farm Department.

WJI:NDE



Ebume. P.O. Sea 2nd. 10-2-42.

To The Custodian of Enemy Property.

Dear Sir:-

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | FEB 12 1943 |
| File No.           |             |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           |             |

We find that in  
Order to use the up stairs rooms  
in this house It will be necessary  
to install a chimney. As the one  
we use has but two openings  
both on the lower floor. Would  
It be within the law and alright  
by you if I was to install a  
steel one. Please advise. As we  
wish to accomodate some one on  
the upper floor. Yours Truly.

Sgt Prior. S.K.



Dear Sirs:

As my husband has already  
you in regards to a chimney for the house we  
now occupy. This chimney would not need to  
be very long so really should not cost very much  
and by doing this it would supply living  
quarters for another family, and I understand  
that there are several in need of same at  
the present time.

And then would it be O.K. by you if we  
were to get a cook stove out of the house  
now occupied by Mrs. Buller as I understand  
there are several ~~stove~~ stoves in her basement  
which are not in use and I understand  
there is an enamel stove now there that is  
in a crate. This should be the easiest stove  
to move. I am willing to put the cook stove I  
am now using up stairs and use & care for  
the enamel one myself as long as I live in the  
present house. Please let us know by return  
mail.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd FEB 12 1943

File No. 6643

Ans.

Referred to subject



2.  
You will no doubt wonder why this month  
I have been writing to you from in regard to  
reparation for lost time also making of drawings  
this time.

And I am wondering if in future we  
could pay our rent at the Springfield Hotel  
and such a name in reports. It is rather  
a Mr. Williamson pays his rent to say may be  
also live in one of the Japanese houses not  
far at the same & away. The month make  
it much easier for us of yr could arrange  
for us to pay it this month.  
I am writing you from the place of business  
of an interesting &.

I am sincerely,  
Mrs. William D. Fox.



6643

February 2, 1943

Sgt. Stephen L. Prior  
No. 61772  
Royal Canadian Air Force  
Acme Cannery  
Sea Island  
Burns, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your undated letter, received on January 30, 1943, in which you ask for first chance to buy some of the chattels in the Japanese house you are renting.

At present it is not the policy of the Custodian to dispose of Japanese property unless we receive a request from the owner to do so.

With regard to the second half of your letter re repairs, we have handed this request to our Administration Department for attention, who will no doubt advise you regarding same.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

RBM:NDE



Repairs  
Chattels

Acme Cannery  
Sea Island  
Vancouver B.C.

Custodian of Enemy Property  
506 Royal Bank Building  
Vancouver B.C.

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | JAN 30 1943 |
| File No.           | 6643        |
| Ans.               | ABW         |
| Referred           | MacKedie    |

Dear Sirs:

You will no doubt notice upon looking over your books that I now am renting property formerly owned by Japanese, and I also am and have been using the furniture which was in the house when I rented same.

Upon reading the papers recently I notice that all Japanese Property is to be sold and so I am interested in buying furniture and possibly a small farm in the Fraser I was wondering if you would consider giving me first chance at buying the following articles in the house I now occupy.

- 1 Studio Lounge & chair
- 1 parlor table
- 1 smokers stand
- 1 dinnette suite including 1 table 1 buffet & 4 chairs
- 1 linoleum rug

Possibly a dresser or chest of drawers or perhaps a few other small things.

And I would also like a bedroom suite from one of the other houses at the Acme Cannery now rented and I am also interested in one of the bicycles in



one of the other house.  
Please let me know by return mail if the  
article might purchase by myself and in  
what time and the price you are willing to  
pay them for and if I could start paying to  
for them this month or not.

And in regards to the suit for the  
month of January. The bill and bill for  
from of ever since we could the house due  
to the fact that it needs some repairs and  
I am wondering if it will be ok for me to  
get the repairs but keep some back and I  
the February rent. And as the house is

very much in need of decorating I am also  
wondering if you will allow me money for  
material also for the rest of month very much  
to have the kitchen, living room & dining  
room done so they are very much in need of it.  
These walls are beautiful but they need new  
any thing else done to them so it is therefore  
very little to make or clean them in anyway  
also than just decorating.

Please let me know by return mail what  
you are willing to do in regards to the bill  
upon receiving an answer to the bill from  
you I will forward out the

I am sincerely  
Yrs. W. L. Taylor & Son R.M.F.  
P 6/1772.



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

DEC 8 1942

File No: 6643

Name: Motaro HAMAURA

Reg. No: 05294

November 24th, 1942.

INVENTORY OF CHATELLETS

Inside Hamamura House

- 1 Dresser
- 1 Chiffonier
- 1 Bed and 1 spring
- 1 Mantle clock (spring wind)
- Occasional chair
- Phonograph (12 records)
- Coffee table
- Lounge chair
- Studio lounge
- End table
- 4 Chairs
- 1 Table
- 1 Buffet
- Large mirror
- 1 Bed and 1 spring
- 1 Mattress
- 1 Quilt
- 3 Pillows
- 3 Jap tea trays
- Dresser (cont. personal belongings)
- 2 Pictures (in frame)
- Certificate in frame
- Singer Sewing Machine
- Mattress
- 4 Wicker baskets (cont. bedding)
- 2 Badminton rackets
- 1 Mirror
- Trunk locked (cont. unknown)
- 3 Car batteries
- Cross cut saw
- Ice cream freezer
- Gas lantern
- 2 Boxes (cont. dishes)
- Electrical treatment set

Basement (Hamamura House)

- 2 Kitchen cupboards
- 10 Gal. crock
- 2 Wicker trunks (cont. kitchen utensils)
- 2 Jap tea trays
- Glass scrub board
- 5 Gal. crock
- 3 Wash tubs
- 24 Pt. sealers
- 12 Qt. sealers
- 4 Boxes nailed (cont. Unknown)

- 2 Peavees
- Scoop shovels
- Sledge hammers
- Spirit level
- Gear water pump
- Centrical water pump
- 12 gal. Drum
- 2 D B Axes
- 2 Gal. of coal oil
- 25 Gal. oil can
- Singer Sewing machine
- Trunk locked (cont. unknown)
- Glass cupboard (H M)
- 2 Kitchen chairs

Shed #1

- Shovel
- Adze
- Bundle of shingles

Shed #2

- Wash boiler
- Gtn. (Cont. kitchen utensils)
- 2 Large baskets of wool
- 86 Strawberries boxes
- 33 Berry trays
- 4 Large drawers
- 7 Sacks of fertilizer
- 5 Gal. crock
- 2 Tables (H M)
- Wheelbarrow
- Bed
- Platform scale
- 2 Spades
- Cross cut saw
- 2 Hoes



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Inside House (downstairs)

- 2 Beds and 2 springs  
1 Mattress  
2 Mattresses (HM)  
2 Bed spreads  
1 Mantle clock (spring)  
1 Doll  
1 Dresser  
Socking stand  
1 Clock (Spring wind)  
1 Radio  
2 Chesterfield sets complete with 4 chairs  
1 Good cheer heater stove  
Curney Oxford cooking range (Sawdust)  
Dining room table (HM)  
5 Kitchen chairs  
Electrical Sewing machine  
1 Ice Box (HM)  
1 Bamboo Book case  
1 Singer Sewing machine  
1 Table (HM)  
2 Riding Saws  
1 Spot light

Upstairs

20' heavy elec. cord  
Auto horn (old)  
Hand saw  
Large sheet of galvanized iron  
10 Volume World Book  
1 Trunk locked (cont. unknown)  
1 Large roll of linoleum  
4 Beds and 4 springs  
2 glass door slide (for show case)  
200' V joint flooring  
2 Mattresses  
6 Framed pictures  
1 Cross Cut saw  
Ctn. (cont. personal belongings and small framed pictures)  
11-1 Qt. sealers  
Box of dishes and personal belongings  
1 Coleman Gas lantern  
1 Coleman Gas stove  
Electric Toaster (new)  
1 Spot lamp  
1 Small phonograph (spring wind)  
1 " " (electric)  
Ctn. (cont. personal belongings)



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Reg. No.: 05294

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Inside House (upstairs) continued

8 Gal. crock  
2 Ctn. (cont. salmon net thread)  
Tool box (cont. elec. cord and tools)  
Beam scale  
5 Pair of curtains  
2 Rolls of linoleum  
Electric cooking range (Westinghouse)

Basement

2 Boxes nailed (cont. unknown)  
Large kitchen cupboard  
12 Kitchen chairs  
Glass wash board  
Few kitchen utensils  
Small box of boat engine parts  
2 Pike poles  
Pair of oars  
Fish net (HM)  
Shovel (old)  
2 Spades  
Builder's jack  
Fish net roller  
7 Coal oil lanterns  
Quantity of fish net floats and sinkers  
50' Garden hose  
Small quantity of paint  
Boat propeller and boat parts  
2 Galvanized water tanks (for boats)  
3 Gaff hooks  
200' 2" hemp rope  
50' 1 1/2" rope

Date Mar 3/19/42 Signed Motaro Hamaura

Please sign and return one copy to this office.



6643

November 25, 1942.

Mr. Motaro HAMAURA,  
Reg. No. 05294,  
c/o Mrs. Handley,  
Turin, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

We enclose herewith, in duplicate,  
a very complete inventory of effects found  
in your house near Acme Cannery, Eburne, B.C.

Please check this over carefully,  
and if correct, will you please sign one  
copy and return it to this office promptly,  
as we require this information for our  
records.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,  
Protection Department.

*RM*  
RBM:JLH  
Enclosure.

*Inventory confirmed as file now seems  
to be in order.*



6643

1st June, 1942.

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

Dear Sir: Re: Motaro HAMAURA

We beg to acknowledge with thanks your report on the above dated the 19th instant.

We agree with your recommendation that, it being the wish of the owner, the property remain boarded up. However, we would like to know what the possibilities are of obtaining rental for the property.

Please endeavour to obtain some definite information regarding the fire insurance coverage from the agent.

Thanking you in anticipation of your supplementary report.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander  
Assistant Manager

GHP:ND



RP I  
Registration Number 05294

HAMAURA, Motaro

Acme Cannery, Eburne, B. C.

*File 6643*

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Description as in Form "JP" is correct.

OWNERSHIP

Certificate of Title has been inspected. According to Tax records, the property apparently is owned by Motaro Hamaura.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

The building on this property is a 2 storey stucco, frame, shingle roof dwelling. The land consists of about one-third of an acre, partially in strawberries, which have not been cultivated and are worthless as crop.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941.

INSURANCE

As per Form "JP", I was unable to inspect the Policy.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities.

REMARKS

As far as I can ascertain, the inventory as set out in Form "JP" is stored in the house above described. I was unable to obtain access, as the house was completely boarded up. Hamaura has been in touch with me and has informed me that he has a key to the property, but has refused to turn it over to the Custodian as he is taking it with him. He is, I understand, leaving on May 22nd.

RECOMMENDATION

Apparently this man wishes to accept responsibility for his property. I would recommend that the house remain boarded up as at present, for the duration.

May 19th, 1942.

*A. Marker*



## Proof of Claim

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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.

1. Name of Claimant in full:

**Notaro Hamaura**

Registration No.

**05294**

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

**Aono Cannery, Burnaby, B.C.**

3. Claimant's present address:

4. Claim relating to real property:

(a) Street address of real property:

(b) Legal description of property:

**Lot 2 of Portion of Section 28, Block 5 North,  
Range 7 West, Sea Island, New Westminster District.**



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

**House 28x38'**  
**1 Lot**

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

**Title is left at the New Westminster Court House.**

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

(I) Land— \$ **525.00**  
(II) Buildings— \$ **4000.00**

4325  
2292.32  
2032.68

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

\$ **2292.32**

5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

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

**Aene Cannery, Burne, 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:

**In the house on Block 5 North, Range 7 West,  
Sea Island, New Westminster, B.C.**



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

In the care of the Custodian.

(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:

|                                 |        |                             |         |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 2 Iron Pots and sundries \$-2-- | \$ .25 | 8 Gallon crock              | \$ 2.75 |
| Galv. Can                       | .50    | Chinaware                   | 2.50    |
| Galv. Pail and Stone Jug        | .50    | Chinaware                   | 1.60    |
| Sundries                        | .25    | Chinaware                   | 1.25    |
| Wagon Jack                      | 5.25   | 2 Stone crocks              | .25     |
| Garden tools                    | 1.00   | Iron Pot                    | 1.10    |
| Garden tools                    | 1.70   | Iron pot & pail             | 1.50    |
| Peavy                           | 1.00   | Sawdust hopper              | .25     |
| Garden tools                    | 1.00   | 2 Stone Jugs                | .30     |
| Cross cut saw                   | .75    | 2 Boiling kettles           | 2.00    |
| Cross cut saw                   | 1.00   | Table scale                 | 4.75    |
| Cross cut saw                   | .50    | 5 Gallon crock & galv. pail | 2.50    |
| Pike pole & fish picks          | .25    | Iron Pot                    | 1.50    |
| Peavy                           | 1.00   | Iron Pot                    | 1.00    |
| 5 Lanterns                      | 1.00   | Book Shelf                  | .50     |
| 2 Water tanks                   | 1.25   | Small Galley stove          | .50     |
| 2 Handsaws                      | 1.00   | Square Dining Table         | 1.00    |
| 2 Handsaws                      | 1.10   | 5 Kitchen chairs            | 1.50    |
| Marine spot light               | 1.25   | 6 Kitchen chairs            | 1.50    |
| Rubber coat & pants             | 1.25   | 5 Kitchen chairs            | 2.50    |
| 3 Framed pictures               | .60    | Ice Box                     | 14.00   |
|                                 | 22.40  | Electric Westinghouse       | 5.00    |
|                                 |        | Round Dining Table          | 2.25    |

52.00

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

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Total Value | \$400.00  |
| Sale price  | 94.77     |
| Loss        | \$ 305.23 |

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 12 day of October, A.D. 1947.

*M. Hammar*

*M. Hammar*  
Witness to Signature of Claimant.

Signature of Claimant.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.



STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, **Metaro Hamura**  
(Full Name of Claimant)

of **Picture Butte, Alta.**  
(Present Address) **Boat Worker**  
(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:

**\$94.77 from the sale of my personal property.**

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 **Picture Butte**

in the Province of Alberta,

this **12** day of **Nov**

A.D. 1947.

**Robert J. Lewis**

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

**M Hamura**

Virtue & Russell  
Barristers & Solicitors  
Lethbridge, Alberta

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.



File No. 6643  
Reg. No. 05294

Notaro HAMAUHA

| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Particulars</u>                                | <u>Debit</u>      | <u>Credit</u>     | <u>Balance</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1942 December 22 | Rents collected                                   | \$ 5.51           | \$ 50.00          |                |
|                  | Water rates                                       | 1.00              |                   |                |
|                  | Land Registry Office - Certificate of Encumbrance | 34.49             |                   |                |
|                  | On account taxes                                  |                   |                   |                |
| 1943 January 1   | Credit re Sale of Property                        |                   | 2,058.06          |                |
| January 20       | Land Registry Office - Certificate of Encumbrance | 1.00              |                   |                |
| February 11      | Taxes                                             | 6.38              |                   |                |
| May 4            | B. C. Electric Railway - security deposit refund  |                   | 5.00              |                |
|                  | Insurance premium                                 | 32.00             |                   |                |
| 1944 June 12     | Proceeds Auction Sale                             |                   | 51.37             |                |
| August 31        | Sale of net buoys \$3.00, 2 anchors \$4.50        |                   | 7.50              |                |
| September 2      | Proceeds Auction Sale                             |                   | 4.06              |                |
|                  | Sale of lumber                                    |                   | 28.35             |                |
| September 18     | Proceeds Auction Sale                             |                   | 1.09              |                |
| October 31       | Refund Insurance premium                          |                   | 2.40              |                |
| 1945 April 23    | Legal fees re sale of property                    | 15.00             |                   |                |
| August 9         | Proceeds Auction Sale                             |                   | .43               |                |
| December 21      | Cheques to you - 2 @ \$500.00 - July & Dec.       | 1,000.00          |                   |                |
| 1946 April 17    | Cheque to you                                     | 500.00            |                   |                |
| 1947 August 23   | Cheque to you                                     | 612.88            |                   |                |
|                  |                                                   | <u>\$2,208.26</u> | <u>\$2,208.26</u> |                |

NIL

Accounting Department  
June 5th, 1948



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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

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

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Lethbridge, Alberta,  
September 13th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
NOTARO HANAURA,

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

A.G. VIRTUE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the  
Claimant.

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MISS LILLIE THOMAS, Secretary.  
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq., Official Interpreter.  
S.R. HOWARD, Esq., Official Reporter.

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W. Hamaura,  
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 658, Notaro Hamaura.

NOTARO HAMAUURA, the claimant herein,  
being first duly sworn, testified  
through the Interpreter as  
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. VIRTUE:

Q I show you a summary of evidence form showing  
the description of your property and the improve-  
ments and the buildings (indicating).

10 A Yes.

Q And is that your signature?

A Yes.

Q Now, was this form prepared by you in my office  
with the help of an Interpreter?

A Yes.

Q Was it carefully prepared?

A Yes.

Q Are the values you have placed on your property  
and the improvements true values?

A Yes.

20 Q And have you put fair prices on your land, build-  
ings and improvements? A: Yes.

Q And I show you an extra sheet made out showing  
the amount that the materials cost you in your  
house (indicating). Is that signed by you?

A Yes.

Q That is correct? A: Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I will put these in as one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

30 MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now would you look at that picture,



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M. Hamura,  
In Chief,  
Cross-Exam.

(indicating)?

A Yes, that is my house.

Q Is that the house that you are claiming for?

A Yes.

Q Does that show the house in about the same condition as it was in when you were evacuated?

A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I put that in as an exhibit.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

10 MR. VIRTUE: Q: You are not making any claim for your personal chattels, your household furniture, and such things? You have no claim for that at all?

A No.

Q All right, thank you.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate was sold for its <sup>fair</sup> market value. As already stated by my learned friend, his claim for chattels has been abandoned.

20 I wish to submit, your Honour, as an exhibit the farm appraisal report respecting the land in question.

(FARM APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q The figures that you have here on this statement of costs of the house attached as part of Exhibit 1 amounting to \$2842.00, where do you get those figures?

30 A All these various items was materials.



Q And the labour, and different things?

A Yes.

Q But where did you get them? Have you got a record anywhere, a book record or any record of that sort that is written down there?

A No, I wrote these down from memory.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Pardon?

MR. RICE: He wrote them down from memory, he says.

A I wrote them down from memory.

10 MR. RICE: All right.

MR. VIRTUE: That is all, thank you.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I take it that the personal claim of \$305.23 is being abandoned now, is it, Mr. Virtue?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, we are abandoning it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. VIRTUE: I wish to call attention for the record to the farm appraisal report which, strange to say, has some very favourable comments about the property. Under reads, "Yes, it fronts on Goulding Road; 40' dirt road". "Is this district a good one? Yes, good farming land." "Water supply. City water". "Electric light installed". And further down, "Describe the basement and chimneys: Full basement; brick chimney to ground." "Condition of paint: Very good." And then the value per acre is put in at \$200.00.

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(Witness aside)

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(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified a true and accurate transcript.

"S.R. HOWARD", Official Reporter

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER.



Name of Claimant **BARBER, Robert**Case **622**Custodian File **6643**

| <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 |                        |                             |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           | 2043.                                                          | 1093.07                                                                    |                                                                |                                                        |                        | 1093.07                     |
| <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                                              |                                                        |                        |                             |
|                                      |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        |                             |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDATION                 |                                     |                                                                        |                                   |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                |                                                        |                        | 1093.07                     |



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J. Cuning

26th October, 1948

DEFENCE BRIEF

Notaro HAMAUHA

File No 6643

Case No 658

Lethbridge 13 Sep 48  
G.E.A. RICE - A.G. VIRTUE  
Judge HEMANSON

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

1. CHATTEL CLAIM

Loss \$305.23

Abandoned

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REAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

1. REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FMV \$4325.  
Loss 2292.32

APPRAISED AT

\$2081.60

SOLD FOR

\$2043.

WITNESS:

VLA (T. Godfrey)

I am submitting, your Honour,  
that the real estate was sold  
for its fair market value. As  
already stated by my learned  
friend, his claim for chattels  
has been abandoned.