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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: SAKURAI Shojiro
HOME ADDRESS: 1091 Riverside Rd., R.R.#1, New Westminster, B. C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 05488 SEX: male AGE: 60
OCCUPATION: fisherman

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

EMPLOYER: Johnston Fish Packers, R. R. #1, New Westminster, B. C.

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Miyo 7576

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: all over 16

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---

AGE OF CHILDREN: ---

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Title #103796E

Lot 2, block 4, of lot 133, group 2, map 5332 in the District of
New Westminster, B. C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 5 roomed wooden frame dwelling house
3 long chicken houses 1 square barn 1 small packing shed 1 woodshed
1 net house.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$20.25 1941 paid at Corp. of Delta, Ladner.

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Leased to Oscar Johnson-"Agreement"
Leasing house, net house and land, as per "Agreement"

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. In owner's possession
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST. none
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN strawberry, black currants, raspberry,
vegetables, 10 fruit trees. *copy with notes*

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.
IN HOUSE: 7 chairs, 4 beds, 2 tables, kitchen utensils, kitchen stove,
bathroom stove, clock, clock with tools.
IN CHICKEN HOUSE: 2 incubators, chicken farming equipment.
IN BARN: 3 hoes, 2 shovels, 1 fork, brush-gutter, brass hook

3. add to record 18/1/45
3. add by will 30/5/46 *copy with notes*
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS
none

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY. none

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none5. 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)

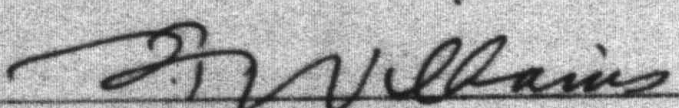
none7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
one \$50.00 Victory Bond (1941)8. BANK ACCOUNTS Bank of Montreal, New Westminster, B. C. \$200.00 (about)9. LIFE INSURANCE none10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none2. 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 4th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

S. Sakurai

 Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

P.L.
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

July 10/43

File No.

7544

1 Name

SAKURAI

Shojiro

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

05488

Male - Female
(check)

Age

10/5/1882

Former Address

1091 Riverside Rd., R.R. #1, New Westminster B.C.

Date Evacuated

May 12/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Kaslo, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

SAKURAI, MIYO - 10600

Name of Husband

Name of Father

Name of Mother

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

[Signature]

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Owns gasboat. Fisherman

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

JAPANESE NAME: Shojiro SAKURAI Reg. No. 05488 File No. 7544.

CATALOGUE NO: Sold by Special Arrangement, The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.
BC/601-P. First Offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1091 River Road, New Westminster, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 4 of Lot 133, Group 2, Map 5332, Municipality of Delta, D.N.W.

TITLE: Registered owner: Shojiro SAKURAI.

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.
Vesting Order No. 24951, dated November 12th, 1942.

ASSESSED VALUE: Land - \$ 269.00
Improvements - \$1000.00 - \$1269.00. Taxes - \$12.50.

CLASSIFICATION: This is a small Fruit Farm with Dwelling and out-buildings. The Custodian's representative reported on August 24th, 1942, that this property had an area of 3.36 acres all cleared and planted to the following crops: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre raspberries, 7 fruit trees. 1 - 1 storey 5 room dwelling 26' x 38'. 1 - woodshed 10' x 20', 1 - barn 12' x 20'. 1 - chicken house 20' x 52'. 1 - chicken house 18' x 48'. 1 - chicken house 14' x 32'. 1 chicken house 18' x 56'. 1 - net house 60' x 20'.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: This property was leased by Shojiro SAKURAI on 20th April, 1942, to Oscar Johnson. The term being for the Duration from 20th April, 1942. Consideration: All taxes, water rates or other rates to be paid by lessee in Lieu of rent. House included, also net house on the outside of the Dyke adjoining the property - chattels included. As taxes and rates were all paid up to the time the property was bought by The Director of the Veterans' Land Act there was nothing for the Custodian to administer.

Lease was handed to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, 28th July, 1943

SOLD: To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$465.00 as at 1st January, 1944. Approval of Advisory Committee - 1st June, 1943.

Funds released to the credit of Shojiro SAKURAI as at 19th May, 1944, against which were charges for Registration Fees - \$3.00, Legal Fees - \$15.00, leaving a net credit of \$447.00 from said transaction.

transaction.

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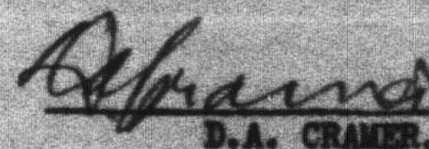
OLD CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 103796-E

Shojiro SAKURAI declared on his JP Form signed 4th May, 1942, that the Title Documents were in his possession. There is nothing on file to show that the Certificate of Title had been asked for by this office, or that it had been deposited in the Land Registry Office, New Westminster.

Certificate of Title No. 170940-E in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

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

May 28th, 1946.


D.A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 7544.

Shojiro SAKURAI - Reg. No. 35483.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form, signed May 4th, 1942, that he carried no Fire Insurance, which was found to be correct.

On March 24th, 1943, the Insurance Department wrote Messrs. Gualthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd., requesting them to inspect the buildings belonging to the above named Japanese and if satisfactory place a \$1,000.00 Policy on the buildings. On March 18th, 1943, they replied as follows: "We have inspected the property of the above and regret to report that we must refuse this risk. The buildings are in a very dilapidated condition, crowded together and built on piles on the river bank which are rotten. Also the exposure is terrible."

This summary is certified
to be in accordance with
information on file.

May 28th, 1946.

D. I. CRAMER
D. I. CRAMER

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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 7544.

Shojiro SAKURAI - Reg. No. 05488.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form, signed 4th May, 1942, that he had no Personal or Trade Debts, and we can find no evidence of any claims having been filed against him.

This summary is certified
to be in accordance with
information on file.

May 28th, 1946.

D. T. Cramer
D. T. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: March 21, 1944
Name: SAKURAI, Shojiro
Reg. No. 05488 File: 7544
Boat File No.: JFVDC 165
Name of Vessel: "Nishiki"/"Delcie M"/"S.S."30'x8'3"3"(1940) Easthope 10-14
Lic. or Reg. No.: NEW WESTMINSTER 3067 "Delcie M"
Naval No.: NW.097-F
Owner's Valuation: \$1,000.00
JFVDC Valuation: 1,035.00 - Survey #51
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: March 23, 1942
Purchaser: Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.
Signature on Sales Papers: Shojiro SAKURAI
Selling Price: \$825.00
Paid to JFVDC ~~and Custodian~~ 825.00
Supervision Costs: 8.25
Balance due Owner: 816.75
Paid to: Shojiro SAKURAI, March 25, 1942
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster ("S.S." on naval list)
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

J. M. Watson

MEMORANDUM

July 29, 1943

To: File 7544

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: SAKURAI, Shojiro - Reg. 05488

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

APPRAISED VALUE

RADIO

RCMP # 535
Marconi Model 113
No. 113-495058.

\$22.50

*Sold by Auction - Vancouver Radio 2 -
27/1/44*

J. MacLennan

File 7544

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 7544

21st July, 1947.

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI - Reg. No. 05488

CHATELS: The above Japanese registered with this office on the 4th May, 1942, and at that time declared leaving household furniture, farm and blacksmith's tools on his property at Riverside Road, New Westminster. SAKURAI was evacuated on the 13th May, 1942 and prior to that time he had leased his property to a Mr. O. Johnson, who in turn sublet the property.

This property was inspected by our fieldmen on the 24th August, 1942, and an inventory taken.

The property was again inspected in January, 1945, and at that time some goods were appraised by Trapp Motors Ltd., for \$34.00, and sold to the tenant. The net sum of \$30.60 was credited to SAKURAI's account. The balance of the saleable goods on the property were removed and sold at auction 31st January 1945, for the net sum of \$14.39, and later 30th May 1945, two small incubators for the net sum of \$1.73.

There is a memo on file under date of 7th March, 1945, which gives a list of goods missing from the original inventory and also a list of those which had to be abandoned as not being worth the expense of handling.

Mr. Johnson the first tenant was contacted, and he replied that he knew nothing of the missing articles. (Lr. dated 23rd Mar. 1945) No recovery was made.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: SAKURAI had turned his radio over to the R.C.M.P. on the 10th March, 1942. This radio was appraised for \$22.05, but was sold at a Vancouver auction on the 27th January 1944, for the net sum of \$34.47. Receipt for this radio was received from SAKURAI through the B.C. Security Commission on the 6th March, 1945, and the funds forwarded to SAKURAI.

SAKURAI also had a Fishing vessel which was sold through the JFVDC on the 23rd March 1942, and the net sum of \$816.75 was sent to SAKURAI direct 25th March, 1942.

BONDS & INVESTMENTS: He declared a \$50.00 Victory bond, but this was not brought under control by the Custodian.

BANK ACCOUNT: SAKURAI declared having a Bank account at the Bank of Montreal, New Westminster, but this also was not brought under control by the Custodian.

This file reveals no other personal property assets.

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

MEMORANDUM

File 7544

March 7th, 1945.

TO: Mr. W. J. Iverson

FROM: Mr. R. M. Anderson

RE: Shojiro SAKURAI #05488

This property underwent a change of tenants and was vacant from Sept. to end of December 1943. Shortages seemed to occur during this period. The present tenant is I. A. Brager.

I feel one, Oscar Johnston, is actually responsible for missing articles as he held the lease and sublet to the past and present tenants. The buildings could not have been properly locked during the time the property was vacant.

I tried to contact the above but had no success as he is a fish collector and is very seldom at home.

I have examined the following effects and am convinced that they have no commercial value. They have therefore been abandoned.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| ✓ 3 S.M. bunks | ✓ Approx. 500 lbs. fish net (rotten) |
| ✓ 5 Cartons old magazines, etc. | ✓ 12 Japanese tubs |
| ✓ 6 Cartons old clothes & rags | ✓ Old car battery |
| ✓ 6 Cartons of misc. dishes,
found all smashed | ✓ Coal brooder (smashed) |
| ✓ 2 Barrels | ✓ Several pieces of lanterns |
| ✓ 1 Blue stone tub | ✓ 3 Iron beds |
| | ✓ 2 Mattresses |
| | ✓ A few old gas and oil cans |

The following articles are MISSING.

- All hand tools ✓ 1. Garden
✓ 2. Black smithing
✓ 2. Car

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ✓ Coal oil heater | ✓ Generator |
| ✓ 1 Brooder | ✓ 3 Pipe wrenches |
| ✓ 2 - V out saws | ✓ Portable gramophone |
| ✓ Vice, Anvil | ✓ Boat stove |
| ✓ Anchor | ✓ 2 Gas stoves. |
| ✓ Propeller | |
| ✓ Compass | |

RMA:LEM

R. M. Anderson

SPECIFIED ARTICLES SUMMARY

File: 7544

August 20, 1945

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI, Reg. No. 05488

Article: Radio

RCMP No. 535

Description: Marconi Model 113, No. 113-495058

Appraised Value: \$22.50

Surrendered to RCMP March 10, 1942.

Turned over to Custodian January 27, 1944.

Sold at Vancouver Radio Auction No. 2, January 27, 1944.

Sale Price \$40.00

Expenses 5.53

Net Proceeds Credited 34.47

Radio receipt received March 7, 1945, and placed on file.

Certified correct

FM

File No. 7544

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
Shojiro SAKURAI - Registration No. 05488

21st July, 1947.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1944	Balance as per statement sent 8th June, 1944		\$495.47	
1945				
Feb. 23	Cheque to you	\$20.00		
Feb. 26	Sale of chattels by appraisal to tenant		30.60	
Mar. 24	Cheque to you	20.00		
Mar. 26	Net proceeds auction sale, Surrey 9		14.39	
Apr. 21	Cheque to you	20.00		
Apr. 23	Legal fees in connection with sale of property	15.00		
May 19	Cheque to you	20.00		
June 19	" "	20.00		
July 11	Net proceeds auction sale		1.73	
July 20	Cheque to you	20.00		
Aug. 22	" "	20.00		
1946				
June 28	" "	20.00		
July 19	" "	20.00		
Aug. 26	" "	20.00		
Sept. 23	" "	20.00		
Oct. 22	" "	20.00		
Nov. 22	" "	20.00		
Dec. 28	" "	20.00		
1947				
Jan. 23	" "	20.00		
Feb. 21	" "	20.00		
Mar. 21	" "	20.00		
Apr. 17	" "	20.00		
		<u>375.00</u>		
			<u>542.19</u>	
				<u>\$167.19</u>
July 21	Balance of funds forwarded to Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI	<u>167.19</u>		
		<u>\$542.19</u>		
				<u>Gr. Nil.</u>

B. P. #2,
Hemmer, B. D.
August 24, 1942

RECEIVED
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A. Allen

Dear Sir:
I have received your letter and the
check. I am very sorry I had delayed
your reply but I have been very busy
still now.

Since I am not satisfied with the
unexpensive cost of the land I like to
to you about before, I would like to
keep the title document until the
government do something about it soon.
I do hope you understand this.

Yours truly,
Shojino Sakurai
Reg. No. 05488.

7544

21st July, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI,
Registration No. 05488,
R.R. No. 2,
Vernon, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your file has now been reviewed and we are enclosing herewith Custodian cheque in the amount of \$167.19, which sum represents your full remaining credit balance at this office, and for your information we are enclosing a detailed statement of your account showing entries made since the one sent to you 8th June, 1944, with details of your property sale.

We note that you still have the Title document of this property in your possession and we request that you send it to this office without delay as it has been cancelled at the Land Registry Office.

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

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

HA
Encls. 3 (Cheque)

NAME SAKURAI, Shojiro

REGISTRATION NO. 05488

FILE NO. 7544

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Surrey, B. C. on May 30, 1945.

Small incubator	\$ 0.50
Small incubator	2.00

Total		\$	
	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.25		
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.05	\$	2.50
	(Movings: 0.47	\$	0.77
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	1.73

Members of Custodian Staff Present. W. J. Iverson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Surrey 13.

Remarks.

MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

FILE NO: 7544

NAME: Shojiro SAKURAI

DATE ADVERTISED:
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME: Trapp Motors Ltd.

VALUATION: \$34.00

PURCHASE PRICE: \$34.00

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL: April 6, 1945.

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: Mr. J. A. Brager

ADDRESS: 1091 River Road, Sunbury, B.C.

OCCUPATION:

BILL OF SALE REQUIRED:	YES	NO
(state if purchase		
price already paid or		
arrangements made)	Paid in full.	

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY: Nil.

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD:	Kitchen table & 6 chairs	\$10.00
	Bed & spring	10.00
	Bed & spring	10.00
	Couch	3.00
	Rocker	1.00
		\$34.00

R.R. 1.

New Westminster B.C.

March 23-45

W. J. Ineson

Protection Dept

506 Royal Bank Bldg

Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I have no knowledge of the missing articles you wrote about re: S. Sakurai place. I was never asked for a list of chattels while I was looking after the place and since the Soldier's Settlement Board took over I haven't been down there. In my agreement with Mr. Sakurai I was not held responsible for any articles which should be missing as I live two miles from the place.

and could not possibly
keep track of every thing.
yours sincerely
A Johnson

March 17th, 1945.

Mr. Oscar Johnson,
R. R. #1,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

RE: Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI

Dear Sir:

On going through our file with respect to the above named Japanese, we note that you were the original tenant on the property and apparently were responsible for the personal effects there.

Soon after the Japanese evacuation we asked you for a list of chattels, but as it was not forthcoming, we made our own list and when we recovered the chattels in pursuance of the policy of the Federal Government, it was found that a great many of these things were missing. In particular the missing articles included the followings:

All hand tools	1. Garden	
	2. Block smithing	
	3. Car	
Coal oil heater		Compass
1 Brooder		Generator
2 - V cut saws		3 pipe wrenches
Vice, anvil		Portable gramophone
Anchor		Boat stove
Propeller		2 Gas stoves

We should appreciate it if you could give us any information on the subject which would enable us to close our file.

Yours truly,

W. J. Iverson
Protection Department.

WJI:LBJ

No.

J.H. 05988

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

112

\$

Vancouver B.C. 10th March 1948

Received from

Shojiro SAKURAI of 1091 Riverside
Rd. New Westminster B.C.

One radio Marconi Model 113

Serial 113-495058

Dollars,

100

Signature

J.F. Miles Cst
Reg. No. 13648

MEMORANDUM

File 7544

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Portable gramophone
Boat stove
2 Gas stoves.

RMA:LEM

7544

February 22nd, 1945.

Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI,
Registration No. 05488,
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been requested by the B. C. Security Commission to forward you a monthly remittance of \$20.00. We enclose herewith Custodian cheque for this amount for the month of February. Future remittances will be forwarded to you on the 20th of each month hereafter.

The enclosed sales sheet shows that your radio has been sold and the net amount of the sale of \$34.47 has been placed to the credit of your account. Before this money is available to you, it is necessary that you send in to this office the receipt you received from the R.C.M.P.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

Enc. (cheque)
RDR:OH

Credit balance - \$475.47

MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

FILE NO: 7544

NAME: Shojiro SAKURAI

DATE ADVERTISED:
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME: Trapp Motors Ltd.

VALUATION: \$34.00

PURCHASE PRICE: \$34.00

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL: April 6, 1945.

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: Mr. J. A. Drager

ADDRESS: 1091 River Road, Sunbury, B.C.

OCCUPATION:

BILL OF SALE REQUIRED: YES
(state if purchase price already paid or arrangements made) Paid in full.

NO

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY: Nil.

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD:	Kitchen table & 6 chairs	\$10.00
	Bed & spring	10.00
	Bed & spring	10.00
	Couch	3.00
	Rocker	1.00
		\$34.00



TRAPP MOTORS LTD.

AGENTS FOR GOODYEAR TIRES

AUCTIONEERS



PORT OF
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.



February 20th, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

Under instructions from the Office of the Custodian
we have appraised and sold the following list of goods
at the S. Sakurai Estate, 1091 River Road, Sunbury, to
Mr. J. A. Brager of the same address:

Kitchen Table & 6 chairs	\$10.00 ✓
Bed & Spring	10.00 ✓
Bed & Spring	25 10.00 ✓
Couch	5 3.00 ✓
Rocker	3.50 1.00 ✓
	<u>34.00</u>
Less 10%	3.40
	<u>\$30.60</u>

Certified a just and fair appraisal as made by us this
18th day of January, 1945.

Yours very truly,

TRAPP MOTORS LIMITED,
Auctioneers & Appraisers,

Secretary.

CFDP/k

Approved.
6/4/45.

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SALES - SERVICE - SATISFACTION

All that the term implies.

File 7544
Sakurai Shojin
Reg # 05488

NAME SAKURAI, Shojiro

REGISTRATION NO. 05488

FILE NO. 7544

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Surrey, B. C. on January 31, 1945.

Trunk	\$ 3.00
Range	11.00
Table, mop and rods	0.50
Crock and can	1.75
Chair and table	1.00
Switch box	0.75
Phonograph and clock	1.50
Lot baskets and comode	1.75
Forge less blower	0.50

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.18
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.68
	(Movings: 4.50

\$ 21.75
\$ 7.36
\$ 14.39

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Iverson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Surrey 9.

Remarks.

Canada

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 7544
Reg. No. 05488

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

JUN 8 1944

Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI,
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: 1091 River Road, New Westminster, B. C.
Mun. of Delta, Lot 2, Blk. 4 of Lot 133, Gp. 2,
Map 5332, Dis. of New Westminster, C. of E. 50460.

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	\$ 465.00
Add:	
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943	465.00
Less:	
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$
Registration fee	3.00
Encumbrance—Principal	
—Interest	3.00
Net proceeds of sale	\$ 462.00

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.

1963		
Debit	Credit	Balance
	\$662.00	
\$1.00		
	36.47	
\$1.00	\$796.47	CR \$795.47

1963 Jan. 1 Credit re Sale of Property
Land Registry Office C/E
1964 Feb. 26 Proceeds Auction Sale

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S.S. Form No. 49
(Sheet 1)

File No. J.L.606

Land Description Lot 2 of Lot 4 S.D. of Lot 133 Gp. 2 Map 852 and Map 5332
House No. 1091. River Road. Containing 3.36 Acres

Owner's Name SAKURAI, Shogiro Post Office Address R.R. 1, New Westminster, B.C.
Nearest Rail Point New Westminster, B.C. Distance 8 mi.
Market Town " " " Distance 8 "
Church (give denomination) " " all denominations Distance 8 "
Nearest School Sunbury Public School Distance 1 1/2 "

State how property was identified: Map location

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.
Direct access to New Westminster and Ladner by River Road.

Is this district a good one? Poor farming area; good fishing.

Employment opportunity Industrial peat plant 1/2 mile. City industries 8 miles

Predominating Nationality and religion: Japanese and Scandinavian. Value \$

Describe Fencing and its condition: No fences. Value \$

Water supply: Ladner, Municipal system.

Electricity: Power available
Lights installed.

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	24 x 28	Frame	1 st.	Shgl.	20	wood piles	Poor	\$350.00
Shed	14 x 32	"	1 "	"	20	" "	" "	-
BARN	10 x 20	"	1 "	"	20	Wood	" "	-
BARN	20 x 60	"	1 "	"	20	wood piles	Fair	360.00
Boat & net shed	14 x 24	"	1 "	"	20	Wood	Poor	50.00
GRANARY	20 x 52	"	1 "	"	20	"	"	40.00
Shed	20 x 48	"	1 "	"	20	"	"	40.00
Poultry	20 x 56	"	1 "	"	20	"	"	40.00

Total present day value \$ 880.00

\$ 400.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm

Is dwelling habitable without repairs?

habitable?

If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it

\$

Describe the basement and chimneys: No basement; metal chimney.

No. rooms downstairs? 4 Upstairs? - How finished Wood-lined.

Are buildings painted? No Condition of paint

Distance from nearest bush No exposure.

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

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ACRES	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
.62	Level - 82 ac.	Loam 10 to 15".	Peat	Black currants and garden & buildings.	\$60.	\$49.20
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
					VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
					VALUE PER ACRE	
2.54	Level 2.54 ac	Loam to peat.	Peat	Clearing, ditch- ing and breaking.	\$75. to \$125.	\$10.
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 74.60

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$400.00

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

Total value of farm \$474.60

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:
Now occupied by tenant; no farming activity. Growth indicates fair to good
soil fertility on acreage under cultivation.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Not suitable for agriculture.

Noxious weeds: Numerous annuals; none serious except thistle.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities: Corporation of Delta.
Assessment: Land \$ 269.
Imp. 1000. 1942 Taxes \$20.51

Date: July 23rd, 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 22nd day of July 1942

Inspector's Signature

"H.L.SINCLAIR"

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

Farm Appraisal Report

SAKURAI, S.

Remarks: The topography of this small property of limited developed acreage makes it unsuitable for agriculture purposes. The lot extends from the river front south to the past bog and it has been used as a homesite for the Japanese fisherman while the women of the family carried on with the garden and small berry plot.

The land is low-lying and is said to be subject to flood in very wet seasons. A board walk extends south to the poultry houses, and both the walk and poultry houses are in a dilapidated condition.

The property is said to be rented to Oscar Johnson but I was unable to contact this party and obtain information as to rentals.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

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

Low-lying land in the Delta dyking and drainage area.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE

Dyking charges - 52 cents.

Drainage - \$2.30. Domestic water charges \$5.19.

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

Approximately 0.82 acs. in garden, black currants and	\$
buildings.	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

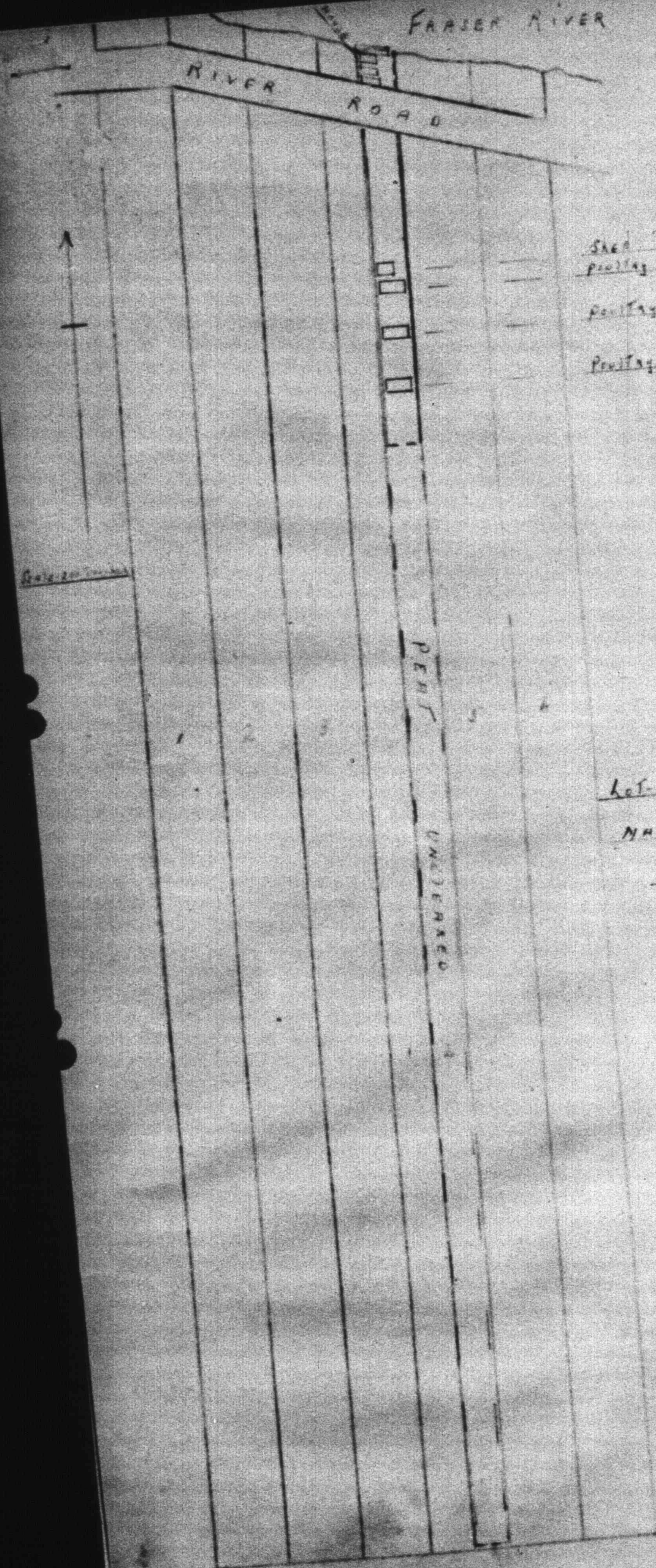
Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

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Lot 2 of Lot 4 Sub-Div. of D/L 133 P/L 2

NMP-152 and NMP-153

Shojiso-SANUKI

3.36 A.C.

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Diagram of Property

*Diagram
insert to be attached*

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

value is \$ 700.00

Date 25th July 1942

"I.T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.

File No. 7344

SAKURAI, Shojiro (Mr.)

Reg. No. 05488

1091 River Road, New Westminster, B.C.



NAME Sakurai, Hajiro

REGISTRATION NO. 05122

FILE NO. 7544

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 222 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on January 27, 1944

Marconi Mantel

\$ 40.00 -

Total:

\$ 40.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.00
Advertising: .32
Moving: .21
Storage: 1.00

\$ 5.53

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 34.47

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver Radio 2

Remarks.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 555

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB/DIVN. & File No.

Vancouver

DIVISION & File No.

DETACHMENT & File No.

C.I.D.

J.R. 05188

DATE Jan. 25th, 1941

Re: Shijiro SAKURAI, 1001 Riverside Rd., New Westminster, B.C.
(Name of File)

On Mar. 10th, 1942, 1 D.R. Melara, C.I.D.
(Date) (Number of File)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner

(State authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. of Sub.	No. of Packages	Qty. or Size	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1.		Marconi Model 113 # 113 - 495058. (1)

REMARKS: Handed over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

(State briefly disposition)

DATE Jan. 27th, 1941

CERTIFIED CORRECT

F.B. Jefferson, Jan. 27, 1941, C.I.D.

Signature of Custodian or Witness

7544

March 22, 1943.

Messrs. Coulthard, Sutherland & Company, Ltd.,
609 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

Attention Mr. F. H. Coulthard

Dear Sirs:

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 18th with reference to fire insurance on buildings located on property belonging to the above named at 1091 Riverside Road, New Westminster, B. C.

I note that you have had to refuse the risk because of the dilapidated condition of the buildings which are crowded together and built on piles which are in a rotting condition, and also because of the exposure being bad.

I wish to thank you kindly for going to the trouble that you have in making this inspection.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MA

7544

March 5, 1943.

Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI,
Registration No. 05488,
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance.

I have endeavoured to get from Mr. Oscar Johnson information in connection with buildings on your property at 1091 Riverside Road with a view to having them rated for fire insurance purposes, but so far haven't received the information I need. So, without further correspondence from your lessee, I have asked Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd., Insurance Agents at New Westminster, for the North West Fire Insurance Company to hold us covered to the extent of the Assessed Value of the Improvements on your property and to follow that by inspecting the property with a view to placing the proper amount of insurance on the different buildings.

We will advise you further with respect to this matter at a later date.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SNC:MAD

7544

March 5, 1943.

Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd.,
609 Columbia St.,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI.

With reference to property belonging to the
above named and described as being on Lot 2, Block 4 of Lot
133, Group 2, Map 5332, N.W.D., and being located at 1091
Riverside Road, New Westminster, B. C.

On this property apparently there is a five-
roomed dwelling, three chicken houses, barn, packing shed,
wood shed and net house.

The tenant's name on that property is Mrs.
Guy Meek.

The Assessed Value of Improvements on this
property is shown as being \$1,000.00.

Will you kindly hold us covered to the extent
of the Assessed Value and at your first opportunity, please
inspect this property.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD

COPY FOR MR. MCKAY

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File Nos. 5598, 8625, 7544 ✓

517 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
February 24th, 1943.

T. W. Bolton, F.R. 901, A.B.,
Mess 19, William Head,
c/o H.M.C.S. Naden,
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter making application to purchase either the K. Sasaki property or the K. Taguchi and S. Sakurai places. In reply we might say that disposal of Japanese properties is solely under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property, and your letter is being passed to that official accordingly.

We might point out at this time, however, that no doubt you will be eligible for benefits under the Veterans' Land Act on your discharge or demobilization at the end of the war, and it would seem to us that you should take this fact into consideration in deciding whether you will purchase property right away. There can be no assurance given if you acquire a particular property in the meantime that it will subsequently be acceptable as security for financial assistance under the Act, which same provides for purchase of a small holding for a qualified veteran, together with assistance if required for purchase of a certain amount of fishing equipment.

Further information with regard to benefits eventually available to veterans under the Act on their discharge will shortly be available, but in any case as stated, nothing can be done as long as your services are still required by the Navy.

Yours truly,

"I. T. BARNET",
District Superintendent.

JK/WJ

7544

February 15th, 1943.

Mr. Oscar Johnson,
R. R. #1,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI

It is noted that this office has written numerous letter to you regarding insurance on the Japanese property under lease to you but so far we have not had the courtesy of a reply from you regarding the property.

We fail to understand why you have ignored our repeated requests for information and would ask that, if you are not interested in the safe-keeping of this property, you write us to that effect stating that you no longer wish to carry on your agreement so that we may make other arrangements.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA/EM

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 4 1943
File T.O.	
Ans.	<i>W</i>
Referred	<i>Gibson</i>

1091 R.R. 1.

River Road.

New Westminster, B.C.

Sirs.

Re: Your letter
received some time ago.
We had left the matter
in the hands of Oscar
Johnson, and he said
that he would look
after the matter, but
to date no one has
been here. As we haven't
saw Mr. Johnson for some
time, we will write or
see him again soon
in the future.

Thanking you.

I am
Yours truly
Mrs. G. M. McK.

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO., LTD.

ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENTS
CAR FINANCING

TELEPHONE 106

R. Insurance

609 COLUMBIA STREET.
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Your File: 7544.

March 18, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Attention Mr. Gibson.
RE: Shojiro SAKURAI.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 19 1943
File No.	7544
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>Gibson</i>

Dear Sir:

We have inspected the property of the above
and regret to report that we must refuse this risk.

The buildings are in a very dilapidated
condition, crowded together and built on piles on the
river bank which are rotten. Also the exposure is terrible.

Yours very truly,

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.

[Signature]
F. H. Coulthard.

P.R. #1

New Westminster B6

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Office of Custodian
Farm Dept.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 23 1943
File No.	544
Ans.	
Referred	Gibson

Dear Sir:

Re Shojiro Sakurai

Received your letter in which you say that numerous letters have been written to us regarding fire insurance. I wish to say that we have received only one such letter and if more have been written they have not been delivered to this address.

At the time we made our agreement with Mr. Sakurai it was understood that we pay taxes and water rates - nothing more. We asked Mr. Sakurai about fire insurance and he said he never carried it so that it would not be necessary now.

As far as carrying on our agreement we have done so and will continue to do so until our agreement is void either by the return of Mr. Sakurai or if the Dominion Government should take over all these properties.

Yours truly
Mrs. Oscar Johnson -

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Oct. 13. 1942.
1091. R.R.H.I. Rensselaer
New Westminster
B.C.

Richardson

File No. 7544

RE. Shojino Sakurai.

Sir.

As there seems to be
the understanding that we are
dealing direct with the Japanese,
but we are renting the property
from Mr Oscar Johnson,
and he has the place rented
from them, we are renting
a furnished house so the
household effects are all
listed on the list taken from
here.

I thank you
I am

Sincerely yours.

Mrs G. W. Meek.

7544

28th December, 1942.

Mr. Oscar Johnson,
1091 River Road,
R.R. 1,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI

On November 12th I wrote to Mrs. Meek in connection with fire insurance on property belonging to the above named, which I understand she sub-lets from you, but to date have not heard from her.

I would like to arrange for some fire insurance protection on this property, principal buildings on which I believe are a Dwelling, three Chicken Houses and a Barn. I lack the necessary information on file in order to place this insurance and have it properly rated.

I wonder if you could assist by having some local insurance man inspect the property, letting us have the rate applying on each building worth insuring and also, please, giving an idea as to how much should be carried on each.

If it is not convenient for you to do this, will you please let me know so that we can make other arrangements.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:FM

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see of insurance to
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of Feb 15/43
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7544

12th November, 1942.

Mrs. G.W. Meek,
1091 Riverside Road,
New Westminster, B.C.

Re: Shojiro SAKURAI

Dear Madam:-

With reference to fire insurance on property of the
above named Japanese which I understand you are occupying as a tenant.

I wonder if you would be good enough, please, to have
one of your local insurance agents inspect this property in order to
arrive at a fire rate for the buildings and contents. You might also
ask him to give us his ideas as to the amount of protection that should
be carried.

I wish to refer this to the Japanese owner as early as
possible and would appreciate if you could attend to this at an early
date.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:FM

OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS
JAPANESE SECTION

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Dear Sir:

Kaslo B.C.
November 2/42

Richardson

Regarding your letter
of October 23rd File No. 7544,
when, covering my property
and chattels with insurance
I wish to know the
Premium to be paid.

In your letter it does
not state the amount of
premium nor at what rate
the Premium is charged.
Could you advise me on
this matter.

Yours truly,
S. Sakurai.

7544

26th October, 1942.

Mr. Oscar Johnson,
1091 River Rd.,
R.R. #1,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Shojiro SAKURAI.

According to your lease agreement with
the above Japanese you are required to pay the taxes
and water rates on the property.

Please be informed that the taxes on this
property amount to \$20.51, payable on or before 16th
November. We would appreciate receiving a copy of
the receipted tax notice upon payment of same.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA:GP

7544

23rd October, 1942.

Mr. Shojiro Sakurai, #05488,
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have a copy of the lease between you and Oscar Johnson, from which we note that Mr. Johnson is only required to pay the taxes and water rights on the property. He is also given the right to sub-lease the property and is not responsible for the loss of any goods or chattels due to any damage over which he could or would not have control.

For your own protection it would be advisable to have your property and chattels covered by insurance, and we would appreciate your advising us if you wish this done and whether you will pay the premium on same.

We trust you will give this matter your early attention.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA:GF

7544

4th September, 1942.

Mrs. Guy Meek,
1091 River Road,
R.R. #1,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Madam:-

Re: Shoiko SAKURAI

We understand you are renting the above Japanese' property at the rate of \$15.00 per month. Please be advised that all moneys due to Japanese are payable to this office, cheques to be made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your rental agreement and a list of any furniture or sundry chattels that you are using, and also a statement of your responsibility for same.

Trusting you will give this your immediate consideration, we are

Yours truly,

R.D. Richardson,
Farm Department

WEA:FM

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17th August, 1942.

Mr. Oscar Johnson,
1091 Riverside Road,
R.R. #1,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Shoichi SAKURAI

We understand that you have leased the above Japanese' property and would appreciate your mailing us a copy of the Agreement. If you have the use of the chattels left on the property we would ask you to make a complete list of them and mail it to this office, stating your responsibility for their safe-keeping.

Please be advised that all moneys due to Japanese are payable to this office for disbursement from here, cheques to be made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Yours truly,

Manager,
Farm Department

WEA:FM

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this twentieth
day of April, A.D. 1942

BETWEEN

SHOJIRO SAKURAI, of R. R. 1, in the City of
New Westminster, Province of British Columbia,
Fisherman, hereinafter called

THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

AND

OSCAR JOHNSON, of R. R. 1, New Westminster
aforesaid, Fish Buyer, hereinafter called

THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the party of the First Part is the owner of
those certain lands or premises lying and being in the Municipality
of Delta, and being more particularly known and described as
Lot two (2) of Block Four (4) of Lot 133, Group 2, Map 5332,
together with a dwelling house and Net house on the outside of
the Dyke adjoining the said property

AND WHEREAS the Party of the First Part is removing
from the Province of British Columbia for an indefinite period.

AND WHEREAS it has been agreed by and between the
parties hereto that during the period of time the Party of the
First Part shall be removed from the Pacific Coast, that the
Party of the Second Part shall look after the aforesaid property
of the Party of the First Part as herein set forth;

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual
covenants and agreements herein contained and the payments agreed
to be made herein by the Party of the second Part; IT IS AGREED
by and between the parties hereto as follows:-

- 1, That from and after the date hereof until the cancellation
of this agreement, or until the Party of the First Part shall
have returned to resume his occupation in the Province of British
Columbia, the Party of the First Part HEREBY GRANTS unto the
Party of the Second Part the use and occupation of the aforesaid lands
and premises; TOGETHER with all buildings, ways, paths, passages, waters,
water courses, privileges, advantages and appurtenances whatsoever to
the said premises belonging or otherwise appertaining

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29 April 1948
DATE _____
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2. The Party of the Second Part covenants and agrees that during the currency of this agreement he will pay all taxes, water rates, ~~insurance~~, or other rates wherewith the said lands will be now or hereafter charged.

3. The Party of the Second Part further covenants that he will look after the said premises, and care for such chattels as may be left in or on the said premises by the Party of the First Part to the best of his ability, BUT it is understood and agreed that the Party of the Second Part shall not be responsible for the loss of any goods or chattels or for any damage that may be done to the said premises for any cause or reason over which he could or would have no control.

4. That during the currency of this said agreement the Party of the Second Part shall be entitled to use the said premises for his own purposes, or may lease or sub-let the same as he should deem a lease or letting is fit and proper under all circumstances.

5. And the Party of the Second Part covenants that he will do nothing in any way to Jeopardize the rights of the Party of the First Part in and to the aforesaid lands and premises.

AND the Party of the First Part hereby further covenants with the Party of the Second Part, that should the Party of the First Part decide to sell or otherwise dispose of his said lands and premises, that the Party of the Second Part shall have the first right of refusal to buy the same.

AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that this agreement and everything herein contained shall be subject to any laws, rules or regulations that may now or hereafter be enacted affecting the property, both real and personal, of Japanese in Canada, or enemy aliens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED)
in the presence of)
"W.M. Gilchrist")
....illegible...)

"Shojiro Sakurai"
"Oscar Johnson"

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

May 27, 1948

M. J. Santamaria

REPORT ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. _____

MUNICIPALITY: Delta

Date: August 24, 1942.

NAME: SAKURAI, Shajiro

REGISTRATION NO.

ADDRESS: 1091 River Road, New Westminster. B. C.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE: 3.36 cleared

KIND OF CROPS: 7 fruit trees

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH: $\frac{1}{2}$ acres currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre raspberries

HOUSE: 1 storey

VACANT:

OCCUPIED: yes

DESCRIPTION:

ROOF: shingle

SIZE: 26 x 38

NO. OF ROOMS: 5 rooms

CONDITION: fair

OTHER BUILDINGS: net house 60 x 20, 1 chicken hse. 20 x 52, 1 chicken hse. 18 x 48, chicken hse. 14 x 32, woodshed, 10 x 20. barn 12 x 20, 1 chicken hse. 18 x 56

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: Mrs. Guy Meek

TERMS: \$15.00 per month, as from 1st. of June.

WATER: yes

ON: yes

Barn
2 weeders, 2 barrels
200 ft. lumber
1 brooder, no stove
part roll chicken wire
4 incubators
1 brooder comp.
1 x cut saw, 1 hay fork
4 hoes, 1 pick

LIGHT: yes

ON: yes

REMARKS: woodshed 10 x 20

1 coil oil heater
1 gas tank
1 storage shack
1 coal scuttle
1 egg scale

Chicken House 14 x 52
1 gas tank
1 gal. oil can
1 x cut saw
1 bedstead
18 egg cases

1 anvil
1 vice
1 shoe last
5 spud diggers
2 mattocks
1 rake
2 cyckles
2 cythes

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:

Attic

2 beds complete
3 home made bunks
1 table
1 trunk
3 cartons books
4 cartons old clothes
1 bread box old clothes
1 box misc.
6 cartons dishes etc.
1 bag fencing padding
1 tin old books
1 box dishes
1 table top
1 jap basket
1 portable gramophone
1 fire extinguisher
1 battery
3 pipe wrenches
1 electric switch
1 oil lamp
1 carton jap books
1 carton Xmas decorations
1 fishing basket
1 8 ft. belt
2 lanterns
1 grass sack
1 meat chopper
1 picture frame & glass

Down Main

1 piano chair
1 portable gas stove
1 cabinet gramophone
1 20 gal. crock
2 lanterns
1 wall map
1 fire extinguisher
1 long table
3 small tables
4 chairs
1 high chair
1 rocker
1 kitchen cabinet
1 camp cot
1 round table
1 bureau
2 beds com.
2 mattresses
1 wall clock

Back House

down:

12 jap tubs
50 ft. hose
1 buck saw
1 hand saw
Up:
1 anchor
1 propellor
1 compass
1 vacuum tank
1 gas lantern
1 gas stove
500 lbs. fish net
1 small basket

Net House

1000lbs. nets
1 gal. oil can
1 generator
1 battery
1 head light
1 box tools
Back Shack
1 black smiths
bellows
1 box metal
2 leng. tile pipe
1 blue stone tub

Signed:

2 pictures
cooking utensils
1 heater
old lino. 1 floor

Shajiro Sakurai
H. H. Hagan

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

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

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

- (1) NAME SHOJIRO (RCMP) Reg. No. 05488
(Print Name) Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address R. R. #1, New Westminster, B. C.
- (3) Present Address R. R. #2, Vernon, B. C.
- (4) REAL ESTATE
- (a) Street Address (if any) R. R. #1, New Westminster, B. C.
City or Municipality, Province
- (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
Lot two (2), Block four (4), Lot one hundred and thirty-three (133), Group two (2), Map 5222.
- (c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):
(i) Farm Sold to Veterans' Lands
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business farm and fishing
(iii) ~~Business~~
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) 3 Chicken Coops, Net House, Brooder and incubator
- (d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) sole owner
- (e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):
- | | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| (i) Land | \$ | 800.00 |
| (ii) Buildings | \$ | 2000.00 |
| (iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) | \$ | 200.00 (crop) |
| (iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) | \$ | 3000.00 |
| (v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account | \$ | 462.00 + 65.00 |
| (f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv)) | \$ | 2538.00 |

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
R. R. #1 (Sudbury) New Westminster
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
House
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Left upstairs unpacked

(over)

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

In no one's care

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

	Estimated Value \$
1. Household goods, furniture, fishing	
2. Nets and farmers equipment	
3. Two Brooder Stoves, four incubators	1,475.00
4. Estimated Value \$	
5. Estimated Value \$	
6. Estimated Value \$	
7. Estimated Value \$	
8. Estimated Value \$	
9. Estimated Value \$	
10. Estimated Value \$	
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$	1,475.00

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

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

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

(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal)

Vernon, B.C.

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA

Province of British Columbia

I, Shejiro Sakurai

of the of H.R.2. Vernon. in the Province of British Columbia

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City

of Vernon

in the Province of British Columbia

this 15th day of November

A.D. 1947

A Notary Public or Commissioner etc.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.M. COLQUHOUN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Vernon, B.C.

April 29, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
SHOJIRO SAKURAI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

D.S. McTAVISH, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

T.J. HARRISON, Esq.,

Secretary to Vernon
Sub-Commission.

MRS. I.C. SMITH,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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Q: Witness, did you instruct me to draw this statement with regard to your real property and is that your signature on it? A: Yes.

Q: Are the contents of that statement true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

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honour. The claimant purchased the property in 1919 for \$525.00 when it was all bush with no improvements. He cleared two acres and planted about ten fruit trees and also planted the small fruit crop shown on the statement. He sets out in detail the buildings which he erected and points out that city water connection and electric light was installed in the house, the net house and the brooder house and the three chicken houses. The claimant states that he disagrees that the buildings were in poor condition. He says that they were in fair condition and serviceable for the purposes for which they were used. He says the appraiser's estimate of the age of the buildings is incorrect in most instances. He admits that the land was low-lying, but says, in the time that he lived there, it was quite dry and not subject to flooding, and that the land was suitable for poultry raising and small fruit farming, and he estimates the value at \$1750.00.

Q: Now, witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement with regard to your personal chattels with respect to which you are claiming and is that your signature on the statement?

A: Yes.

Q: And on this copy of the Analysis of Personal Property claim of the Custodian, did you instruct me to set opposite certain items in the second inventory certain prices in pencil?

A: (Question interpreted)

Q: This document is a document prepared by the
Custodian that I am showing you, and down here
are certain pencil prices. Did you instruct me
to put those on there? A: Yes.

Q: And except for those items where the pencil prices
appear on the left-hand side of the second in-
ventory, you aren't claiming anything for the
other items? A: No.

10 Q: Do those prices that are shown in pencil on that
document represent your estimate of the fair sale
price of those things at the time of your evacua-
tion? A: Yes.

Q: Are the contents of this statement which you
identified as having signed with regard to your
personal chattels true to the best of your know-
ledge and recollection? A: Yes.

20 MR. McMASTER: I would ask to file this copy of the
Custodian's Claims Analysis with the personal
chattels form as one exhibit. I have used the
Analysis form as a convenient manner of setting
up the individual items and not with any acceptance
of some of the comments that appear thereon.
I file that as the next exhibit.

(STATEMENT AND ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
CLAIM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

30 Q: Witness, I produce to you a picture from the
Custodian's file. It doesn't say when the pic-
ture was taken. Does that appear to be a picture
of some of the buildings on the lands with res-
pect to which you are claiming? A: Yes.

Q: That would be on the part north of the road,
would it, north of the River Road?

A: Yes.

Q: And then your land extended quite a long way back
of that, on the south side of the River Road?

A: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as the next exhibit.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

10 Q: Now, witness, when you went away you rented your
property to one Oscar Johnson? A: Yes.

Q: Is this a copy of the agreement between yourself
and Johnson? A: Yes.

Q: That is your signature on it?

A: Yes.

20 MR. McMASTER: This is an agreement, your honour,
dated the 20th day of April, 1942 between the
claimant and one Oscar Johnson whereunder Johnson
undertook to look after the real estate of the
claimant and was to have the privilege of -- it
amounts to a lease, I would think, of the real
estate. One clause I would like to refer to
is on page 3, or, rather, Clause 3 of the agree-
ment: "The Party of the Second Part further
covenants that he will look after the said pre-
mises, and care for such chattels as may be left
in or on the said premises by the Party of the
First Part to the best of his ability, BUT it is
understood and agreed that the Party of the Second
Part shall not be responsible for the loss of
30 any goods or chattels or for any damage that may

be done to the said premises for any cause or reason over which he could or would have no control."

I file that agreement as the next exhibit.

(AGREEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

MR. McMASTER: There is no power in the agreement for Johnson to sub-let the premises. I would refer also to the last paragraph: "It is hereby declared that this agreement and everything herein contained shall be subject to any laws, rules or regulations that may now or hereafter be enacted affecting the property, both real and personal, of Japanese in Canada, or enemy aliens."

Q: Now, witness, did you ever give to Johnson any authority to sub-let your lands and premises to anybody else, that is, to let anybody else on the lands and premises? A: No.

MR. McMASTER: Perhaps my friend would be good enough to admit that at the time the inventory referred to in the Custodian's Claims Analysis dated August 24, 1942, was taken, a Mrs. Guy Mack was in possession of the premises.

MR. McTAVISH: That appears on the appraiser's report, your honour.

MR. McMASTER: And perhaps my friend will admit that at some subsequent date some person by the name of Berger or some similar name was a tenant on the premises.

MR. McTAVISH: Your honour, in the file it appears that there was somebody by that name on the premises, but

only after the property had been sold by the --
to the Soldier Settlement Board.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my friend to be good enough
to undertake to produce any document which may
be on the Custodian's file showing the disposi-
tion of the chattels of this claimant at the time
that the property was sold to the Soldier Settle-
ment Board.

Your witness.

10 MR. McMASTER: It is submitted, your honour, that the
all the time real property was sold for its fair market value.
It is submitted that the personal property was
left in the custody of someone other than the
Custodian appointed by the owner and in that
case the Custodian was only liable from the time
he assumed custody. It is submitted that the
personal property which was sold was sold for
its fair market value. It is submitted that
where the claimant has claimed for something
20 which was not sold, that his claim is exorbitant.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McTAVISH:

Q: Claimant, what was your occupation?

A: Fisherman.

MR. McMASTER: Your honour, looking at the Analysis
of Personal Property claim prepared by the Custo-
dian, it will be seen that the vast majority of
items claimed for were either abandoned or are
shown as "no account, theft." With regard to
30 real property, your honour, it is a pure ques-

tion of value, and the same would apply to the personal property.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q: Witness, the northerly boundary of your property was the Fraser River, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q: And was there a clear channel in front of your property that large or small fish boats could travel quite easily? A: Yes.

10 Q: And your neighbours, were they mostly fishermen? A: Yes.

Q: And did they use their land in the off-fishing season for growing fruits and food?

THE INTERPRETER: Would you repeat your question?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Did they use their land in the off-season for growing fruits and food?

A: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: That is all, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

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(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

"M.M. Colquhoun"
Sub-Commissioner.

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

Gordon Hambleton
G. Hambleton,
Official Reporter.

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DEFENCE BRIEF

Shojiro SAKURAI

File No. 7544

Case No. 222

VERNON
29 April 1948
V.L.A.
Sheet A.24-2

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. (All claims shown are Gross)

Claim reduced to

\$1750.
(Trans. Page 2)

Appraised at

\$474.60

Sale Price

\$465.

Witness: Appraiser, H. L. Sinclair.

Question of valuation only.

Appraiser (Sinclair) reports - Poor farming area. No basement to house.

Appraiser (Hammatt) reports - The topography of this small piece of property of limited developed acreage makes it unsuitable for agriculture purposes. Land is low-lying and said to be subject to flood. Poultry houses in dilapidated condition.

Messrs. Coulthard Sutherland refused the insurance of this property stating that it was in a very dilapidated condition.

It is submitted that the real property was sold for its fair market value.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

2. (All claims shown are Gross)

Claim reduced to

\$659.50
(Trans. Page 3)

Sold for

\$98.25

(a) Furniture value \$110.50 - \$29.50 sold by auction for \$21.75 -
58.50 sold by tender for \$34.00
22.50 Recorded now missing (theft).

(b) Farm Equip. value \$249.00 - 122.50 Sold by auction for \$2.50
126.50 Recorded now missing.

500 (c) Nets value \$250.00 - ~~Abandoned, being old & rotten.~~
Recorded now missing

(d) Radio value \$ 50.00 - Sold by auction for \$40.
(Appraised at \$22.50)

\$659.50

Property was let to a Mr. O. Johnson and in the lease he agreed to look after and take care of the chattels left on the property but not to be responsible for loss or any damage through any cause over which he would have no control.

Premises were left vacant from September 1943 to December 1943 and the premises were not properly locked.

The tenant, Mr. Johnson, stated in a letter dated 23.3.45 that he had no knowledge of the missing articles and said he was not held responsible in the lease for missing articles.

Defence Summary

Witness

Where Required

H. L. Sinclair	1	Appraiser
Trapp Motors Ltd.	2 (a) (b)	Auctioneers & Appraisers
Mr. Iverson	2 (a) (b)	Staff
Thompson & Co.	2 (d)	Auctioneers
Mr. Wills	2 (d)	Staff
R.M. Anderson	2 (c)	Reporting articles of no value.

Documents required

Inventory of Goods taken 24 August 1942 (Filed).

Custodian was asked to produce any documents showing the disposition of the chattels at the time the property was sold to the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

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It is submitted that the personal property was left in the custody of someone, other than the Custodian, appointed by the owner, and in that case the Custodian was only liable from the time he assumed custody and that the personal property which was sold was sold for its fair market value, and that where the claimant has claimed for something which was not sold that his claim is exorbitant.

BMP/mw

Name of Claimant

SAKURAI, Shojiro

Case 222

Custodian File

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REAL PROPERTY										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total		
					465		462.57		462.57	
PERSONAL PROPERTY										Total
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
NETS										Total
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price	Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price			
					00 290	175.00	00	175.00		
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										Total
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
120.50	54.50	16.35	45.23%	135.00	61.06	34.00	4.08	81.49		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										719.06

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December 28th, 1950

Mr. Shojiro SAKURAI,
P. O. Box 494,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 222

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$ 719.06.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 637.34
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 81.72
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

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Encl.