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SURREY  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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: GIKAWA, Seichiro

HOME ADDRESS: Annacis Island, B. C. (Sunbury)

REGISTRATION NUMBER 05500 SEX: Male AGE: 57

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: Myself Canadian Fish Co.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yoshino

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Annacis Island, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Tsuyoshi (M) Azishi (M) Yoshiko (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Annacis Island, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 11, 3

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None Five-room float house, on Annacis Island, B. C.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) ---

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) ---



STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Myself

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.

Household furniture, kitchen utensils, chinaware, carpenter tools,

2 net racks, 1 boat house, 1 bath house, 10 boom looms, row boat,

in the house at Annacis Island B. C.

28' 6" gas fishing boat, fishing license SO. NAVAL NO. 004H,

7 H.B. East Hope engine, ~~incubator~~ *car 12/4/44 sm*

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS. None

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY. None



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
\$50 Victory Bond at home

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 4th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

S. Oikawa

William  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE July 19/43.

ur File No. 7548

Full Name OIKAWA, Seichiro  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 05500

✓  
Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Nov. 2/1885

Former Address R. R. #1, New Westminster, B. C.

Date Evacuated May 13/42.

✓  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Kaslo, B. C.

Gloucester, B. C.

✓  
Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife Yoshino #10582

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_ (over)

Requested by E. C. T.

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman owner of Reg. #N. W. 2178

Gasboat Naval # N. W. 004-H.



Advertisement appearing in the Vancouver Sun  
on 20th November, 1945 and the New Westminster  
British Columbian on November 19th, 1945.

FILE NO. 7548

### FLOATS FOR SALE

The Secretary of State of Canada,  
acting in his capacity as Custodian  
under or by virtue of the Salvaged  
Regulations, is offering for sale  
with the assets of the Navy of-  
fers for sale to the public such  
interests as are vested in him in  
the following floats located on  
the forebore at Esquimalt, B.C.

#### PARCEL "A"

Log float approximately 40' x 10'

#### PARCEL "B"

Log float approximately 40' x 10'

Tenders for the above floats  
should be addressed to the under-  
signed marked "Tenders for Floats"  
up to noon on the eighth day of  
December, 1945, and must be ac-  
companied by a certified cheque  
payable to the Custodian for  
10% of the amount tendered.  
Further particulars and arrange-  
ments in respect may be obtained  
from the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not  
necessarily accepted.

These assets are offered for sale  
without any warranty whatsoever  
on the part of the Custodian as to  
the condition or state of repair.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C., this  
Nineteenth day of November, 1945.

THE CUSTODIAN,  
205 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.



MEMO

File No. 2-4-1

19th September, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. F.G. SHEARS  
FROM: MR. K.W. WRIGHT

Re: Tenders - "Float Houses for Sale" advertised  
on the 26th August, 1944 - tenders to close  
16th September, 1944.

The following is a list of the tenders opened in my Office this morning in the presence of Mr. Green. Valuations are also listed.

Will you be good enough to place these on the agenda for the next meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee in order that approval may be given for those tenders that have been accepted.

PARTIAL "A"

| File No. | Valuation                                               | Amt.    | Encl.   | Tenderer              | Remarks                                                                                                                               |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3377     | \$75.00 2 ra. Flt. House<br>\$35.00 Floating Bath House | \$75.00 | \$10.00 | E. Torvik<br>(tenant) | Reject - Mr. Green to ascertain if Torvik has left premises & then advise Torvik & Alderidge, another prospective purchaser. "K.W.W." |

PARTIAL "B"

|      |         |         |         |                              |                    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 3597 | \$66.00 | \$66.50 | \$66.50 | Can. Fishing Co.<br>(tenant) | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|

PARTIAL "C"

|      |         |         |         |                              |                    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7548 | \$45.00 | \$47.50 | \$47.50 | Can. Fishing Co.<br>(tenant) | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|

PARTIAL "D"

|      |          |          |          |                              |                    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8428 | \$145.00 | \$105.00 | \$10.50  | T. Sjoblom                   | Reject<br>"K.W.W." |
|      |          | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | Can. Fishing Co.<br>(tenant) | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |

PARTIAL "E"

|              |                    |  |  |  |                                              |
|--------------|--------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------------------|
| 1654<br>5127 | No offers received |  |  |  | Put for sale sign on this property. "K.W.W." |
|--------------|--------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------------------|

Please note that Mr. Carlson values these at \$10.00 and \$35.00 and advises - "I would recommend the immediate disposal of the above floats as I think that if left much longer they will deteriorate on account of wether conditions and storms and become valueless."

PARTIAL "F"

|      |         |         |        |                            |                    |
|------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 5598 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$2.50 | M.G. Donaldson<br>(tenant) | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------|

PARTIAL "G"

|      |         |         |         |                                      |                    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4948 | \$35.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | Can. Fishing Co.<br>for Harold Olsen | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|



19th September, 1944.

PARGE. "H"

| File No. | Valuation | Ant.     | Encl.   | Tenderer                     | Remarks            |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7540     | \$112.50  | \$175.00 | \$17.50 | Peter Peterson & R.V. Husted | ACCEPT<br>"K.W.W." |

Mr. Peterson uses the Net House and Mr. Husted occupies the Fleet House; if tender accepted they will make arrangements that will be mutually satisfactory.

PARGE. "I"

|      |         |         |         |                                   |                                                                      |
|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8630 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$4.00  | G.F. Bakermans (tenant)           | Write Bakermans asking if he is willing to increase offer to \$50.00 |
|      |         | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | Can. Fishing Co. for Harold Olsen | HOLD for reply from Bakermans.<br>"K.W.W."                           |

PARGE. "J"

|      |         |         |        |                    |                                                    |
|------|---------|---------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 9612 | \$25.00 | \$20.00 | \$2.00 | Ed. Reine (Tenant) | Ask Reine to increase offer to \$25.00<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|

PARGE. "K"

|      |         |         |        |             |                                                        |
|------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 7549 | \$45.00 | \$25.00 | \$2.50 | P. Peterson | Ask Peterson to increase offer to \$45.00.<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|

PARGE. "L"

|      |                                                    |          |         |                                         |                                                                         |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5447 | \$440.00 Westminster Trust<br>\$205.00 Mr. Carlson | \$200.00 | \$20.00 | Coulthard, Sutherland for R. Goodfellow | Have asked Mr. Green to secure 3rd valuation & report back.<br>"K.W.W." |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Mr. Carlson reports as follows: "The floats at Sunbury should be disposed of as soon as possible due to winter storms and large steamers. These boats when they go by, they create large waves which loosen the logs and break the beams holding the float together. The logs are getting water logged and should be attended to right away, unless this is done most of them will be submerged by next spring, this would make them valueless."

"K.W. Wright"

K.W. RIGHT

KWW/DG

P.S. Tenders are being held in safe-keeping by the Accounting Department.



ANNACIS ISLAND

Name: Seichiro OIKAWA

File: 7548

Date Taken: May 7/43



*No photo  
Japanes equity*

*See memo  
February 29<sup>th</sup>*

This picture shows the float house marked "pn" on sketch on file herewith together with the float with shack fallen in marked "G" on the sketch.



*Now sold to  
Canadian Logging  
Co. 20/9/44*

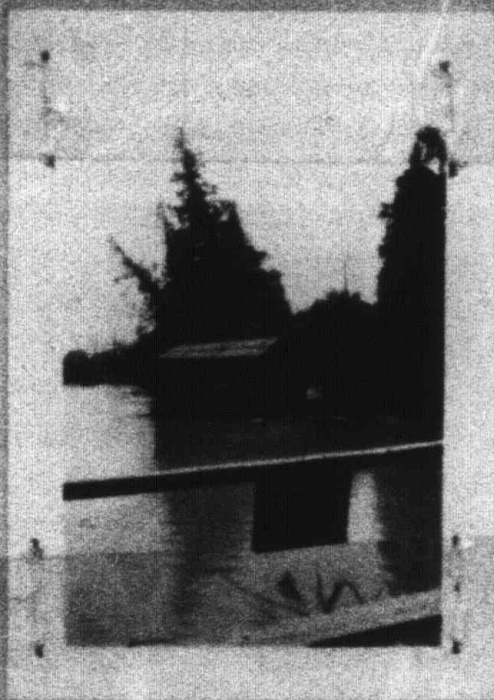
This picture shows the net float with shack on it. (H)



Seiichiro OIKAWA

File 7548

Taken August 1944



Float House



ANNAEIS ISLAND

HIGH WATER MARK

SKETCHED DIRECTION  
FILE 7547

FILE 170  
FILE 7547

1 FRONT HOUSE  
20 x 40

5 NET FRONT

6 FRONT HOUSE  
16 x 40  
? JUNK

7 FRONT IN  
SACK  
12 x 18

8 NET FRONT

3 1/2 x 1 1/2

BOOM  
STICKS

WATER, SUCAWAKA  
FILE 7534

9 HOUSE FRONT  
30 x 40

10 FRONT WALK 5 x 30

11 FRONT SACK  
15 x 10

12 BARN  
HOUSE  
10 x 10

BOOM  
STICKS

13 8 x 16



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 7548

24th June, 1947.

Re: Seiichiro OIKAWA - Reg. No. 05500

CHATELS: The above Japanese registered with this office on the 4th May, 1942 and at that time declared leaving household furniture, kitchen utensils and carpenter's tools in his float house at Annacis Island. Our agent visited this float house and informed us that they found only a few effects in the house, and OIKAWA was advised of this on the 20th August, 1942, and asked if he wished anything stored. A reply was received from him on the 21st September, 1942, in which he gave us an itemised list of goods left in the float house, and stated that he wished them left there.

Our fieldmen inspected this property on the 5th May, 1943, at that time they notified this office that the float house had been broken into, and windows smashed, and that the few remaining chattels were of very low value. They were therefore abandoned, and no funds accrued to this account from sale of chattels. A rowboat declared when registering was never found.

FLOAT HOUSE: The float house in which the above mentioned chattels were left, was moored to property belonging to Mr. Nelson, who in turn had rented it to a Mr. Gropp. Mr. Gropp claimed rent from float houses moored to the property, and there is considerable correspondence on the file regarding this house and two others, which were also attached to his property. It was finally ruled by Mr. K.W. Wright, in a memorandum on this file under date of 23rd February, 1944, that as there was no written agreement between the Japanese and the owner of the property, and as the Japanese themselves admitted that they occupied the property so long as periodical payments were made to the owner, the Japanese had no rights to the float houses.

OTHER FLOATS: When registering OIKAWA, declared 2 net racks, 1 boat house and a bath house. According to a sketch made of position of float houses and floats moored to property belonging to Mr. Nelson, it would appear that OIKAWA had a large float on which there was a shaft, and on which presumably were the net racks, and boat house.

The bath house float was between the float house and large float, and this was broken up in a storm.

The net rack and float was rented to the Canadian Fishing Company for the 1943, season, for the sum of \$7.00, and this amount was received and credited to OIKAWA's account. This float was appraised at \$45.00, and was advertised for sale by tender on the 25th, 28th and 29th August, 1944, and was sold to the Canadian Fishing Company for their offer of \$47.50. The net sum of \$37.18 was credited to OIKAWA after payment of appraisal fee \$5.00 and advertising costs - \$5.32.

NOTE: Referring again to the Float house, it is noted on the file that the house was burnt, and a float 40' x 16' was advertised for sale by public tender 19th November, 1945, and it would appear that this was the same float that was ruled to have been the property of Mr. Nelson. However no offers were received for this float, and no further action taken.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: OIKAWA's boat, "S.O." 28' x 7' x 3', Easthope 7 HP (1933), was sold through the "JFVDC" 11th May, 1942 for the net sum of \$566.75, and this sum was sent to Seiichiro OIKAWA direct.



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY (Cont'd)

File No. 7548

24th June, 1947.

BONDS & INVESTMENTS: Seichiro OIKAWA declared he had a \$50.00 Victory bond when registering with this office, but this 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.

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MEMORANDUM RE SALE OF CHATTELS

(Apart from Auction Sales)

FILE NO: 7548

NAME: Seiichiro OIKAWA

DATE ADVERTISED: August 26th, 28th and 29th, 1944  
(or other information)

APPRAISER'S NAME: J. R. Agar

VALUATION: \$45.00

PURCHASE PRICE: \$47.50

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL: — 3 October 44

PURCHASER'S FULL NAME: Canadian Fishing Co.

ADDRESS: Ft. Gore Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

OCCUPATION:

BILL OF SALE REQUIRED:

YES

NO

(state if purchase  
price already paid or  
arrangements made)

None prepared

*Paid in full*

ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY:

LIST OF CHATTELS SOLD: Flot



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 7548

February 29th, 1944

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: Seichiro OIKAWA

Insofar as this man's float house and floats are concerned, it appears from Mr. Wright's memorandum of February 23rd, 1944, that the Japanese has no longer any equity.

The net rack on float (H in <sup>sketch</sup> ~~scale~~) and an old bath house, were rented to the Canadian Fishing Company for the season 1943 for \$7.00. The bath house afterwards broke up in a storm. From the first paragraph above, it appears that we were not correct in renting these float houses -- see also letter of May 20th, 1943 -- but I believe the Canadian Fishing Company had some use of them in their present position and the matter need not be followed further.

} yes - moved  
to new site  
to purchase

There was a deal made by Messrs. Carlsen and Anderson with Mr. Gropp the tenant of the land (see letters of September 4th and 18th, 1943) which was concluded to prevent further theft of the boom sticks. In view of the decision now reached whereby it seems that Mr. Gropp might have a claim for rent (rents having been assigned to him as per memorandum 11/9/43), this matter also need not be followed further.

Due to their isolated position, these shacks were ransacked as soon as they were left vacant and our field-men confirm that the contents are valueless. //

It only remains to advise Mr. D. E. MacKenzie of Mr. Wright's decision and this has been done.

HFG:IF



CHattel SCHEDULE

File No. 7548

Sept. 11/45

RE: Seichiro OIKAWA

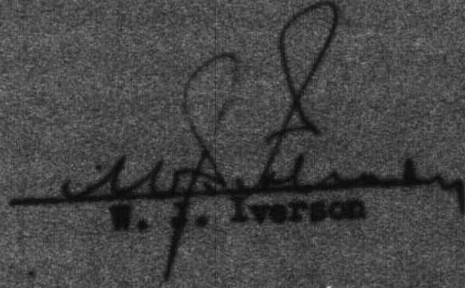
The above registered on May 4, 1942 and was evacuated on May 13, 1942.

| <u>DECLARED</u>  | <u>INVENTORIED</u>                                      | <u>ABANDONED</u> | <u>SOLD</u> | <u>MISSING</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Household        | 4 Old homemade bunks                                    | "                |             |                |
| Furniture        | 1 Old heater stove                                      | "                |             |                |
| Kitchen utensils | 1 Old range                                             | "                |             |                |
| Chinaware        | 2 Homemade tables                                       | "                |             |                |
| Carpenters tools | Large quantity books & papers strewn around (abandoned) |                  | 1 sold      | 1 missing      |
| 2 Net racks      |                                                         |                  |             | Burnt          |
| 1 Boat house     |                                                         |                  |             | Broken up      |
| 1 Bath house     |                                                         |                  |             | reverted to    |
| 10 beam logs     |                                                         |                  |             | land owner     |
| Row boat         |                                                         |                  |             | row boat-      |
|                  |                                                         |                  |             | missing        |

It will be noted from the correspondence herein that the boat house containing the chattels had been ransacked and nothing of value remained. Location was on Annacis Island about two miles from the south bank of the Fraser River. Mr. Gropp took Mr. R. M. Anderson and myself over to this place in his boat and above particulars were verified.

The administration of chattels on this file is therefore concluded.

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

  
W. J. Iverson

Sept. 11/45



MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 7547  
7534  
7548

August 6th, 1945.

TO: Mr. Wright  
FROM: Mr. Anderson

Re: Iwano ITO  
Wataru SUGANARA  
Seishiro OUKAWA

Further to Mr. Anderson's memo of July 12th, 1945 and Mr. Iversen's memo of July 14th, 1945, regarding floats belonging to subject Japanese, Mr. Iversen and myself attempted to contact Messrs. Berg and Iversen on August 2nd, but were unsuccessful as they were both off fishing. We did however, inform Mrs. Iversen that we would be down on Saturday morning, August the 4th, and she stated that Mr. Iversen and Mr. Berg would be at home at that time.

On Saturday morning we again went to Sumbury and met Mr. Gropp by appointment. Mr. Gropp is the man who had assumed ownership and had previously sold a float to a Mr. Soghlum. In company with Mr. Gropp we visited this man who apparently definitely needed the float, and while he would not relinquish his rights outright, he agreed that in view of the circumstances, he would accept a refund of the money from Mr. Gropp on the understanding that the floats would be advertised for sale by tender, so that he might have his opportunity of tendering.

We then attempted to contact Mr. Iversen but were informed by his wife that he had left for Vancouver with Mr. Berg. We advised her that in view of the circumstances that the War Relocation Authority had refused to recommend acceptance of Mr. Iversen's offer to purchase the ITO float and that his money would be refunded, and that the float would be advertised for sale by tender. She was advised that the tendering date would be open for two weeks to make sure that her husband had an opportunity of tendering. She was directly asked if she understood and also asked to advise her husband of this decision, and she answered in the affirmative.

We then went to the home of Mr. Berg and his wife advised us that he had gone to Vancouver with Mr. Iversen. She was advised along the lines as above and was asked directly if she understood and if she would advise her husband, answered also in the affirmative.

Mr. Berg had removed the float from Mr. Soghlum's mooring and had towed it up river, landing in a slough where it was not usable by either himself or anyone else. It could only be floated off at 1 1/2 foot tide at least. As there will not be a tide of this height before the 20th of this month, I told Mr. Soghlum that he would receive from this office, authorization to



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These figures have already appeared in the report of the committee on the 12th of June 1950 and 12th of July 1950 respectively.

The committee has also reported that the figures for the 12th of June 1950 and 12th of July 1950 are not yet final. The figures for the 12th of June 1950 are not yet final because the committee has not yet received the figures for the 12th of June 1950. The figures for the 12th of July 1950 are not yet final because the committee has not yet received the figures for the 12th of July 1950.

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R. R. No. 1,  
New Westminster, B.C.  
July 22nd, 1945.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Sjoblom was in to see you last winter at the time the Japanese rafts and float houses were for sale. He made a bid on Mr. Oikawa's raft and he also tried to make a bid on the rafts from Annacis Island but Mr. Green told him that the Custodian never had anything to do with it and that he was supposed to see Mr. Gropp about it.

Mr. Sjoblom bought the raft from Mr. Gropp and then the Custodian turned around and sold it to another party. This other party without saying a word to Mr. Sjoblom took the raft away at nite. Mr. Sjoblom would like the raft back at the same place on the morning of Tuesday, July 24th, 1945.

"T. Sjoblom"

"Mildred Sjoblom"

COPY FOR FILE NO. 7548, Seichiro OIKAWA



Files Nos. 7547, 7548, 7534

July 14th, 1945

MEMORANDUM  
TO: MR. F. G. SHEARS  
FROM: MR. E. W. WRIGHT  
RE: Sumio ITO,  
Seishiro OIKAWA,  
Yutaro SUGAWARA

Attached hereto you will find memoranda from Messrs. Iverson and Anderson relative to floats belonging to Japanese formerly located at Amami Island.

Mr. Iverson will be absent on holidays next week, but I have arranged with Mr. Anderson to attend the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Tuesday afternoon at New Westminster.

Will you kindly place this case on the agenda.

E. W. WRIGHT

KW/JW  
Attach.



MEMORANDUM

File No. 7547  
7634  
7548

July 14th, 1945.

TO: Mr. Wright

FROM: Mr. Iverson

RE: Fusio ITO  
Wataru SUGAHARA  
Sailors OUKAWA

Drugg Motors received from Messrs. Berg & Iverson, fisherman of Sanbury, the sum of \$85.00 on July 10th, 1945. They gave a receipt for the amount which was in payment of two log floats formerly located on the foreshore of property belonging to Nels Nelson, Anacapa Island. These floats had belonged to the Japanese, Fusio ITO and Wataru SUGAHARA and were removed to Sanbury where they are now located. Berg and Iverson claim they made the purchase in good faith but it has been pointed out to them that sales of Japanese chattels are subject to the approval of the Custodian.

At the time of the foregoing deal one float was located at Iverson's place, the other had been removed from Mr. Sogahara's place by Messrs Berg & Iverson. *Sogahara's place*

Some time after the money was paid on July 10th, Mr. Dell, Grupp of Anacapa Island, saw Mr. R. M. Anderson and complained that he had some rights to the floats, citing a letter he had received from Nels Nelson in 1943 in which he was given the right to collect rents for float houses and floats on Nelson's property. Our file, No. 7547, Fusio ITO, contains a similar letter (or copy) in which Nelson states that Grupp may dispose of the float houses as he sees fit. Nelson claimed the Japanese floats and float houses would revert to him as there was no agreement to recompense them after they left the place. Nelson I believe, assigned his interest to Mr. Grupp.

Accompanied by Mr. R. M. Anderson I saw Mr. Grupp at Sanbury on Thursday morning, July 12th, and after discussing the matter with him it was suggested that he decide whether he wished to claim ownership of the floats or wished to purchase them, that is in view of his letter from Nelson. It would seem however, that an agreement on file 7547, dated July 6/43, indicates that the ITO float walk was sold, together with some boom sticks, to Mr. Grupp for the sum of \$42.50, the consideration being rental owing on the float house as at July 10/43. At this point Messrs Berg



and Iverson came along and stated that Gropp had already sold one of the floats for \$75.00 to Mr. Sojblum (this is the man from whose place Berg & Iverson had taken the same float). After some verbal bickering between the two parties Berg & Iverson passed out of the argument and I asked Gropp whether he had sold the float and he admitted he had done so about a month and a half ago.

I phoned Mr. W. Anderson about the matter and it was decided we should accept Mr. Gropp's offer to buy as it seemed apparent that he had a prior right in the matter. This I did and received the sum of \$85.00 from him. It was pointed out to him however that this sale would have to be confirmed by the Custodian's office.

We then saw Berg & Iverson again and offered to return their money as we believed Mr. Gropp had the first right to the purchase, he being the tenant on the property at the time the floats were on Annacis Island. Mr. Gropp states, by the way, that the floats were on the -yke Road when the Japanese left. He admits that he sold the log base on which the float house was built. We are referring here to the float house formerly occupied by Natori SUGAHARA. The house itself was burned down.

Incidentally Messrs. Berg & Iverson refused to accept their money back and we therefore advised both parties to let the matter stand for a day until we could get instructions from the office.

Mr. Anderson and myself again saw Mr. Gropp on Friday morning, July 15th, and told him that the whole matter in dispute would be deferred until after Tuesday of next week. Mr. Gropp was very co-operative and ferried us across to Annacis Island, where he is occupying the Nelson land.

We saw the place where all the floats had been located and there is a series of old piles enclosing this area. Apparently the floats had been securely moored to them with walks from the land.

The SUGAHARA float house had been practically wrecked by trespassers and the contents destroyed or stolen. Mr. Gropp had towed it down to his own landing where it now lies.

Coming back from Sanbury we saw Mr. Iverson, who called out that a friend of his by name of Brick Jelt would pay \$150.00 for this house (Iverson wanted this put on record). There are no floats left at the mooring location, but I believe the SUGAHARA float is still rented to the Canadian Fishing Company.

On checking over the sketch plan on these three files, this appears to us to be the position.

Float shack (a) - as shown on the photographs, file 7834, is high and dry.

House float (b) - Also is shown on the photographs, File 7834, as high and dry.



Plant with (a) - File 7634 - sold to Mr. Clegg.

Plant house (d) - File 7546, Feb. 23/46 - states that it was broken.

Open Plant (e) - File 7546

Plant house (f) - High and dry - File 7546

Plant house (g) - broken up by a storm, File 7546

Plant house (h) - appears to have been sold to the Canadian Planting Company.  
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File 7546.

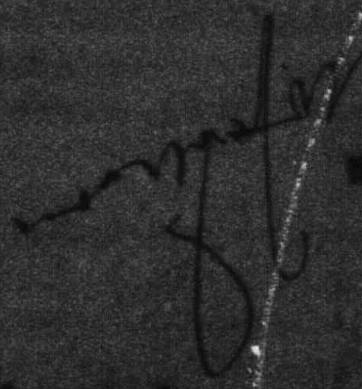
Plant house (i) - File 7547 - High and dry

Plant (j) - File 7547, one of them in dispute.

Their attempt to be completed about that time, as the  
Clegg claims one of the plants belongs to Clegg, and the other  
plant does not show the same plant belonging to him. It might be (2).

Finally I completed Mr. Clegg's work on the understanding  
that he was following it was producing the Clegg's interest and  
to show that there was no confusion between the two, and in view of the  
fact that he owned all the Clegg's plants, he understood this and  
was responsible to that effect.

It was his intention to be so and he wanted to be  
assured, as will be seen in the other parts. Then I wrote  
from the house I will complete them later on to that department of  
the Plant house, Clegg, Clegg, etc.

WILLIAM  




MEMORANDUM

July 12, 1945.

To The File

Relative to the floats sold to Messrs. R. Berg and W. Iverson formerly belonging to F. Ito and S. Oikawa of Annacais Island, Delta, B. C.

On July 10th, 1945, I was approached by Mr. Berg and Mr. Iverson wanting to purchase the above mentioned floats. It was apparent that these two men conceived foul play on the part of a Mr. Gropp, who leases the Nels Nelson farm on Annacais Island, on which subject Japanese Ito and Oikawa reside and in whose possession the floats were formerly.

I hesitated in making any transaction for I felt that although the two floats had been moored on the mainland for two years and out of Mr. Gropp's safekeeping, he might still retain a prior option in the event of sale.

As pointed out to me, Mr. Gropp had already sold one float, which to the best of my knowledge he had no right to do, and intended to sell the other and remove it from where it had been moored for two years and been made very good use of and greatly appreciated by a Mr. Peter Johnson, a cripple, who needs the float. Mr. Iverson is merely protecting Mr. Johnson while he is up the coast fishing.

With these facts foremost in mind:

- (A) Mr. Gropp was unlawfully selling Japanese Floats.
- (B) The floats had been out of his possession for two years, in which case he would relinquish his right to same.
- (C) The intention was to remove one from the shore of Mr. Johnson's where it had been in very good hands, during his absence (leaving latter destitute)

I telephoned Mr. W. J. Iverson so as a search of the file could be made. Not being able to locate W. J. I contacted W. E. Anderson, to whom I outlined the apparent position of the floats, as described to me by Iverson & Berg. On checking the file W. E. agreed that Mr. Gropp was not in a position to sell the floats and to put a stop to any further dealings by the latter, we agreed to sell to Mr. Iverson on behalf of Peter Johnson and Mr. Berg.

Mr. Trapp, Berg & Iverson and myself agreed on thirty-five and fifty dollars, respectively as being fair value.

On the following day, July 11th, 1945, while waiting for W. J. in New Westminster, I met Mr. Gropp, who strongly rejected the transaction of yesterday and demanded to know by what right were the Custodian Office selling these floats which he alleged were property of himself, and to prove the point, there was a letter from Mr. Nelson giving Mr. Gropp authority to do with as he saw fit to any building or erection on Annacais Island.

After reading the letter of authority to Mr. Gropp, I pointed out that floats were excluded from his jurisdiction, and although I think Mr.

P.T.O.



CABLE ADDRESS  
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INCORPORATED APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 1906

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VANCOUVER, CANADA

# The Canadian Fishing Company Ltd.

PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF FRESH, FROZEN, CURED, AND CANNED FISH  
ICE AND COLD STORAGE

## PRODUCING AND COLD STORAGE PLANTS:

Vancouver, Canada  
Butedale, "  
Prince Rupert, "  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
Seattle, Wash., U.S.A.  
Kalama, "  
"

## RESEARCH LABORATORIES:

Vancouver, Canada

## SALMON CANNERIES, BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Vancouver  
Bones Bay  
Butedale  
Carlisle  
Conse Bay  
Gulf of Georgia  
Hazelport  
Kildale  
Kopitno  
Lagoon Bay  
Lockport  
Mantion  
Margaret Bay  
Pimo  
Pine  
Ponchar Island  
Tallho  
Wales Island

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SUPREME AND VALUE  
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Smoked Fish  
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Dry Salt Herring  
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## CANNED FISH

### REGISTERED BRANDS:

Gold Seal, Blue Seal, Red Seal,  
Pink Seal, White Seal,  
Anchovy, Angler,  
Colonial,  
Columbian, Excella,  
Fisherman, Gold Leaf,  
Heron, Rover,  
Red Breast, Supreme,  
Sea Wave, Superb,  
Value.

FOOT OF GORE AVENUE

VANCOUVER, B.C.  
CANADA

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| Rec'd           | AUG 31 1944 |
| File No.        | 267/26      |
| August 30, 1944 |             |
| Referred        | M. Green    |

The Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
VANCOUVER B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Parcel C.

In accordance with your advertisement in Saturday night's Vancouver Province we herewith make an offer of \$47.50 for this float.

The float is in very poor condition and our appraisal indicates a value of \$30.00 but in view of the fact that we are using same at the present time we are making the above offer, hoping that it will suit our purpose for the next year or two.

We are enclosing herewith cheque and trust this offer is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

THE CANADIAN FISHING CO. LTD.

*James S. E. E. E.*  
Vice-President.

JSE:AH



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C.I.F. QUOTATIONS FURNISHED



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August 7th, 1944.

The Canadian Fishing Co.,  
Gulf of Georgia Cannery,  
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: OIKAWA, Takeo  
ANADATSU, Tsunemori  
OIKAWA, Seichiro  
OIKAWA, Zennoshin

Thank you for your letters of June 7th on the floating property of the above Japanese. We regret not having acknowledged these promptly, this being due to delay in securing an independent appraisal.

This has now been done but our Committee has ruled that in accordance with the usual procedure, these assets should be advertised for sale by tender. However, in your capacity as the tenants, you would be given some preference when tenders are being considered.

It will be a few weeks before this can be completed, but we will regard your letters of June 7th as your bid against our call for tenders unless you wish to revise your offers when the advertisement appears. For the sake of regularity, we would advise you when the advertisements are inserted.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 7548

July 14th, 1944.

To: Mr. Shears

From: Mr. Green

Re: Seichiro OIKAWA

There is a net rack float on this file rented to the Canadian Fishing Company and now the subject of an offer to purchase from them of \$25.00. It has been appraised by Mr. Agar at \$45.00 and should, I think, be offered to the Canadian Fishing Company at this price. If you agree, will you kindly advise Mr. Iverson who will attend to this matter in my absence? If not, then I will arrange to advertise for sale by tender in the usual way.

HFG:IF

P.S. The above was written before I left for the West Coast trip and when you have made your decision I will, of course, attend to it myself.



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CANADA

Gulf of Georgia Cannery,  
STEVESTON. B. C.

June 7th. 1944.

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

Attention Mr. Green.

Dear Sirs :

Re : OIKAWA, Seichiro.  
File #7548.

We wish to make an offer of Twenty  
Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the net-rack belonging  
to the above named which was rented to us for  
\$7.00 for the 1943 season.

*Have valuation  
made.*

This float is not very good, and we  
consider the above a reasonable price for it.

Trusting that this will receive your  
favourable consideration,

Yours very truly,

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD.,

*W. H. Troker.*  
Plant Manager.

WWT/T.



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C.I.F. QUOTATIONS FURNISHED



Advertisement appearing in Vancouver  
and New Westminster Newspapers on August  
26th, 28th and 29th, 1944.

File No. 7548

## FLOAT HOUSES FOR SALE

The Secretary of State of Canada and/or Custodian offers for sale by tender:

**PARCEL "A"** Small floating bath house and two-room float house opposite 1024 River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "B"** Combined float and net house at 1047 River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "C"** Net rack float, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "D"** Tie-up float, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "E"** One 2-log float walk and one net rack float, 1003 River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "F"** Float, 1007 River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "G"** Woodshed on float and three shacks, River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "H"** Two float houses and net house, also open float, 1041 River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "I"** Floating net house, 1004 River Road, Sunbury, formerly occupied by Bungoro Goto.

**PARCEL "J"** Floating net house, 1004 River Road, Sunbury, formerly occupied by Toshiaki Goto.

**PARCEL "K"** Shack on bank, walk-way float, square float, net float and float house, River Road, Sunbury.

**PARCEL "L"** Float house and net house, also float walk and woodshed, end of Salter Street, New Westminster.

Tenders for the individual parcels should be addressed to the undersigned marked "Tender" up to Noon Pacific Daylight Saving Time on the 18th day of September, 1944, and must be accompanied by a certified cheque payable to the Custodian for 10% of the amount tendered.

Arrangements to inspect will be made by the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

These assets are offered for sale without any warranty whatsoever on the part of the Custodian to the condition or state of repair.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C., this 26th day of August, 1944.

THE CUSTODIAN,  
504 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.



Files #7547, 7548 & 7834

MEMORANDUM

February 23rd, 1944.

TO: MR. H. F. GREEN

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

Re: Fumio ITO, Seichiro OIKAWA and  
Wataru SUGAWARA.

We received your memo of January 28th on the 18th instant, and note the following paragraph in a letter received from the Corporation of Delta under date of May 14th, 1942, on File 7548, as follows:

'The above Japanese is not the owner of any property in the Municipality of Delta, and is probably a squatter on the Island shore, which shore if above medium high water mark will be included in the titles of the farm land upon which the scow house is situated.'

The only reply you have is from Seichiro Oikawa and we agree that you may assume no Agreement existed. These places were evidently built on terms that the Japanese would have the right to occupy so long as periodical payments were made. In the absence of an Agreement, when the Japanese left the house it would be the property of the owner of the land. The Japanese has no interest as there was no obligation or intention to convey any interest in any part of the land. No doubt the intention was that the house should remain part of the land and at some time revert to the owner. These could not be regarded as leases as they are for indefinite terms and not made definite at the inception and the facts therefore exclude a possessory interest in the land such as estate or leasehold interest. The Japanese had a bare license, that is a license to occupy the land subject to two limitations:

(1) periodic payments

(2) cesser of license when the Japanese left

and as they have left, the license is terminated. This could not be regarded as a perpetual license nor could it be regarded as irrevocable.

We return herewith Files 7547, 7548 and 7834.

KWW/W  
Attachs.

  
K. W. WRIGHT



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 7548  
7547  
7544

January 28th, 1944

To: Mr. Wright

From: Mr. Green

Re: OHAWA, Seishiro  
IHO, Fumio  
SUGAWARA, Tataro

Would you kindly refer to my memorandum of October 16th which gave the current position in regard to these Japanese-owned float houses, and your reply of October 16th. At your request, I wrote to all the Japanese on November 9th asking them for any written agreements that they might have with the owners of the land. I have only had a reply from one, Seishiro Ohawa, and as expected, he advised there was no written agreement. As he writes in the first person plural, and as all three Japanese are resident at Naslo, I think we may assume that no agreement existed.

Would you let me know if the Japanese still have any equity in the houses moored to Annacis Island?

WFG:IF

P.S. Since writing the above, I have come across file 7551, Chuso Goto, who also declared a house at Annacis Island on Mr. Nelson's land. Mr. Nelson is the owner of the land in the cases under review. Here again, in the absence of any written agreement (which I will confirm with the owner) would you let me know what equity, if any, the Japanese has in his house?



7548

November 5th.1943.

Mr. Seichiro OIKAWA,  
Registration No. 05500,  
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you in connection with your float-house and premises moored at Annacis Island. We recently tried to rent these to local Fishing Companies and would have been successful in doing so, but the tenant of the land off which they are moored refused to allow them to be removed.

We understand that some of the Japanese rented on a yearly basis from Mr. Nelson, the owner of the land, and in fact Mr. Fumio ITO and Mr. Watari SUGAWARA so declared. In the absence of any written agreement, however, it will be very difficult for us to claim that you still have any equity in this place.

Will you, therefore, kindly be sure to write promptly to us and state if there was any written agreement and if there was, to send us a copy of it.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,  
Protection Department.

BFG:HMS



MEMORANDUM

File #7548

April 7, 1943.

To: File

From: Mr. H. F. Green.

Re: OIKAWA, Seishiro

The B. C. Packers inquired on April 2nd, for a flat belonging to 'S.O.'. It appears that this belongs to the above Japanese. He was about to rent it to them but Mr. Carlson advised that the Canadian Packers contacted Mr. Robinson some time ago in an effort to get this flat, but due to difficulty in identification, were unable to conclude the deal. Under these circumstances, I think it fair to give them first chance of renting it and Mr. Carlson is arranging accordingly.

WFG:WFG

Not flat 48' x 76' one end roofed  
(about 12' x 12')

Small half-house & back house



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April 9, 1943.

B. C. Packers Limited,  
P. O. Box 929,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:     Re: Tsunemori AMADATSU  
                    Seichiro OIKAWA  
                    Fumio ITO

Thank you for yours of April 2nd from which we see that you will be shortly sending us a cheque for \$20.00 covering 1943 rental of the two floats belonging to Tsunemori AMADATSU and Fumio ITO.

Turning to the float named 'S.O.', we believe this belongs to the third Japanese whose name is given at the head of this letter. We are already in negotiation with the Canadian Cannery for the rental of this, but should arrangements fall through we will bear your application in mind.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green.  
Protection Department.

HFG/STP



REPORT

April 6th. 1943

RE: Fishing floats located at Sunbury.

Mr. HAPPLE of Canada Fishing Co. wants to rent the following floats registered in the names of:

1 Z.OIKAWA : 1 open float 8'x 100'. (property rented to Allan)  
Mr. Happle has consented to pay \$15.00 pr. season.

2 T. OIKAWA: 1 Float house  
1 Sml. Float ~~##~~ with sml. shack built on.

~~3 Alexander C. Alexander : 1 Float house.  
On the property of Alexander.~~ X

4 Seishiro OIKAWA : 1 Float  
Located at Annacis Island.

The condition of the floats are as follows:

- 1 Very good, built two years ago.
- 2 Float house fair, float shack is very small, should rent for \$25.00.
- 3 This float house is in poor condition and will need some repairs. Mr. Happle will see that it will be kept in condition. Should rent for \$5.00.

✓ \$7.00.

SIGNED

*Charles*



7548

1st October, 1942.

Mr. Seichiro OIKAWA,  
Registration No. 05500,  
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Gus Zacharias, whose address is P. O. Box 112, Ladner, B. C. called at this office on the 29th ultimo and expressed an interest in purchasing your float house and net racks on Annacis Island. He states that he prefers to purchase your float house unfurnished but that if you are unwilling to sell your property on such terms he might be willing to consider purchasing your house as is, including contents.

Mr. Zacharias did not make any offer but has asked us to obtain from you your views as to whether you are willing to sell or not and if you are willing to sell, what prices would be acceptable to you.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander  
Manager

RPA:LF







SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: April 19, 1944

Name: OIKAWA, Seichiro

Reg. No. 05500 File: 7540

Boat File No.: JFVDC 567

Name of Vessel: "S.O." 28'x7'x3', Easthope 7 HP (1933)

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2178

Naval No.: NW.004-H

Owner's Valuation: \$800.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: May 11, 1942

Purchaser: British Columbia Packers Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: No copy

Selling Price: \$575.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~on Custodian~~ 575.00

Supervision Costs: 8.25

Balance due Owner: 566.75

Paid to: S. Oikawa, May 12, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: Unknown - Not on naval list

Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

*J. M. Matheson*  
*July 26, 1946*



