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Cagham B.C.
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SAKAMOTO Yasuhiro
HOME ADDRESS: Brown Rd., R.R. #1., Langley Prairie, B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 12861 SEX: Male AGE: 41
OCCUPATION: Farmer

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

EMPLOYER: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Notoko

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Brown Rd., R.R. #1., Langley Prairie.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Keichi (M) Tomiko (F) Seigo (M)

Naomi (F) Kaoru (F) Tatsuo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Brown Rd., R.R. #1., Langley Prairie, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 12, 10, 5, XXX 3. 1 1/2.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: All property registered by wife.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: -----

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) Atlas Fire Insurance
Premium \$1000.00. for 3 Years paid Policy No. unknown. Policy in declarants possession.

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) -----

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: ~~IN declarants possession~~
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: ~~----~~
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN ~~Strawberries, Asparagus,~~
~~Crop Sold to Brother Cannery, New Westminster B.C.~~
~~for \$650.00 Cash, Paid in full.~~

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: ~~-----~~
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: ~~-----~~
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS. ~~-----~~
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY ~~-----~~

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: _____

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) _____

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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 7th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

Y. Sakamoto

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

~~Arrest~~
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Dec. 2/42

Our File No. 2645

Full Name SAKAMOTO Yasutaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 12861

Male - Female
(check)

Age June 2, 1901

Former Address P.R.#1, Langley Prairie, B.C.

Date Evacuated 24/2/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address PO Box 742, Revelstoke, B.C.
~~in care of Harold Nakagawa 15/5/42~~

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Motoko #12798

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother SAKAMOTO, Haruo Name of Father Yuzo #12857

Names of Children under 16 (Dead)
Lee Ave

Requested by ECP Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Farmer, Owner of House
+ 30 acres, Ford Truck, Pontiac Car

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

JAPANESE NAME: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO Reg. No. 12861 File No. 8645.
Copy for File 3939.

CATALOGUE NO: Sold by Special Arrangements, The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.
BC/346-P. First Offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: McDonald Road, Langley Municipality.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 of the South West quarter of Section 4,
Township 11, Map 2579, Municipality of Langley, D. N. W.

TITLE: Registered in the name of Yasutaro SAKAMOTO.

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.
Vesting Order filed No. 25112, dated December 10th, 1942.

ASSESSED VALUES: Land - \$ 930.00
Improvements - \$ 850.00 - \$1780.00. Taxes - \$34.93.

CLASSIFICATION: This is a Fruit Farm with Dwelling and outbuildings.
The Custodian's representative reported on June 25th, 1942, that this property had an area of 30 acres - 7 acres cleared (rest bush) planted to the following crops: 6½ acres strawberries, ¼ acre asparagus, 1 doz. fruit trees (several bearing).
1 - 2 storey 9 room dwelling 33' x 46' shake roof. 1 double garage.
5 packing sheds. 1 large old woodshed 40' x 14'. House needs quite a bit of cleaning and fixing inside.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: This property was leased by Yasutaro SAKAMOTO on 27th April, 1942, to Westminster Cannery Limited. Term being up to 30th September, 1942, with option to extend lease for 1943. Consideration \$650.00 cash, payable 4th May, 1942 - paid. No Taxes. House included.
The foregoing lease was renewed by Lease No. 32, whereby Yasutaro SAKAMOTO on 14th December, 1942, leased the property on the following terms - 1 year from 30th September, 1942 to 29th September, 1943. Consideration \$150.00, payable 1st May, 1943. No Taxes. Buildings included.

Old and new leases handed to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, July 24 1943.

SOLD: To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$736.00 as at 1st January, 1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee - 1st June, 1943.

Funds released to the credit of Yasutaro SAKAMOTO as at March 16th, 1944, against which were charges for Arrears of Taxes - \$76.10, Registration

Fees - \$3.00, Legal Fees - \$15.00, leaving a net credit of \$641.90 from said transaction.

Adjustments as at the 1st January, 1943, to the amount of \$10.92, covering unexpired Fire Insurance Premiums, were placed to the credit of Yasutaro SAKAMOTO'S account.

The following Fire Insurance Policy:

Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd., No. M247466 - \$700.00, covering the 2 storey frame dwelling, was transferred to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

In view of the Custodian having collected rents for 1943, viz., \$150.00, a cheque covering same was issued to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act November 17th, 1943.

OLD CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

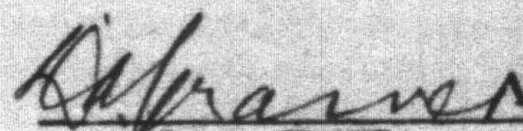
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Yasutaro SAKAMOTO declared on his JP Form, signed 7th May, 1942, that the Title Documents were in his possession. There is nothing on file to show that the Certificate of Title had been asked for by this office or that it had been deposited in the Land Registry Office, New Westminster.

Certificate of Title No. 166830-E in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

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

July 19th, 1946.


D. A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 8645.

Yasutaro SAKAMOTO - Reg. No. 12861.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form, signed May 7th, 1942, that he had no Personal or Trade Debts.

However, the following claims were lodged against him, and after confirmation in writing were paid.

W.F. Quarrie and Co. Ltd.	\$ 61.50	paid	20/7/43.
Royal Columbian Hospital	40.00	"	"
Dr. Rose	20.00	"	"
Dr. Simpson	30.00	"	"
Dr. McBurney	28.50	"	"
W. H. Berry	45.06	"	"
Buckerfields Limited	40.00	"	"
Kitaro Ioki	50.00	"	19/6/44.
Sansuke Kawamoto	121.00	"	1/8/44.
Uneso Ota	150.00	"	"
Seizen Oyama	100.00	"	"
	<u>\$686.06</u>		

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

July 19th, 1946.


D. A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

C L A I M

File No. 8645

DATE

2/3/45

CREDITOR

Union Fish Co. Ltd.

DEBTOR

SAKAMOTO, Yasutaro

R. R. #1, Langley, B. C.

AMOUNT OWING

47.30

AGENT

P. S. Ross

ORIGINAL FILE

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FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 8645.

Yasutaro SAKAMOTO - Reg. No. 12861.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form, signed May 7th, 1942, that he had a Fire Insurance Policy for \$1,000.00 in the Atlas Fire Insurance Co. This was found to be correct. The following Policy was in his possession:

Atlas Insurance Co. Ltd., Policy No. M247466 - \$1,000.00, covering \$700.00 on the dwelling and \$300.00 on household effects, expiring May 5th, 1945.

The coverage on the dwelling was transferred to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, and a return Premium of \$10.92 was allowed Yasutaro SAKAMOTO. The \$300.00 covering the household effects was cancelled flat, April 6th, 1944.

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

July 19th, 1946.

D. A. CRAMER
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DAC:JS

*\$700.00 on house
300.00 on household & personal effects.*

*We owe Mr. Sakamoto
on May 3/43 regarding insurance
on outbuildings. He replied
on May 19/43 - "I do not consider
it necessary."
Letter on the file*

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. JL-393

Land Description Lots 19-20-21-26-27-28- S. 4. Tp. 11 Langley.
Buildings assessable only from a road running west from
Brown Road at Opington Hall Containing 30 acres. Acres

Owner's Name Y. Sakamoto Post Office Address Opington P.O.
R.R. Aldergrove.
 Nearest Rail Point Langley Prairie on B.C.E.R. Distance 4 1/2 miles.
 Market Town Abbotsford Distance 14 miles.
 Church (give denomination) United at Murrayville Distance 3 miles
 Nearest School at Murrayville Distance 3 miles.

State how property was identified: Map, and enquiry.

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

No, it is on a poor side road.

Is this district a good one? No.

Employment opportunity seasonal only.

Predominating Nationality and religion: Japanese have predominated in a small locality
now some Mennonites, have come in and settled to the east just a mile.

Describe Fencing and its condition: nil. Value \$

Water supply: Well with hand pump. Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	16 x 18	frame	12	shakes	old	blocks	poor	\$ 300.00
Addition	18 x 24	frame	12	shakes	old	blocks	poor	
Garage	16 x 20	frame	9	shakes	new	none	fair	50.00
BARN	X							
Wood shed	of no value							
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

Total present day value \$ \$350.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ \$350.00

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? yes If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? Considerable cleaning is necessary inside.

Describe the basement and chimneys: One brick on a bracket and one metal, poor.

No. rooms downstairs? 6 Upstairs? 2 How finished V. Joint and shiplap.

Are buildings painted? no Condition of paint N.A.

Distance from nearest bush fifty yards.

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

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
7	undulating	6 to 8 inches sandy loam	granular loam 1th sand & gravel	5.55 ac. strawberries .35 ac asparagus	35.00	245.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
8	Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.					
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
	Rolling to hilly	6 to 8 in	granular loam	removal of stumps and light bush	\$50. to 75	10.00
	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
15	steep ravine banks, with a very light soil type has some value as a fuel supply.					\$5.00

Total value of Land \$ 400.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 350.0

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

Total value of farm \$ 750.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied.

The layout has a rundown appearance, is unoccupied at the present time has, I understand been farmed for the past twelve years.

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

A small fruit proposition only

Noxious weeds: Some Canada Thistle

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities:

Langley Municipality Taxes \$32.60.
There are arrears back to 1940. making the total of \$ 102.66 due

Date: June 27th 1942
Place: New Westminster

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 24th day of June 1942

Inspector's Signature

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

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: From the rundown, weather beaten appearance of the buildings, and the poorly farmed weedy portions of the land, I gathered the impression that the Japanese owners, had not spent very much time nor money in development of the place within recent years.

All of the land that can profitably be cropped is now under the plow. It is, with the exception of about four acres in the north east corner a rough proposition, all cut up with ravines, some of them too steep for any planting, though there have been attempts made to use some such ground by terracing, and putting in cedar supports to prevent erosion, and assist in climbing the steep banks. At the south end the work has been abandoned and the ground allowed to revert to weeds. The strawberry crop on the high, reasonably level land is though, fair.

There is just a house and a garage, or shed, of any value and these do not amount to much. There is a lot of very sandy soil throughout the property, with outcroppings of gravel here and there. The planted areas, have the advantage of a southern slope, but the ground yet to be cleared and broken slopes either to the north or the north west.

The assessed value is Land, \$850.00 Buildings and improvements \$850.00

It is the type of alayout that, none other than an Oriental would be interested in, unless of course it could be acquired for little or nothing.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

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

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

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

Present Value

\$
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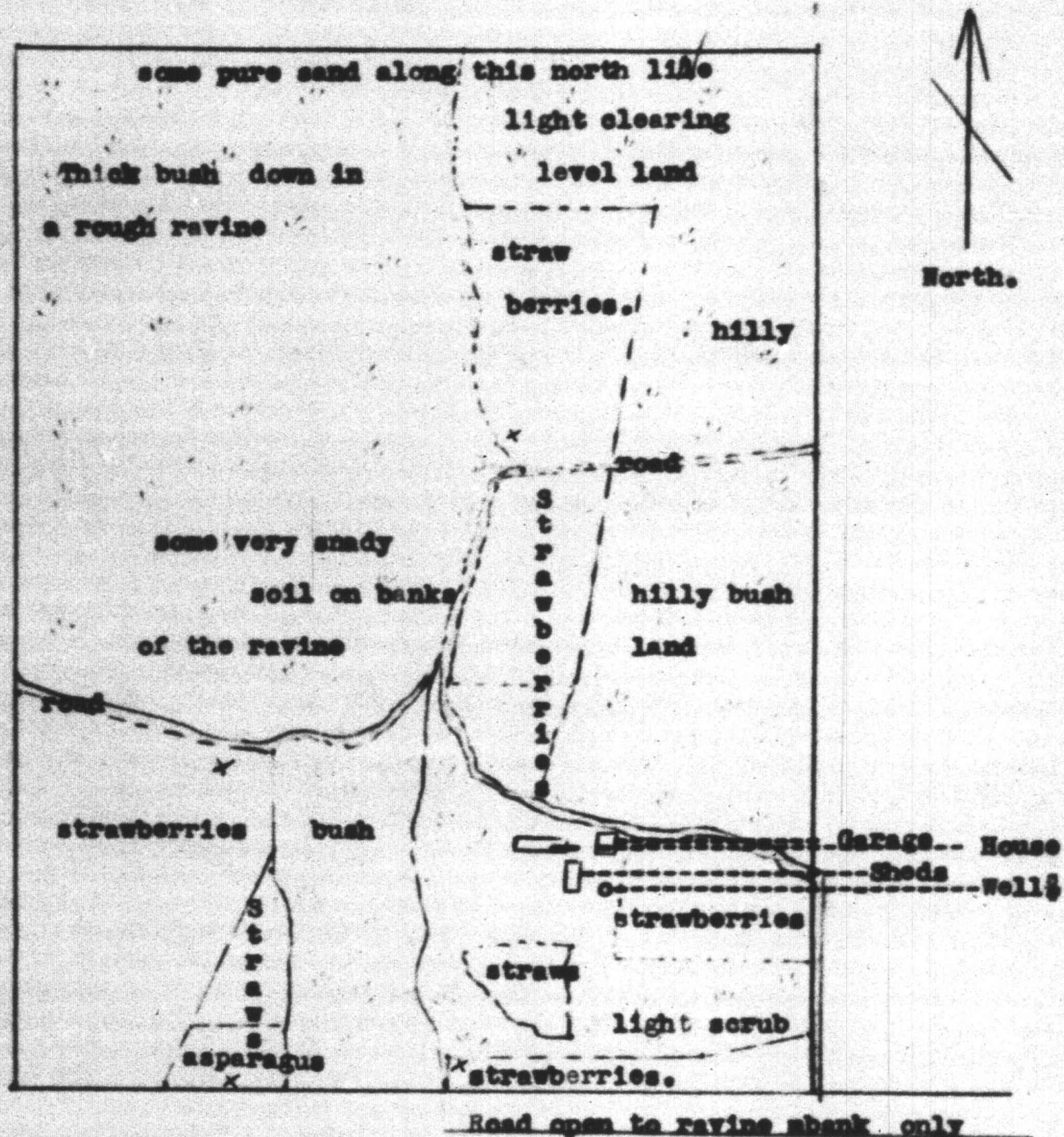
Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

Yasutaro Sakamoto. Lots 19-20-21-26-27-28-3. W/ 4. Tpl 1
Langley. 30 ac.

Scale 3 chains to 1 inch.



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

value is \$ 600.00

Date 29th June 19 42.

"I.T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

Canada

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

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 8645

Reg. No. 12861

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

APR 13 1944

Mr. Yosutara SAKAMOTO,
Saanich, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Municipality of Langley.
Re: Lots 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, of the South West
quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Map 2579,
District of New Westminster. C. of E. 50744.

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	\$ 736.00
Add:	
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943	10.92
	\$ 746.92
Less:	
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$ 76.10
Registration fee	3.00
Encumbrance—Principal	
—Interest	\$ 79.10
Net proceeds of sale	\$ 667.82

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

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

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Jan. 1

July 21

Net Assets Sub ledger

Balance brought forward

Credit re sale of property

Land Registry Office C. of E.

Bucknell's Ltd., Payt. of a/c

1.00

40.00

Royal Columbia Hospital, Payt. of a/c

Dr. A. Rose, Payt. of a/c

Dr. A. Robb, Payt. of a/c

Dr. C.B. Simpson, Payt. of a/c

R.H. Berry, Payt. of a/c

R.F. Gurnie & Co., Payt. of a/c

\$266.06

\$785.61

Debit

Credit

Balance

\$117.79

\$117.79 Cr.

667.82

CR \$119.54

*King's OTH
Seymour's
Seymour's*

150.00
121.50
100.00

26
22 parcels

8646 out
12861 to you

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

BC/2467
File No. (JL-395)

Vancouver, B.C.

FEB 29 1944

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

SAKEMOTO, You Taro

Dear Sir:-

Re: Lots 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 of
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Tp. 11,
Map 2579.
MUNICIPALITY OF LANGLEY

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate
Certificate of Title No. 146820E of the New Westminster
Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the
name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque
for \$ 23,924.11, in favour of The Secretary of State,
forwarded to you and dated February 8th, 1944, is the
amount of the purchase price in full of the above land
arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$ 736.00
Less arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$ 76.10
Amount paid to Secretary of State	- \$ 659.90

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

Yours truly,

W.K. Chandler

W.K. Chandler,
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

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

FEB 29 1944

Date

Solicitor for
The Secretary of State

NAME SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro)

REGISTRATION NO. 12796

FILE NO. 3939

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Langley, B. C. on May 23, 1944

EXHIBIT NO. Case 17-7

DATE 11 Dec. 1947

FILED BY

R. J. McMaster

12 chairs @ 0.25 "s"	\$ 3.00
High chair	1.00
Iron pot	1.25
Jug	0.25
Oil lamp	0.25
Center table	1.00
Sundries	0.75
Wick	0.50
Pictures frames	0.75
Watering can	0.75
Sundries	1.00
Tools & etc.	0.75
Pinch bar	0.75
Sundries	0.50
Bottle capper & jug	0.25
Crockery	0.50
Crockery	0.50
Bed & springs	5.00
Pipes & etc.	1.50
Child's rocker	1.50
Baby walker	2.00
Ironing board	0.25
Linoleum	2.75
Cooler	0.50
Cabinet	0.50
Tools	0.25
Tools	0.50
Tools	1.00

Total to be carried forward

\$ 29.50

~~Items Reported~~

\$

~~Items Reported~~

\$

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NAME SAKAMOTO, Matsuo (Mrs. Yagutaro)

REGISTRATION NO. 12798

FILE NO. 1939

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Langley, B.C. on May 23, 1944

	Brought forwards	\$	
C.O. saw		29.50	
C.O. saw		0.50	
C.O. saw		0.50	
2 C.O. saws		0.50	
C.O. saw		0.25	
Base		1.25	
Clothes Drier		0.50	
Washstand		0.25	
D.R. table		0.25	
Drawers		0.50	
Drawers		1.75	
Cabinet		2.00	
Pipe		1.00	
Drawers		1.25	
Wash stand		0.50	
2 Kit. tables		0.50	
Drawers		0.25	
Cupboard		4.00	
Heater		1.50	
Wheelbarrow		1.25	
Box heater		0.75	
Step Ladder - Transferred June 3, 1946 from file 10036		1.50	
Violin	" " " " " "	1.75	
Iron board	" " " " " "	2.50	
Jug	" " " " " "	0.25	
Pick heads	" " " " " "	0.75	
Gloves	" " " " " "	0.25	
Free	" " " " " "	2.00	
		1.50	
Total		\$ 50.25	59.25
Less Expenses:			
(Auctioneer's Fee: \$5.02 5.91			
(Advertising: 1.49 1.99			
(Moving: 2.72 10.35			
		\$ 15.49	18.25
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 34.76	41.00

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Carlsen

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Langley 3

Remarks:

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

Date: March 19th, 1948

B. T. Larsen

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MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 3939
8645

May 17th, 1945.

TO: The File
FROM: Mr. W. J. Iverson

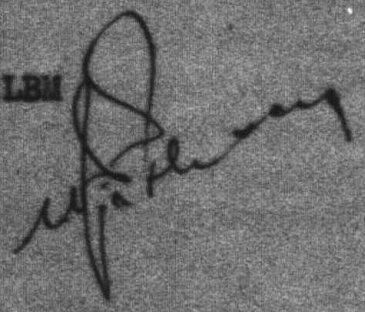
RE: Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro) SAKAMOTO
Yasutaro SAKAMOTO
Brown Road, Langley

Nothing further can be added to the second paragraph of our memorandum dated January 8th, 1945, relative to missing articles and it must be assumed that they were stolen while the house was empty. (Mr. Carlson's report of July 14, 1944).

The jam crates unaccounted for and referred to in paragraph 3 were evidently those mentioned in the letter from the Westminster Cannery Ltd. of Dec. 15, 1942, and were apparently the property of the South Fraser Berry Growers Association.

Liquidation therefore in respect to chattels herein can now be considered as completed.

WJI:LBM



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MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 3939, 8645

January 8th, 1945

To: The File

From: Mr. Iverson

Re: SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro)
SAKAMOTO, Yasutaro

On looking over the inventory submitted by our Fieldmen, it would appear that a large quantity of 'odds and ends,' and items of 'no value', were included and we might reasonably use the first Schedule "A" as the basis for liquidation. On this list, only essential items are given, and practically everything thereon is accounted for.

Referring again to Schedule "B" attached to this memo, it will be noted there are a few items unaccounted for, and these appear also on Schedule "A". Namely, "a kitchen range, dresser with mirror", in addition items that do not appear on list "A" might be questioned, such as: personal papers, leather music case, violin in case with two bows, 1 box containing steam inhalator machine, camera tripod, handy knitter, 1 desk, 1 saw set and saw vice. }

The pump and storage tank in the pump house might be considered property fixtures. Finally, a lot of tools are listed on Schedule "B", and as our auction list includes a large quantity of tools without any specified names, we can assume that these tools were the ones sold. A great many items that are obviously of 'no value' are marked as such on Schedule "B". There are however, a large quantity of jam crates that we believe were used by the Westminster Canneries, and inquiries will be made as to these. *yes.*

File 8645 does not show any effects declared, therefore that file can be closed insofar as chattels are concerned, but on both files there is a memorandum about a sewing machine which was left at the Berry Store, and it may be assumed that this would be kept as security for a debt owing them.

*↑ Has since been shipped.
See ltr Nov. 1/45*

WJ:IM
WJ

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

December 20th, 1945.

File Nos. 3939
8645

Re: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, Reg. 12861
Motoke (Mrs. Yasutaro) SAKAMOTO, Reg. 12798

The above Japanese persons made their declaration to the Custodian
On April 14th, 1942 and were evacuated on June 13th, 1942.

DECLARED

Household
furniture
for 9 rooms,
including
sewing machine, X
stove, 2 heaters,
gramophone and
farm implements

INVENTORIED

Inventory is
attached to
this schedule

SOLD

Refer to
inventory
attached

OTHER DISPOSITION

Refer to inventory
attached

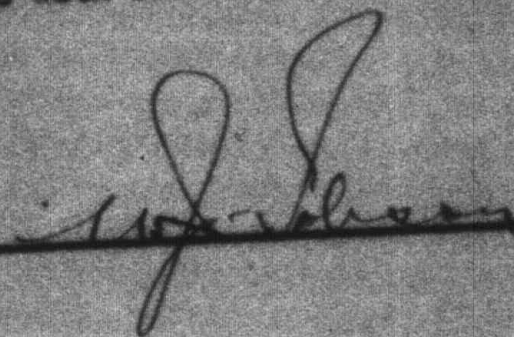
X Shipper

\$34.76

Total proceeds from the sale of chattels

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

WJ:DP



CHattel SUMMARY

File Nos. 3939
8645

December 19th, 1945.

Re: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, Reg. 12861
Motoke (Mrs. Yasutaro) SAKAMOTO, Reg. 12798

Mrs. Sakamoto who was evacuated on June 13th, 1942 declared on April 14th, 1942 that she possessed certain furniture, including a Sewing Machine, Stove, 2 Heaters and a Gramophone in her house at Bains Road, Langley Prairie. The property was owned by her husband Yasutaro Sakamoto, File 8654, who did not declare any chattels.

On June 25th, 1942 our fieldmen reported on the effects and an inventory was prepared and sent to Mrs. Sakamoto. She confirmed this on August 29th, 1942, stating in her letter of the same date however, that, although it is correct she feels that our agent has missed some goods-i.e. set of 20 Books of Knowledge, kitchen utensils, etc. Additionally, she admits she sold the gramophone and left her sewing machine at the Berry's store.

A more extensive inventory which also included the books and kitchen utensils was taken on November 20th, 1942 and forwarded to Mrs. Sakamoto and it was confirmed under date of November 28th, 1942 by Mr. Yasutaro Sakamoto.

The growing crop was sold and occupancy leased to the Westminster Cannery Limited from April 27th, 1942 to September 29th, 1942. Their lease included the use of fire wood, farm equipment and crates only. Mrs. Sakamoto advised this office on November 28th, that fertilizer, jam and berry crates, raspberry boxes and fire wood were the property of the Westminster Cannery Limited. This however, was confirmed only in part by the Westminster Cannery who stated that the jam and berry crates were the property of the South Fraser Berry Growers Association. They also claimed to have purchased a 240# scale from Sakamoto.

Upon the termination of their lease on September 29th, 1942 the property was again leased to the Westminster Cannery Limited until September 29th, 1943. Certain chattels for their use were included in the lease. These items are listed in the Westminster Cannery letter of December 8th, 1942. Many of these articles such as tools, cook stove, beds etc. are expendable. Other articles were recovered and subsequently sold at Auction.

After the termination of the Cannery lease the property lay vacant and was broken into, as a result of which many articles may have been stolen.

Prior to our Langley Auction #3 the effects remaining on the property were removed and sold on May 22nd, 1944 realizing the net sum of \$347.76 as per copies of sales sheets on File 3939. This amount was placed to the credit of Mrs. Yasutaro Sakamoto.

A copy of the inventory dated November 20th, 1942 signed by Yasutaro Sakamoto and that of (no date) signed by Mrs. Sakamoto is attached to the chattel schedule and it must be assumed that those

File 3939

CHattel SUMMARY

articles not accounted for were either stolen or destroyed in the vandalism occurring on these properties.

The sewing machine declared by Mrs. Sakamoto was shipped to her by Mr. Barry prior to November 1st, 1945.

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

WJI:DP

W. J. Johnson

MEMORANDUM

File No. 8645

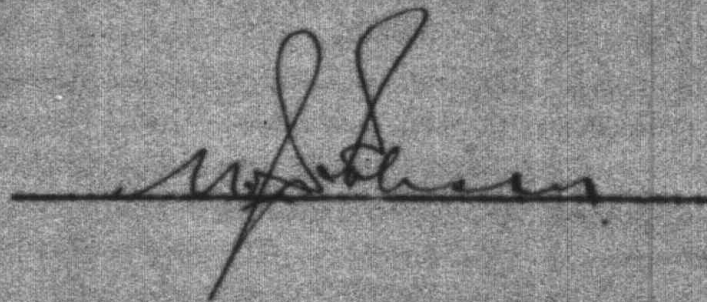
December 5th, 1945.

To: The File
From: W. J. Iverson

Re: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, Reg. 12861

No chattels are declared or revealed on this file. File 3939
Motoko SADAMOTO deals with the chattels left on this property which was
declared by his wife.

WJI:DP

A handwritten signature, likely of W. J. Iverson, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized, with a large loop at the top.

INVENTORY OF CHATTLES BELONGING

TO
SAKAMOTO (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro #12798
Brown Rd., Langley Prairie, B.C.

In House (main floor)

- 1 Dining table S
- 2 Heaters S
- 1 Kitchen range
- ~~old linoleum on front room and bed room floors.~~ S
- 1 Kitchen table P.
- 1 Wall clock M.
- 1 Record table cabinet M.
- 1 Long table (H.M.) D
- 6 Dining chairs (old) 2 old
- 1 Arm chair (old) 4 discarded
- 7 Kitchen chairs S
- 6 Potato diggers
- 1 Rake
- 2 Handle cultivators (3 prong)
- 7 Hoes
- 1 Shovel (poor)
- 2 Manure forks
- 1 Hay fork
- 1 D.B. Axe
- 1 Sledge hammer
- 1 Hand saw
- 2 Brooms
- 2 Bags "Go West"
- 1 Carpenter's hammer
- 2 Short handled cultivators (garden)
- 3 Garden weed scratchers
- 1 Wash basin
- 1 Granit pot cont., (5 sm. Jap sickels, 3 asp., knives, 1 Cold chisel,
- 1 Meat cleaver, 1 Cultivator att., 1 Carborundum stone.
- 1 Pr., rubber boots
- 4 Chests of drawers S
- 4 Beds (complete) D.
- 1 Wash stand S
- 2 Mattresses
- 3 Kitchen chairs S
- 1 Bed Complete (H.M.) S
- 2 (H.M.) tables with drawers, cont., pers. papers and books.
- 1 Dresser with mirror
- 3 Prs., curtains and rods
- 2 Kitchen cabinets 2 old
- 1 Wood box
- 9 Bake pans
- 1 8 gal., crock.
- 1 6 " " "
- 1 Table (H.M.) D.
- 15 Saucers
- 3 Coal oil lamps 1 old
- 3 Tea pots
- 1 2gal., gas tin
- 1 Clothes drier (ceiling) S
- 1 Bowl (crookery)
- 1 Alum., steamer
- 5 Pictures in frame
- 1 Rubber door mat
- 1 Sm., shrine
- Quan., of pictures and photographs, (loose)
- 1 Baby's high chair S
- 1 Leather music case
- 1 School case (suit)

Signed

[Signature]

[Signature]

CONTINUED

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS BELONGING

(2)

TO

SAKAMOTO, (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro # 12798

In House Main floor

- 4 Crtns clothes
- 2 Crtns books
- 1 Box "
- 2 Boxes shoes
- 1 ~~Violin in case & 2 bows~~ V
- 1 Crtns misc. odds & ends N.V.
- 1 Box cont. steam inhalater machine
- * 1 ~~Bottle canner~~ S
- 2 Prs. curtain rods
- 1 Crtn. insense
- 1 ~~Picture frames~~
- 3 Straw hats
- 1 Toy pistol
- * 1 ~~Iron pot~~ S
- 1 Fish scale
- 20 Volumes of "THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE" V
- 3 Sad Irons
- 3m., Quantity of medicines

Back porch

- 1 Old kiddie car
- 3 Old utensils
- 1 ~~large food cabinet~~ S
- 1 Double boiler
- 1 Stool

Upstairs

- 2 ~~Beds complete~~ V
- 2 Old mattresses
- 1 Loose door
- 7 ~~Crtns old rags & clothes~~ 1
- 1 Large wooden tray
- 1 ~~6" x 1/2" hose (rubber)~~ S
- 1 ~~Kitchen chair~~ "
- * 2 Rice tubs
- 3 School suit cases cont. dolls, glasses etc.
- * 1 Crtn cont. 2 wooden trays, knife box, bone handle fork, quan. old shoes
- * 1 Crtn. cont. 5 saki jugs
- 1 Basket cont. misc articles
- 1 Large umbrella
- * 2 Iron pots
- * 4 Fancy glass bowls
- 1 Camera trypod
- 1 Suit case cont. clothes
- 2 ~~Gas lanterns~~ V
- 2 ~~Cassat bags~~ V
- 1 Handy knitter
- 3 ~~Lamp bases~~ V
- 1 ~~Metal coal oil lamp~~ V
- 2 ~~Oil lanterns~~ V
- 1 Large metal tray
- 4 Windows & frames
- * 1 Crtn cont. 5 2 qt. sealers & 5 lqt. sealers, & jap basket
- 1 Crtn. cont. 4 Boxes jap dolls
- 1 Crtn cotn. pr. wooden sandals & jap doll in box
- 1 Crtn cont. 3 childs dolls, box of jap dolls,
- 2 Spud diggers
- 1 3, 1 5 pronged cultivator (handle)
- 1 ~~Old mantle clock~~ D.
- 5 Window frames
- Ironing board
- an. loose clothing & magazines D.

Signed

*[Signature]**R. M. Anderson*

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INVENTORY OF CHATELS BELONGING

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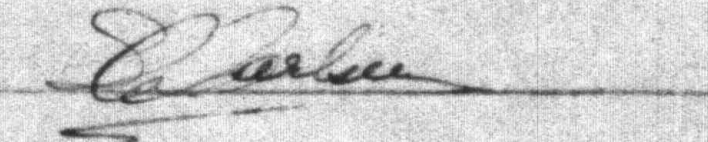
TO

SAKAMOTO, (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro # 12798

Upstairs

- 1 Desk cont. quan. school books
- 2 Spring boards
- 1 Box saki bottles
- ~~4 Lamp tops~~ A
- ~~51 X cut saws~~ S
- 1 Buck saw
- ~~3 Ironing boards~~ 1 sold
- 1 Rake
- 1 Weed cutter
- ~~1 Bndl. old pipe fittings~~ C
- 1 2 gal gas can
- ~~1 Sprinkling can~~ S
- ~~1 51 pinch bar~~ S
- 2 Crtns of ass. sealers
- 1 Shannon office file board
- 2 Crtn. of photographs & old clothes
- ~~2 Pictures~~ S
- ~~1 Hand culti-vator~~ A
- Augers
- Peevie, 1 head, 1 spike
- ~~Pick~~ S
- D.B. Axes & 1 head
- 1 Proc
- 1 Mattock
- 1 Adze;
- 1 Suit case cont. sml. amount of electric insulators etc.
- 1 Sack cont. 1 falling wedge & 2 sml. wedges & metal block
- 1 Sml. coil old rope
- 2 Hand scrapers (carpenters tool)
- 3 Cultivator att.
- 2 Screw drivers
- 1 Tin old parts
- 4 X cut saw handles
- 2 Old paint brushes
- 1 Saw set
- 1 Garden trowl
- 1 Jap planes
- 1 Old back saw handle
- 2 Brick layer trowls
- Few old tools
- ~~1 Wash stand~~ Full of school books
- 1 Home made bunk
- 1 Box cont. saw vice, mattock head, Pr. riveters bongs, boat hook
- quan. of old nuts bolts & parts
- 1 Crtn decorations
- 1 Baby rocker S
- 1 " Walcker S
- 1 Home made bed A
- 1 Chair (no back) A
- 6 Boxes dishes S

Signed




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(4).

INVENTORY OF CHATTLES BELONGING

TO

SAKAMOTO, (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro #12788

In Garage

1 Wheelbarrow S
4 Old car seats
7 Lge. berry box crates
2 Bent shovels
2 Shovels
1 Manure fork
1 D.B. Axe
1 Scythe
~~1 Large open box S~~
10' x 1" hose
~~144 Berry crates~~ A
330 Jam crates
2 Jap tubs
quan of asps. boxes
7 Pickers trays
3 Candy pails

Woodshed & packing shed

~~1 Cord of split wood~~ A
9 Jap tubs
1 Step ladder
App. 50 pickers trays
App 340 Jam crates
3 Benches
2 Step ladders A
1 Sack fertilizer
Sml. quan. lumber
3 Bent shovels
1 Poor rake
1 Post hole digger
1 Baby bath tub
1 Shoe last
1 4 gal oil can
2 Ladders
1 Bed complete
1 Bedstead A
30 Lbs berry wire
1 Wheelbarrow wheel

Root House

~~3 1 gal crock jugs S~~
~~1 5 gal " " A~~
~~1 1 gal glass jug A~~

Pump House

1 Large beast hand pump
45 Gal storage tank

Packing Shed

15 Jam crates
17 Pickers trays
5 Shipping crates
5 Box crates
2 Pots, 1 Old trieycle
1 Cultivator att.

A 1 clothes line & 1 cord of wood outside

Signed

Charles

V. M. Anderson

D. W. Leonard

M. M. M. M.

5: sold by Auction

23/5/44 - Langley 3

Large number of tools
missing, also some sold,
but as there are not
itemized, it is not possible
to cross them
off.

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USED CAR APPRAISAL RECORD

NAME T 46

ADDRESS

Paint	\$ 12.00	Make <u>Ford</u>
Tires <u>2 front 2 rear 1 bag</u>	\$ 12.00	
Body & Fenders	\$ 12.00	
Glass	\$ 4.00	
Top	\$ 1.00	Body Style <u>1700 Ranch</u>
Nickelling	\$ 1.00	
Radiator	\$ 1.00	
Running Boards	\$ 1.00	
Mats & Kick Pads	\$ 1.00	Year <u>32.</u>
Upholstery	\$ 6.00	
Hardware	\$ 1.00	
Motor Expense	\$ 8.00	
Transmission	\$ 1.00	License <u>BT 760</u>
Rear Axle	\$ 1.00	
Universal Joints	\$ 1.00	
Clutch	\$ 1.00	
Steering	\$ 2.00	Serial
Brakes	\$ 4.00	
Tighten Up	\$ 14.00	
Muffler	\$ 1.00	
Sundries <u>1 bag</u>	\$ 12.50	Mileage <u>17908</u>
Wash & Clean Motor	\$ 2.00	
Clean Interior	\$ 2.00	
Oil & Grease, Change	\$ 2.00	
Oil & Check Over	\$ 4.00	Remarks <u>600 X 20</u>
Total	\$ 64.50	

Mod. interested in

Selling price \$ 145.00

Less Repairs \$

Allowance \$

Date

Appraised by A. G. G. G.

For immediate acceptance only.

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 8645

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

January 14, 1943.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Reg. No. 12861,
SANDON, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Our No. T 46

Re: Motor Vehicles

Your Ford truck

which was surrendered to the Authorities, has been
sold for \$ 145.00

Charges against your car were as follows:

Liens	\$
Administrative Expenses	\$ 27.21

The Balance thereafter remaining of \$ 117.79
has been placed to your credit in our trust account.

Yours truly,

Specified Articles Department.

RPA:MA
EL

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

T 46

No.

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No.

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No.

SAKAMOTO Yasutaro

R.R.1 Langley B. C.

Re: March 9 942

H.J.Price R.C.M.P

(Name of File)

On (Date)

1

(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
LICENSE NO.	(41)	CT760	
MAKE & MODEL		33 Ford Model B.	TIRE NUMBERS 5
SERIAL NO.			
ENGINE NO.		CBBT1533	
SPEEDOMETER READING		17907	
CONDITION		appears fair	
EXTRA EQUIPMENT		NONE	
DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED			
"H. Takaoka" #12790, brought in by Signature of Owner TAKAOKA Hideo Donald Japanese Registration No.			
Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt whereof appears hereunder			
"A.W. Cruise" March 9/42			
I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy. Date: March 18th 1948			
			<i>R. J. McMaster</i> R.J.McMaster
			<i>H. F. Price</i> "H.F.PRICE"

CERTIFIED CORRECT

(Signature of member submitting report)

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment

Seizure No.

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FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

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

Detachment
Sub-Division
Division
Date

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RE: **SAKAMOTO, Yasutaro R.R.L. Langley B.C.**

On **March 9** 19 **42** **1** **H.F. Prison, RCMP**

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

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

NO. OF PKGS.	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
LICENSE NO.	(41) CT760	TIRE NUMBERS 5
MAKE & MODEL	33 Ford model B.	
SERIAL NO.	CBET1533	
ENGINE NO.		
SPEEDOMETER READING	17907	
CONDITION	appears fair	
EXTRA EQUIPMENT	NONE	
DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED		
	X <i>[Signature]</i> # 12790, brought in by Signature of Owner Japanese Registration No. TAKAOKA Hideo Donald	
Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder <i>[Signature]</i> March 9/42		
DATE:		
		<i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SUBMITTING REPORT

gl...

Richardson
CABLE ADDRESS NO. CITY

sent to Anderson

CANNERS
of
ROYAL CITY

FRUITS
VEGETABLES
JAMS AND
SOUPS

THE CUSTOMER
JAPANESE SECTION
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Westminster Canners Limited

Pearson

New Westminster, B. C.
CANADA

Dec. 15th, 1942.

Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. R. D. Richardson:

Dear Sirs:

With further reference to your letter of Dec. 4th, we have been advised by our field manager that we have a signed receipt for the following items bought from Y. Sakamoto May 11th, 1942:

1 sack Organic fertilizer	\$2.50
1 sack Bonemeal	2.50
208 Baskets @ $\frac{1}{2}$	1.00
1 scale (240 lb.)	7.00
2 sacks Go-West	6.50
10 Asparagus Crates	1.20
1 New File	.35
	\$21.05

This will eliminate the items of 2 sacks Go-West, 1 sack fertilizer and some of the crates. The balance of the crates are on hand at the farm and consist of picking trays, which are referred to as shipping or berry and jam crates. These crates were rented for the year from Mr. Maruno, the president of the South Fraser Berry Growers' Assoc., whose property they were, and of which association Y. Sakamoto was a member.

With regard to the $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood, as our understanding at the time of the first lease with Y. Sakamoto was, this wood would be for our use.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours very truly,

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LIMITED,

H. B. Pearson

H. B. Pearson.

HBP:BS

~~80088~~ 3939

Canners
of
ROYAL CITY
BRAND
FRUITS
VEGETABLES
JAMS AND
SOUPS

Westminster Canners Limited

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JUNIOR SECTION

RECEIVED
DEC 10 1942

New Westminster, B. C.

CANADA

Dec. 8th, 1942.

Mr. M. Iverson,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Iverson:

We are enclosing a list of the chattels at
Y. Sakamoto's farm. We have the original list signed
by Y. Sakamoto in our office.

For your information we will be using all
of this equipment during the term of the present lease.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours very truly,

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LIMITED,

H. B. Pearson

H. B. Pearson.

H.B.
HBP:BS
Encl.

List signed by Mrs Sakamoto Schedule "A"

File # 3939

Name: Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) SAKAMOTO,
Address: McDonald Rd., Langley, B.C.
Reg. No. 12798

File this

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS FOUND ON PROPERTY.

In House:

2 heaters.		<i>Auction</i>	1 crow bar.
1 small table.		<i>Sold</i>	1 pinch bar.
2 cabinets.		<i>23/5/44</i>	50' $\frac{3}{4}$ " rope.
1 dining table.		"	1 sledge hammer.
6 dining chairs.		"	1 mattock.
1 wall clock.	<i>Missing</i>	"	1 pick.
2 kitchen cabinets.		"	1 shake splitter.
10 kitchen chairs.	<i>4 abandoned</i>	<i>23/5/44</i>	1 writing desk.
1 kitchen range.	<i>Abandoned</i>	<i>6 Sold</i>	1 kitchen chair.
4 beds.		"	10' garden hose.
2 bureaux.		<i>23/5/44</i>	
1 high chairs.		"	<u>In Garage.</u>
1 wash stand (old)		"	1 scythe.
1 dresser.		"	1-5 gal. stone crock.
1 chest of drawers.		"	1-8 gal. stone crock. <i>Missing</i>

*Some tools
& Suraried
sold at Auction
23/5/44*

H.M.

Upstairs:

2 beds.	<i>1 Abandoned 1 Sold</i>	<i>23/5/44</i>
4 cross cut saws.		<i>23/5/44</i>
2 spring boards.		
1 hay knife.		
1 baby's walker.		<i>23/5/44</i>
1 wash stand (old)		"
1 scoop shovel.		
1 peevee.		<i>23/5/44</i>
5 axes.		
1 hand cultivator.	<i>Missing</i>	

*See Sakamoto's file
at Aug 29th.*

Confirmed:

DATE: August 29th 1942.

SIGNED: *m. Sakamoto,*

Please return this copy
A.M.

*at Westmount by name
K.M.*

R E P O R T
ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. 3939

MUNICIPALITY: Langley.

Date: June 25, 1942.

NAME: SAKAMOTO, (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro. REGISTRATION NO. 12798.

ADDRESS: No# McDonald Rd., Langley B.C. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile northe, from Pacific Highway, on Livingstone Rd., turn east approx. 1 mile.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE: 30. 7 acres cleared (rest bush.)

KIND OF CROPS: Straws. Asparagus. Fruit Trees.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH: $6\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 doz. (several bearing)

HOUSE: 2 Storeys. VACANT: OCCUPIED Through the day only, by pickers.

DESCRIPTION Frame, shake & board finish. ROOF: Shake.

SIZE: 33 x 46. NO. OF ROOMS 9.

CONDITION: Fair.

OTHER BUILDINGS: Double garage, 5 packing sheds, large old woodshed 40 x 14.

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: Westminster Cannery Ltd.

TERMS: \$650.00 for crop. Cash paid.

WATER: Well. (hand pump) ON: OFF:

LIGHT: None. ON: OFF:

REMARKS: The above property is registered in the name of Y. Sakamoto. 2 rooms upstairs. The house is large has been added to, needs quite abit of cleaning & fixing inside.

Mr. Redman, field man for Westminster Cannery, will board up windows and lock up when crop is gone

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY

In house.

2 Heaters.
Small table.
2 Cabinets. — 2 c
Dining table.
6 Dining chairs.
Wall clock.
2 Kitchen cabinets. — 2 c
10 " chairs.
" range.
4 Beds. 4 B
2 Bureau.
High chair.
Wash stand. (old)
Dresser.
Chest of drawers.

Writing desk.
Kitchen chair.
10' garden hose.

In garage.

Scythe.
5 gal. stone crock.
8 " " "

Upstairs.

2 Beds. 2 B
4 Cross cut saws.
2 Spring boards.
Hay knife.
Baby's walker.
Wash stand. (old)
Scoop shovel.
Peavy.
5 Axes.
Hand cultivator.
Crow bar.
Pinch bar.
50' $\frac{3}{4}$ " rope.
Sledge hammer.
Mattock.
Pick.
Shake splitter.

Signed:

J. Morrison
H. Hogan

July 14, 1944.

REPORT

Owner: SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro) - Reg. No. 12798

House has been vacant since evacuation of above, consequently
was broken into repeatedly outstanding articles missing:

1 wall clock

1 record cabinet

several chairs

4 small cultivators

5 beds

2 crocks

violin in case "sold May 23/44

20 volumes of "Book of Knowledge"

Several lanterns & lamps

Hand cultivator

149 berry crates shipping "Probably the property of SFEG Assoc."

1 cord of wood "used by Westminster Cannery".

5 ladders

5 crock jugs

clothes line

Large quantity of tools.

"S.C. Carlsen"
(per H.G.)

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof
they purport to be a copy.
DATE: March 22, 1948.

B. I. Larsen

Supplies and Tools on Y. Sakamoto's Farm:

187 Picking Trays
9 Hoes (old)
2 (1) Round and (1) Flat Rakes
2 Spades (bent)
4 Small Scythes
1 " Rake
2 Manure Forks, 4 and 3 tines
1 Hay scythe (bush)
2 Long handle shovels
1 Asparagus Knife
1 Grind Stone Wheel
1 Car Jack (old)

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Furniture in House of Y. Sakamoto:

1 1 Cook Stove
2 Heaters
1 Kitchen Table - 1 round table
16 Chairs (Kitchen)
1 Kitchen cupboard
1 Double bed and mattress
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ bed, no mattress

used by Westminster Camera Ltd
re Lease

File 3939

EXHIBIT No. Case No 17-L
DATE 11 Dec. 1947
FILED BY R. J. McMaster

July 14, 1944

REPORT

Owners: SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs Yasutaro) - Reg No. 12798

I have to-day examined the undermentioned articles
and find them to be valueless, and should be abandoned.

4 old chairs

3 Tables (H.M)

4 Beds

4 Mattresses

Lge quan. old books, magazines and clothes.

" " utensils

2 carpet bags

Old Mantel Clock

Lge Quan effects & misc household goods strewn around &
damaged.

"S.C. Carlsen"
per C.O.

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

Date: March 18th 1948

M. Seely

mw

CABLE ADDRESS
BUCKERFIELD
CODES
RMT
BNTLYN

The Home of
BUCKERFIELD'S QUALITY PRODUCTS



Buckerfield's Ltd.

P. O. BOX 219
VANCOUVER, CANADA

TELEPHONE
HIGHLAND 3-800
PRIVATE EXCHANGE
CONNECTING
ALL DEPARTMENTS

August 12, 1942

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

Dear Sirs:

Persuant to your letter of July 25, requesting further particulars concerning balances outstanding on our files against Japanese who had been removed from the Fraser Valley area, the writer has received information on the accounts in question.

7645 In connection with the indebtedness outstanding against Y. Sakamoto, R. R. 1. Coghlan, B. C., municipality of Langley Prairie, we are informed that this party's christian name is Yasutaro and this should enable you to reconcile the account with the party removed from that area.

With reference to the balance of \$5.06 which was recorded on our records at Courtenay against Mr. G. Kono at Headquarters, B. C., we are advised recently by our manager at Courtenay that this account was retired shortly after our list had been mailed to you and that he had neglected to advise of the subsequent collection. Paid

The writer sincerely hopes that the information which we are submitting herein will enable you to identify the monies outstanding without any difficulty and should further information be required on any other individual, we would be pleased to co-operate wherever possible.

Yours very truly,

BUCKERFIELD'S LTD.

C. N. Miller

Manager Credit Department

NM:MF

Mr. Medley
London, B.C.

September 12th 1942.

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

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
SEP 17 1942

Dear Sir:-

Re:- File No. 8645

I am in receipt of your letter inquiring
of our account of \$40.00 indebted to Buckenfield's Ltd.
Vancouver, B.C.

I confirm that this amount is
correct but in my present circumstances I am
unable to send a cheque. As I have stated in
my previous letter I wish to clear my accounts by
selling my panel truck at Hastings Park. The other
alternative is from the Western Cannery who have
bought our next season's crop at \$500.00 and agreed to
 remit the first \$100.00 by August 1st 1942, but as yet
we have not heard from them.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,
I am,

Yours truly,

Yasutaro Sada moto, #12861.

8645 & 3939

September 25, 1942.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Reg. No. 12861,
Sandon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of September 12th, in which you mention an agreement with Westminster Cannery for the purchase of 1943 crop for \$500.00, of which \$100.00 is to be paid by August 1. We would appreciate receiving full details and a copy of said agreement as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Farm Department.

WEA/BM

London, B.C. ~~Peterson~~
October 31st 1942
Anderson

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

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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Dear Sir,

Re: - to file no. 8645 & 3939 of farm
department.

I am very sorry that I was unable
to reply earlier, as the copy of the agreement
with Westminster Cannery for the purchase of
1943 crop for \$500.⁰⁰ is not here. I had written
to them and they notified us that since we had
left there have been some changes in regulations
governing these properties, and they are doing their
best to have the matter settled at an early date.
I have been waiting to hear definite word from
the Westminster Cannery Ltd. before replying to you.
However as no word has reached me as yet I feel
that it would be quicker for you to get in touch with
Mr. H. Pearson or Mr. H. R. Redman who resides
at Bradner, B.C. The latter has taken very good
care of the farms.

In conclusion I wish to apologize for
the delay and thank you for your kind assistance.

Yours truly,

Y. Sakamoto (Reg. # 12861)

86.45
JL-393

Vancouver, B.C.
Oct. 6th, 1942.

MEMO TO THE CUSTODIAN:-

Attention - Mr. Richardson

Re: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO

Attached please find offer
to lease the above property by the Westminster Cannery
Limited.

I.T. Barnet,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

Per- *E.W.*

GTM/W
Encl.

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Sandon, B.C.,
January 5th, 1943.

Mr. A. McAlister,
Claims Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of December 30th, re: -
File No. 3939, 8645.

The seven claims, including Buckerfield's Limited
listed in your letter is correct and we wish you to settle
these claims just as soon as you receive sufficient funds.

As to the claims lodged by Mr. Sansuke Kawamoto for
\$200.00, we prefer to make a settlement direct, rather than have
it handled by your office. Although there is no written test-
imony, the claim should be for \$100.00. We would like to get
in touch with him but do not know his present address. Please
let us know his address in your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,

I remain,

Yours truly,

(signed) (Mrs.) Y. Sakamoto,
Reg. No. 12798.



W. E. QUARRIE & CO. LIMITED
57 BLOOR ST. WEST
TORONTO

C-9080

February 9, 1943.

✓ Mr. R. D. Richardson
Farm Dept. Office of Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

We are writing you with reference to the account of Mr. Yasutaro Sakamoto, who made a purchase from us on August 7, 1941. Our subscriber's sister suggested that we contact you with regard to this obligation.

Inasmuch as no payment has been received from Mr. Sakamoto since March 26, 1942, we would appreciate receiving any current information concerning the payment of the bill.

We are enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience in sending your prompt reply. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

D. Carson
THE QUARRIE CORPORATION

DC:SW

RECEIVED SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 15 1943
File No.	8675
Ans.	A. M. A.
Referred	McGillivray

Sandwich, B.C.
March 17th 1943.

Received Mr. A. McAllister.
File 8645
Claims Department
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

RECEIVED
Rec'd MAR 22 1943
File # 8645
By [initials]
Referred Anderson

Dear Sir:-

Re: File No. 10038, 3939, 8645

I am in receipt of your letter of February 22nd, notifying me of a further claim lodged against me by Mr. Titus Ioki, amounting to \$100.00. It has taken me some time to prove that this sum is incorrect as I have paid half the amount and the claim should be for \$50.00.

As stated in my previous letters I wish to have all the claims lodged against me cleared as soon as you receive sufficient funds from the Westminster Cannery to whom we have leased our farms for (1942) 1943 crops. They have taken very good care, I understand, so I believe it is worth the amount of \$300.00 as in the agreement.

In my present circumstances I am unable to settle my accounts personally. Mr. Sonoke Kawamoto of Lillooet, B.C. has requested me to settle my account of \$100.00 and I have advised him of my inability to pay at the present time.

I am,

Yours truly,
Yasutaro Sakamoto.

(Reg. No. 12861)

8645

May 3rd, 1943.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 12861,
Sandon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Atlas Policy No. 247466.

The above numbered policy expiring May
5th, 1945 covers for \$700.00 on the dwelling and \$300.00
on household effects on property described as Lots 20, 21,
S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 11, Municipality of Langley.

Your file indicates that there are other
buildings on this property including Chicken House, Garage,
Bath House, Shed and 4 Packing Houses.

We wish to be advised if you consider it
necessary to have the above numbered policy extended to
cover any or all of these other buildings mentioned, and,
if so, for how much on each.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAI

*Do not
consider
necessary
see letter
of May 10 from
Y. Sakamoto
my*

10038; 3939;
8645.

May 6th, 1943.

Mr. Kitaro IOKI,
Registration No. 06865,
c/o Mr. Haru HARINAKA,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sir:

re: Yamutaro SAKAMOTO - \$50.00

We wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 16th of April wherein you advise that \$50.00 is the correct amount owing by SAKAMOTO to you.

You ask us to inform you as to whether this will be paid by the Custodian or by SAKAMOTO, and in reply we wish to say that the Custodian does not pay any accounts, except when the debtor has funds to his credit in this office and is requested to do so by such debtor.

There are some other claims on file against SAKAMOTO, and yours will receive due attention at the proper time when sufficient funds are available and applicable.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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June 10th, 1943.

Mr. W.H. Berry,
Livingston & Yale Rd.,
P.O. Langley Prairie, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$45.06 - Goerge Y. SAKAMOTO

We have received your statement of claim against the above Japanese and are filing same in your behalf. In our records we refer to him as Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, Registration No. 12861.

In filing her declaration with this office, dated April 14th, 1942, Mrs. SAKAMOTO referred to an amount as owing to you which later in her letter of August 29th she refers to as follows:

"The sewing machine is in the keeping of Berry's Store until our return as we still owe \$30.00."

We have, so far, treated this as the amount owing to you by the SAKAMOTOS. Is this any relation to the account just received from you, namely \$45.06? In other words is this amount the total owing to you from the SAKAMOTOS?

An early reply will be appreciated as we wish to be clear on this before writing to these people.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 8645
3939

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

June 10th, 1943.

Mr. W.H. Berry,
Livingston & Yale Rd.,
P.O. Langley Prairie, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 15 1943
File No.	
Ans.	<i>JA</i>
Referred	

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An early reply will be appreciated as we wish to be clear on this before writing to these people.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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*4/12/45
The sewing machine
has since been shipped
by Mr. Berry to
Mr. Kamoto.
See latest
correspondence
up.*

*File
8645*

Sandwich, B.C.
June 19th 1943.

Mr. A. McAlister,

Claims Department

Office of the Custodian

506 Royal Bank Bldg.

Hastings and Granville

Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 23 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	McAlister

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for
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Dear Sir:—

Re: File No: 8645 . 3939 .

I am in receipt of your letter of June 15th
requesting the correct amount of our account to
Mr. Berry of H. H. Berry's Store Langley Prairie, B.C.

The claim of \$45.06 against me is the
correct amount and the account of \$30. stated in
my previous letter was an error as I do not have
the bill with me. I am indeed, sorry to have
made such a mistake.

Yours truly,

Yasutaro Sakamoto.

Reg. No. 12861.

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer St,
Vancouver, B. C.

July 16th 1943.

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

RECD JUL 17 1943
File No. 8645
Ans. ✓
Referred Anderson

Dear Sir,

Re Yasutaro SAKAMOTO #12861
Your File No. 8645

We enclose for your information and comments
a copy of a memorandum received from our Sandon Super-
visor regarding the above named Japanese. In the event
of this individual having a credit with your office we
would appreciate your forwarding him the \$117.79 which
seems to be the amount in your hands.

Yours truly,

*plus 150.00 + 3.00 Less
less 1.00*

ex Balance of # 73

M.L. Brown

M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

MLB/MS
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MEMORANDUM

Date July 9, 1945.

From D. Macavish, Supervisor

To Mr. M.L. Brown, Secretary

Re: Yashiro SAKAMOTO, Serial #12861, Custodian File Number 8645.

This man is our general camp foreman, and prior to being evacuated to Sandoz, was the owner of a farm at Fort Langley, B. C., which, at the time of evacuation, was ready for cropping.

He states that before leaving Vancouver, he entered into agreement with the Westminster Cannery Limited, New Westminster, whereby they were to purchase both the 1942 and 1943 crops on his farm. The terms were \$2500.00 for the 1942 crop and \$500.00 for the 1943 crop on which \$100.00 was to be paid by August 1, 1942. *No record of this*

Apparently the 1942 crop was fully paid for before Sakamoto's departure from the Coast, but he has, as yet, received nothing for the 1943 crop on which he claims \$100.00 should have been paid last August.

He states that both he and Mr. Nelson of the Westminster Cannery had copies of the agreement, but in the rush of leaving the Coast, his copy became mislaid and he has been unable to find it since. He is very anxious that the Custodian's office should take this matter up with the Westminster Cannery, and endeavour to obtain the advance payment due to him.

On January 14 the Custodian's office sent him a note stating that his Ford truck had been sold for the sum of \$145.00, less \$27.21 expenses, leaving a balance due to him of \$117.79.

As Sakamoto is now badly in need of money, he is very anxious to have these funds sent to him together with anything which can be collected from the Westminster Cannery on account of his crop.

Please take the matter up with the Custodian's office and advise us of any development. An extra copy of this letter is enclosed for the use of the Custodian.

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION, SANDOZ.

[Signature]
D. Macavish, Supervisor.

RM/MS
Encl.

Canners
of
ROYAL CITY
BRAND
FRUITS
VEGETABLES
JAMS AND
SOUPS

Westminster Cannery Limited

New Westminster, B. C.
CANADA

July 27th, 1943.

*File 8645 ✓
3959 ✓*

[Signature]

Mr. Geo. McKay,
c/o Soldier Settlement of Canada,
518 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. McKay:

This is to advise you that we wish to continue the operation and lease on the Y. Sakamoto and K. Kinoshita properties for the 1944 crop season, but will not carry on the leases on the Shigahiro, Orida and Tanaka properties.

Pending your confirmation of this we are carrying on our normal operations on these properties, that is cutting off dead leaves, cultivation and application of weevil bait. We would also like to advise you that we are arranging to rent the Kinoshita house to a very responsible couple. We feel sure that if we are going to carry this property on for another year it would be advisable to have somebody living in this house, particularly during the winter months.

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We would appreciate a letter or phone call from you confirming these matters.

Yours very truly,

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LIMITED,

H. B. Pearson

H. B. Pearson.

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Buckerfield's Ltd.

P.O. BOX 279
VANCOUVER, CANADA

August 2, 1943

File Disposal

EVACUATION SECTION	
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File No.	8645
Ans.	
Referred	Richardson

out to Japan

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

Attention Mr. Richardson.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for the official
cheque in the sum of \$40.00, covering our claim against
Yasutaro Sakamoto.

This remittance liquidates the balance owing
by this particular party and we would ask that you kindly for-
ward receipt to the said debtor, indicating that payment has
been satisfactorily arranged.

Yours very truly,

BUCKERFIELD'S LTD.

C. N. Miller
Manager Credit Department

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Please file



W.F. QUARRIE & CO. LIMITED
57 BLOOR ST. WEST
TORONTO

EVACUATION SECTION	
Ser'd	AUG 16 1943
File	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>

C-9080

August 10, 1943

Your file No. 8645 //

Department of the Secretary of State In Re: Yasutaro Sakamoto
Office of the Custodian
Japanese Evacuation Section
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your remittance in the amount of \$61.50 paying our claim against the above in full.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the assistance you are giving us in clearing up the Japanese accounts.

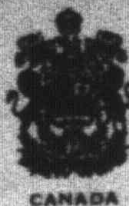
Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
W. F. QUARRIE & CO. LIMITED

PW:CS

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DEPARTMENT OF
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EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 11 1943
File No.	8645
Ans.	W. A. Anderson
Referred	

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

August 10th 1943

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

Dear Sir,

Custodian File No. 8645
Re Yasutaro SAKAMOTO #12861

On July 16th we wrote you enclosing a copy
of a memorandum received from our Sandon Supervisor
regarding the above named man.

We shall feel obliged if you would let us
hear from you in this matter at your early convenience.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

Mr. can Sale	117.79	
1943 leave comm	120.00	267.79
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9/12	268.06	268.06
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August 12, 1943.

Mr. H. B. Pearson,
C/o Westminster Cannons Ltd.,
Box Westminster, B. C.

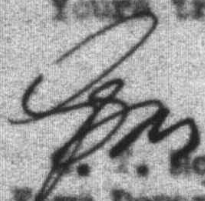
Dear Sir:

Re: Y. SAKAMOTO & K. KINOSHITA.

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of the 27th of July concerning your 1944 tenancy of the Kinoshita and Sakamoto property.

We are at the moment, handing over to the Soldier Settlement officials documents that they need covering lands acquired by that Department, and it is with their representatives that you will be dealing in connection with the 1944 lease. I wish however, to confirm the verbal understanding as arrived at between you and me, that is to say, you may be assured of being able to carry on for another year with the two places you wish to operate. Just as quickly as possible, another member of the Soldier Settlement Board and I will be calling on you to further discuss the matter, and in the meantime you may go ahead and carry out any work that is necessary.

Yours truly,


J. T. McKay.
Farm Department.

GTH/STP
c.c. Soldier Settlement.

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18th August, 1943.

British Columbia Security Commission,
350 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. E. L. Brown.

Dear Sirs;

re: Isamuro SAKAMOTO, #12861.

In reply to your letters of July 16th and August 10th, we have to advise that subject Japanese has a credit balance at this office of only \$1.73. The following is a statement of his account showing how this figure is arrived at:-

By Net proceeds from sale of car		\$ 117.79 ✓
• 1943 Lease consideration		150.00
To L.R.O. Certificate of Encumbrance	\$ 1.00	
• Buckerfield's Ltd., Vancouver	40.00	
• Royal Columbian Hospital, N.W.	40.00	
• Dr. A. Rose, Langley Prairie	20.00	
• Dr. A. McBurney, Langley Prairie	28.50	
• Dr. C.S. Simpson, Langley Prairie	30.00	
• W. H. Berry, Langley Prairie	45.06	
• W. F. Quarrie & Co. Ltd., Toronto	61.50	
• Balance	1.73	
	<u>\$ 267.79</u>	<u>\$ 267.69</u>

By Balance at credit - \$1.73

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA:GF

MEMORANDUM

March 10th, 1944

Files 8645
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To ~~From~~ Mr. Anderson

To ~~From~~ Mr. Gibson

Re: MR. & MRS. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO

Will you please advise if there are any chattels belonging to the above named located at Lots 20 & 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, Twp. 11, Mun. of Langley.

There is \$300.00 insurance coverage on household effects at this location and if these goods have been removed the insurance can be cancelled.

SMG:KT

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*Please cancel
both*

Address all communications to:
THE COMMISSIONER
British Columbia Provincial Police
(Motor-vehicle Branch)
Victoria, B.C.

TELEPHONE - EMPIRE 1111
LOCAL 386



MOTOR-VEHICLE BRANCH
VICTORIA

Your File No. 8645

In reply quote File No. 6/1M

April 24, 1944.

SUBJECT: Yasutaro Sakamoto.
MVR#132004.

F. Matheson, Esq.,
Specified Articles Dept.,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 25 1944
File No.
Ans.
Referred Matheson

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and in reply wish to advise you that according to our files, Pontiac Coach, Engine #P49082, was transferred on May 30, 1941, from Mrs. Mary Strohmaier, Chilliwack, B.C. to Y. Sakamoto, of R.R.#1, Langley Prairie, B.C. under 1941 licence #56-557.

This motor-vehicle is still registered in the name of Y. Sakamoto, and the motor-vehicle licence has not been renewed since 1941.

Yours truly,

GEO. A. HOOD,
Insp. O/C Motor Branch,
for Commr. of Prov'l Police.

/RS

May 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 8645

TO: Mr. S. C. Carlsen

FROM: W. E. Anderson

Re: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Brown Road, Langley.

According to our record subject Japanese
is still the registered owner of Pontiac Coach
Engine No. P49082, 1941 License No. 56557.

Please investigate around this neighborhood
and attempt to locate the whereabouts of same.

WEA/EG

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Have not been able to locate as yet
AD

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May 15, 1944.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 12861,
Sandon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of May 1, 1944.

Your remarks have been carefully read and we can appreciate that the disposal of your property will be a matter of personal concern. However, the sale of properties to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act was carried out as a part of a policy of liquidation outlined by Ottawa on the basis of appraised values.

Your letter has been placed upon our files so that your comments in regard to this sale will remain on record but we can only advise you that we are unable to consider any alternative in regard to this matter.

Your reference to proceeds from 1943 crop is explained in our letter to you of August 30, 1943 advising you of the sale of your property as of the 1st of January, 1943. All revenue since that date accrued to the purchaser.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

WEA/EG

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Date	MAY 17th, 1945.
Rec'd	MAY 18 1945
File No.	2645
Ans.	
Referred	Fukushima

auth. Lussan.

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that (NAME) Yasutaro SAKAMOTO
(REGISTRATION NO.) 12861 died at (PLACE) Nakusp, B.C.
on (DATE) May 15th, 1945.

This is for your information.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown
M.L. Brown
Office Manager

Ch. Blue 39.85.

Claims 47.30. not verified

Wife's file #3939
Ch. Blue 34.76

Not dead. See
letter Jan 16/46
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FOR FILE NO. 8645

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.,
June 15th, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Yuzo SAKAMOTO #12857 Dec'd

We wish to make claim for recovery of the sum of \$80.00 from the estate of the above-mentioned deceased, to cover the cost of funeral expenses paid by this Commission in connection with his burial.

Please advise as to whether there are sufficient funds available in the estate to take care of this account, or if there is a relative of the deceased with sufficient assets who would have legal responsibility for the funeral expenses.

For your information, Mr. SAKAMOTO died on May 13th, 1945.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

"M. L. Brown"

M. L. Brown
Office Manager

/HS

*Not dead see letter
Jan 26/46
W.H.*

3085
8645 ✓
Evacuee Section

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Esplanade Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.,
June 20, 1945.

Attention Mr. H. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yuzo SAKAMOTO, Reg. No. 12857
Deceased.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and note contents.

The above-mentioned decedent declared in his 'JP' Form, signed on April 14, 1942, that he had a policy for \$2,500.00 in the Mutual Benefit Association, and named his son, Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, Registration No. 12861, as beneficiary. We have not received any advice from this Association regarding payment of the claim under said policy.

The son was the owner of property in the Municipality of Langley, same having been sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, and net proceeds of \$667.82 credited to his account with the Custodian. These funds were used mainly for the payment of claims and the credit balance in Mr. SAKAMOTO's account at this date only amounts to \$39.85.

We are not aware of any assets belonging to the deceased and he does not have any funds at credit in this Office.

Yours truly,

E. B. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

WJH/HAB

*Not dead see letter
Jan 26/46
WJH*

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.,
July 31st, 1945.

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yuzo SAKAMOTO #12857 ~~Deceased~~
Your File No. 3085, 8645, ✓
Evacuee Section

*Not dead see
letter Jan 14/46
WKE*

Under date of June 20th you advised that the only known asset of the deceased was the policy for \$2,500.00 with the Mutual Benefit Association which he registered in 1942.

For your information, we would advise that Yasutaro SAKAMOTO #12861, son of the deceased, has informed us that this policy was allowed to lapse after evacuation.

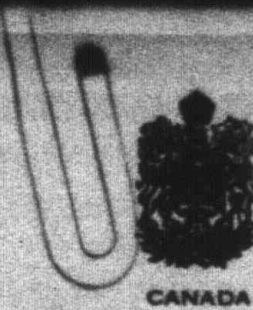
It does not appear that there is any possibility of your recovering the funeral expenses, and we are considering the matter closed.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

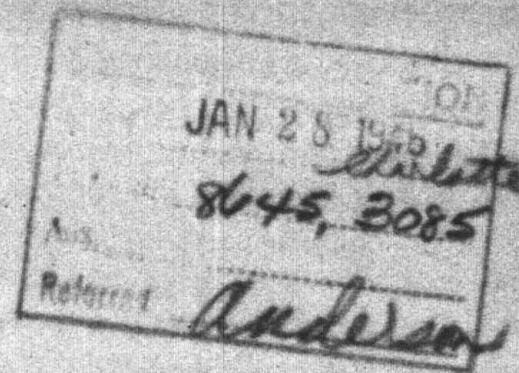
"M. L. Brown"

M. L. Brown
Office Manager.



DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
January 26, 1946.



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

Re: SAKAMOTO Yasutaro #12861
SAKAMOTO Yuso #12857 - Dec'd.

Dear Sir:

On May 17th, 1945, you were sent Form G-578 from this office advising of the death of SAKAMOTO Yasutaro #12861, at Nakusp, B. C., on May 15th, 1945. This was in error, and we were advised by our Slocan Supervisor that it was SAKAMOTO Yuso #12857, who died. We advised you of the latter's death on June 14th, 1945.

Please adjust your records accordingly.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

M. L. Brown
Office Manager

464 Talbot St.,
London, Ontario
June 5th, 1946

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 12 1946
File No.	8645
Ans.	
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

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

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 8645

In reply to your letter of March 19th, 1946 regarding my brother Yasutaro Sakamoto's two cameras I wish to state that he is not in possession of the document asked for but I hope it will not prevent him from having his property returned.

It would be greatly appreciated if you will kindly forward his cameras to him at No. 2 Mine Bldg., Slokan City, B. C.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

*Already mailed to wife
on file 2939
ID*

March 30, 1947.

P.O. Box 742.

Revelstoke B.C.

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Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian
Japanese Evacuation Section

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 3 1947
File No.	
Ass.	
Referred	Anderson

Dear Sir,

If possible will you please send me a list of payments made from my account held by you since 1942?

In adding the amount of my debts, it came to \$746.06.; therefore, even though the handling charges of approximately \$40 was used (as stated in a previous letter from you), about \$60 should be left in my account because I had \$850 in the beginning.

I would like to have the list ~~to~~ see if additional payments were made without my knowledge.

Yours truly,
Y. Sakamoto.

File No. 8645
Reg. No. 12861

YASUHIRO SAKAMOTO

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1964				
April 20	Balance brought forward			
May 20	Returned premium on policy # 247466 on household equipment	25.00		
June 10	Ck - Y. SAKAMOTO	50.00		
June 21	Settlement of Kitaro TOKI's claim	150.00		
August 2	Settlement of Unozo OTO's claim	121.00		
	Sansuke KAWAMOTO's claim	100.00		
	Seizen OYAMA's claim			
				CR \$ 54.85

1.30

\$ 519.55

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Yasutaro SAKAMOTO

File No. 8645
Reg. No. 12861

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1942 December 28	Proceeds derived from sale of car		\$117.79	
1943 January 1	Credit re sale of property	1.00	736.00	
	Certificate of Encumbrance		10.92	
	Unexpired insurance policy premium			
	Tax Arrears	76.10		
	Registration Fee	3.00		
July 21	Bucknerfields Ltd. payment in full of account	40.00		
	Royal Columbian Hospital payment in full of account	40.00		
	Dr. A. Rose payment in full of acct.	20.00		
	Dr. A. McBurney payment in full of acct.	28.50		
	Dr. C. S. Simpson payment in full of account	30.00		
	W. H. Berry payment in full of acct.	45.06		
	W. F. Currie & Co. payment in full of account	61.50		
1944 May 20	Return premium on policy covering household equipment		1.30	
June 17	Cheque to you	45.00		
June 21	Settlement of claim-Kitaro TOKI	50.00		
August 2	Settlement of claim-Unezoe OTTO	150.00		
August 2	Settlement of claim-Sansuke KAWAMOTO	121.00		
August 2	Settlement of claim-Seison OYAMA	100.00		
1945 April 23	Legal fees re sale of property	15.00		
1947 May 8	Cheque to you	39.85		
		\$866.01	866.01	

CR: M11.

Extract from Lease.

Lease No. 32

File No. 8645.

Lessor: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO.

Lessee: WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD.

Date: 14th December, 1942.

Term: 1 year from 30th Sept., 1942 to 29th September, 1943.

Consideration: \$150.00 payable 1st May, 1943. No Taxes.

Property:

Land: Lots 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Tp. 11,
Map 2579, (MacDonald Road) Municipality of Langley.

Buildings: Included.

<u>Chattels:</u>	187 Picking Trays	1 Cook Stove
	9 Hoes (old)	2 Heaters
	1 Round Rake	16 Kitchen chairs
	1 Flat Rake	1 Kitchen table
	2 Spades (bent)	1 round Table
	4 Small Scythes	1 Kitchen cupboard
	1 Small Rake	1 Double Bed & Mattress
	2 Manure Forks (4 & 3 tines)	1 3/4 bed (no mattress)
	1 Hay Scythe (bush)	
	2 Long handled Shovels	
	1 Asparagus Knife	
	1 Grindstone Wheel	
	1 Car jack (old)	

Old & new leases handed to S.S.B. 24/7/43.

Extracts from Lease.

File #8645.

Lessor: Yasutaro SAKAMOTO.

Lessee: WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD.

Date: 27th April, 1942.

Term: Up to 30th September, 1942, with option to extend lease for 1943.

Consideration: \$650.00 cash payable 4th May, 1942. No taxes.

Property:

Land: / Lots 19 to 21 and 26 to 28 on S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4,
Township 11, Group 2, District of New Westminster /

Houses: Included.

Chattels: ~~Included~~ Firewood, farm equipment and crates
only. ✓

the schedule attached to Lease.

(Langley)

OFFER TO LEASE JAPANESE PROPERTY.

File No. JL-393

Place Vancouver, B.C.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Vancouver, B.C.

Date Oct. 1, 1942.

Re: Y. Sakamoto Property.

Lots 19-21-26-28. SW 1/4 Sec. 4, Tp. 11.

I hereby offer to lease the above described property
on the following basis:

Term: From Sept. 30, 1942 to Sept. 29, 1943.

Cash Rental: \$ 150.00 per year to be paid as follows:

May 1st/43

Lease to include all land and buildings, - ~~except~~

No exceptions.

Other special conditions (if any):

The following taxes will be payable by me: NIL

Land & School Taxes: Irrigation Taxes:
Dyking or Drainage Taxes: " Tolls:
Domestic Water Rates:

(strike out those that do not apply)

Provided Further that if at any time during the term the hostilities in which His Majesty is presently engaged shall have ceased the Lessor may terminate this lease by giving the Lessee one(1) month's notice in writing to vacate the premises, and such notice having been given this lease shall terminate at the end of the said month notwithstanding that it may not be at the end of the current year of the tenancy.

Full Name: Westminster Cannery Ltd.

I recommend that Lease on the
above terms be approved.

Address: New Westminster, B.C.

Frank H. Brown
Field Supervisor,
Soldier Settlement of Canada.

Wm. H. Brown

Brown Road - McDonald Road.

Article 10

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Westminster Cannera Limited

New Westminster, B. C.
CANADA

Nov. 12th, 1942.

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

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of Nov. 10th and with further reference to our phone conversation of today's date, we can state definitely that we hold at our New Westminster office a signed statement from Y. Sakamoto stating that he has received payment in full on the lease on his property for the 1942 season.

Payment was received on May 2nd, 1942, and there are no further amounts owing by us.

Yours very truly,

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LIMITED,

H. B. Pearson

H. B. Pearson.

HBP:BS

Sandwich, B.C.
May 10th 1943.

Mr. S. M. Gibson
Insurance Department
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

EV. QUATION SECTION	
Doc'd	MAY 14 1943
File No.	
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	Gibson

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 8645

I am in receipt of your letter of May 3rd, in regards to my policy covering dwelling and household effects on property which I own in the Municipality of Langley.

Although the Chicken House, Garage, Bath House, Shed and 4 Parking House are indicated on the file, I do not consider it necessary to have the policy extended to cover these buildings.

Yours truly,
Yasutaro Sakamoto
Reg. No: 12861.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 5 1944
File No.	8645
Ans.	WA
Referred	Anderson

Sandon, B. C.
May 1, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Your Form J.L. #393, Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, #12861

This form forwarded to me on April 13, 1944 shows that my property was sold for the sum of \$667.82 net.

My understanding was that the crop of 1943 should have netted me \$150.00, and I am anxious to know whether the amount credited as the sale of the property included the amount of \$150.00 for the crop. In any event I am not at all satisfied that the Department has looked after my interest to the fullest advantage, as the amount stated as received for the land is very much below the price of raw land, and improvements added should have increased considerably the amount received.

Yours truly,

Yasutaro Sakamoto.
Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
Serial No. 12861.

STATE OF ACCOUNT
SAKABE, Ref. No. 1

17th April, 1947.

CR. MIL

December 3, 1947. 19

MEMORANDUM

Re: Lots 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 of the
South West quarter of Section 4, Township
11, Map 2579, Municipality of Langley,
District of New Westminster.

The following information regarding the above-mentioned property has been taken from reports and records on our file:

Real Property - 30 acres.

Location - $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Langley Prairie on a poor side road.
Buildings only accessible from road running west from Brown Road, which is not a main road.
Not in a very good district.

7 acres cultivated. 8 acres needed removal of stumps and light bush. 15 acres steep ravine banks with bush and light soil.

Cost \$50.00 to \$75.00 an acre to clear.

Approximately $6\frac{2}{3}$ acres in strawberries and $1\frac{1}{3}$ acres in asparagus. 12 fruit trees - several bearing.

Property only suitable for small fruit farm. Farmed portion was weedy and not very well cultivated. Property cut up with ravines; some quite steep. All land except about 4 acres would be a tough proposition to work. Not many white people would be interested in a farm of this type.

House (frame) - old, blocks for foundation, poor repair, needed cleaning and fixing.

Chimneys poor - one made of brick on a bracket and one made of metal.

Building not painted. Shake roof on house.

Water Supply- well, with hand pump.

Whole property had a run-down, weather-beaten appearance.

Taxes owing back to 1940.

House and garage or shed are only buildings of any value; but these do not amount to much.

Assessment: Improvements -	\$850.00
Land -	\$930.00
Total	\$1,780.00

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Sold to Director, Veterans' Land Act for \$736.00.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO carried \$700.00 Fire Insurance on the dwelling.

Mr. Sakamoto states this property is worth \$5,710.00, which is obviously out of line with its real value. He also states the property was sold for \$867.76, which is incorrect.

Re: PERSONAL PROPERTYCROP:

Mr. Sakamoto is claiming \$2,000.00 for a crop, apparently for the year 1942. The 1942 crop was sold by Mr. Sakamoto to Westminster Cannery Limited. In his JP Form dated May 7, 1942, Mr. Sakamoto stated that he had sold his crop to cannery in New Westminster, B. C., for \$650.00, and that he had been paid in full.

P.T.O.

December 3, 1947.

We wrote Westminster Cannery Limited on November 10, 1942, and they replied as follows on November 12, 1942:

"In reply to your letter of November 10th and with further reference to our phone conversation of today's date, we can state definitely that we hold at our New Westminster office a signed statement from Y. Sakamoto stating that he has received payment in full on the lease on his property for the 1942 season.

"Payment was received on May 2nd, 1942, and there are no further amounts owing by us."

The 1943 crop was sold for \$150.00 and when this amount was received by us it was forwarded to the Director, Veterans' Land Act as he purchased the Real Property as at January 1, 1943.

In a letter dated May 1, 1944, in inquiring whether or not we received his portion of the crop for 1943, Mr. Sakamoto stated as follows:

"My understanding was that the crop of 1943 should have netted me \$150.00, and I am anxious to know whether the amount credited as the sale of the property included the amount of \$150.00 for the crop."

We advised him on May 15, 1944, that these funds accrued to the purchaser.

1936 Ford 1½ ton truck:

Mr. Sakamoto did not declare owning any cars but his wife, Motoko SAKAMOTO, File No. 3939, declared owning a 1933 Model Ford, 1 ton truck, in custody at Hastings Park.

We believe this is the same truck as mentioned in Mr. Sakamoto's claim. It is to be noted that he is now claiming it to be a 1936, 1½ ton truck and the one which was sold by us was a 1933 Ford Panel Delivery. According to a memorandum on claim file dated April 22, 1944, it was sold on September 19, 1942, for \$145.00, which is the same as the appraised value.

1926 Ford Car, for which he is claiming the sum of \$25.00, was also declared by Mrs. Sakamoto, who stated in her JP Form that it would be left in the garage on the farm. There is a record on the file that it was rented to a neighbour by Mr. Sakamoto for the sum of \$10.00 yearly and it is possible that he was only interested in using the motor as it could not be much of a car when he is only claiming \$25.00. He states in his claim that it was a 1926 model.

Mr. Sakamoto signed a list of effects left on the farm and this car is not mentioned although he declared four old car seats in the garage. See letter dated August 29, 1942, regarding renting above car. No further information regarding same appears on our file.

Household Chattels: claiming \$553.00 but items not stated.

Memoranda, inventories, letters etc. pertaining to chattels have been removed from wife's file to claim file.

Some tools and household effects were included in the Lease which Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO made with Westminster Cannery Limited.

There are two lists of Personal Property on file; one signed by Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) SAKAMOTO, called Schedule "A" and one signed by Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO, called Schedule "B". Mr. Sakamoto who is making the claim did not declare any chattels but stated they were being declared by Mrs. Sakamoto.

Mr. W. J. Iverson's memorandum dated January 8, 1945, deals with these two lists. His Chattel Summary dated December 19, 1945, and Chattel Schedule dated December 20, 1945, deals with further disposition of these effects.

P.T.O.

File No. 8645

December 3, 1947. 19

A signed list of abandoned chattels dated July 14, 1944, and a list of missing articles, of the same date, are on file.

Chattels sold at Langley, B. C., on May 23, 1944, auction, amounted to \$59.25, and the net proceeds of \$41.00 were credited to Mrs. Sakamoto's Account No. 3939 and forwarded to her, as she declared the personal property.

The gramophone was sold, as admitted in Mrs. Sakamoto's letter dated August 29, 1942. The sewing machine was shipped to Mrs. Sakamoto as stated in letter dated November 1, 1945.

Mr. Sakamoto carried only \$300.00 Fire Insurance on all his household and personal effects. He had a wife and six children, under the age of 14 years.

WJJ/HMS

[Signature]
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Notes in Defence

Yasutaro SAKAMOTO

File No. 8645

Case No. 17A

Kamloops
11 Dec. 47
V.L.A. Deal

Claims:

1. Land and Buildings.
2. Chattels

Claim 1:

Land & Bldgs. \$5710.00 Sold for 736.00

Appraised at 750.00

Analysis shows that this is an estimate made up as follows:

7 acres cleared and in crop at 500.00 acre	3,500.00
Buildings	1,305.00
	<u>4,805.00</u>
23 acres uncleared land costing 13.75 acre	
	306.25
Estimated increased value in 1942	
	16.25
	<u>383.75</u>
General land value increase Feb. 42 to Spring 43	690.00
	<u>215.00</u>
	<u>5710.00</u>

McKay app

Trans. Pages 3 - 7 Disagrees with S.S.B. Appraiser regarding ravines and kind and depth of soil.

Trans. Pgs 11-13 - Originally bought 40 acres, subsequently sold, two 5 acre lots, 1 in 1935 for \$200.00 wild land; the other in 1937 for \$450.00 cleared and cultivated with 3 acres of strawberries and raspberries and a dwelling on it. This last sold cheap because he needed the money.

Trans. P. 14. Land near his sold for \$40.00 acre wild, he claims \$30.00 acre because it is further away from the road.

Trans. Pgs 16-28. Crop returns 1941-42. Evidence relating to the value of the land itself.

Trans. P. 47. Claimant has no knowledge of any land sold in vicinity of his farm during 1942 or 1943.

Trans. Pgs 49-50. Cross examination re strawberry crops 1941-42.

Claim 2: Chattels

Goods value \$150 Sold at auction \$59.25

	903.00			Claim
Truck	350.00	Tender 145.00	41%	698.75
Unable to determine	x	Auction 59.25	Ex.7	<u>205.00</u>
" " " values	2	Abandoned	Ex.6	<u>204.25</u>
" " " "	x	Recorded now missing	Ex.6	703.00
	553.00	Unable to distribute	Ex.8	493.75
	<u>903.00</u>			

Amounts cannot be tabulated in the absence of individual prices on Exhibits 6.

Trans. p.35 - Letter requested by McMaster dated 20 Nov.42 now on file.

No submission at hearing, but see letter to claimant on file 6 Dec. 47.

With them Carlson and Sals. Morrison

*J. Gibson Auctioneer
Consolidated Motors agent
McKinnell Motors*

RWN/mw

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

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. KIRD, COMMISSIONER).

20 Kamloops, B. C.,

December 11th, 1947.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
YASUTARO SAWAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HINTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

G.H.B. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

T.P. MORRISON, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

MR. McMASTER: No. 19 on the list, Sakamoto, which
will be Case No. 17. I will call Mr. Sakamoto.
We can get along without an interpreter most of
the time with this man.

YASUTARO SAKAMOTO, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn,
testified as follows:

MR. McMASTER: May I have the claim form, please,
Mr. Watson?

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, you are the claimant in this
case? A: Yes.

Q That is your signature on the declaration on
this claim form (producing)?

A Yes.

Q You signed that and swore the declaration?

A Yes.

Q And you are the sole owner of the property set
forth in that claim form?

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A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my learned friend to admit
the assessed value of the lands and premises
described is on the land \$950.00 and on improve-
ments \$850.00. The information is taken from
my friend's file.

MR. McMASTER: \$950.00 for land and \$850.00 for improve-
ments.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Mr. Sakamoto, you received in
the mail from the Custodian's office a copy of

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Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

valuation or farm appraisal report recently?

A Yes.

Q And I understand that my learned friend is going to file that report subsequently in these proceedings, but attached to that report was a rough diagram or picture of your land showing certain contours on the land and giving certain descriptions of the soil, is that correct?

A Yes.

10 Q And on that diagram, and also in the report itself, there is reference made to a ravine or ravines on your premises. Now, I would like you to describe to the Commissioner as well as you can what ravines were on your premises, and how wide they were in their widest parts, and how narrow they were in their narrowest parts. I don't want to put my only copy of this valuation in, my lord. You can describe it in your own words, witness, rather than pointing to the picture.

20 A Yes.

Q What ravines were there on those premises?

A The ravine at the narrowest place is about 10 feet wide and the widest, 60 to 90 feet wide.

THE COMMISSIONER: The widest is what?

MR. McMASTER: Q From 90 to 100 feet, did you say?

A 60 to 90 feet. Some places narrower, and some places wider, yes.

Q And how many ravines were there on the property?

A Just one straight.

30 Q One ravine?

A One ravine.

Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

yes.

Q And where did it commence on the property? I wonder, Mr. Hunter, if you would be good enough to come and look over my shoulder and have him describe it rather than have him point it out on the map. If you would, first of all, point out where the ravine is on that?

A Yes.

Q Where did it begin -- up at this end (indicating)?

10 A This is the ravine. It comes down that way in here (indicating).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: From north to south?

A I beg your pardon?

Q North to south. Is this north (indicating)?

A Yes, and this is the widest place.

Q Near the south end?

MR. McMASTER: Q: You might say about two-thirds of the way up the lot in a northerly direction the ravine begins -- up there (indicating)?

20 A Yes.

Q And it proceeded southerly right out to the road?

A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the south boundary?

MR. McMASTER: That is the south boundary, just about parallel with the easterly boundary.

Q And about one-third of the way west from the easterly boundary, and the widest portion was in the southerly half of the ravine?

A Yes.

30 Q Now, were there any other ravines on there?

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Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

A I think only the one.

Q Only the one? A: Yes, only the one.

Q Now, you will notice in the north-west portion that the appraiser has referred to thick bush down in a rough ravine. Now was there any ravine in the north-west portion?

A No. Here is a steep hill down here (indicating).

10 Q That is in the northerly portion, about halfway between the east and west boundaries there was a steep hill?

A A steep hill down here (indicating).

Q That is in the north-west portion, or the north-west corner, there were ten acres of flat land?

A Yes.

Q What kind of soil was on that land?

A Black soil.

Q About how deep? A: About two feet deep.

20 Q And underneath was what? A: Underneath was pure sand.

Q Is it suitable land on which to cultivate and grow strawberries?

A: No, vegetables on that land.

Q And that land hadn't been cleared by you?

A No.

Q What was it covered with? What sort of growth?

A Alder -- fir.

Q There were trees and bush on it?

30 A Yes.

Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

MR. HUNTER: Excuse me, but is that the ten acres you are speaking of?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, on the north-west portion of the land.

THE COMMISSIONER: Ten acres flat.

MR. McMASTER: Ten acres flat, with two feet of black soil and sand underneath.

MR. HUNTER: Scrub or growth, is it?

MR. McMASTER: It would be suitable for growing
10 vegetables, but it is now covered with small trees and bush.

Q Now on this plan there is shown in the south-west corner a fairly large area planted in strawberries? A: Yes.

Q What sort of soil was that?

A That is pure sand.

Q And is that suitable soil in which to grow strawberries? A: Strawberries, yes.

20 Q And in the south-east corner of the lot there are several areas shown marked "strawberries". What sort of soil was in that south-east corner?

A The same kind of soil all over my land except that place (indicating).

Q Except the north-west part?

A Yes.

Q That is, sandy soil? A: All sandy soil, yes.

Q Now about the middle there of the easterly
30 boundary of the property and going over half-way

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Y. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

Between the east and west boundaries, there is shown a portion marked by the appraiser, "hilly bush land". Now was that land hilly?

A That not hilly. Only one ravine there.

Q Just at the ravine? A Yes, six to eight feet deep, but narrow there and the other part is all flat.

Q All flat land? A Yes.

Q In part of that you grew strawberries?

10 A Yes.

Q Now one other thing with regard to this plan; are all of your buildings shown on that plan?

A There is one bath-house.

Q Yes. A And chicken house and a root-house.

MR. HUNTER: Are these the ones not shown?

MR. MCMASTER: These are the ones not shown, bath-house, chicken house, and root house.

Q And did you have any other buildings out in the fields? A Yes, I

20 have four packing sheds.

Q Are those shown on that plan?

A Yes.

Q Where? A Right here (indicating).

Q They are shown by little x's in ink?

A Yes.

Q Were those on the ground when you bought it or did you put them on?

30 A I put them on.

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In Chief.

Q They are not on the original plan?

A No.

THE COMMISSIONER: What kind of houses do you call them?

MR. McMASTER: Packing houses.

THE WITNESS: For strawberries.

Q And where were these packing houses located on the property? As You mean the condition?

10 Q No, where were they located? You have them marked here. Now, in each case they appear to be marked on the portion which shows the property to be under cultivation for strawberries, is that correct? As Yes.

Q That is, you had them in the fields where the strawberries were planted in four different places? As Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: And they are shown with an "X".

MR. McMASTER: Well, I am sorry, my lord, that is on
20 his own copy which I am not filing.

MR. JUSTICE: May I see that, please?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, when you purchased this property, Mr. Sakamoto, was it wild land or had it been cultivated -- when you bought the property first? As Yes.

Q Was it all wild land or had it been cultivated?

A It was wild land.

Q All of it? As Yes, all of it.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: When did he buy it?

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In Chief.

MR. McMASTER: I will come to that after I have dealt with this point, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. McMASTER: Q: You have erected certain structures on the premises? You have erected certain buildings on this property?

A Yes.

Q Now I produce to you a list. Is that a list which you made yourself?

10 A Yes.

Q After consulting me yesterday for the purpose of assisting in this matter?

A Yes.

Q And that list shows the land, the number of acres cleared and the number of acres uncleared?

A Yes.

Q The acreage you had in plants and the buildings and structural improvements, showing a description of the buildings, the date of construction, cost of materials, and the wages paid to somebody else?

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A Yes.

Q The wages or an allowance for wages to yourself, the total cost, the depreciation which you have estimated as reasonable and the value which you estimate is a fair market value at the time you were evacuated in 1942?

A Yes.

Q And at the bottom there is a summary showing the land as being in your opinion worth \$4,190.00,

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In Chief.

the buildings and structural improvements as
being worth \$1305.00--

THE COMMISSIONER: Let me have those figures again.

MR. McMASTER: \$4190.00 on the land, my lord,
\$1305.00 on the buildings and structural improve-
ments, and then a general land value increase from
February, 1942, to the spring of '43 of \$215.00.

Q Now I notice on that statement, witness, you
have a note which reads as follows:

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"Before you get the first yield of straw-
berries it costs \$500.00 per acre to clear
the land, cultivate, plant, fertilise and
care for the plants. This is based on
one labourer at 10¢ per hour working 10
hours per day".

A Yes.

Q Is that one of the factors which you considered
in giving this value for the land?

A Yes.

20 MR. McMASTER: I will file the original of that, my
lord. There is an extra copy here for your
Lordship which you might look at, if you wish
to do so.

(DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q And to the best of your ability, that is your
fair estimate of what your land and buildings
were worth, first of all at the date of evacua-
tion and then with the increased value shown
at the date of sale in the spring of 1943?

30 A Yes.

YI Sakamoto,
In Chief.

Q Now when did you purchase this land, Mr. Sakamoto?

A When I buy it?

Q Yes.

A: I think about

1932.

Q And from whom did you purchase it?

A Mrs. Seiki.

Q And how big an acreage was it when you purchased it?

A: Forty acres.

Q And why did Mrs. Seiki want to sell it?

10 A She couldn't pay the taxes, and she didn't pay for two years taxes and one more year there will be a tax sale. That is why she asked me to buy it.

Q And you say it was wild land at that time?

A Yes.

Q How much did you pay for it?

A \$550.00.

Q Do you consider that was a good or a bad buy?

A I expect a good buy, yes.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: He bought the whole forty, did he?
MR. McMASTER: Yes, he bought the whole forty, my lord.

Q Subsequently you sold some of this land, is that right?

A: Yes.

Q What is the present size of the land in question? At the time you evacuated, how much acreage was there to your land?

A Thirty acres.

Q So you sold ten acres?

A: Yes.

30 Q Did you sell it as one piece, or more than one

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In Chief.

pieces?

As Two pieces.

Q Of how many acres a piece?

A Five acres each.

Q How when did you sell the first five acres?

A I don't remember very good.

Q Approximately when? How many years before you were evacuated?

As The first one?

Q The first one, yes.

As About six years.

Q That would be about 1935, then?

10 A Yes.

Q And to whom did you sell it?

A Mr. Kanish.

Q A Japanese man?

As Yes.

Q How much did you sell it to him for?

A \$40.00 an acre. \$200.00 for five acres.

Q And was that property wild land or was it cultivated when you sold it to him?

A It was wild land.

Q How does the richness or usefulness of that land for berry growing compare with the land you kept?

As It was just

about the same.

Q Now, you subsequently sold another five acres, is that correct?

As Yes.

Q When was that?

As I think that

was two years later on after the first I sell.

Q Yes, about 1937, or so.

A Yes.

Q And why did you sell the second five acres?

30 A My parents clear five acres and help build the

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In Chief.

house on it and then clear three acres and
put strawberries and raspberries on it.

Q Yes. A: Then mother die
and father getting old and he getting blind.
He lose his sight and couldn't work so he come to
my house and live with me.

Q I see. A: And no one
live in that house and in that time I had very
hard time.

10 Q Yes. A: I need more
money pretty bad, so I sold him that very, very
cheap.

Q How much did you sell it for?

A For \$450.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: How much?

MR. BELMONT: \$450.00.

Q Now, Mr. Sakamoto, do you know of the sale of
any similar type of property in the immediate
neighbourhood of your farm that took place within
20 a year or so of the evacuation?

A Near my house?

Q Near your property. Do you know of any sales
around there or anybody who bought any property?

A Yes, I know my neighbour, Mr. Kamachi, he told
me he paid \$40.00 an acre.

Q And where was that property he bought?

A Just about 100 yards from my property.

Q Yes, and how was that property situated in
relation to the road?

30 A That is right along the road.

Y. Nakamoto,
In Chief.

Q Along the road? A Yes.

Q East or west? Mr. Hunter wants to know. You mean 100 yards east or west. Which direction was this property that was 100 yards from you?

A It was south.

Q It was south of your property?

A Yes.

Q And how large a piece of land did he buy?

A Five acres.

10 Q How was that cleared land or wild land?

A Wild land.

Q And when was it he bought this?

A A year or a year and a half or two years before we evacuated.

Q That would be around 1940?

A Yes.

Q And you said he paid \$40.00 per acre for it?

A Yes.

20 Q Now, I notice in this statement which is Exhibit 1 that you valued your uncultivated land at \$30.00 an acre? A Yes.

Q Why would you value yours at less than what Mr. Kamachi paid for his?

A Well, property has no road yet because it is all wild land.

MR. HUNTER: What was that?

MR. NAKAMOTO: It has no road yet, it is wild land.

THE WITNESS: That is why I put it in cheap.

30 Q That is why you valued it at \$30.00 and not \$40.00, is that it?

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A Yes.

Q How you were evacuated at what date?

A The 1st of June.

Q Of what year, 1942? A: 1942.

Q And before you were evacuated, had you done anything to prepare your strawberry crop for the year 1942? Had you a crop in the fields at the time you were evacuated? I am sorry, I don't apparently make myself clear.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Had you your strawberry plants in the field?

A Yes.

MR. HOLMASTER: Q: When would they be ready for picking? A: We were already picking. I helped picking them.

Q They were just starting when you left?

A Yes.

Q And did you hear subsequently from any source whatsoever how many berries were taken off your property in 1942?

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A Seven acres?

Q Off the seven acres, yes. How many pounds or tons, whatever it is?

A My pickers wrote my sister, Westminster Cannery got 35 tons.

Q 35 tons of strawberries off your seven acres?

A Yes.

Q Have you heard what the price of strawberries was in 1942?

A: 19¢ to 21¢

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a pound.

T. Salmeston
In Chief.

Q That was delivered at the cannery, was it?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: How much was it?

MR. McMASTER: Nineteen to twenty-one cents a pound.

Q So if we take the average of those prices and said 20 cents a pound, you would have received in payment for your strawberry crop \$2,000.00 gross?

A: Yes.

Q Now in 1942 do you know what rate was being paid to pickers?

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A: Well, the

picker wrote me three cents a pound and at the last of the season five cents a pound.

Q Supposing we said at five cents a pound, if you had been there your labour for pickers would have cost you \$3500.00, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now you would have had to make some arrangement to truck those berries into the cannery, is that right?

A: Yes.

20 MR. HUNTER: At this point I would like to raise an objection. This crop was sold--

MR. McMASTER: I am coming to that. I am prepared to admit I think that is a valid objection.

THE COMMISSIONER: I will hear the objection first, Mr. McMaster.

MR. HUNTER: --the crop was sold by the claimant before he left and he has made a claim for the crop. It is my submission he is not entitled to it. He has already sold the crop.

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He has put on the J.P. form it was sold for

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In Chief.

cash and paid for in full and unless this evidence is relevant to the value of the land, it is not admissible, in my submission.

MR. McMASTER: I must apologise, my lord. I should have, in the first instance, asked leave to withdraw the claim appearing on the claim form for \$2000.00 for the crop. Mr. Hunter is correct. Unfortunately with his 1942 crop he had made arrangements to dispose of it. The evidence which I am now adducing is relating to the value of the land itself, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see. I will hear it from that point of view. The application for amendment is granted.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now at five cents a pound, your pickers would have cost you \$3500.00?

A: Yes.

Q: Before you were evacuated had you -- I am sorry, I was asking you at the time my friend interrupted about trucking. You would have had to make arrangements to truck these berries into the cannery, is that right?

A: Yes.

Q: And how much would it cost you to have those trucked into the cannery?

A: A cent a pound.

Q: A cent a pound; so that would have been \$700.00 it would have cost you for trucking costs?

A: Yes.

Q: Before you were evacuated had you done any

cultivating, that is cultivating the crop? Had you fertilized it? Had you put any manure or any fertilizer on it?

A Yes.

Q What had you put on?

A I put forty truckloads of manure and a ton of 14-10.

Q That is a chemical fertilizer?

A Yes.

10 Q How much would the forty truckloads of manure cost you? How much a truckload?

A I paid six dollars a load.

Q So the forty truckloads would have cost you \$240.00?

At Yes.

Q Then for the chemical fertilizer, for one ton of that, how much did it cost?

A About \$45.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is \$285.00 then for the two.

MR. McMASTER: \$285.00, yes, my lord.

20 Q Now, in cultivating the land did you employ anybody to assist you?

A Yes.

Q Who would you have to employ to assist to bring in that crop?

At I hired a team.

Q Yes.

At And they hauled

manure into the berry patch and scattered the manure.

Q How long would you have the team working?

A Two weeks.

30 Q How much did you pay for it?

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In Chief.

A Five dollars a day.

Q Did they work six or seven days a week?

A Six days.

Q So that would be sixty dollars?

A Yes.

Q I am sorry, \$120.00 -- it is two weeks.

MR. HUNTER: What is that, two tons?

MR. McINTIRE: That is one team for two weeks at five dollars a day. That is sixty dollars, I am sorry. My mathematics aren't very good this morning.

Q Now, after the crop was taken off, would you have had to do any further cultivating? First of all, would you have had to do any further fertilizing?

A Yes, in the fall.

Q Yes; how much fertilizer would you have had to put on that land? A: Oh, about the same amount of fertilizer every year.

Q Yes, about how much?

20 A Fertilizer?

Q Yes, in the fall. A: In the fall about \$300.00.

Q How many tons would that be of fertilizer?

A Oh, some years I bought 35 trucks of manure and some years 40.

Q So it would be about \$300.00 for fertilizer for the fall?

A: Yes.

Q And how did you cultivate this, by hand or by power machine?

A: Power machine.

30 Q What arrangements did you make for a power machine?

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in Chief.

A A dollar an hour.

Q A dollar an hour. How much in a year would you spend hiring the power machine?

A For the year round?

Q Yes, in the whole year.

A About \$100.00 or \$150.00.

Q About \$150.00?

A: Yes.

Q And these berries, or at least the crop at some season of the year required to be hoed?

20 A Yes.

Q What arrangements did you make with regard to them?

A Well I hired two men up until August.

Q And how much did you pay them?

A I pay a dollar a day.

Q Did they board at your place?

A No.

Q So that the cost for these men would be about \$150.00?

A: Yes.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Do you mean to say you could get men for a dollar a day in 1942?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Were these men Occidentals or Orientals?

A: Dunkhousers.

Q Dunkhousers at a dollar a day?

A Yes.

Q Were they men who lived on farms in the vicinity?

A Yes, around my place.

Q They had their own farms?

A: Yes.

Q And they hired out at that rate?

30 A Yes.

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THE COMMISSIONER: What is the total for these dollar-a-day gentlemen?

MR. McMASTER: \$150.00, my lord. I think you will find the total is \$5183.00 for all these items.

Q Now in addition to this money you had to lay out to other people to help you work, how many of your own household worked about the place?

A Four.

Q Yes, and who were they?

10 A He and my brother and my wife and sister.

Q Your wife and your sister?

A Yes.

Q And not counting wages for yourself and your wife and your brother, and so on, would you have any other expenses with respect to the 1942 crop if you had been there excepting those that you have listed?

A I used the "Go-west" to kill the weeds and insects.

20 Q And about how much of that would you use in a year?

A I used about

ten sacks of it.

Q How much did it cost?

A \$3.50 per sack.

Q So that would be another \$35.00?

A Yes.

Q Was there anything else? That was all?

A Yes.

30 Q So that if you had been there you and your brother and your sister and your wife in 1942

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for the whole year, you expect that you would have had to divide up amongst the four of you roughly \$8800.00 from the sale of your strawberry crop?

A: Yes.

Q Now, you were operating that farm the year before, Mr. Sakamoto? You operated the farm the year before in 1941?

A: Yes.

Q And how many tons of berries did you get off in 1941?

A: I had five

10 acres in 1941.

Q Yes.

A: And I got about

five tons to the acre on an average.

Q So that would be about 25 tons in 1941?

A Yes.

Q And what was the price of strawberries to the canneries in 1941?

A It averaged about six cents a pound.

Q So your gross receipts in 1941 would amount only to \$3000.00 from the sale of strawberries. How much did you pay pickers in 1941?

A Well I think about an average they paid a cent a pound.

Q So your expenses for pickers would be \$500.00, and did you pay the same amount for trucking and you would have the same amount of fertilizer and all that, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q So your trucking would be another \$500.00 on 25 tons of berries at a cents a pound?

30 A Yes.

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In Chief.

Q And these other expenses you have given above would be the same, that is your manure and cultivators and that sort of thing and the total is \$985.00 for those things?

A Yes.

Q So your total expense in 1941 would be about \$1985.00? A: Yes.

Q And after allowing for that, what was left of the \$3000.00 was available to yourself and your wife and your brother and sister?

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A Yes.

Q Now in 1942 when you were advised that you must evacuate, what arrangement did you make with regard to your crop?

A With Westminster Cannery?

Q With Westminster Cannery, yes. You made an arrangement?

A: Yes. The

Westminster Cannery want the 1943 crop, too, and they asked me how much I want for 1943.

20 Q Yes, for 1943? A: Yes, so I told them \$500.00.

A: Yes, so I told

Q That was not to yourself?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: How much?

MR. McMASTER: He told them \$500.00 not to himself for the 1943 crop which they wanted as well.

Q What arrangement did you make for the 1942 crop?

A \$665.00, that is included with some "Go-West" and strawberry crates.

30 Q I produce to you a document from the Custodian's

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In Chief.

Q. Is that signed by you?

A. Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would like to read this into the record, my lord. It is from the Custodian's file dated April 27th, 1942.

"The Westminster Cannery Ltd. of New Westminster, agree to lease from Y. Sakamoto of Langley Prairie for \$650.00 cash to be paid before evacuation takes place, all crops now being grown on Lots 19 to 21, and 26 to 28 on the South West quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Group 2, in the District of New Westminster, which are understood to contain strawberries and asparagus, for the 1942 season, such period to terminate September 30th, 1942, with the first option to lease for 1943. Westminster Cannery Ltd. shall not be responsible for any taxes or debts owing or to be paid in respect of any of this land or property.

In consideration of the above amount Westminster Cannery Ltd. are to be granted full use of all dwellings and sheds on above property, all fire wood at present stored on this land, and full use of all farm equipment and shipping crates as may now be on this place until September 30th, 1942, with similar rights if option for 1943 is taken up.

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"Westminster Cannery Ltd. agree to take reasonable care of the above mentioned land, houses and equipment until September 30th, 1942, but are not to be held responsible in the event of fire, theft, damage or other loss.

Agreed to by -

Westminster Cannery Ltd., Lester,
per "H.B. Pearson" "Y. Sakamoto."

10 The document I have is marked "Custodian's Copy".
It is dated April 27th, 1942, and is produced
from the file of the Custodian.

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the price that was discussed for the 1943 crop?

MR. MCMASTER: This document doesn't show any price as being discussed for the 1943 crop.

THE COMMISSIONER: No completed deal?

MR. MCMASTER: No, not at that time.

(AGREEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

20 MR. MCMASTER: It refers in that document, my lord,
to a first right to option. There is nothing
to say what the price will be.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Let me get this clear, Mr. Sakamoto, you were selling all of your crops in the field in the year 1942 for \$630.00, is that right?

A Yes, not only that crop but fire wood and the strawberry crates and "Go-West".

30 Q Yes, I see. And that included the strawberry crop, did it, on which you estimate you could have made a profit of \$5,183.00, is that right?

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MR. McMASTER: \$8800.00, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I beg your pardon?

MR. McMASTER: \$8800.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, \$8800.00?

A Yes.

Q So you were selling for \$650.00 what you thought you could make \$8800.00 on, is that correct?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think that might be cleared up if we ask him first of all why he sold the crop for \$650.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is why I am putting the question. On the face of it, it is ridiculous.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

Q First of all, before we get to that question, witness, at the time you were evicted had the price of strawberries for the canneries been fixed, to your knowledge? At the time that you left the farm had the canneries announced or said what price they were going to pay for strawberries for 1942?

A No, they didn't say what price.

Q They didn't say what price. Did you expect the price to be better or worse than the 1941 price?

A: I expected far better.

Q But did you have any idea that the price would be as high as 19 to 21 cents?

A No, I didn't think that much.

Q How you knew you had a good crop in 1942?

JD A Yes.

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Q And you knew the price was going to be better?

A Yes.

Q Why did you lease that crop or sell it, in effect, to Westminster Cannery for \$650.00?

A Our Farmers' Association asked the Security Commission to get all the crop out before we go but they says, "No, you got to go right away". So they couldn't give us the permit to stay there to get the crop.

10 Q Yes.

A: That is why

if I don't sell the crop I get nothing, and everybody sold their crop. That is why I sold it, too.

MR. HUNTER: Who said this?

MR. BELMONT: What he said, Mr. Hunter, was that the Farmers' Association tried to make arrangements, I presume that would be with the Security Department, for these people to stay and take their crops off in the summer of 1942, but that permission was refused, and then if he didn't sell the crop he would have to go and he would get nothing, and he says that is the reason why he agreed to sell it to Westminster Cannery for \$650.00.

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Q Did you believe when you made that agreement with Westminster Cannery that that was a fair price for your crop?

A No, it wasn't fair.

Q As a matter of fact, you had already spent

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nearly that much money in cultivating the land

to prepare it for the crop, is that right?

A Yes, I had.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Did you try to sell it elsewhere? Did you try anybody else who would buy it, apart from the cannery?

A No, I didn't.

MR. MASTER: Q: Did you have any others to buy it, Mr. Sakamoto?

A I beg your pardon?

20 Q Did you have any other offers to buy it?

A Yes, the Pacific Co-Operative at Hingham, Mr. Shinnick, he came over. He asked me to sell the crop, yes.

Q How much did he offer you? That is the Pacific Co-Operative Union, Mr. Shinnick? How much did he offer you?

A \$850.00.

Q Why didn't you take it as compared with this offer of Westminster Cannery?

20 A I promised Mr. Redman, the manager of Westminster Cannery, and he wanted to take the 1943 crop.

Q Mr. Shinnick wouldn't take the 1943 crop or commit himself to take it?

A No.

Q Your understanding, when you signed this document, was that Westminster Cannery would take the 1943 crop and you were to get \$500.00?

A Yes.

Q Even that doesn't appear in the document itself.

30 Now, if I might have your file, Mr. Hunter.

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In Chief.

Now this house on the land, you lived in it,
did you? At Yes.

Q How large a family have you?

A Ten in my family.

Q How large was your family when you were evacuated?

A Ten.

Q That is your own family, your wife and yourself
and how many children?

A At that time there were six.

10 Q Six children? At Yes.

Q How old was the eldest at the time of evacuation?

A The eldest was thirteen, I expect.

Q Yes, and the youngest was?

A One.

Q And you all lived in that house?

A I beg your pardon?

Q You all lived in that house on the premises?

A Yes, and my father and my sister and my brother.

Q Father, your sister and your brother lived there
as well? At Yes.

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Q And how many rooms were there in that house?

A Four bedrooms and a kitchen and parlor down-
stairs, and two rooms upstairs.

Q I am sorry, I missed that. You have described
it in some documents as a nine room house--
you or your wife. Was that what it was, nine
room house? At Right rooms.

Q Your estimate is eight rooms, eh?

A Yes.

30 Q I produce to you what is known as a J.P. form, a

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form issued by the Custodian. Is that your signature on that form?

A Yes.

Q The form is dated May 7th, 1942, and in that form under the statement of real property you have a note, "All property registered by wife"; is that right? A: I think so.

Q Now I produce to you another J.P. form. Do you recognize the signature on that form?

10 A Yes.

Q Whose is it? A: It is my wife's signature.

Q And in the statement of personal property owned she stated, "Household furniture for nine room house including one sewing machine, stove, two heaters, gramophone, will be left in declarant's house at Main Road, Langley Prairie, B.C. Farm implements including Model T truck will be left in garage. One truck in custody at Hastings Park, 1933 Model Ford, one ton". Now that is a general description of the chattels on the premises when you left the premises, is that right?

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A Yes.

Q Now, did your wife remain on the premises after you left, Mr. Sakamoto?

A After I left?

Q Yes, or did you leave at the same time?

A Well, first of February I leave to road camp.

30 Q Yes.

A: For two months, and then

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April 20th I came home.

Q April 20th you came home?

A Then the 1st of June we went to Sandon with my whole family together.

Q So you would know what was left on the premises when you all left?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you putting in the J.P. form?

MR. McMASTERS: Yes, I think I had better put in both
10 of them, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: There are two forms, are there?

MR. McMASTERS: There are two forms, one by himself and one by his wife. I think we might put them in together, my lord, as one exhibit.

MR. HENDER: I think, my lord, the position should be clarified as to who owns the property.

MR. McMASTERS: I shall do that.

(J.P. FORMS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

Q These personal chattels, tools and equipment,
20 Mr. Sakamoto, whose property were they?

A That is my property.

Q They belong to you? At Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is the real estate registered in the wife's name?

MR. McMASTERS: No, in his name, my lord. Apparently she filled out the information and he just said, "See my wife's form".

Q I produce to you from the Custodian's file, Mr. Sakamoto, a list dated November 20th, 1942.

30 A Yes.

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In Chief.

Q Is that your signature at the end of that list?

A Yes.

Q And you yourself, or through your wife, sent that to the Custodian? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is this a list of chattels?

MR. McMASTER: This is a list of chattels, my lord. There are four pages of them with, I would say, about 700 items on them. Can I have that marked? (INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Where were they left?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, where were these chattels left when you vacated the premises?

A Most of the chattels were upstairs.

Q In the upstairs? A: Yes.

Q Were they packed or put in one room or what?

A Put in one room and locked up.

Q And to whom did you give the key? Did you give the key to anybody?

A I think I had the key, but that was a pass key, you see.

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Q Just an ordinary pass key?

A Just an ordinary pass key, yes.

Q Now on this list it shows various portions of the house. Is that the place where you left the goods, or is that the place where you normally kept them? You see, here is a list, "In House (main floor)", and then you list various things and "In house, main floor" you list some more things.

30 MR. HUNTER: For Mr. McMaster's information, that

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list was prepared by the Custodian and not by the claimant. We sent it to him and he signed it, acknowledging these were all the things left in the premises. He actually could not have much knowledge of some of the questions Mr. Bill McMaster is asking him.

MR. McMASTER: I appreciate that. It slipped my mind for the moment.

Q This list was sent to you by the Custodian?

10 A Yes.

Q They prepared this list and sent it to you and asked you to check it over, and if it was correct to send it back?

At Yes.

Q Did you check it over?

A Yes, I checked it over.

Q And did you add to or delete anything from that list? Did you add to or cross anything out on that list?

At Yes, some

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I crossed out because the Custodian wrote twice the same things.

Q There were some repetitions in it?

A Yes.

Q So you crossed those out?

A Yes, and some are lost.

Q Yes.

At Not on this

list, that I left there.

Q Things that you left are not on this list and they were apparently lost, that is some of them?

A Yes.

30 Q Now, can you identify the signature on that

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In Chief.

Letter? Mr. Sakamoto?

A Yes, that is my sister's.

MR. HENTON: Excuse me, what exhibit is that inventory?

MR. McMASTERS: The list went in as Exhibit 4.

Q That is your sister's signature. Did she write that letter at your request?

A Yes.

Q And does that letter refer to the list which has just been filed as Exhibit 4?

10 A Yes, I think so.

MR. McMASTERS: This is a letter, my lord, dated November 28th, 1942, addressed to the Office of the Custodian.

"Thank you for your letter of November 28th. I sincerely appreciate your re-checking the chattels on our property so thoroughly.

The following on the property of the Westminster Cannery Limited:

20 '2 bags 'Go-West'; gun. of rasp. boxes.
'7 large berry crates; 1 cord of split wood.
'1 1/4 berry crates; 1 sack fertiliser.
'330 jam crates; 5 shipping crates.
'5 box crates; 1/2 cord wood outside."

Also there is a list that was stated twice so I have crossed them out.

Please find enclosed the signed copy of the list of chattels.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Y. Sakamoto."

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In Chief.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. MASTER: I would ask my learned friend at the same time, my lord, to produce the letter that was written with that list, not in this file. I think that ought to be filed. That is the letter which the Custodian's Office wrote enclosing the list of chattels to be signed by the claimant. *Not on file of 20 Nov 42*

I would ask my learned friend to produce two reports, both dated July 14th, 1944, my lord. I am going to ask to have these marked. I would like to read them first, however.

"July 14, 1944. File 3939.

REPORT

Owner: Sakamoto, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro)

House has been vacant since evacuation of above, consequently was broken into repeatedly outstanding articles missing: 1 wall clock; 1 record cabinet; several chairs; 4 small cultivators; 5 beds; 2 crocks; violin in case",

and that is crossed out and in pencil is written,

"sold May 23, 1944; 20 volumes of Book of Knowledge; several lanterns and lamps; Hand cultivator; 149 berry crates shipping",

and then in pencil after that,

"probably the property of S.F. B.C. Ass'n. 1 cord of wood",

and then in pencil after that,

"used by Westminster Cannery."

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"5 ladders; 5 crock jugs; clothes line;
large quantity of tools",
without any description of what they might be,
and it is signed by "S. C. Carlson, per C.C."

Then the second report of the same date
with respect to the same file and in Mrs.
Sakamoto's name.

10 "I have today examined the undermentioned
articles and find them to be valueless,
and should be abandoned,

4 old chairs; 3 tables (H.M.); 4 beds;
4 mattresses; large quantity old books,
magazines and clothes; large quantity of
utensils;"

without any description,

"2 carpet bags; old mantel clock; large
quantity effects and miscellaneous house-
hold goods strewn around and damaged."

Signed "S.C. Carlson, per C.C."

20 I will put that in as the next exhibit, my lord.

(REPORTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

THE COMMISSIONER: The letter of November 28th was
Exhibit 5?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord. Now, I produce from
the file of the Custodian, my lord, a statement
of the sale of chattels at public auction. The
statement is one on the usual form used by
the Custodian showing Mrs. Sakamoto's name and
registration number and file number and I would
30 like to read into the record some of this

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statement.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 7.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the date of the report?

MR. McMASTER: The report itself isn't dated, but it refers to the sale of chattels sold by public auction at Langley, B.C., on May 23rd, 1944. The first page of the report;

"12 chairs at 25¢, \$3.00;

high chair, \$1.00; iron pot, \$1.25;

jug, 25¢; oil lamp, 25¢; center table,

\$1.00; sundries, 75¢; Pick, 50¢".

MR. HENYER: My lord, if this document is filed, what is the point of reading all this into the record? It is an exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: They will all have to be read.

MR. McMASTER: That is correct, my lord, with this exception, that when we come to prepare argument in this matter the exhibits and copies of exhibits will not necessarily be available to all of us to be examined. I suppose I could arrange to have a copy of this made. Perhaps I had better.

THE COMMISSIONER: You better do that. I would like to cut down the time as much as possible.

MR. McMASTER: My point, in referring to it, my lord, is to draw attention to the fact that three items of tools on here have just been described as "tools", and sold for 25 cents and 50 cents, and a dollar, without any description.

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(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

Q Now, Mr. Sakamoto, did your wife leave any personal property at your house or at your place which belonged to her personally and not to you?

A Yes.

Q What?

A: Some clothes --

dresser.

Q Anything else besides clothes?

A I think nothing else.

10 Q She took all her other personal effects with her?

A: Yes.

Q And you have said that aside from those clothes all the other personal chattels and tools and equipment on the premises were your own property?

A: Yes.

Q Now I have asked you to prepare a very rough list, Mr. Sakamoto, on the general basis on which you value the list of chattels, or to list in your opinion the proper market price of them. Is that the list that you prepared (producing)?

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A: Yes.

Q And were all of these things on your premises when you were evacuated?

A Yes.

Q And were they your property?

A All in the house.

Q Were they your property? Did they belong to you?

A: Yes.

Q And they were all in the house?

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A Yes.

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Q Or in that place? At Yes.

Q And these values that you have set beside these things, or opposite them, how have you arrived at those values?

A How I put the price on?

Q Yes. A Well, I put them about half price of new.

Q And is it an exact estimate, or is it a rough estimate of the value of those things?

10 A Rough. Some I have forgotten how much they were.

Q Have you ever, as a matter of fact, sat down and made a valuation of all of those 700 items that appear on the list?

THE COMMISSIONER: I would be greatly surprised if he did.

MR. McMASTER: I would be, too, my lord. I would produce this and ask it be filed. That is a rough estimate of his various chattels on which he bases his claim of \$562.00.

20 MR. MEYER: Are those included in that inventory?

MR. McMASTER: I will ask him that.

Q Are all of the personal chattels that you refer to in there in the inventory of November 20th that you sent back to the Custodian?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: You can mark that as Exhibit 8.
(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

THE COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

MR. McMASTER: No, my lord, there are a couple of
30 automobiles I have to deal with.

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Q By the way, witness, in your claim form you describe on the personal property part of the claim form or set out claims with respect to two separate automobiles, and then an item for household chattels, I believe it was. I would ask, my lord, to have that amended to household chattels and tools, and so on, if it is needed.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, that is not needed.

10 MR. McMASTER: By virtue of the fact that something was done with this Model T truck for which he claims \$25.00. Apparently they let somebody have the use of it and, as far as I can find out, it was never returned, and I am instructed by the claimant to abandon the claim, that is the \$25.00 claim. I would ask to amend, my lord, the description of the other truck from 1936 to 1933. It was stated to be a 1936 truck in error.

MR. HENTER: One ton instead of one and a half.

20 MR. McMASTER: What does the claim form say?

THE COMMISSIONER: One and one-half, 1936.

MR. McMASTER: Q: The 1933 Ford Model "B", what

tonnage was it?

A: That is

a ton and a ton and a half. It has a chassis for a ton and a half, and I ^{could} put double tires on the back, but only single tires when I bought it for a ton.

Q It was a ton when you bought it?

A Yes.

30 Q Did you put double tires on it?

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A No.

MR. McMASTER: Then it should be a ton truck. I ask to amend the claim form in that respect.

Q What did you do with that truck at the time of the evacuation?

A Where I was working my wife asked him to take it to Hastings Park.

Q Your understanding is it was delivered to Hastings Park?

10 A Yes.

Q Is that the receipt that she gave you for the truck which was obtained from the R.C.M.P.?

A Yes.

(DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

Q And whose signature is it on that document?

A That is my sister's signature.

Q Yes; and was that letter written with your authority and consent?

A Yes.

20 MR. McMASTER: This is a letter, my lord, dated August 29th, 1942, addressed to the Office of the Custodian, signed by Mrs. Sakamoto, per K. Sakamoto, and it contains a statement as follows: "And wish to have these accounts cleared". They are referring to certain outstanding accounts. "By selling my one ton panel truck at Hastings Park". That was dated August 29th, 1942.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

30 MR. McMASTER: I would like my learned friend to

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admit the truck was not sold until April 22nd, 1944.

MR. HUNTER: It was sold in 1942, Mr. McMaster.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is right, I am sorry.

I would produce this from the Custodian's file, a memorandum dated April 22nd, 1944, dealing with the sale of the truck.

THE COMMISSIONER: Has the letter of August 29th been put in?

10 MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord, I put that in as Exhibit 10.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now you are getting another exhibit?

MR. McMASTER: I am getting another Exhibit, Exhibit 11, a memorandum produced from the Custodian's file re sale of truck, dated April 22nd, 1944. The selling price is shown as \$245.00.

(MEMORANDUM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

Q When did you purchase that truck, Mr. Sakamoto?

20 A In 1941, in November.

Q November of 1941. Do you recall when you purchased it from?

A I have forgotten the name of the man I bought it from.

Q Where did he live?

A He lived in the Langley Prairie district.

Q How much did you pay him for it?

A \$300.00.

30 Q Before you purchased it, did you have any look around to see if you could make a better

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In Chief.

Why?

A: Yes.

Q Where did you look?

A The Fogg Motors, Westminster, and Used Truck Sales in Vancouver.

Q For what purpose did you require a truck?

A Well, there were two or three uses for the truck -- for a panel Ford. There were others but those are all in bad condition and they are over \$100.00 and half a ton truck.

10 Q Those were other trucks you looked at?

A Yes.

Q I am sorry, I don't think you got my question. What did you want a truck for?

A For hauling strawberries for the next year.

Q After you got the truck, did you expend any money on the truck?

A Yes, I spent about \$50.00 to repair it.

Q Yes, I see, and at the time that you left for the road camp before the truck was handed to the R.C.M.P. --

A: Yes.

Q --what condition was it in?

A It was in very good condition because I was in road camp at that time.

Q At the time you left for the road camp. That is all you can tell us? At the time you went up to the road camp, what condition was the truck in?

A: Very good

condition.

MR. McMASTER: That is fine. Thank you, my lord.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps this would be a

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convenient time to adjourn and hold the cross-examination over until after lunch.

MR. HUNTER: All right, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: We will adjourn until 2:15.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:15 P.M.)

(2:15 P.M. PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO
ADJOURNMENT).

Y. SAKAMOTO resumed the stand:

10 MR. HUNTER: For your lordship's information I should
like to give you the gross figures of the
receipts from the sale of these various bits
of property. For the real property the gross
was \$736.00; for the ten truck, \$145.00; and
for the chattels, \$59.25, making a total of
\$940.25.

MR. McMASTER: Would you be good enough to give the
net figures as well, Mr. Hunter?

20 MR. HUNTER: I thought you had already given them,
but I can give them. The net figures are
for the real property, \$667.82, the truck,
\$117.79, the chattels \$41.00, making a total
of \$826.61, which is some \$41.15 less than
the amount they credit us with in their
claim. I don't know quite how they arrived
at that amount.

MR. McMASTER: I should apply to amend, I would
suggest, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I think you should.

30 MR. McMASTER: Then I will, my lord. I will apply
to amend to show the receipt of \$826.61.

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THE COMMISSIONER: That makes the total claim how much then?

MR. McMASTER: I am sorry, my lord, but this is one of those cases in which I didn't have a copy of the claim form.

MR. HUNTER: My lord, I should like at this time just for your information to point out the difference between the net and the gross -- that the difference between the net and the gross isn't necessarily the commission or the expense of the sale.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Obviously in the real property there are other adjustments. For instance in this one there were taxes of \$76.20 we had to pay. So when we do have the argument on the question of whether the net or the gross should be allowed, I think it should be clearly understood it is the gross less the expense of the sale which should be taken as the net, not the adjustments which would necessarily have to be made in any event.

THE COMMISSIONER: I do not suppose you would contend to the contrary, Mr. McMaster.

MR. McMASTER: No, I would have to agree to that, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, proceed, Mr. Hunter.

GROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, at one point you gave evidence

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that Mr. Kamachi had bought land near your property, at a price, I believe, of \$40.00 per acre?

A: Yes.

Q And that was a year and a half or two years before you were evacuated?

A Yes, before I evacuated, yes.

Q Do you know of any properties around your place of a similar type which were sold around 1942 or 1943?

A: No, I don't

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know.

Q Have you any idea what the price of land was in 1942 or 1943? Have you any idea what property similar to yours was selling for at that time -- not just an opinion, but have you any information from which you could tell us?

A The next land to mine, there was about 200 acres for sale and that was an average about \$20.00 an acre.

Q It was sold?

A: It was sold.

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The whole bunch of 200 acres.

Q Where was this?

A: It was the

next land to mine.

Q And when was it sold?

A I expect about 1940.

Q This was about two years before the evacuation, was it? It was sold in 1940 at \$20.00 an acre, is that correct?

A Yes, 200 acres in one block.

Q Yes, but I am talking about 1942 or 1943. Have you any definite knowledge of values at that

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time in 1942 or 1943? Do you know what land similar to yours was selling for? Have you definite knowledge? I don't want just a guess or opinion, but I want to know if you have any knowledge?

A Yes, \$50.00. That is the price of that land, I expect.

Q What do you mean it was the price of land? Do you know of any land that was sold in 1942 or 1943? I mean do you know what prices were obtained?

A: Well I don't know of any land sold around my place in 1942 or 1943.

Q Now you stated you received information through a letter, I believe, that someone wrote to your sister that your crop had realized 35 tons of strawberries, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Now, what did that letter say? Did it say the crop had yielded 35 tons when it was picked?

A That is the crop in 1942?

Q I am talking about 1942, yes.

A Yes.

Q What did the letter say?

A Westminister Cannery raised 35 tons of strawberries from the first of the season to the end.

Q That is the amount that was sold?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Is that the amount that was sold?

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A I expect so.

Q You expect so. That is what I want to know.

MR. McMASTER: I don't think he should be confused.
Westminster Cannery wouldn't be selling it
to themselves, my lord.

THE WITNESS: Yes, he took it to the jam cannery.

MR. HUNTER: Q: What is the amount received by the
cannery? A: I don't know
how much he sold.

10 Q How much did they receive? Did the cannery re-
ceive 35 tons from your property?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think this is very confusing.
I think probably what my friend wants to know
is did Westminster Cannery take 35 tons off his
land. Is that a fair way of putting it, Mr.
Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: That was your information, was
20 it, that the cannery got 35 tons from your land?

A The cannery got 35 tons from my land, yes.

Q Was it all berries? A: Yes, it was
all strawberries.

MR. HUNTER: Q: And who did you say wrote that
letter to your sister?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Who did you say wrote that letter to your
sister? A: That is my

picker. I had her for a picker for so many
30 years, and she is my sister's friend.

Q Yes. A: So the picker wrote to my sister about that.

Q And was she picking in 1942?

A Yes.

Q How would she know how many tons were taken off?

A I expect the field manager, Mr. Redman, he spoke to her.

Q That is a surmise, isn't it? You are guessing now, aren't you?

10 MR. McMASTER: That is right.

MR. HENTON: Q: You are guessing, aren't you?

A I don't know -- guessing or what.

Q Did you ever hear that in 1942 there was a very poor strawberry crop?

A 1942?

Q Yes. A: No. Mr. Redman, he wrote me. He had a very good crop for 1942.

Q Yes, there was a very good crop but it wasn't harvested in 1942, I put it to you, for the reason the price went from five cents to
20 nineteen and twenty-one cents. There was an extraordinarily low crop, do you know that?

A I don't know other places, but on my farm he raised that much.

Q Your farm was one of the rare exceptions?

A Because when I left the farm, I show Mr. Redman how to raise the strawberries, and I guess he did what I show him. I know my neighbour, he didn't take care of his strawberries, and when
30 I left there, there was grass all over the

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strawberry patch and you couldn't see the strawberry plants, but Mr. Redman took good care of it.

Q Who is Mr. Redman?

A Mr. Redman is Mr. Redman.

MR. McMASTER: He mentioned who he was before, the field supervisor for Westminster Camera.

THE WITNESS: The field manager for Westminster Camera.

19 MR. HUNTER: Q: Would you say 1941 was a good strawberry year insofar as the quantity of the crop went? A: Yes.

Q And in 1942 you got exactly the same crop, five tons per acre? A: Yes.

Q I see. Now the Custodian sent you an inventory somewhere around the 20th of November, 1942, asking you to check the inventory of the chattels -- A: Yes.

Q --and return it to them? That is correct?

20 A Yes.

Q And you stated, if I remember what you said, "I crossed out some where they had repeated articles", and that there were some which you had left behind which weren't on the list, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q And then you wrote a letter back, or rather your sister did at your request, dated the 28th of November, 1942, in which certain items were crossed off where you said there had been duplication. Did you in that letter, or did

you at any time indicate which were the items which you had left behind and weren't on the inventory?

you there.

A: I can't get

THE COMMISSIONER: I have the same difficulty. We will get Mr. Hunter to put his question again.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Did you at any time indicate to the Custodian the items which weren't on the inventory furnished by the Custodian, but which you had left behind at the time of evacuation?

A: I can't understand it.

Q: Am I still not making myself clear?

THE COMMISSIONER: Your question is perfectly clear now.

THE INTERPRETER: Shall I assist?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think he might give the background in the way Mr. Hunter started off, that is, that he got this inventory from the Custodian and said there were some goods he crossed off because there were duplications and there were some other things which weren't on the inventory which he had left behind, and then ask Mr. Hunter's question.

(Question read and interpreted).

THE INTERPRETER: No, he doesn't know if he did.

MR. McMASTER: I might point out, my lord, there is no claim for those goods.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I appreciate that, Mr. McMaster. Is that all, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you, Mr.
Baker.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE SIX)

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

J. P. Harrobin

"T.P. Harrobin"
Official Reporter.

Name of Claimant **SAKAMOTO, YASUTARO**
 Custodian File **8648**

Case **17**

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			
					736	412.42				412.42	
PERSONAL PROPERTY											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
145	36.25										36.25
NETS											
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS											
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
170.00	59.25	17.77	34.85%	323.00	112.56				130.33		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										579.00	

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September 26th, 1950.

Mr. Yasutaro SAKAMOTO,
P. O. Box 742,
Revelstoke, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 17

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$579.00.

Cheque for \$545.51 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$33.49 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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