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BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 9829

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: TAZAWA, TorataroHOME ADDRESS: 636 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 03470SEX: Male AGE: 40 MARRIED? yesOCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Sawmill Worker (formerly) Cedar Cove Sash & Door Co.,
Vancouver, B. C.NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Haru ADDRESS: 636 Powell St., Van, B.C.NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Kazuo (M) 13 ADDRESS: 636 Powell St., Van, B.C.

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 31st day of May 1942.WITNESS: A. M. O. M. S.(Signature) T. Tazawa

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

None.

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE 10/12/42

File No. 9829

Full Name TAZAWA, Torataro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03470 Male - Female
(Check) Age 18/7/1902

Former Address 744 W. 7th Ave., City

636 Powell St., City

Date Evacuated 5/6/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address c/o Pandosa Pine Lbr. Co. Ltd., Monte Lake, B. C.

Married - Single
(Check)

nee

Name of Wife (KITAZAWA) Haru #03045

nee

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother (KITAMURA) Hana (Dec'd) Name of Father TAZAWA, Shichijiro (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 Kazuo (M) 18/2/29

Requested by F. Carroll Registered with Custodian no
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Sawmill worker

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 9829

Feb. 5/47

RE: Toraturo TAZAWA, Reg. No. 03470

This file reveals no claims against TAZAWA. There are no claims on file against his wife.

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

Feb. 5/47
LHM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 9829

Feb. 5/47

RE: Torataro TAZAWA, Reg. No. 03470

This file reveals that TAZAWA owned no real property in any protected area of B.C., and did not carry any Fire Insurance.

CHATELS:

Mr. TAZAWA registered with the Custodian on May 21/42 and was evacuated on June 5/42. He signed a yellow "No property" card stating he owned no property of any kind whatsoever in the protected area of B.C.

How ever in his letter of Jan. 20/47 he asks for shipment of one apple box and one box 12" x 27" left at the Fairview Buddhist Church, 715 E. 7th Ave., Vancouver. He repeatedly asked for shipment of these two boxes, but due to the congestion in this building at that time, this shipment was never made. Dishes and kitchenware, presumably the contents of these two boxes, were sold at auction in the name of TAZAWA for the net sum of \$10.32 and this sum credited to the account of TAZAWA with the Custodian.

He had apparently asked the B.C.S.C. about shipment of one set of encyclopedia. These were supposed to be shipped to him at Monte Lake along with a shipment to Mr. Mitsuichi UYENO who also resided at Monte Lake. According to Mr. Spain these books were given to the Richmond Transfer along with the goods going to Mr. UYENO, but TAZAWA declares he never received them. Mr. UYENO also stated they were not among the goods he received. The Richmond Transfer maintain that they shipped everything that was given to them by the Custodian for these two men.

In a letter dated Jan. 20/47 TAZAWA sent us an itemized list of chattels left at 715 E. 7th Ave. He declares the encyclopedia was worth \$72.50, the radio \$130.00 and the dishes and kitchenware \$353.00. His radio was appraised at \$40.00. It would appear that the dishes and kitchenware are valued by TAZAWA at vastly more than their actual worth.

His wife declared no chattels and none dealt with on her file.

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office, TAZAWA surrendered his Stromberg Carlson radio to the R.C.M.P. on March 9/42. They turned this radio over to the Custodian on May 27/44. It was sold at auction for the net sum of \$37.06 and this sum credited to his account with this office.

LIFE
INSURANCE:

We were advised by the Sun Life Assurance Co. that TAZAWA had an insurance policy with them. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

When asking for shipment of his chattels early in 1945, TAZAWA remitted to this office \$5.00 to cover cost of shipping. This sum, together with the \$47.38 standing to his credit with this office, was sent to him on Feb. 13/45, leaving no balance standing to his credit with this office.

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

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

Feb. 5/47

LBM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File No. 9829

Feb. 5/47

RE: Torataro TAZAWA, Reg. No. 03470

DECLARED by TAZAWA
in letter of May 2/42

one apple box) At the Fairview Buddhist Church,
1 box 12" x 27") 715 E. 7th Ave., Vancouver

Letter of Jan. 20/47 -
gives itemized list as follows:

5 boxes containing:

	<u>His valuation</u>	<u>Following goods sold at auction:</u>
2 sets tableware	\$50.00	miscellaneous crockery Nov. 16/44
1 silver plate	25.00	plates Nov. 23/44
6 large plates	30.00	
dinner set	15.00	nest of dishes Nov. 23/44
3 pieces cut glass	23.00	glassware Nov. 23/44
2 set Japanese tea cups	20.00	
3 trays	15.00	lacquer tray Nov. 16/44
chinaware (complete)	50.00	crockery Nov. 23/44
cloth (bed)	50.00	
kitchen utensils	75.00	cooking utensils Nov. 16/44
		galvanized tank Nov. 16/44

1 set encyclopedia - These were supposed to have been shipped to TAZAWA along with a shipment of goods to Mr. Ritsuichi UYENO at Monte Lake. (his valuation \$72.50) Mr. TAZAWA stated he did not receive them and UYENO claimed they were not among his goods. The Richmond Transfer Company claim that they shipped all the goods handed to them by the Custodian from 992 Powell St. for shipment to these two men. Mr. Spain advised the B.C.S.C. that several cartons containing books had been handed to the Richmond Transfer Co. for shipment

He also declared one Stromberg Carlson radio - this was surrendered to the R.C.M.P. on March 9/42 and handed over to the Custodian on May 27/44. It was sold (valued at \$130.00) at auction for the net sum of \$37.06 and this sum It was appraised at \$40.00. credited to the account of TAZAWA with the Custodian.

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

Feb. 5/47

LEM:


L. McKinnon

MEMORANDUM

August 31, 1943.

To: File No. 9829

From: Specified Articles Department.

Re: TAZAWA Torataro, Reg. #03470

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	Stromberg Carlson Console Serial No. 24489	\$40.00

Sale for 944.00.
Expenses 6.94
Net proceeds 937.06

HS

No. *02472*

F. 112

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

\$

Vancouver, B. C. March 9, 1942

Received from *Lozano T. A. Z. A. A., 744 W. 7th Ave.,*
Vancouver, B. C. one Stromberg Carlson
console radio Serial No. 24489.

Dollars,

100

Signature

A. R. Campbell, Capt.
R. C. M. P. (Reg. No. 13835)

original sent Jan 26 1945

NAME TARANA, Toratara

REGISTRATION NO. 03470

FILE NO. 9829

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 1047 Seymour St., Vancouver, B. C. on November 23, 1944.

Set of dishes ✓	\$ 1.20
Plates ✓	1.40
Glassware ✓	1.05
Crockery ✓	1.60

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee \$ 0.52	\$ 5.25
Less Expenses:	(Advertising 0.23	\$ 0.75
	(Movings Nil	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 4.50

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Smith

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 519.

Remarks. Moving charged in previous auction.

original sent Jan 26th '45

NAME TAZAWA, Toratara'

REGISTRATION NO. 03470

FILE NO. 9829

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 1247 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C. on November 16, 1944.

Miscellaneous crockery ✓	\$ 5.30
Laquer tray ✓	1.15
Cooking utensils ✓	2.63
Galvanized tank ✓	0.35

Total		\$	
(Auctioneer's Fees \$ 0.95			9.45
Less Expenses: (Advertising 0.63		\$	3.63
(Movings 2.02			
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	5.82

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Smith

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 518.

Remarks. *no inventory seen*

J.P.

original sent Jan 26 1945

NAME TAZAKA, Torakazu

REGISTRATION NO. 03470

FILE NO. 9829

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on June 14, 1944.

Stranberg Carlson Console

\$ 44.00

Total		\$ 44.00
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.40	
	(Advertising: 1.04	\$ 6.94
	(Moving: 0.50	
	(Storage: 1.00	
Net Proceeds Credited:		<u>\$ 37.06</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 24

Remarks.

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Mr. Torataro TAZAWA

File No. 9829

*Pondosa Pine Lbr Co. Ltd.,
Monte Lake, B.C.*

Reg. No. 03470.

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2297759

Premium - \$ 49.70

Payable: [^] Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month August Day 1

REMARKS: This policy covers on the life of Kazuo TAZAWA (File 9829)

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 97 (1)

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

DATE May 27th. 1944

Re: (J.R. 03170) TORAFARO TAKADA, 714 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

On May 27th. 1944 D.M. McLaren, C.I.B.

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		Radio - Stromberg Carson Console, Serial No. 24189. (1)
			9829

REMARKS: Handed over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

(State briefly disposition)

DATE May 27th. 1944

CERTIFIED CORRECT

for Custodian

W.H. Jefferson 10559

Monte Lake, B.C.,
Oct 14, 1944

Department of Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	OCT 16 1944
File No.	9829
Ans.	Spain
Referred	Spain

Dear Sir:

We would like you to send us our material, which we moved into 715, St. 7th Ave., Fairview Japanese Buddhist Church, Vancouver, B.C. before the evacuation. We have reported to the Custodian that material in a apple box and a box, size 12" x 27" was moved to the said church. Our present address and name is Toriatara Tajima, Monte Lake, B.C. On top of this box we had our name written. We would like you to send the two material without unpacking, since we have it all packed, ready for shipment. Please send the two box of material in your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
K. I. Tajima.
Reg. No. 03470

In near future we
will be moving
from here and at
present everything too
much we will
endeavour to sort
out when time
permits.

9629

October 17th, 1944

Mr. T. Tasswa,
Reg. No. 03470,
Monte Lake, B.C.

Dear Sir:

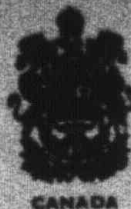
We have your letter of the 14th instant with reference to chattels which you state were left stored at 715 West 7th Avenue. There is such a congestion of goods here at present that we would require considerable sorting in order to locate your articles.

We have to be able to move many articles from there for shipment to owner and when time permits, we hope to be able to comply with your request. At present however, we are unable to do so.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS:LM



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

350 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
October 26th, 1944.

INVESTIGATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 27 1944
File No.	9829
Referred	<i>Spain</i>

Richmond Transfer,
204 Alexander St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Gentlemen:

Re: TAZANA, Teretaro #03470
Monte Lake, B.C.

On September 25th you picked up at 992 Powell goods for UYENO, Ritsuchi, #18008, at Monte Lake, which was supposed to include an encyclopedia marked for TAZANA, T. #03470. We now have a letter from TAZANA asking for his encyclopedia. The Custodian writes under date of October 14th, file 5418, stating that this encyclopedia was delivered to you at that time. I asked you several days ago about this on the telephone. UYENO, to whom the parcels were shipped, insists that the encyclopedia was not included. Kindly reply as soon as you can get the information.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CWF:FF

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

C.W. Fisher
Transportation

Mr. Henderson of Richmond Transfer insisted that everything received from 992 Powell was shipped to UYENO. Were the contents of these parcels checked by your warehouse man at 992 Powell and can he definitely state that the encyclopedia was enclosed, and how many volumes? I shall have to make some kind of reply to both UYENO and TAZANA in regard to this.

*Carton containing
several enclosures
was handed to
Richmond Transfer
by me with
personally
Hain*

C.W. Fisher

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
October 31st, 1944.

Mr. Terutaro TAZAKA,
Reg. No. 03470,
MONTY LAKE, B.C.

Dear Sir:

CUSTODIAN SECTION	
Rec'd	NOV 1 1944
File No.	9829
Ans.	noted <i>Spain</i>
Referred	<i>Spain</i>

Your letter of the 23rd inst. asking about your encyclopedia:

The Richmond Transfer was instructed in September to go to 992 Powell and get the goods requested by UYENO and ship to Monte Lake. UYENO's request included an encyclopedia and the Custodian insists that this was delivered to the Richmond Transfer. The Richmond Transfer have just advised me by letter that they shipped everything received at 992 Powell which included a number of books. If the encyclopedia was among these books it was shipped. They made no record of the titles but everything was shipped. Any further information you may desire re this should be taken up with the Custodian direct. There is nothing further this Department can do. Please show this letter to Mr. UYENO.

Yours very truly,

CWF:37

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

c.c. Custodian of Alien Property
806 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

Monte Lake, BC.
Jan. 17, 1944.

Department of The Secretary of State
Office of The Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, BC.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	JAN 18 1945
File No.	9829
Ans.	
Referred	Spain

Dear Sir:

In the letter of October 17th, 1944 you have stated that to find our articles, you will need considerable sorting in order to locate my articles ~~left~~ stored at 715 West 1st Avenue. By now I presume that you have found our articles, since it has been a long time but if you have not found it, the articles will be located at the downstairs room near the window. When our articles have been found please send it as it is in your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
Torataro Tazawa
Reg. No. 03470
File No. 9829.

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O
P
Y

Monte Lake, B.C.,

Jan. 22, 1945.

B.C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We are requesting you to prepare a Custodian Release of articles prepared for immediate shipment in one 13" x 16" box and one apple box with the name T. TAZAWA on top of the box. We have requested the Custodian for the shipment of articles but was not released without your permission. This article was stored in 715 W. 7th Ave. Fairview Buddhist Church before we were evacuated. Now once again our articles do not require further packing. Please send us our articles in your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

"Torataro TAZAWA"

Reg. No. 03470

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

Monte Lake, B.C.,
Jan. 22, 1945



M. Fisher

Dear Sir:

We are requesting you to prepare a Custodian release of articles prepared for immediate shipment in ^{one} 13" x 16" box and one apple box with the name I. Tagawa on top of the box. We have requested the Custodian for the shipment of articles but was not released without your release. ~~mission~~ This article was stored in 715 St. 7th Ave. Fairview Buddhist Church before we were evacuated. Now, once again ~~we~~ our articles do not require further packing. Please send us our article in your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
Isotaro Tagawa ✓
Reg. No. 03470.

Any papers?
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DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 25 1945
File No.	9829
Ans.	
Referred	Spain

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
January 24th, 1945.

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

Re: TAZAWA, Torataro #03470
Monte Lake, B.C.

Attached is the original and one copy of a letter from above asking for a box originally stored at 715 West 7th Avenue in the Fairview Buddhist Church.

If you have sufficient funds to this man's credit to defray the cartage and shipping expense, and it is convenient for you to deliver, we are not averse to arranging with the Cartage Company to ship. This man is a National and expects to return to Japan after the War. We would not want to incur any expense in this connection until the charges are guaranteed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

CWF:FF
Encl.

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

Monte Lake, B.C.
Feb. 1, 1945

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 2 1945
File No.	9829
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Sir:

We have been informed by the B. C. I. C. That our chattels have been liquidated by auction. The net proceeds of sales has total to forty seven dollar and thirty eight cents (\$47.38)

On Jan. 29 we have sent five dollar (\$5.00) in postal notes to cover the shipping charges. This money was sent because we were informed that we were given sufficient authority to release our chattels. But today we have received a letter from the B.C. I.C. stating that our chattels have been liquidated by auction. Therefore, please sent back the five dollar (\$5.00) and our net proceeds for our chattels totalling to forty-seven dollar and thirty eight cents (\$47.38). This sum includes our radios which also have been auctioned, so after you have checked with this sum we will send our receipt for the radios. Please send us fifty two dollar and thirty eight

The Custodians Office
Dept of the Secretary of State of
Canada
Vancouver, B.C.

Monte Lake, B.C.

Jan

EX-17, 1945	SECTION
Rec'd.	JAN 31 1945
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	Spencer

Dear Sir:

We have been given sufficient authority to release the two boxes which we have stated in the last letter. We are enclosing five dollars (\$5.00) for the cartage and shipping charge which we think is sufficient. We are also enclosing the letter from the B.C.V.C. which I presume has been referred to you. Please send the articles in your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

J. Tazawa

Reg. No. 03470

File No. 9829

Forsters

Walter L. L. C.
January 20, 1947

Department of Labor,
Japanese American
360 Home Street,
Vacaville, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I note that in the "Daily Province" of January 24th Prime Minister Kato has announced that the government will remedy any injustice in the sale of Japanese property by the custodian. We wish to make a claim for the full payment of our belongings unjustly sold by you during the war.

I have here the list of articles left in your custodian.

(1) 115 total 7th items:

(1) 1 set "Collier's" Encyclopedia	\$75.00
(2) 1 Blomberg Carlson Conson radio	130.00
(3) 2 sets of Tattler @ \$25.00	50.00
(4) 1 color plate	25.00
(5) 6 large plates @ \$5.00	30.00
(6) Linnet set	15.00
(7) 3 pieces Cut-glass	23.10
(8) 2 sets Japanese Tea cups	20.00
(9) 3 trays @ \$5.00	15.00
(10) Chinaware (complete)	50.00
(11) Clock (red)	50.00
(12) Kitchen utensils	75.00

Total

\$555.50

All these articles were enclosed in five large boxes. These chattels were unjustly sold, since they were disposed without our consent. They were also sold at a ridiculous price. Any decent utilizer will agree with us that all these chattels worth more than you disposed them at. Such chattels are now impossible to purchase and there are no chattels with such excellent qualities purchasable. Many of these listed articles have now been used.

We also made a request for you to forward all our belongings when we relocated to Monte Lake where it was necessary to purchase many household necessities. Upon this request, you informed us that you were pleased to comply with this request and ask for a settlement to cover cartage and freight. However, on sending this amount we were informed that all our chattels were sold. We have in our possession the report of the auction and receipt for five dollars (\$5.00) to cover the cartage and freight.

We received a net proceed of forty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$47.38). The selling price of all the chattels was fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$58.70), but the amount of eleven dollars and thirty cents (\$11.30) was deducted the expenses for auctioneers fee, advertising, moving and storage. I believe that this deduction for expenses is not necessary since it was not sold by our request.

We demand immediate repayment of these

March 20, 1947

To: Mr. Shears

From: F. Matheson

Re: Claim of Toratara TAZANA, Reg. No. 03470, File 9829

This type of situation may come up again. TAZANA declared that he owned no property, but we found goods belonging to him and sold them. Does he have as valid a claim for loss as if he had reported his goods to the Custodian?

He asked for shipment of two boxes, (an apple box and a box 12"x27") and it is probable that the goods sold were the entire contents of these two boxes. After the goods had been sold, TAZANA requested shipment for the second time and he was put to considerable trouble in writing to the B.C. Security Commission for a Custodian Release and in sending us funds to cover shipping costs before he was informed that his goods had been sold. This probably was due to the fact that the results of the auctions had not been placed on his file at the time he wrote us asking for shipment. However, TAZANA probably was annoyed by all this, and this annoyance has no doubt enhanced the value of the goods, and caused the filing of his claim.

TAZANA accepted our cheque sent to him on February 13, 1945, without any comment at that time.

It seems to me that the most expensive chattel claims will come from persons who had stored their goods in places where they thought they were safe and would not be touched by the Custodian. That these goods often were not declared, but were found by the Custodian and sold.

/FM

To: Mr. Shears

March 10, 1946

From: F. Matheson

Re: Tazawa TAZANA, Reg. No. 03470, File 9829

As you will see by the attached copy of letter, TAZANA requests immediate repayment of the sum of \$555.50 to recompense him for the loss of goods sold by the Custodian.

The file shows that TAZANA, on May 21, 1942, stated that he owned no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

However, a radio had been surrendered by TAZANA, and this radio, valued for insurance purposes at \$40.00, was sold for \$44.00 gross; expenses were \$6.94, leaving net proceeds of \$37.06.

The following goods, identified as the property of TAZANA were sold at auction:

November 16, 1944 Auction

Miscellaneous Crockery	\$5.30
Lantern Tray	1.15
Cooking Utensils	2.65
Galvanized Tank	.35
	<u>\$9.45</u>
Expenses	3.63
Net Credit	5.82

November 23, 1944 Auction

Nest of Dishes	\$1.20
Plates	1.40
Glassware	1.05
Crockery	1.60
	<u>5.25</u>
Expenses	.75
Net Credit	4.50

The first indication on file that this man had owned anything other than the radio was his letter of October 14, 1944, asking for shipment of goods in an apple box and a box 12"x27", stored in Fairview Japanese Buddhist Church. He was informed that due to congestion in the building it might take some time to locate his goods.

It would seem from the file that an encyclopedia marked for TAZANA was included in a shipment made to Ritsuchi UYENO, Monte Lake, by Richmond Transfer. This encyclopedia, according to letter from B.C. Security Commission, Oct. 26, 1944, was not received. Mr. Wills reported that the encyclopedia was handed to the transfer company in an open carton for packing. The transfer company said books were included in the shipment but they were not sure of the titles of the books. TAZANA was advised on Oct. 31, 1944, to apply direct to the Custodian direct for any further information he desired about this encyclopedia, but his file shows no reference to the encyclopedia until the letter of January 20, 1947.

On January 17, 1945, TAZANA again requested shipment of his goods stored at the Fairview Buddhist Church. There is considerable correspondence advising TAZANA how to go about arranging shipment (Custodian release to be prepared, funds to cover shipping to be sent in) On February 1, 1945 we received \$5.00 from TAZANA to cover shipping costs. We had informed him on January 26, 1945 that his goods had been sold.

On February 13, 1945, we sent TAZANA all the funds in his account. The next letter on file is his claim letter of January 20, 1947.

March 10, 1947

Mr. Toratara TAZARA,
Reg. No. 03470,
Monte Lake, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 20th, we wish to advise that, although reference has been made in the House of Commons to the possibility of consideration being given to claims of evacuated person for recompense for property loss, no definite decision has been arrived at. If and when a decision in regard to this is reached, we presume that the manner in which claims are to be presented will be dealt with also. At that time, you will be in a position to act in regard to your property.

It is unfortunate that you did not see fit to inform this office earlier that you had left a considerable quantity of fairly valuable goods in the protected area. On May 21, 1942, both yourself and your wife signed the following statement for the Custodian's information in offering protection to your property: "I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia."

We have no record of any goods, identified as belonging to you, having been found by the Custodian apart from the following:

The radio, which you surrendered and which was sold by this office as you were previously informed.

The books which were handed to Richmond Transfer on September 25, 1944, for shipment to Mr. Ritsuchi UIENO, at Monte Lake. You were informed of this shipment on October 31, 1944, and this office was under the impression that you had received the books, as you did not advise us otherwise.

The goods which were found at 715 West 7th Avenue and sold at auction. You were given details of this sale in January, 1945.

We are at a loss to understand why you waited over four and a half years to report the five large boxes of valuable goods referred to in your letter of January 20th.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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