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REAL ESTATE

BUREAU POWELL STREET

FILE No. 10100

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: KURAMOTO, Kunji
HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 172, #2 Rd., Steveston, B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03716 SEX: Male AGE: 27
OCCUPATION: Fisherman

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

EMPLOYER: Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B.C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Miyako

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: #2 Rd., Steveston, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: M Is-ao Isao

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: #2 Rd., Steveston, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 8 months.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: between #2 Rd. and Gilbert St., Steveston, B.C.

Declarant has bought Lot 15 (322.25) of Plan of Subdiv. of 14.4 AC.

Port of West Half Sec. 18, B 3N.R.1W, N.W.D. according to sketch

7997, from River Fish Company, Steveston, B.C. (Map-draw)

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 2-storey, 7-rooms, wooden frame dwelling house.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) about \$27.50 paid 1941 payable to River Fish Co., Steveston, B.C. which in turn is payable

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) Town Hall, Richmond, B.C.
None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Owner will turn key over to the Custodian upon his evacuation. No tenant has been

arranged for. - In case of leaving house, furniture is to be left stored in 2 rooms & not for use of tenant.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Deed for property has not been drawn up as yet as owner (River Fish Co.) have not subdivided this
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None. Section, however, declar-
ant holds map of same drawn up by Burnett and McGowan, New West'r. B.C.
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: 1/2 acre of raspberries, 20 small fruit
trees.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: between #2 Rd. and Gilbert St., Steveston
B.C. - m 1-acre of land.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: River Fish Co., Steveston, B.C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
\$20.00 yearly paid 1941.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:
1/2 acre early peas.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
Stored at Phoenix Cannery Net House, Steveston, B.C.:
1-Palmer engine, 1-propeller and shaft.
Stored at Net House on Dyke Rd. below declarant's property previously
mentioned.

2-row boats; 1-net tank; 1-duck pond;
Stored in basement of house at #2 Rd. & Gilbert St., Steveston, B.C.
Farm implements; 2-cross cutting saws; 1-washing machine;
2-gas lanterns.

Stored in 2 rooms of house at #2 Rd. & Gilbert St., Steveston, B.C.
4-beds; 2-dressers; 2-drawers; 1-cupboard; 2-stoves; 2-sinks;
2-sewing machines; 1-set World Books; 1-gramophone; 50 records;
8-kitchen chairs; electric iron; toaster; vacuum cleaner; 2-book cases;
carpenter sets; N.B. Declarant owns R.C.A. Victor radio now in
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS custody R.C.M.P.;

1-dog and 1-cat undecided as to what to do with same.

Will look after myself

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

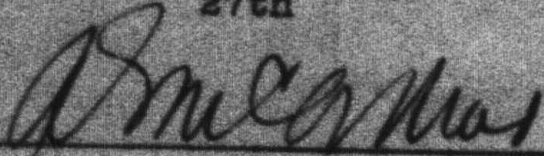
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
1-Victory Bond K-4, H425483 in owner's possession.8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$1,000.00 Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada,
beneficiary-Denjiro Kuranoto (father) Policy # 2,032,376 in owner's
Possession.10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: None

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

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

Dated this 26th day of May 1942.

Witness

(Signature) K. Kuranoto

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Nov. 9/43

Our File No. 10100

Full Name KURAMOTO, Kunii
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03716 Male - Female
(Check) Age Feb. 26, 1915

Former Address P.O. Box 172, Staveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated 30/5/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address PO Box 14, IRON SPRINGS, ALTA
c/o Frank Lohr, Picture Butte, MT
PO Box 366 Picture Butte, Alta 4/2/49

Single - Single
(Check)

nee
Name of Wife (YASAKI) Miyako #03709

Name of Husband

nee
Name of Mother (YASAKI) Oyoko #03856 Name of Father Iiro #03818

Names of Children under 16 Iaso (M) Sept. 28/41

Tsutomu (M) Jan. 9/43

Requested by ECT Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of gasboat Reg. #2461 N.W.

House at above address.

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Registration Number 03716

KURAMOTO, Kunji

P. O. Box 172, #2 Road, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

The land consists of approximately 1 acre, situated between Gilbert and No. 2 Roads and the house is only accessible in the winter, from the water and in the summer, from a road across the fields at the back. The land is not cultivated at present and is overgrown with weeds.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941.

INSURANCE

I have been unable to check fire insurance, as this man has been evacuated. However, according to Form "JP", I understand there is no fire insurance on the property.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventory of personal effects, nets, etc., attached hereto.

REMARKS

This man has stored in his basement, in a room boarded off and completely locked up, a considerable quantity of nets. The room is 14' x 10' and pretty well filled with the nets in question. This basement has a cement floor.

This property might be rented, but because of its inaccessibility, rent would be small and if rented, arrangements should be made for storage of the effects in 1 or 2 of the rooms of the house.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the nets above referred to, be checked and sold. These nets should be hung, as lying in one pile as at present, they will quickly deteriorate.

I would further recommend that the property be handed to T. C. King for management on behalf of the Custodian, with instructions to obtain a tenant and arrange for storage of the inventory in 1 or 2 rooms of the house.

June 29, 1942.

A. Mader

Registration Number 63716

KURAMOTO, Kunji

INVENTORY

STORED IN HOUSE

- o1 Round Table
- o1 Heater
- ✓ 1 Davenport
- ✓ 1 Bed
- ✓ 2 Springs
- ✓ 1 Washing Machine (Primo)
- ✓ 1 Bureau
- ✓ 1 Chair (Chesterfield)
- ✓ 7 Chairs
- ✓ 1 Chest Drawers
- ✓ 1 Sewing Machine
- o1 Fern Stand
- o1 Small Table
- o1 Sundry Junk (Household)
- o1 Table Lamp
- o1 Sundry Kitchen Utensils
- o1 Kitchen Range
- o1 Table (Home made)
- o1 Sundry Japanese Tubs
- ✓ 1 Singer Sewing Machine
- ✓ 1 Bed Complete
- o1 Trunk, empty

There is in addition, one room stored with furniture, now
securely locked up, which I was unable to gain entrance to.

Quantity of Nets in the basement. See Report.

Registration Number 03716

KURAMOTO, Kunji

INVENTORY

STORED IN NET HOUSE ON RIVER BANK

14 Sacks Agricultural Lime

3 Skiffs

1 Duck Punt

4 Bundles Shingles

1 Net Guard

1 Net Truck

Sundry Junk.

Catalogue No. _____

KURAMOTO, Kunji

Reg. No. 03716

File No. 10100

Civic Address: No. 2 Rd. and Gilbert Ave., Steveston.

Legal Description: Lots 5 and 6 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West half of Section 18, Blk. 3 North, Range 6 West, Map 6195, Mun. of Richmond in B. W. D.

Classification: 2-storey, 7-room, wooden frame dwelling house.
(Belonging to Kunji KURAMOTO)

Above property registered in the name of the River Fish Company (File 8837)

NOTE:

The house owned by Kuramoto is built on a piece of land, about 1 acre, purchased from the River Fish Co. but the Deed for the property has not been drawn up as the River Fish Co. have not sub-divided this section. The Lot on which the house is built is as follows:

B - Lot 6 (inside) Dyke Sec. 18, B3N, R6W, Map 6195
Land assessed - \$1431.00
Improvements - \$4000.00
4.77 ac.

Kuramoto's house is assessed at \$2000.00 and land at \$300.00 (there is another house on this lot owned by YESAKE, Miyakichi - File 5048)

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1943.

Files Nos. 3048, 3277/2 & 10100

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: P. H. Russell

Re: KURAMOTO, Ruzji
YASAKI, Shinkichi

Thank you for your memo of April 27th.

It is unfortunate that the Assessment Roll cannot be amended in the present year so that it will properly show the taxes chargeable separately against Yasaki, Kuramoto, and the River Fish Company.

As the Kuramoto and Yasaki properties are being administered for these two men and the revenue credited to them, it would be necessary that some adjustment of the taxes be made. The whole lot on which these two sub-lots stand consists of 4.77 acres. Kuramoto and Yasaki each own one acre. It is presumed that the 4.77 acres will be of the same nature throughout and that therefore the proportions of the land taxes to be charged against each of these one-acre parcels will be 100 of the whole assessment. There should not be any great difficulty in reaching an agreement with the assessor as to the valuations of the two houses. Perhaps you would be good enough to do this and send us a memo in triplicate for the above three files, so that when the Tax Notices come in, an appropriate proportionment can be made in this office.

Is it really necessary that a survey be made before the Assessment Office make a new assessment? I attach a suggested description which should sufficiently conform with whatever legal description is finally established by survey to permit of the assessment. Actually, Deeds have been issued to Kuramoto and Yasaki without re-subdivision by survey, but these Deeds have not been registered, simply because of the restrictions on Japanese registrations during wartime.

PHR:RDR

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

PHONE PACIFIC 5121
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 10100

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

June 2, 1943.

Mrs. Katherine Thomas,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: KURAMOTO, Kunii.

Will you please send in to this office the duplicate of the Agreement for Sale given by you as executrix of the estate of Robert Johnson, deceased, covering the following property:-

Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Block 3, of part of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, May 693, District of New Westminster.

As soon as we have made a copy of the Agreement it will be returned to you. If it would be more convenient for you to let us have a certified copy of the document, it would serve the purpose. Will you also kindly supply us with a statement as to how the agreement stands to date as to principal and interest.

Yours truly,

D. A. Gramer

(D. A. Gramer)
for Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner

DAC/MFP

June 7th 43

We have owned this property for 37 years and there is no Japanese interested in it.

(Signed)

Mrs. K. Thomas

Mr. [Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

[Name]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

Enclosed for you are

Two 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inch [Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

As requested we have had Mr. [Name] check the
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

Mr. [Name] also called on Mr. [Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

I would suggest that the Japanese in question be
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

I understand that Mr. [Name] has turned the [Name]
[Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

Yours

[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]
[Name] [Address]
[City] [State] [Zip]

10100

January 9, 1946.

Mr. H. L. Brown,
Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer St.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kunji KURANOTO #03716
Custodian File #10100

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 7th with reference to the property in Steveston of the above evacuee.

The records show that he purchased one Acre of land from the River Fish Company Limited and built a house thereon. Owing to the fact that this land was not subdivided by the River Fish Company he could not receive a registered deed although he has paid for this land in full.

To make it convenient and not subdivide, the Custodian has liquidated this property through P. S. Ross & Sons. The division of the proceeds has not been completed but we expect to have this information within the course of a week or so and full information will be supplied to Kuranoto.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

GP/dmc



SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO.

PLEASE QUOTE BC/750-P

518 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.
December 11th, 1946.

Office of the Custodian,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
675 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEC 12 1946

File No.

24377

Dear Sir:

Re: River Fish Co., Ltd.

We have a party, F.V.R. Van
Norman in occupation on Lot 6, Blk. 2, Sec. 18,
B. 3N, R. 6W, Richmond Municipality, and we have
on file no document covering his occupancy.

It is assumed that he went
into occupation either on authority of the Cus-
todian or possibly even prior to that on the basis
of lease or some other arrangement with the River
Fish Company. We desire now to take the necessary
action to get him to vacate the property, and we
have no document on file on which to base a notice
or a Demand for Possession.

I would be very glad if you
would look over your file and if you have some
documentary evidence as to his tenancy, supply me
with a copy of it, so that the notice that it is
necessary to serve on him may be properly worded.

Would you please do this at
your earliest convenience.

I. J. Barnett
Per Supervisor
Land and Loans
John Stewart

BCW:IL

Monthly Bureau
Memo Wills
re 2 stores

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Mr. Kunji Kuramoto

File No. 10100

W.L. Blair

Reg. No. *03916*

Picture Butte, Alta.

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2032376

Premium - \$ 49.90

Payable: ^X Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month October Day 1

REMARKS:

Letter sent 5/1/21

CHARTERED GENERAL SUMMARY

Taniyuki was 21 years of age at date of signing Form JP on 15 April 1942. He was single, worked for the Great West Cannery, lived with his brother Kunji between 2nd & 3rd Sts., Stoveston, B.C. Resigned 22 April 1942. The only property Real or Personal declared by Taniyuki is as follows:

"8 fishing nets stored at P.O. Box 172, Between 2nd & 3rd Sts., Stoveston, B.C."

under "REMARKS" on Form JP is noted:

"Living with his brother and his belongings are stored together, his brother has charge of the keys of the house."

Kunji SHIMOTO was 27 years of age at date of signing Form JP on 27 May 1942. He was married, worked for the Canadian Fishing Co., lived with his wife at P.O. Box 172 #2 St., Stoveston, B.C. (same address as given by Taniyuki). Resigned on 22 May 1942.

Various items of personal property were declared, but his declaration DID NOT INCLUDE THE OWNERSHIP OF ANY NETS.

Personal of the claims submitted individually by the above brothers notes that Taniyuki is claiming for many articles which were declared by his brother Kunji. Also, that many articles not previously declared by either are now the subject of a claim by both, i.e.:

Kunji E. Claim

Taniyuki E. Claim

Kunji E. Claim		Taniyuki E. Claim	
Barbour nets:		Barbour nets:	
40/12x10x35x160	\$200.	40/12x10x35x150	\$255.
(2) 40/9x8x10x140	140.	40/9x4x170x9 mesh	200.
40/9x8x12x135	100.	40/7x8x14x137	170.
60/9x7x32x150	150.	60/6x7x50x150	160.
40/4x5x50x200	150.	40/4x5x55x150	150.
40/7x8x12x140	200.	40/9x7x15x140	30.
40/4x7, 7x, 7x60x100	30.	40/4x7, 7x, 7x60x130	80.
King Fish nets:			
50/4x5x5x55x200	250.	40/4x6x45x150	30.
Stated as "without cork and lead lines"		The comment "without cork and lead lines" appears on Taniyuki's claim but is not directed to any net - merely an addition.	
*****		*****	
1 Rowboat	20.	2 Rowboats	46.
1 Coleman Gas Lamp	10.	Gas Coleman Lamp	10.
1 Storage Battery	15.	Storage Battery	12.
1 Search light	14.	Search light	14.

444/10100 To K KURAMOTO

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1 March 1948

The following were declared by Kunji KURAMOTO and are claimed by Tamiyuki KURAMOTO:

DECLARED (Kunji)

CLAIMED (Tamiyuki)

Stored at Phoenix Cannery Net
House

Stored at Mr. Seiji Kishi's boat building
house, Phoenix Cannery

1 Palmer Engine
1 Propeller & Shaft

1 Palmer Engine
Shaft Propeller

Stored at Net House on Dyke Rd.:

Stored in Net House 18' x 24' (wooden house
on wharf)

2 row boats
1 net tank
1 duck punt

Row boat
Net tank

(Kunji claims for 2 Rowboats, 1 Duck Hunting Boat.)

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MEMORANDUM

June 30th, 1943.

To: File 10100

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: KURAMOTO, Kunii - Reg. 03716

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

APPRAISED VALUE

RADIO

✓R.C.A. Victor Model C7-1 #783.

\$ 20.00

↓
1 - Sold by auction July 12, 1944. Vancouver 27 \$55. -

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

No. 323

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

J.R. 05726

DATE June 16th, 1944

Re: Kingi KIHARTO - P.O. Box 172 Stouffville, B.C.
(Name of Person)

On June 11th, 1944 - 1 D.R. McLaren, C.I.B.
(Officer's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by Mr. J. A. Smith
(Name of Person)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		R.C.A. Victor Model 07-1 #785. 100

REMARKS: Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property.

DATE JUN 20 1944

(State briefly description)

L. J. Smith
(Signature of Receiver/Custodian)

CERTIFIED CORRECT
P. J. Jeffery
(Signature of Officer)

NAME REMOVED, Rm 11

REGISTRATION NO. 87736

FILE NO. 10000

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 732 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on July 12, 1912.

Wetzel Electric Console

\$ 25.00

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$5.50

\$ 95.00

Less Expenses:

(Advertising 1.36

\$ 8.25

(Bovings 0.75

(Storage 1.00

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 46.75

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 27

Remarks.

THOMPSON & COMPANY

AUCTIONEERS AND APPRAISERS

ESTABLISHED 20 YEARS

ROYAL TRUST BUILDING,
626 PENDER STREET WEST,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION
NOV 19 1945
File No. 10100
Name [Signature]
Address [Signature]

November 17th, 1945.

Department of the Secretary of State.
Office of the Custodian.
675 Hastings St. West.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs: RE KURAMOTO. file 10100

As per request of your Mr. Willis the writer personally inspected the following articles and have affixed thereto a price which we consider a just and fair valuation at to day's market :-

1-Good Cheer Enamel 6-hole Range	\$50.00
1- Box Heater	\$ 8.00

NB

Yours truly,

THOMPSON & COMPANY.

[Signature]

1 Mar 48

CERTIFIED THAT FILE G.214-A CONTAINS RECORD OF THE 2 ABOVE-NOTED STOVES BEING STORED AT STEVESTON, B.C. IN THE PREMISES KNOWN AS "THE KINDERGARTEN" AND WHICH ARE USED BY THE CUSTODIAN AS STORAGE ROOMS.

JC/..

[Signature]
Cuming
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: June 7, 1944

Name: KURAMOTO, Kunji

Reg. No. 03716

File: 10100

Boat File No.: JFVDC 626

Name of Vessel: "Kamikaze"/"K.K.1338", 30'10"x7'x2'8", Gray 73 HP

Lie. or Reg. No.:

New Westminster 2461

Naval No.:

NW.100-D

Owner's Valuation:

None

JFVDC Valuation:

\$1,020.00 Survey #92 NW

Custodian Valuation:

None

Date of Sale:

May 26, 1942

Purchaser:

British Columbia Packers Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers:

No copy

Selling Price:

\$1,100.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~or Custodian~~

1,100.00

Supervision Costs:

16.00

Balance due Owner:

1,084.00

Paid to:

K. Kuramoto, May 29, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale:

New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs & Inventory Claim 423-B. C. Packers Ltd. \$44.85 (Unpaid)

PA 5/5/43 Ref #7111

Additional Information:

J. M. Wilson

- BILL OF SALE -

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I Kunji Kuramoto of Steveston B.C.
in consideration of the sum of Eleven Hundred (\$1,100.00) Dollars
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, transfer 64/64th shares
in the boat described below, to British Columbia Packers Ltd.,
of Vancouver B.C.

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT

Length 10 feet 10 inches Propelling Power
Breadth 7 feet 0 inches Maker's name
Depth 2 feet 8 inches Gray Motors 73 H.P.
Registered at Port of New Westminster Official number NW 2461

Further, I the said Kunji Kuramoto for my
heirs covenant with the said British Columbia Packers Ltd.

and his assigns, that I have power to transfer in the manner afore-
said, the premises herein^{be}fore expressed to be transferred and that
the same are free from encumbrances.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 21st
day of May one thousand nine hundred and forty two.

executed by the above named Kunji Kuramoto
Vendor.

In the presence of _____
Secretary Witness.
Occupation.
Steveston, B.C.
Address.

10100

July 9th, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Kunii KURAMOTO

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks,
your report on the above dated June 29th last.

We note the storage arrangements of
the furniture and are making arrangements regarding
the sale of the nets.

We are placing the real estate in the hands
of Mr. T. C. King as recommended by you to act as real
estate agent on behalf of the Custodian.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

SHR AND
[Handwritten signature]

Peer
78 Georgia Street,
Steveston, B.C.
July 23rd, 1942.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Assistant Manager,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
JUL 24 1942

Dear Sir:

Re: Kenji KURAMOTO, your file #10100

Your form #2 asks "Kuramoto states he has purchased this property from the River Fish Co. but has not registered the transaction. Are you able to verify this transaction and whether paid for in full or not".

Replying to this, I have been in touch with the Municipal Hall in regard to the matter and have been given this answer. "This property is not registered and cannot be registered, as plan has not been approved"

In reference to whether it has been paid for in full, I am unable to answer this, but would suggest that Mr. Genji Otsu be contacted, who no doubt can furnish this information, as he is the President of this River Fish Co.

Yours truly,

Thomas L. Tracy.

*Presume
River Fish Co. paid
full claim. Declaration
says he has paid in
full.*

Bridge River B.C.

10100

August 8th, 1942.

Mr. Genji Otsu,
Bridge River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kunji KURAMOTO

We are writing to you in your capacity as president of the River Fish Company, to please inform us as to the correctness of the statement by Mr. Kuramoto, that he has purchased from the River Fish Company, a parcel of land which he describes as Lot 15 of plan of subdivision of 14.4 acres portion of West Half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, according to sketch #7997 from River Fish Company.

Mr. Kuramoto has not registered his ownership of this property at the land registry office, and we would be pleased to be advised if the transaction with your firm is completed. If there is still a balance owing please give us the full particulars thereof.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, we remain,

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears
Assistant Manager

SEP 10 1942

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MEMORANDUM

April 19, 1943.

File No. 10100

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: P. H. Russell

Re: Sumi KURAMOTO

The state of the title to the parcel of land owned by the River Fish Company is somewhat vague. I enclose a sketch which will indicate the particular land to which reference is now made. Marked on this sketch are two houses. The more easterly of these is owned by Kuramoto - the next parcel to the west being owned by one, Esaki. These parcels are one acre each, taken out of a 4.77-acre parcel, which I have outlined in green. This sketch is not to scale.

We have referred to Kuramoto under the above file number, but know nothing of Esaki. Will you please look into this matter and see who is occupying Esaki's house and from whom, as reputed landlord? If from Esaki, to whom is he paying rents?

It would be expedient, if possible to get an adjustment of the assessment of this 4.77-acre tract made during the present year. If the assessment cannot be adjusted, perhaps the Tax Roll may be amended, so that Tax Notices, properly charged, may issue in due time. It is thought that Esaki and Kuramoto should each be charged with one-fifth of the area of the 4.77-acre parcel, plus charges for the improvements, according to the assessed values. Will you at some convenient time take this up with the Municipal Clerk?

It is noted that Van Norman is substantially in arrears of his rent. Can anything be done about this? It is thought that he should bring these up to date at a rate of \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month, if not by payment of the whole thing.

PHR:NDK

cc: File No. 8837/2

File # 10170 1-2-8

P.O. Box 415
Birmingham, Ala.
17th April 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed to your care is the 1968 edition

of the House to the west of Birmingham.

The House to the west of Birmingham is owned by JAMES H. HARRIS.

It is located at 1000 N. 1st St. (see map of Birmingham, Ala. 1968 edition, page 104-105).

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Barristers & Solicitors

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J. B. YOUNG S. C. LANE
C. C. LOCKE

Rec'd SEP 27 1943

File No.

Ans.

CABLE ADDRESS "MAYERS"
TELEPHONE PACIFIC 7137

703 Rogers Building

Vancouver, B. C.

September 24th, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
675 West Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Attention Mr. K.W. Wright

Dear Sir:-

Re Kunyi KURAMOTO
File No. 10100 Evacuee Section

We have written today to Frank Van Norman demanding payment of \$157.00. We observe from the file that he has paid rent to the Custodian therefore there would appear an actual attornment. We would suggest that if he does not pay the rent at once that a bailiff be employed to distrain for so much of the rent as has accrued since the vesting in the Custodian. As we understand your file all the rent has accrued to the Custodian since the vesting.

We observe another problem arising in this matter, namely obtaining title for the respective parcels, and that may require filing a plan of subdivision of this parcel.

We return your file.

Yours truly,

LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD,

Per :-

FAS/EB.

Handwritten note:
Noted
with letter
D.L.

10100
Evacuee Section

509-10 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 7th, 1944.

Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard,
Barristers & Solicitors,
703 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. F. A. Sheppard.

Gentlemen:

Re: Kunji KURIMOTO and No. 2 Road near
Gilbert Road.

We wrote you on November 23rd, 1943, as follows:

"We are attaching hereto File #10100.

You will note from Mr. Peters' memo to the writer dated 22nd instant that arrears to end of November amount to \$169.00. Your attention is also directed to Mr. Peters' memo dated September 28th, 1943, indicating that the furniture for the most part belongs to the Japanese owner. A letter threatening eviction may result in substantial reduction. We leave the matter in your hands for such action as you deem necessary under the circumstances."

We do not appear to have received a report from you herein, and refer you to memorandum from our Mr. Peters advising that the rent arrears to February 29th, 1944, are \$182.00.

It is suggested that you demand immediate payment and if the tenant fails to respond, that an eviction order be obtained. We will be pleased to hear from you in due course.

We are attaching hereto File #10100.

Yours truly,

E. F. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KW/W
Attach.

LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD

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C. C. LOCKE

703 Rogers Building

Vancouver B.C.

March 7th, 1944.

CABLE ADDRESS: ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 8 1944
File No.	
As'd	MR Peters
Refer'd	

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
675 West Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re ; Kunji KURAMOTO
File No. 10100

We have your file and instructions of the 7th instant. We reported to you in January last and you advised us on January 25th that "Mr. Van Norman is now working with the Boeing Aircraft Company and has promised to pay Mr. Robinson \$40.00 a month, however we do not pay much attention to his promises. " Since we heard nothing further from you we presumed that payment had been made to you by Mr. Van Norman. We are today writing demanding immediate payment of \$182.00 rent arrears being the amount which you now state is owing.

Yours truly,

LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD,

Per :-

Feb.

FAS/EB.

LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD

Barristers & Solicitors

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703 Rogers Building

Vancouver, B. C.

CABLE ADDRESS, "MAYERS"
TELEPHONE, PACIFIC 7137

March 13th, 1944	
ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 13 1944
File No.	
Ans'd	
Refer'd	MR Peters

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. Wright

Dear Sir:-

Re - Kunji KURAMOTO
File No. 10100

The tenant, Van Norman, called on us today and advises us that the arrears arose through his having received injuries to his back which prevented his working continuously, however he expects to be engaged in the fishing season which will open in two weeks and he has undertaken to pay \$50.00 by March 25th and the balance in April.

Yours truly,

LOCKE, LANE, GUILD & SHEPPARD

PER:

FAS/EB.

10100-
8837/2

June 1, 1944.

Mr. Thomas G. King,
78 Georgia Street,
STEVESTON, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance
Kunii KURUMOTO

The above named, prior to evacuation, purchased from the River Fish Company the property described as Lot 15 (322.25) of plan of Subdivision of 14.4 acres portion of the W_{1/2} of Section 18, Block 3W, R6W, N. W. D. on sketch 7997, located between No. 2 Road and Gilbert Street, Steveston, B. C. The dwelling on this property, I believe, is a frame construction with full cement basement and brick chimneys to the ground; and is rented to Frank Van Sorman.

I find no evidence of fire insurance being carried and would like you to inspect this property with view to placing same. The Soldier Settlement Board valued this dwelling at \$1,600.00; and I would like you to hold it covered for that amount until you have had a chance to inspect the property.

Incidentally, this property described above is still registered in the name of the River Fish Company.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

13100

July 28, 1944.

Mr. Frank VanNorman,
No. 2 Road, Near Gilbert Road,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: No. 2 Road, near Gilbert Road
Steveston, B.C.

The writer, who has recently taken over the property at which you reside, finds that with your last payment of \$25.00, on April 20th, you reduced your arrears on rent from \$182.00 to \$157.00. However, we cannot trace that any further payments have been made since that date. Thus rent for another five months; namely, March to July, at \$17.00 per month, amounting to \$85.00, has been unpaid, making the total now due - \$242.00, and the August rent is due in a few days.

Our solicitors, Messrs. Locke, Land, Guild & Sheppard, have been in communication with you in the past in regard to these arrears, and we wish to advise you that, unless a substantial payment on these arrears is made within fourteen days from this date, we shall request our solicitors to take such action against you for the recovery of these monies as they may deem advisable.

This is our final letter to you on this matter.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,
Administration Department.

PD/FM

REGISTERED

10100

November 22nd, 1944.

Mr. Frank V. H. Van Norman,
#2 Road near Gilbert Road,
Stevenson, B. C.

Dear Sir: **Re: No. 2 Road near Gilbert Rd.,**
 Stevenson, B. C.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and have noted carefully what you say regarding payment of the heavy arrears of rent in connection with the above, and as set out in our letter of November 14th, including November rent, the total is now \$273.00. We note you will pay the amount due in full immediately your boat is sold.

You did not, however, state when this is likely to be and we must again point out that if the vessel is not sold by December 1st, 1944 we are relying on receiving a substantial payment by that date.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,
Administration Department

PD/ER

W. H. Van Heusen & Co.

Stenston
British Columbia
November 30, 1944.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 2 1944
File No.	10700
Att.	

206 Royal Bank Building
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Hauser.
With reference to our conversation
over the telephone to-day regarding
the rent, I find it impossible
to pay you until around the
fifteenth of December.

My boat has been repaired
and I am waiting for it to be painted.
The weather we have been having
lately has been so wet that he
has been unable to do so.

If the boat is not sold
within the next ten days
we will get a loan from the cannery.

Hoping you find this satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Frank Van Heusen

MEMORANDUM

December 22nd, 1944.

File No. 10100.

TO: Mr. E. W. Wright
FROM: Administration Department

ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 22 1944
File No.	
Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Re: Frank V. R. Van Norman, tenant at No. 2 Road
near Gilbert Road, Staveston, B. C.

The above owes a total of \$280.00 rent and from recent letters on file it will be seen that he has promised to pay up these arrears immediately he has sold his fishing vessel, which he informs us is worth at least \$1300.00.

In view of our letter to Mr. Van Norman of December 12th, do you consider we should put this in the hands of our solicitors or wait until early in the new year before taking action?

Perhaps it would be as well to give him, say, to January 15th, 1945 and then take action.

Your advice would be appreciated.

PD/ER

from Dept
Pls. write Mr. Van Norman
that unless arrears are paid on or
before 15 Jan. we will place the ap in
the hands of our solrs. for collection
Let me know on that date if he has
complied. If not I will cash
Loche Lane in the matter.
22/12/44
K. V. R.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 10100

To: Mr. K. W. Wright

FROM: Administration Department

JAN 15 1945	
ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	
File No.	
Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Re: Frank V. R. Van Norman, tenant at No. 2 Road
near Gilbert Road, Steveston, B. C.

Respecting our memo of December 22nd, Mrs. Van Norman called in today and paid one month's rent of \$17.00. As the total rent outstanding at the end of the year was \$280.00 the above is equivalent to the payment of January 1945 rent, leaving the arrears as previously.

Mrs. Van Norman stated her husband has been in hospital since the end of December after a very serious operation, and will not be out of hospital for some time. The fishing vessel has not yet been sold and she is most anxious that nothing should be done regarding this until her husband comes out of hospital.

She informed the writer that compensation is due to Mr. Van Norman and if this is paid they will not have to sell their fishing vessel as the sum involved is apparently considerable. She further stated that if it is possible she wishes to avoid selling the fishing vessel so that her son, who is now 17 years of age, can use the boat and become a fisherman.

Mrs. Van Norman has requested that we take no action in this matter for two or three months, but in the meantime she guarantees to pay the \$17.00 per month rent and in the circumstances the writer feels we might agree to this, say, for the next three months, namely, February, March and April.

Your views will be appreciated.

[Signature]
Doust.

FD/ER

P.S.: Mrs. Van Norman stated that it was mainly due to her husband's accident and subsequent ill health during the last year, plus poor fishing, that they have got in arrears with their rent.

[Signature]
D.P. D.

*For Doust
Approves but please
insist on regular
monthly payments to avoid
further acc.
K.W.W.
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PACIFIC PACIFIC 8121

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 10100

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

January 17th, 1945.

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EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 22 1945
File No.	10100
By	<i>[Signature]</i>

Mrs. Frank V. R. Van Norman,
No. 2 Rd. near Gilbert Road,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: No. 2 Rd. near Gilbert Rd.,
Steveston, B. C.

Respecting your call on us yesterday when you paid us one month's rent, namely \$17.00, in connection with the above, in view of what you informed us regarding your husband's recent operation and the fact that you anticipate receiving compensation for your husband's accident, and that Mr. Van Norman has not yet been able to dispose of his fishing vessel, we have taken this matter up with our legal department and in the special circumstances of the case it has been agreed that we will take no further action to recover the arrears of rent amounting to \$280.00 for the next three months, namely February, March and April. This, however, is on the definite understanding that we receive within the first week of each of the above months rent of \$17.00 and by the end of April we understand you will be in a position to make a definite arrangement as to settlement of the arrears due.

The above means that you undertake to pay the \$17.00 per month rent as indicated for the next three months, which does not in any way release you from the arrears due at the 31st December, 1944 of \$280.00.

Please sign the attached copy of this letter in the place indicated and return the signed copy to us in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope, and oblige,

Yours truly,

P. Douet,
Administration Department

PD/ER

Encs.

AGREED:

[Signature]
Mrs. Frank V. R. Van Norman.

10100

February 17th, 1945.

Mrs. Frank V. R. Van Norman,
No. 2 Rd. near Gilbert Road,
Stevenson, B. C.

Dear Madam:

We thank you for your letter of the 12th instant enclosing remittance of \$17.00 on account of arrears of rent of the above premises occupied by you, and we enclose our formal receipt for the above amount. This payment represents the second one, namely for February, which still leaves arrears of rent amounting to \$280.00—all the above is outlined in our letter to you of January 17th, 1945.

We shall expect to receive your next remittance of \$17.00 not later than March 15th, and when remitting we shall be interested to know if there have been any developments with regard to payment to you of Compensation for your husband's accident or the disposal of Mr. Norman's fishing vessel. You are aware that the present arrangement ends at the end of April 1945.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,
Administration Department

PD/ER

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

*Paid 5/5/45
Reg. 7111*

FISHING VESSEL: "KARIKAZE"/"K.K. 1338"

CLAIM No.: 423-626

REG. or LIC. No.: NW.2461

Owner at Time of Impounding:
Kunji KURAMOTO, #03716,
File 10100

NAVAL No.: NW.100-D

CLAIM PAYABLE TO:

Present Owner:

British Columbia Packers Ltd.

British Columbia Packers Ltd.

This vessel was sold to British Columbia Packers Ltd. on May 26, 1942, by Kunji KURAMOTO, and as a condition of such sale all interest in claim for the loss and/or damage referred to herein was assigned to the purchaser.

While in the custody of the Royal Canadian Navy, this vessel suffered loss and damage to the value of \$44.85 as assessed by the surveyor for Naval Service, which sum is approved by the undersigned and accepted as adequate compensation.

In consideration of the payment of the sum of FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-

FIVE CENTS ----- (\$ 44.85)

(of lawful money of Canada) (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged), we, the undersigned, being the owners and/or mortgagees, shipyard repairers and all others having any interest, claim or demand against the said motor vessel registered at the Port of New Westminster, B. C. Official or License No. 2461 DO HEREBY RELEASE and forever discharge His Majesty the King, as represented by Royal Canadian Naval Service or any patrol or auxiliary service, acting through or under the authority of Royal Canadian Naval Service, and all boards, commissions or departments of His Majesty's Canadian Government of and from claims which we may now have or which hereafter may arise and which now could or at any time hereafter be made in consequence of damage sustained or any alleged damage sustained, to the above-named motor vessel while in custody of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Naval Service or any auxiliary patrols, commissions, boards or departments hereinbefore named.

AND FURTHER, we covenant that we are the owners and/or mortgagees, shipyard repairers and all others having any interest, claim or demand against the said vessel and are the only parties or persons having any interest, claim, lien, demand or charge over the above-named motor vessel, and should any claim hereafter be made by or through any parties whatsoever, we hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless His Majesty the King as represented by any of the naval services, boards, patrols, departments, or commissions hereinbefore referred to.

AND FURTHER, that this discharge and release enures to the benefit of and is binding upon all the parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, successors and representatives.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this Second day of May 1942²⁵

WITNESS:

A. E. Lawson

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED.

[Signature]
Secretary

MEMORANDUM - Mr. E. E. Wright

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd AUG 15 1945

File No.

August 14, 1945.

Ans'd

Refer'd

MR. Sheehy

Box No. 2 Road & Gilbert Ave.,
Steveston, B.C.
Email: KURASOTO

The rent of Mr. Frank Van Norman, living on the above property, was allowed to go into arrears to the extent of \$157.00, as of September 10, 1943. At that time he was sent a registered letter demanding this amount to be paid in full. A memorandum was sent to Mr. Wright on September 22, 1943, when no reply was received to our letter.

Mr. Wright, on September 23rd, turned this file over to Locke, Lane & Sheppard for collection. In the meantime, \$25.00 was collected by Mr. Robinson and Locke, Lane & Sheppard were notified of this amount.

Mr. Wright's letter of September 27, 1943, to Locke, Lane & Sheppard in which he states: "If we do not receive funds on account of rent arrears by the end of the month, we will request you to employ a Bailiff to distrain."

Mr. Peters' memorandum to Mr. Wright on September 28th informing Mr. Wright that he understood from Mr. Robinson that the furniture was owned by the Japanese in question, and that under the circumstances he thought an eviction or threat of eviction would be more satisfactory.

Copy of a letter received by Locke, Lane & Sheppard on October 2, 1943, from Van Norman in which he states: "I have paid \$25.00 to the Custodian in Steveston and intend to clear up the balance in the near future. The fish are running better so I expect to be able to do so."

A letter from Locke, Lane & Sheppard, October 6, 1943, in reply to Mr. Wright's letter, that they will not proceed until further advised.

Van Norman did pay \$35.00 on October 13, 1943, and Mr. Peters' memo of November 22nd still insisting something should be done about this amount.

Letter from Locke, Lane & Sheppard, January 21, 1944, stating that Van Norman would make a payment on January 7, 1944.

Letter to Locke, Lane & Sheppard on January 25, 1944, stating that \$15.00 was paid on account to Mr. Robinson and also informing them that Van Norman was working at the Boeing Aircraft Co. and had promised to pay Mr. Robinson \$40.00 a month.

Mr. Peters' memo to Mr. Wright, March 6, 1944, pointing out the fact that Van Norman was a very unsatisfactory tenant, still suggesting that eviction order be obtained.

Mr. Wright's reply of March 7, 1944, in which he suggests Mr. Sheppard again write to Van Norman demanding immediate payment or an eviction order will be obtained.

Letter from Locke, Lane & Sheppard on March 13, 1944, stating that the tenant, Van Norman, called and advised them that the arrears arose through his having received injuries to his back which prevented his working continuously but he expected to be engaged in the fishing season in ten weeks time and undertakes to pay \$50.00 on March 25, 1944, and the balance in April, 1944.

On July 28, 1944, Mr. Doust wrote to Van Norman pointing out arrears. Van Norman's reply of August 10, 1944, states that he expected to come to Vancouver to make a payment that week.

On August 16th Van Norman sends a money-order for \$35.00 and promised further payment within a week.

Letter by Mr. Doust, November 8, 1944, no further remittances. Follow-up letter by Mr. Doust, November 14, 1944.

Letter from Van Norman, November 4, 1944, in which he states: "I intend selling my boat and paying the amount in full. Owing to an illness caused by an injury I was going to St. Paul's Hospital for an operation."

Letter from Van Norman, November 30, 1944, with further excuses.

Memo from Mr. Doust to Mr. Wright, December 22, 1944. Mr. Wright's instructions to again write Van Norman that unless arrears are paid on or before the 15th of January, 1945, we will place this in the hands of solicitors.

Memo from Mr. Doust to Mr. Wright, January 15, 1945, stating Mrs. Van Norman called at this office and informed Mr. Doust that compensation is due to Mr. Van Norman and if this will pay the arrears they will not have to sell their fishing vessel as the sum involved was apparently considerable. Mrs. Van Norman requested that no further action be taken in the matter for two to three months, and in the meantime, guaranteed \$17.00 per month on rent arrears. Mr. Doust felt that we should agree to this. Mr. Wright approved on the bottom of the memo but to insist on regular monthly remittances to avoid further action.

On January 17, 1945, Mr. Doust sent a letter to Mrs. Frank Van Norman in which he outlined the agreement made between them and she agreed to the arrangement by signing the letter and returning it for our files.

On February 8, 1945, Mr. Doust again had to write Van Norman to make the ordinary payment. This was received on February 16th.

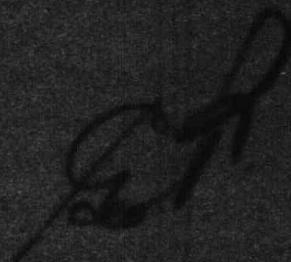
On March 16th he had to be reminded, on April 21st again reminded, and on April 27th Mr. Doust registered a letter to Van Norman, and on May 2, 1945, \$17.00 was received on account of arrears.

A letter was received from Mrs. Van Norman on April 27, 1945, that Mr. Van Norman would have his boat ready for sale the same week and they intended paying off the balance of the account.

When Mr. Peters was out with Mr. Reeves on the appraisal of the River Fish Company Ltd. land he was told by the neighbor that the Van Herman boat had been seized on account of a mortgage the night before.

The last payment of arrears of rent, \$17.00, was made on July 25, 1945. There is now a total of arrears of \$299.00 to July 27, 1945.

A letter was sent to Van Herman to come into this office on July 28th and we have received no reply. Do you not think that some definite action should be taken immediately?



GP:EB

PACIFIC 6121
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 10100

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

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

23rd August, 1945.

Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard,
Barrister & Solicitors,
470 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: No. 2 Road, & Gilbert Ave., Steveston
Mr. Frank Van Norman

This is a matter which has been referred to you on previous occasions.

It would appear that Mr. Frank Van Norman cannot be relied upon to live up to any promises which he makes. You will note that the arrears of rent as at 10th September, 1943, was \$157.00 and that this has now increased to an amount of \$299.00.

This tenant is definitely undesirable and we believe that eviction proceedings should now be proceeded with and your kind attention to this matter would be appreciated.

We are attaching hereto Memorandum from our Mr. Peters to myself dated August 14th. Should you require further information will you kindly advise, and if required our file will be available to you at any time.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/FMH

attach.

*Amey sent to
S. C. (M. J.)
See by Peter P. to
be in file. See
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proposition.
John S. (M. J.) see to
S. C. (M. J.)
all other files
from the same*

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

PHONE PACIFIC 6181
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 10100

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

August 30, 1945.

Mr. G. M. Harris,
Custodian Office,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kunji KURAMOTO

The above Japanese made the following declaration of chattels on his JP registration form dated May 27, 1942:

Stored at Phoenix Cannery Net House, Steveston: 1 Palmer engine; 1 propeller and shaft.

Stored at Net House on Dyke Road: 2 row boats; 1 net tank; 1 duck punt.

Stored in basement of house at No. 2 Rd & Gilbert Street, Steveston:
Farm implements; 2 cross cutting saws; 1 washing machine; 2 gas lanterns.

Stored in two rooms of house at No. 2 Rd. & Gilbert Street, Steveston:
4 beds; 2 dressers; 2 drawers; 1 cupboard; 2 stoves; 2 sofas; 2 sewing machines; 1 set World Books; 1 gramophone; 50 records; 9 kitchen chairs; electric iron, toaster, vacuum cleaner; 2 book cases; carpenter sets.

The following is an inventory list taken by J. D. Mather in his report of June 29, 1942:

Stored in house:

1 Round Table

1 Heater

1 Davenport

1 Bed

2 Springs

1 Washing Machine (Primo)

1 Bureau

1 Chair (Chesterfield)

7 Chairs

1 Chest Drawers

1 Sewing Machine

1 Fern Stand

1 Small Table

Sundry Junk (Household)

1 Table Lamp

Sundry Kitchen Utensils

1 Kitchen Range

1 Table (home made)

Sundry Japanese Tools

1 Singer sewing machine

1 Bed complete

1 Trunk empty

There is in addition one room stored with furniture, locked up.

During our conversation I understood that you removed a washing machine from Van Norman's home, stated on our auction sheet as being a Zenith, but this was supposed to be on loan and belonged to a Japanese named Miyakichi YESAKI, File No. 5048. However, we note on the Japanese declaration and also

Good deer cream enamel. whole.
flat water

on Mather's report that one Primo washing machine was left by Kuramoto. Is it possible that Mr. Robinson overlooked the fact that Van Norman already had Kuramoto's washing machine and lent him another one?

It would be good business to check very closely on Van Norman and not disclose the inventory taken by Mather. We note Mather also reported a quantity of nets in the basement. The file does not seem to indicate that any nets were sold. You might question Van Norman in this regard. This may have some bearing on his buying a fishing boat.

Yours truly,



George Peters,
Administration Department.

GP:MA

P.S. Mather reports on nets as follows:

This man has stored in his basement, in a room boarded off and completely locked up, a considerable quantity of nets. The room is 14' x 10' and pretty well filled with the nets in question. This basement has a cement floor.

Received
1579/45

10100

October 10, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Norman,
No. 2 Road and Gilbert Avenue,
Steveston, B. C.

Re: Kunii KURAMOTO

Dear Sir and Madam:

Will you kindly make arrangements to hand over to the Custodian on the first day of November the furniture which you are using belonging to the above Japanese.

Mr. Harris informs us that you may want to purchase the kitchen range and the heater. This can be done by paying the appraisal price which will be set in a very short time. The balance of the furniture, however, can only be sold by auction.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Administration Department

GP:hb

Nov 1/45

Steaton Ab.

K. Kuramoto

Dyke. Pa. 1 of 2 Rd.

1 good chair range 6 lbs. (left to value)

1 round table

1 box heater (left to be valued.)

1 lamp post

1 bureau

1 chair (whitefield)

7 K. chairs

1 chest of drawers

1 sewing machine

1 K. cabinet & dishes

1 wardrobe (old)

2 carton dishes

1 do trays

1 bed spring

1 carton records

2 boxes pictures & papers

1 carton old clothing

1 bag do

2 thin sundry junk

Left ^{delivered}
2 bedstead - no good
1 bedstead - no good

1 spring (not there)

all sundry lot of old clothing
sundry household goods
- jip m. papers

2 broken chairs

1 trunk empty

2 MM table

1 MM plough

2 Kuramoto

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November 21, 1945

Thompson & Company,
626 Pender Street, West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith, please find the following charges in
payment of your services for the appraisal of chattels:

3 Pool Tables and Equipment at the R.C.A.F. Station Sea Island, Burns, B. C.	\$5.00
1 Horse	\$1.00
1 Good Clear Brass 6-hole Range 1 Box Sifter	\$1.00

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Administration Department

Enc.

Encl.

10100

25th March, 1947.

Mrs. F.V.R. Van Nornan,
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant addressed to our Mr. Peters.

You have had the use of the stove and heater for a considerable time and unless you are prepared to pay cash for these articles at the appraised prices we will require to remove them. We are prepared to allow \$5.00 off of these prices in order to save moving and if you will remit by return \$53.00 the goods may be retained, otherwise we will make immediate arrangements to pick them up.

The amount due under your demand note of \$299.00 signed by yourself and Mr. Van Nornan has also been brought to my attention. It will be necessary to hand this over to our Legal Department unless this note is paid or regular monthly remittances made. Kindly advise what you intend to do in regard to these matters.

Our file indicates that you have been given every consideration and our Auditors are now reviewing our books and immediate action must be taken.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/FMR

Rec'd APR 11 1947
File No. 10/100
Ans. *At the*
Referred *At the*

Steveston, B. C.
Apr. 7/47

To the Custodian
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the
kitchen stove and heater
loaned us. We cannot buy
them at your price. Will
you please arrange to pick
these stoves up, as the place
is sold, and we have just
moved. The people have
moved in there and know
the stoves are to be called
for. Our address is still
Steveston

Thanking you.

Yours truly.

Mrs. Van Norman

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PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 10100

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

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

April 15, 1947.

Mr. J. P. Derrien,
641 Dyke road,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from Mrs. Van Norman stating that you have taken over the tenancy of the house, formerly occupied by her. Mrs. Van Norman also states that a kitchen stove and a heater, which this office loaned to her, had been left in your care for delivery to this office.

We understand from Mr. Howell that you are willing to purchase the above mentioned stoves. The appraisal prices placed on these are as follows:

Kitchen stove	\$50.00	— 20 ⁰⁰
Heater	\$ 8.00	

If you wish to purchase these two items at the above mentioned prices, kindly let us have your cheque, if not, we will arrange for the removal of these stoves at our earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

George Peters
George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

10100

April 29, 1947.

Mr. F. W. Howell,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

No doubt you will remember that the Custodian loaned a kitchen stove and a heater, belonging to Kunyi KUHAMOTO, to the Van Normans on the Dyke. Through information received from you, we found that the Van Normans had moved from this house and the present occupant is a Mrs. Derrien. Would you kindly arrange to pick up this kitchen stove and heater and remove them to the basement of the kindergarten in Steveston, making sure that a tag is placed on each with the File No. 10100, and the Japanese name, Kunyi KUHAMOTO.

When you are at the kindergarten basement, would you also be good enough to place tags on the articles which were removed from Mrs. Armstrong's house and tags on any of the goods which you recognise.

Kindly advise this office when this work has been completed.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

File No. 10100

May 30, 1947.

MEMORANDUM -- TO THE FILE

We were notified by Mr. F. W. Howell, in November 1946, that the kindergarten situated on Chatham Street, Steveston, which was used for storage by the Custodian, had been broken into, and as far as he could see the following items, belonging to Kunji KURAMOTO, had been stolen:

Set of dishes
Sewing machine
Dresser and bureau
Centre table

A proper inventory will have to be made of the goods still remaining in the kindergarten, to find out if any other articles stored there are missing. Mr. F. W. Howell has notified the police of this breaking-in.

[Signature]

SP/EL

Telephone: Steveston 169-Y

F. W. HOWELL

Painting and Decorating

1100 5th. Avenue
STEVESTON, B. C.

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Rec'd JUN 5 1947

File No. 10100

Ans. J.P.

Referred Cleary

Office of Custodian

June 4th 1947

Dear sir

Re letter of April 29th 1947 file 10100

These two stoves have been picked up and put in basement of the Kindergarten in Steveston & tagged with file no & Japanese name.

The goods removed from Mrs Armstrongs I have not had time to do anything to get.

yours truly

F. W. Howell

charge for bringing these
2 stoves in \$5.00 Bill will follow
F. W. Howell

VIRTUE & RUSSELL

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. BLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C. & C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.

22nd December, 1947

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212

Custodian,
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
DATE	DEC 29 1947
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8837 - out to you

Dear Sir:

RE: KUNJI KURAMOTO #03716 and
MIYAKICHI GESAKI → YASAKI

We are now acting for these two men.

Apparently they are two of the men who made up the company known as the River Fish Company Limited.

The company owned a parcel of land at Steveston, B.C. Then each of these men apparently purchased one acre of land from the Company, and built a house on this land.

Apparently no subdivision was actually completed or filed, and hence the individual owners of residences did not actually receive a Deed although they owned the land under equitable Title, and owned the dwelling constructed thereon.

Apparently these two men have been in correspondence with you through the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, here, and we enclose copy of a letter dated January 21st, 1946 written by A. Wright to Kunji Kuramoto.

You will note the last part of this letter written almost a year ago to the effect that Mr. Wright expected to have full information within course of a week.

Our clients are completely at sea as to what happened to their property.

We wonder if you would kindly furnish us with

Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Department of Secretary of State,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Re: Kunji Kuramoto #03716 and
Miyakichi Gesaki

a complete report which will cover not only the individual properties owned by the two men above mentioned, but also the entire property of River Fish Company Limited.

As our clients may have to complete or amend the claims which they have already filed with the Commission we should appreciate receiving the fullest information, including a copy of:

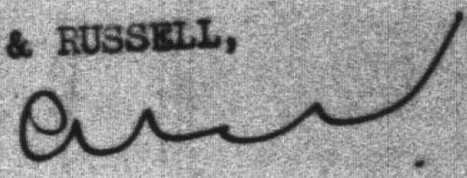
- (a) J.P. Form in each case,
- (b) Any appraisal made,
- (c) Any correspondence which was had between the Custodian or his agent and these men or their agents.

Also, if you have the same information regarding the River Fish Company Limited we should like to have this.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL,

Per 

V/L
encl.

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,

January 9, 1948.

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Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers & Solicitors,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Runji KURUMOTO #03716,
Shinkichi YERAKI and River Fish Co.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd December, we are enclosing herein copies of the registration "J.P." Form of each of the above men.

Our files indicate as you claim, that each of these men owned one acre of the property at Steveston in which the River Fish Company were interested, and adjustments were made for their ownership of this acreage when the River Fish property was sold.

Enclosed is a copy of Messrs. Johnson, Reeve and Watson's Appraisal, and it was on the basis of this valuation in relation to the sale price of the whole property, that credit was given to each of your clients. Statements of our ledger accounts are enclosed herein, also a short summary of the disposition of the articles declared by them at the time of evacuation.

In regard to the liquidation of the River Fish Company, this is still not entirely completed, but we are informed by the liquidator that there is approximately \$6500.00 on hand. However, there is a matter which requires clarification in regard to an enemy debt due to Nihon Kaishiki Kaisha, of approximately \$7000.00. This amount showed on the books of the River Fish Company, but it has been claimed by the offices of the Company that this debt was settled prior to the outbreak of war. We have recently asked

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Others to communicate with Japan through the Department of
External Affairs and the Canadian Liaison Mission, Tokyo, for the
purpose of establishing the facts regarding this indebtedness,
after which a decision will be arrived at as to whether this
sum will be held as an enemy debt or released to the credit
of the River Fish Company.

We trust that this present information will be of
service to you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director

FMS/OS
Encl.

10100

*Claim File
(Case #472)*
REGISTERED

20th October, 1948.

Mr. Kenji KURAMOTO,
Regn No 03716,
P.O. Box 14,
Iron Springs, Alta.

Dear Sir,

RE: Kitchen stove and Heater

As you are aware, your Kitchen stove and Heater have been stored at Steveston by this office for some considerable time. As practically all Japanese belongings have either been disposed of by auction or shipped to their rightful owners it has now arrived at the point where some disposition must be made of the few remaining articles in order that we may close the storage warehouse.

In view of the above information it will be necessary that you supply this office by Nov. 6th, 1948 as to your wishes in regard to the Kitchen stove and Heater.

If you wish these items shipped to you this office will do so upon receipt of your request, charging your account with the expenses incurred.

If you wish us to dispose of them by sale, the sale will only be made by this office on the understanding that we have the right to dispose of them by any means and at any price. Naturally we shall attempt to procure the highest price, but you must realize that these items have not been in use for quite some time and have therefore deteriorated to a great extent.

A new arrival at Steveston tentatively suggested purchasing both the Stove and the Heater, and while not actually making an offer for them, implied that they might be willing to pay in the neighbourhood of \$35. or \$40. for the two.

If you do not wish to have these items shipped to you, or sold on the basis as outlined above, it will be necessary for this office to move them to a storage company and charge your account with the monthly storage cost as per their statements rendered.

Your advice in this matter must be received by 6th Nov., 1948 as the Steveston storage facilities are being closed as of that date.

May we reiterate to the extent of noting that if you wish this office to dispose of the articles by sale this will only be done on the basis of "BY ANY MEANS AND AT ANY PRICE". No stipulations as to price should be tendered by you.

Yours truly,

J. Goring
J. Goring
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JC/..
c.c. Lefebvre

10100

10th December, 1948.

W.V. Lafaux,
422 Metropolitan Building,
837 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Lafaux,

RE: KITCHEN STOVE & HEATER
Kunji Kuramoto
(Your file No. 3013)

Receipt of your communication of 29th Nov.,
1948 is acknowledged.

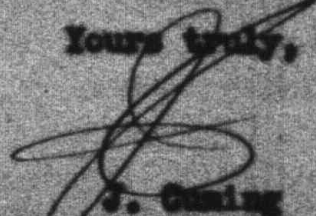
The writer personally inspected the Stove and
Heater on the 6th inst., and while the \$10.00 offer quoted by you
is considerably lower than was previously expected, it is considered
that the condition of the stove warrants the acceptance of this offer.

I contacted your Mr. Alex Johnson whilst in
Steveston, and he informed me that he would attempt to find a purchaser
willing to pay a higher price than your client. Due to not receiving
a message from him, it is considered that he has failed in that attempt,
and acceptance of your client's offer appears indicated.

It is requested please that a cheque be drawn in
favour of the Custodian, rather than in the name of the Japanese owner
of these items.

Thanking you for your kind efforts on our behalf.

Yours truly,


J. Goring
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JG/..

c.c. Kunji KURAMOTO
File 10100.

10100

11th January, 1949.

Mr. W.W. Lefaux,
422 Metropolitan Bldg.,
837 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Lefaux,

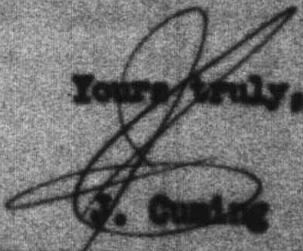
RE: Kitchen Stove & Heater
Kunji KURAMOTO
Your file 3013

Receipt of your communication of the 10th
inst. with cheque in the amount of \$10.00 is acknowledged.

Attached hereto please find Custodian Re-
ceipt #16049 to cover purchase of the Kitchen Stove and Heater,
which, as you state, settles all matters in connection with
chattels left in the Kindergarten building at Steveston, B.C.

May we take this opportunity please of ex-
pressing our thanks for your kind co-operation.

Yours truly,


J. Cuning
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JG/..

ENCLs Rec. \$10.00 #16049

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PLEASE REFER TO

File No. 10100

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

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

May 19th, 1949.

Mr. Kunji KURAMOTO,
Reg. No. 07716,
P. O. Box 11,
Iron Springs, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto please find Custodian cheque in the amount of \$1,820.52, being the total funds held to your credit at this office.

While a statement of account is enclosed, it is considered that some word of explanation would be acceptable relative to the major items of your British Columbia holdings.

House and Land

As the land on which your house was situated was registered in the name of the River Fish Company, it was necessary that the holdings of that Company be liquidated before any funds could accrue to your credit. Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons disposed of the River Fish Company property and on the basis of an independent appraisal your house and land were considered to be worth \$1594.31 of the price received. This amount, less taxes, etc., was credited to your account. Rents collected from the tenants of your house have been credited to you, and such items as fire insurance, water rates, etc., assessed against this income.

Fishing Vessel

Your vessel, the "Kamikaze" did not come under the custody or control of the Custodian, but information on hand notes that it was sold on May 26, 1942, in the amount of \$1100.00 and that this sum, less supervision costs of \$16.00, was paid to you by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee on May 29, 1942.

Radio

Your R. C. A. Victor Model 67-1 #783 was appraised at \$20.00, but when sold at auction on July 12, 1944, the sum of \$55.00 was received.

Stove and Heater

Upon receipt of your authority to dispose of these goods under date of November 1, 1948, the writer personally journeyed to Steveston to enquire into the reason why a lone bid of \$10.00 to purchase was received. Inspection of the above revealed that both these articles were "burned out" and that the cost of replacing such items as the oven, etc., coupled with

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Mr. Eiji KURAMOTO

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May 19, 1949.

the cost of a new stove on the market, precluded receipt of further offers, accordingly instructions were issued to accept the lone offer before it was withdrawn.

Miscellaneous Details

Enclosed herewith are copies of auction sheets which will provide you with all the information required in that regard.

In order that we may be assured of your receipt of the attached cheque, it is requested please that you sign, date and return the duplicate copy of this letter in the stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Office of the Custodian.

JC/M

cc - Messrs. Virtue & Russell.

Encs. - Custodian cheque \$1820.52
Statement of Account
Auction sheets (2)
Duplicate copy of letter
Return envelope

RECEIPT OF CUSTODIAN CHEQUE \$1820.52
IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED:

Signed:

K. Kuramoto

Dated:

May 25, 1949

906 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,

January 9, 1948.

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Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers & Solicitors,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kunji KURAMOTO #03716,
Nivakichi YERAKI and River Fish Co.

Referring to your letter of the 22nd December, we are enclosing herein copies of the registration "J.P." Form of each of the above men.

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In regard to the liquidation of the River Fish Company, this is still not entirely completed, but we are informed by the liquidator that there is approximately \$6500.00 on hand. However, there is a matter which requires clarification in regard to an easy debt due to Nihon Kaishiki Kaisha, of approximately \$7000.00. This amount showed on the books of the River Fish Company, but it has been claimed by the offices of the Company that this debt was settled prior to the outbreak of war. We have recently asked

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We trust that this present information will be of service to you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director

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Encl.

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. GLADSTONE VIRTUE, W.C.B.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

13th June, 1949

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212 - 67

D. T. BRAIDWOOD, ESQ.,
c/o Messrs. Sutton, Braidwood & Morris,
Barristers and Solicitors,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Braidwood: RE: SETTLEMENT AWARDS
Kunji Kuramoto, Case No. 472
Custodian File No. 10100

We thank you for your letter of June 9th
giving us further information.

Braidwood to answer
A We presume you have in one of your files, and
would ask you to kindly forward to us, a complete statement
covering the sale of the property of the River Fish Company,
showing how the sale was made, and how the proceeds were
arrived at, and how the money was divided.

B With regard to nets, we point out to you that
it is clear from your own records that this man's nets were
left upon the property and were found by the Custodian. In
the right hand column of the Analysis of Personal Property
Claim, you will find the following: "Mather's report does
not enumerate number, type, condition etc. Merely states
that one room contained nets."

C It is obvious from the whole nature of the
claim that this man was a fisherman; that he left his nets;
and that the nets were duly found.?

D The inventory taken by J.D. Mather 29-6-42,
shows "quantity of nets in basement". *His Brother's nets*

E The Claimant's own evidence confirms this, and *How quaint!*
indicates the value of the nets.

D. T. BRAIDWOOD, ESQ.,
Vancouver, B.C.

13th June, 1949

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RE: SETTLEMENT AWARDS
Kunji Kuramoto, Case No. 472
Custodian File No. 10100

F Probably this is one of those cases where the
nets were removed to a warehouse by the Custodian, and
subsequently lost track of.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,

Per



V/L

MEMORANDUM

July 7th, 1949.

File No. 10100

TO: Mr. B. Good

FROM: Mr. J. Cuming

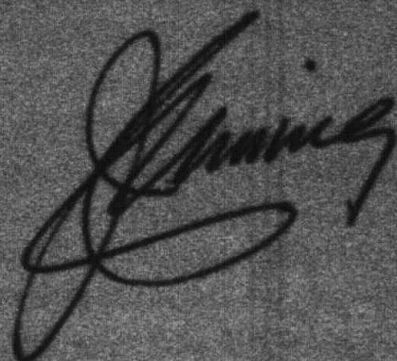
Re: Case No. 472 - Kunji KURAMOTO
and Mr. Virtue's letter of June
13, 1949.

"A" Mr. Braidwood to provide whatever information he considers
sufficient. (Note DTB letters to Virtue of June 9-10, 1949).

"B" Claimant did not mention the existence of any nets or lines
when registering his assets on Form JP on May 27, 1942, and
while noting the existence of such items as an electric
iron, toaster, dog and cat, etc., it is unreasonable to be-
lieve that the Claimant would have forgotten to mention
\$1075.00 worth of nets supposedly stored in his own home.

It is suggested that Mr. Braidwood read the General Summary
of Chattels dated March 1, 1948 on the Claim File.

JC/ER



COPY

506 Royal Bank Building,

3212-67

19th July, 1949.

A.G. Virtue, Esq.,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir,

Case 472 - Kunii Kuramoto

I have your letter of the 13th June.

The sale of the property of the River Fish Co. was, as you know, an involved matter and I think it would be better if we went over this file on your arrival in Vancouver.

With regard to nets, I would point out that the claimant did not mention the existence of any nets or lines when filing his J.P. form, although noting many small items including an iron, toaster, dog, cat etc. It would, therefore, appear unreasonable that the claimant should have forgotten to mention something in excess of \$1000, supposedly stored in his own home. The inventory apparently refers to the claimant's brother's nets.

Will you kindly let me have your views on the above.

Yours very truly,

"D.F. Braidwood"

DTB/bp

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C.K.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

17th October, 1950

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO 3201
3212-67

MR. JUSTICE H. I. BIRD,
Supreme Court Chambers,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Judge Bird:

Re: KUNJI KURAMOTO
case 472, our 3212-67

I know that from a strictly legal standpoint you may be considered "functus officio". However, I know that both you and I are anxious to avoid any miscarriage of justice in any case and I hope this will be my excuse for my temerity in asking you to consider the matter about which I now write, and if you cannot make an official report to the Minister of Justice, it may be that you will feel justified in writing him personally.

The case about which I write is that of Kunji KURAMOTO, a fisherman who lost his nets.

Now in order that you may have the information before you, I enclose:-

(1) Copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. McMaster on October 11th, 1950;

(2) His original reply of October 13th; (Possibly it was because it was Friday, the 13th that made my friend Bob take such a pessimistic view of the prospects).

I also enclose a copy of the proceedings, Analysis of Personal Property, and the two fisherman's passbooks.

There is no doubt in the world that these

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MR. JUSTICE H. I. BIRD

17th October, 1950

two brothers each had nets nor do I think there is any doubt that they had the nets claimed for.

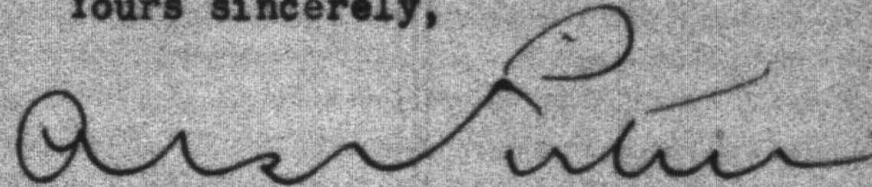
Even our friend Mr. Hunter, who sometimes takes a rather sad view of our Position and standing seemed to feel that it was merely a case of amount.

I feel some personal responsibility regarding this particular claim and certainly hope something can be done to achieve sufficient justice.

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you at this very late date about the matter.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



A. G. Virtue,

AGV/mk

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MEMORANDUM

30th October, 1950.

Case 512
File 4144

Tomiyuki KURAMOTO

Claim for Nets \$1,220.00
Award " " 854.00

Case 472
File 10100

Kunji KURAMOTO

Claim for Nets \$1,075.00
Award " " 0

NETS CLAIMED BY TOMIYUKI

	<u>Amount</u>
10 inch	\$200.00
8 1/2 "	140.00
8 1/2 "	100.00
7 "	150.00
5 1/2 "	150.00
5 1/2 "	250.00
8 1/2 "	200.00
7, 7 1/2, 7 1/2 "	30.00
	<u>\$1,220.00</u>

NETS CLAIMED BY KUNJI - None declared.

	<u>Amount</u>
10 inch	\$255.00
9 "	200.00
8 1/2 "	170.00
7, 7 1/2, 7 1/2 "	80.00
7 "	160.00
5 1/2 "	150.00
7 "	30.00
6 1/2 "	30.00
	<u>\$1,075.00</u>

Tomiyuki aged 21 at time of evacuation lived with his brother at Steveston. His J.P. Form shows only 8 fishing nets, stored at residence of self and brother, Kunji. His claim in addition to nets comprises \$1,484.00 for furniture and household chattels. In Court, he stated he did not register chattels as he was evacuated one month ahead of brother and understood his brother would register the chattels.

Kunji registered household furniture, 2 row boats, 1 Palmer engine, 1 shaft and sundry implements but did not register any fishing nets. In his evidence he stated that he informed the Custodian about his nets ("I told them about it") Transcript P. 16, L. 27. This J.P. Form is witness by Mrs. McArthur, a competent and reliable official. J.D. Mather reported on June 29, 1942, a considerable quantity of nets piled in a basement room with cement floor and pointed out the danger of rapid deterioration. No mention is made of nets in upstairs rooms by Mather, although he reported "one room stored with furniture, now securely locked up which I was unable to gain entrance to". The first intimation of nets of this individual was received by the Custodian when his claim was made.

File indicates that all nets found in KURAMOTOS' home were sold for \$35.00 in one lot to Nelson Fisheries. We have no record as to the types or amount of nets sold to Nelson Bros.

The Kuramoto family consisted of the father, Jiro, three sons, three daughters, one daughter-in-law and one grandchild, all residing in the house between 2nd and 3rd Streets, Steveston, P.O. Box 172, in which house the nets and chattels claimed by the sons, Kunji and Tomiyuki, were stored.

There is evidence of duplication of claim for some chattels. Both

brothers claiming for 1 Coleman lamp, 1 storage battery, 1 search light, while Tomiyuki claims one row boat, his brother - two row boats. Tomiyuki claims for 1 -7H.P. Palmer gas engine with shaft prop., not registered by him, but registered by his brother and not claimed by the latter.

Four of the eight nets claimed by the brothers are of the same size, but vary in length and value. Both claim their nets to have been stored in the same place and manner.

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COURT OF APPEAL

November 9, 1950.

Messrs. Virtue, Russell & Morgan,
Solicitors & Solicitors,
McFarland Bldg.,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

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Attention: Mr. A.G. Virtue.

Dear Virtue:

Re: Kunji KURAMOTO - Case 472
Your File 3212-67

Since receipt of yours of the 17th ultimo with enclosures, I have had an opportunity to examine the material enclosed with your letter, as well as the Custodian's file.

All the Commission's records were forwarded to the Department of Justice in April last.

I have also obtained from the Custodian's Office a detailed report on Case 472 as well as 512, being the claim of your client's brother.

This recent investigation of the claim does not disclose any information which was not considered at the time the claim was originally dealt with. I see no reason to change the opinion which I expressed at the time the claim was then disposed of.

It is apparent that your client, Kunji and his brother Tamiyuki, had stored their respective chattel properties in the same premises at the time of evacuation. Kunji then declared in his J.P. form various household furniture and fishing equipment which did not include any nets. On the other hand, Tamiyuki who was evacuated one month earlier than Kunji, did declare among his personal property, eight fishing nets.

The Custodian's records disclosed that some fish nets were found on the premises, but no details are furnished in that report. These nets disappeared between the date of the report which was made on June 29th, 1942 and the date when the Custodian took possession of the premises in which the goods were stored.

In view of Kunji's failure to report fish nets in his J.P. form, there is now no evidence of the existence of these nets, other than his statement made upon enquiry, that his nets were also left in the

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same premises.

In the circumstances, I am no more satisfied now than I was at the time of the inquiry that nets were left by Kunji. I think that the fact that he disclosed in his J.P. form other fishing equipment and made no reference to nets, is most significant.

It further appears that on July 19th, 1949, i.e. nine months prior to the date when my report was filed, Government counsel informed you by letter of that date, "It would therefore appear unreasonable that the claimant should have forgotten to mention something in excess of \$1,000.00 (covering nets), supposedly stored in his own home. Will you kindly let me have your views on the above". The Custodian has no record that you ever replied to this letter. There was in the interval between the despatch of that letter and the date of the report, ample time for the claim to be further investigated and as you are aware, hundreds of claims were examined or re-examined in that period. May I also call your attention to the fact that Mr. McMaster at your instructions, made a further investigation of this matter on October 13, 1950 and reported to you on that date, "That the case does not have any merits on which an application could be made to the Commissioner".

In the circumstances, I consider that there is nothing further to be done.

I am returning to you the documents which you sent forward, as well as the memorandum which the Custodian furnished me, to which reference has been made above.

Yours very truly,

Funil Turamoto

File No. 10100
Reg. No. 05716

Date	Particulars	Debit	Credit	Balance
1942 October 15	Rents collected Agent's commission	\$ 3.00	\$ 51.00	
1943 September 23 October 13	Water rates Rents collected	27.00	65.00	
1944 June 14 August 16 September 23 December 11	Fire Insurance premium Proceeds Auction Sale Water rates Rents collected	36.00 24.00	46.75 95.00	
1945 September 12 September 24 October 18 November 24	Water rates Rents collected B. C. Electric Railway Co. - refund security deposit Castles appraisal	24.00 1.00	136.00 2.73	
1946 January 4	Proportion of sale price River Fish Co. property Adjustment - water rates Adjustment - rent Advertising Appraisal Taxes - 1943-4-5 Refund Insurance premium Proceeds Auction Sale Moving store & heater	24.37 21.07 13.29 102.72 5.00	1,594.31 9.00 10.08 82.10	
1949 January 11	Sale of heater and stove		10.00	
		\$ 261.45	\$2,101.97	

on \$1,620.52

May 18, 1949.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRYING ACT"
PART I. REVISED EDITION OF 1907. CHAPTER 22.

EXPANDED PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

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

Edmonton, Alberta,

March 29th, 1908.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
EMIL KRAMER.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HENDER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

A.G. VIRTUE, Esq., B.C.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

G.H.B. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

T.F. HOBBS, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

E. Suranaka,
In Chief,
Discussion.

MR. VIRTUE: The next case is No. 15 on the list, Hanji Suranaka.

HANJI SURANAKA, the claimant herein, being
first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXHIBIT EXAMINATION BY MR. VIRTUE:

Q I show you a statement on your form showing your
real property and what you paid for the dwelling
house and the improvements you made on it and the
value. Would you look it over and see if it is
correct and say if you prepared it with the assis-
tance of your interpreter?

A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I will offer that as the first exhibit, sir.
(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q Now, is that a statement of your personal chattels
which refers to the list with your proof of claim
prepared in the same way?

A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I put that in as the next exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Virtue, I notice your claim
includes a claim for a fishing boat disposed of by
the Japanese Fishing Disposal Committee.

MR. VIRTUE: That was sold in May, 1942, and I realize
we have to abandon it.

Q I show you another claim prepared in connection
with some fishing nets. Did you prepare that in
the same way?

THE INTERPRETER: A: Yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

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K. Kurokawa,
in Chief.

Q Will you tell his Lordship whereabouts you left
the fishing nets and in what condition?

A I left them in the basement of my house and in the
upstairs room, and the condition was good -- the
condition of the nets was good.

Q Was the basement a cement basement with a cement
floor?

THE WITNESS A: Yes, but I put a plank over the cement
and then put the net over.

10 Q It was a cement floored basement, and then over the
floor you put planks and then laid the nets on top
of the planks? A: Yes.

Q Would that keep those nets in good condition?

A Yes.

Q They wouldn't rot or spoil in that way?

A No.

Q The ones you left upstairs --

MR. VIRTUE: I object to that type of leading question,
my lord. I understand it is valuable to lead with
20 those people to bring out the evidence, but to
suggest to them they wouldn't rot lying there, I
think is going too far.

MR. VIRTUE: I admit I am going too far. Any time my
learned friend thinks I am leading too much, I will
be glad to take the roundabout way.

THE JUDGE: Just be careful with that kind of
thing. Examining witnesses through an interpreter
is sometimes rather difficult.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now, with regard to that part of your
30 nets or those which you left in the upstairs room,

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E. Sarnato,
In Chief.

what kind of a room was that, with reference to moisture or dryness or general condition for keeping notes?

THE INTERVIEWER: A: It was my own bedroom and therefore it wouldn't become wet or anything of that sort.

Q Well what was the condition of the notes when you left them? A: It was good.

Q And speaking of all the notes, both in the basement and in the upstairs room, would you say that the conditions under which they were left were good storage conditions, or poor storage conditions, or what about them?

A If you left them there for a very long length of time, they might deteriorate, but for one or two years there would be no trouble at all.

Q Now, I show you another form which we call a brief summary of evidence. Did you prepare that with the help of your interpreter?

MR. HURT: Before we go on to something other than the fishing note, I wonder if my learned friend could clarify the note. This man declared no note at all. His brother did declare eight notes, not specifically, but just in number. Now, they are both claiming for these notes. Some are slightly different but five of the notes they claimed for are identical. I think the ownership of these notes might be clarified at this time.

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you better bring it out in cross-examination.

MR. VIRTUE: I can tell my learned friend now, for his own

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E. S. S. Bureau,
In Chief.
Washington.

information, that the notes that we are claiming now are this man's own personal notes. His brother had certain other notes but the ones listed are the man's own personal notes in which his brother had no interest.

MR. SUMNER: Where are they listed?

THE COMMISSIONER: You better bring it out on cross-examination.

10 MR. VIRTUE: Q: Is this a summary of your evidence, giving the time that you bought your property, the improvements that you put on it, and so on, that was prepared by you with the help of your interpreter?

4 A: Yes.

Q: Are these statements, including this one, all true statements? A: Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I will offer that as the next exhibit.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

Q: Now I am showing you some photographs. Will you take that photograph?

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Just one minute, now. We are getting a little confused in these exhibits. Both Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4 seem to relate to the same thing.

MR. VIRTUE: I wonder if I duplicated them.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 3 is declared to be eight notes described in the proof of claim form in respect of which the estimated value is \$2075.00 and Exhibit 4 relates to 8 notes. It seems to be identical.

MR. VIRTUE: I think I duplicated there, sir. I intended to put in one exhibit showing personal goods of \$2424.00. Has that been put in?

E. E. E. E.
In Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: No. You better take that back and
cancel it.

MR. VIRTUE: I know I showed it to the witness and this is
the one I intended to hand in (indicating), showing the
\$1484.00. That was intended to go in as Exhibit 2.

THE COMMISSIONER: It might be helpful, Mr. Virtue, if
you would state shortly what the several documents you
seek to put in refer to. Certainly from my point
of view I had concluded that Exhibit 2 related both
to fishing nets as well as to chattels.

MR. VIRTUE: That wasn't the way in which I handed them in,
sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: You handed in two copies of the same
document.

MR. VIRTUE: No. 1, sir, was a form headed "Real Estate".

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all right. That is clear.

MR. VIRTUE: No. 2 was intended to be the personal chattels
form covering goods valued at \$1484.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have we got that in yet? All right, I
have that.

MR. VIRTUE: I was the one for the nets, sir, -- 8 nets.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. VIRTUE: And 4 was the summary of evidence.

Q Now, would you look at that photograph and tell his
Lordship what it shows and when it was taken?

A This was my dwelling house in 1941.

Q Taken in 1941? That is the one which is described as
your dwelling, and I notice, sir, on Exhibit 1
the value has not been inserted in the outside
column, but referring to the other exhibits, that

E. Thomsen,
In Chief,
Discussion.

value is \$2500.00. No, there isn't a place there
for the value. Well, that is all included.
That is all right, it is all included under the
heading, "Improvements made by claimant".

Q Now, this photograph you are speaking of now is of
the house, 24 x 34? A: The west side is 24
and the east side is 22.

Q 24 x 34? But the value you put on was \$2500.00?

A Yes.

10 Q How did you arrive at that value? What I am getting
at is, did he pay that much out, or is something
included for his own labour, or how did he arrive
at it?

A: Materials, outside
a house, my own labour, was included to make up
the total of \$2500.00.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

Q Yes. Now I show you a second photograph. Is this a
side view of the same property?

A Yes, this was taken from the east side.

20 MR. VINTUR: Yes, I offer this as the next exhibit,
Mr. Secretary.

THE COMMISSIONER: The photographs might be put in as
one exhibit. Make them 5-A and B.

MR. VINTUR: Well I have 4 or 5 of them, sir, and they
relate to different buildings. I thought it might
be in the long run more convenient.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. VINTUR: Q: The next photograph I am showing you,

30 will you describe those two buildings to his Lordship

E. Szwedko,
In Chief.

and tell him what they are?

A The dwelling house is the one which I have pointed out to you in the previous photographs. The other is the net house by the side of the wharf.

Q Is that what you describe in your claim as the net house and wharf, valued at \$500.00?

A Yes.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Now, what exhibit number is that, because if the transcript does not relate specifically to a particular exhibit, it is going to be very confusing to read.

MR. VINTAGE: The first photograph, sir, I put in as Exhibit 5. The second was Exhibit 6, and this one I am now putting in will be, I take it, Exhibit 7. Perhaps I have been hurrying a little too much.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

20 Q He can look at this photograph in the meantime. Ask him to take a pencil in his hand. Now, would you mark 1, 2 and 3 on this last photograph, showing first the dwelling house; and second, the net house, and, third, the wharf?

A He has marked those and he drew attention to those two poles over there (indicating). He has two poles of a small nature on this side.

Q Yes, he has marked "3" opposite the wharf. I will offer that as the next exhibit, my lord.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

30 Q Now I am showing you another photograph taken from the Custodian's file, and apparently the photograph was taken in April, 1945. Does that also represent

your house?

As: Yes.

Q And the acre of land in the land lying about the house in this photograph, is it?

A Yes.

MR. VINTAGE: I will offer that as the next exhibit.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

Q Now, this acre of land lying about the house was planted with trees and raspberries and strawberries, was it?

10 THE WITNESS: As: Yes.

Q By you?

As: Yes.

Q When you bought the land, you paid \$120.00 for the acre?

As: Yes.

Q And there were no buildings and no berries, or anything of that sort planted?

As: No.

Q You did it all. When did you build that house?

A 1940.

Q And when did you build the outhouse?

A The same year.

20 Q The house had a bathroom? As: I made a bathroom down in the basement.

MR. VINTAGE: I will ask my learned friend to file the analysis.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

Q Now I want to ask you about an electric sewing machine. Did you leave that when you were evacuated?

As: Yes.

Q When did you buy that sewing machine and what did you pay for it?

As: 1939, \$120.00.

30 Q I beg your pardon?

As: \$120.00.

E. Furumoto,
In Chief.

Q What sort of condition was it in when you left?
A Good shape.
Q Was it any better or any worse than when you bought it?
A: It makes no difference.

Q No difference. You valued it when you left at \$110.00. What would you say about that, is that a fair price?
A: Yes.

Q Now I want to ask you about a Victor radio. When did you buy that?
A: 1937.

10 Q What did you pay for it?
A \$120.00.

Q In what sort of condition was it when you left?
A It wasn't in my house, you see. It was in custody of Mounted Police.

Q You turned it over to the Mounted Police?
A Yes.

Q What condition was it in? Was it as good as when you bought it or worse?
A: In good shape.

20 Q Now there is an item here that is about not quite halfway down, clothing and bedspread, which you valued at \$65.00. Just tell quickly what that clothing was, and the bedspread, and where it was left?
A: The bedspread was

a chenille bedspread and wedding dress--Japanese dress, and Jude belt.

THE INTERPRETER: A wedding dress and clothes which it is necessary to wear in Jude.

30 Q You valued it at \$65.00? Was that a fair value taking into account they were secondhand, that is that you had worn them?

E. B. B. B.
In Chief.

A Yes.

Q That stuff sold for \$1.75. What have you to say about that? A I am surprised.

Q Now there were also two dressers and underneath it says "two dressers". Does that mean that the dressers had two drawers, or were there two dressers and two sets of drawers? It is this item here, two dressers, two drawers, which he valued at \$80.00 together. I want to know if these were two items of furniture or four items of furniture?

A They are four. Two had mattresses and two didn't have mattresses.

Q I see. And did you buy them new or second hand?

A Two, my wife brought when I was married in 1940, and two I bought in 1933.

Q In 1933, I see. Which two did your wife buy when you were married in 1940?

A: His wife brought them when they were married.

Q The ones that his wife brought when they were married, were they new?

THE WITNESS: A: Yes.

Q And for the four of them was your valuation of \$80.00 a fair valuation?

A: Yes.

Q Now there are two chests which you valued at \$45.00. Where were these chests?

A Stored in the bathroom.

Q Where?

THE COMMISSIONER: In the bathroom.

MR. VINTAGE: Q: That would be on Hyde Road?

30 A Yes.

Q Is that the mattress which was shown on the photograph
here? A: Yes.

Q And your two reboots were left there in that
place? A: Yes.

Q And they were declared. They were shown by you in
the list you made up before you were evacuated?

A Yes.

Q You valued those reboots at \$46.00? What would you
say of that valuation?

10 THE INTERPRETER: A: I considered that a fair price.

Q And there was a duck hunting boat which you valued
at \$21.00. That was left in the same place?

THE WITNESS: A: Yes.

Q Was that a fair valuation for the duck hunting boat?

A Yes.

Q I wanted to ask you about an electric washing machine.
Did you leave an electric washing machine there?

A Yes.

Q Whereabouts was that left?

20 A It was left in the first floor bedroom.

Q In your own house? A: Yes.

Q When did you buy that washing machine?

A 1941.

Q What did you pay for it? A: \$130.00.

Q I didn't ask you about that before, did I?

THE COMMISSIONER: No, you did not ask him.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: I don't think I need ask you about that.

You left it along with your other household furniture
in the upstairs room?

30 THE INTERPRETER: A: Yes.

E. Burrows,
In Chief.
Discussion.

Q And what condition was that in when you left there?

THE WITNESS: A: Good condition.

Q Had it been used very much?

A: No.

MR. VINEY: All right, thank you.

MR. BURROWS: It is submitted, my Lord, that the real property was sold for its fair market value, and by real property I am referring to the house and lot. It is admitted that the ad house and wharf were on property not owned by the claimant, and were accordingly attached to the realty and did not belong to him and are accordingly outside of the terms of reference. Similarly, the bridge on the property and the tilings at the waterfront, my Lord.

It is submitted that the personal property sold was sold for its fair market value and that the prices asked for property which was lost, destroyed or stolen or abandoned or not found are exorbitant.

The real property here, my Lord, was not in the name of the claimant. He had apparently bought it from the River Fish Company Limited but had not received title. The River Fish Company Limited was one of those properties which was liquidated by Field, and after the liquidation Field then made an apportionment of the price and the price which he apportioned to the claimant is based on a set of figures we have here and it is \$1522.95.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the dwelling and the surrounding land.

MR. BURROWS: Yes, my Lord. The bit which he had purchased

my land, but to which formal title had not been given.

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the price that was allocated to him?

MR. HUNTER: \$1522.95.

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the name of the company against MR. HUNTER? The River Fish Company Limited.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have they filed a claim, do you know?

MR. HUNTER: My recollection is that they have, but I wouldn't be definite. Maybe I can find something here that might tell us that.

MR. VIRTUE: Perhaps I can assist my learned friend. My memory is that a claim on behalf of the River Fish Company was filed in Manitoba.

Q Is that right? A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: Quite a number of the shareholders are there.

THE COMMISSIONER: It is not very material. He will probably have to get the proof of this suit in the course of the River Fish Company hearing. Probably this man knows nothing of it.

MR. HUNTER: Mr. Field will have to explain how that was done. The figures are shown here but the fairness of that will have to be dealt with by him.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Kurokita, the net house, the wharf, the bridge and the pilings, they were erected on land which you didn't own, isn't that correct?

A It wasn't my property.

MR. HUNTER: These, of course, my lord, were never sold.

L. Karamato,
Cross-Exam.

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you might ascertain from the witness if he knows whose property it was on.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Yes. Do you know who owned the property that those buildings were situated on?

A: The River Fish Company.

MR. HUNTER: I don't think even that is correct.

I think it was Federal land. It was tide water.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: In any case, he thought it was on the land of the River Fish Company?

10 A: Yes.

Q: It was right on the dyke, was it? The wharf and net-house were erected on the dyke?

A: No, not on the dyke, on the water front from the dyke.

Q: Oh, I see. That is closer to the water than to the dyke?

A: It was right beside the dyke. If that is the dyke (indicating), it was built there.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. HUNTER: The Secretary has shown me the list for
20 Winnipeg, my lord. The River Fish Company is on the list for Winnipeg.

Reference, my lord, is made to the analysis of personal property claim which is Exhibit 10. There are two items there, my lord, which are obviously in error; that is, first of all, the electric washing machine, at least I think this is an error. It is shown as declared and not found. Unless this washing machine shown in the inventory of J.B. Hunter-- unless that is the washing machine, which I will
30 ask the witness, it was obviously found and lost.

Q Witness, what was this prime washing machine?
Was it an electric washing machine?

A Yes.

Q And was it the only washing machine you had?

A I didn't have any other washing machine.

MR. HUNTER: I think that is clearly an error, my lord.
It was found, and disappeared. Similarly, the two
recoats. They are shown as declared and not found.
They must obviously be the shifts referred to in
the inventory in the warehouse.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, 3 shifts, one duck pant.

MR. HUNTER: So I have moved that claim over to "no account,
that", my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: The same thing with the duck hunting
coat?

MR. HUNTER: Yes, I am sorry, it would be obviously the
same thing.

THE COMMISSIONER: There is no record of the duck decoys,
is there?

MR. VINTAGE: No, sir.

MR. HUNTER: They are not claimed and not found -- that
is, not declared.

Q Now, Mr. Ekanote, you declared no fishing nets in
your J.P. form, did you? First of all, do you know
what the J.P. form is? As Yes.

Q And you didn't declare any nets in that?

THE INTERPRETER: A: It may not have been written down,
but I told them about it.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is beside the point, in any case,
in view of the fact that Mr. Hunter includes the nets

K. Yamamoto,
Grand Juror.

without any description.

MR. HUSTON: Not entirely, my lord, because his brother did declare notes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh yes, I follow you.

MR. HUSTON: Q And did you ever furnish the Custodian with a description of these notes?

A I simply told the Custodian about those when I was evacuated.

Q Let's be a little more precise about this. You told
10 whom? A: The person who asked
me to sign the form.

Q And did you read the form before you signed it?

A Yes.

Q Well then, you knew when you signed it that the notes
weren't in there, didn't you?

A I didn't take particular care at the time.

Q These notes in the basement, they were lying in a heap
there? A: He said, I placed
20 planks underneath so as to ventilate them and then
put them on top of the planks.

Q You said you had some notes in a room upstairs?

A Yes.

Q How many of the notes for which you are claiming now
were in that room upstairs? I will show you a copy
here of your claim. A: Those small ones down
here (indicating) were easy to carry upstairs.

THE COMMISSIONER: Which are the two small ones, the
\$50.00 ones?

MR. HUSTON: Apparently, my lord. In regard to those two
30 notes, my lord, it is submitted they were not declared

18
K. Hirose,
Great Room.
Discussed on.

were not found. In regard to the balance of the note, no inventory was taken of the note that were found in a heap in the cellar. They were ab-

Q They had a different thread?

THE INTERPRETER: The size of the note, I think he means, my lord -- the size of the mesh.

Q Ask him to explain it.

THE INTERPRETER: A: Generally speaking, they were the same as mine.

30 Q Were all your brother's note stored in the basement

of your house?

A: The basement and

upstairs.

Q: Do you know how many of his notes were stored upstairs?

A: I am not quite certain, but about four or five.

Q: How many notes did your brother have stored in your house in the aggregate?

A: Eight.

Q: That is to say your brother had eight notes stored in your house altogether? A: Yes.

10 Q: Were you and your brother evacuated at the same time?

THE WITNESS: A: He evacuated a month earlier than me.

Q: And his notes were in your house at the time you were evacuated, is that the case?

A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Have you any further questions, Mr. Virtue?

MR. VIRTUE: Q: You mentioned that your house and not house were built on land owned by the River Fish Company.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, wait a minute. That is confusing. I asked him where the wharf and not house were built, and suggested they were built on the dyke. He said no, they were built forward of the dyke, closer to the river. He did say, also, his house was built on land, the title of which was in the River Fish Company, but which he had bought from that company.

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, I will let it go at that.

THE COMMISSIONER: You do not wish to examine him further?

E. Karamata,
Prosecution.

MR. VIRTUE: No, I wanted it clear that it wasn't a
question of his shooting on the River Fish Company's
property.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, that is all in this case, is it?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, thank you, Karamata.

(Witness exits)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DEED)

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

J. P. Bonserin

"J. P. BONSERIN"
Official Reporter.

BRIEF

Case No. 472

File No. 10100

Kunii KURAMOTO

Claims :-

1. Real Property
2. Fishing Vessel
3. Gill Nets
4. Other Chattels

Claim 1:-

Claimant did not have title to his house and land. He had bought the property from the River Fish Co. but since the land had not been subdivided, title was not taken in the claimant's name. Claimant was not registered as owner, nor did he receive a title deed but held under an equitable title.

It would appear that this property will be included in the claim which the River Fish Co. will be making.

Under claimant's claim for improvements came a wharf and net house, a bridge to the property and some pilings on the waterfront.

The River Fish Co. was liquidated by Mr. Field, who made an apportionment to the claimant of \$1594.31. (See P. 13 Transcript) *Sheet*

Mr. Hunter submitted that the wharf and net house, etc. etc. (see above) were not on the claimant's land and were outside the terms of reference. See Transcript P.13. See also Cross Examination by Mr. Hunter P.14 et seq Transcript.

Total of Real Property Claim is \$3,632.

Now the net house, wharf, bridge and pilings are valued by claimant at \$ 582.00 (outside terms of reference) That should clearly be contested as per Mr. Hunter's submission, supra.

Now he claims that he made certain improvements. It might usefully be submitted that some of these improvements are not allowable or are not allowable at such a rate. See Mr. Virtue's Claim form.

The whole lot was sold by J.P. Ross and Sons on liquidation of the River Fish Co., to the Soldiers Settlement Board for \$6000. Jan. 1946.

See File No.8837/2 as to the disposition of this real property.

Appraisers were Johnson, Reeve and Watson of Vancouver, who rendered their appraisal on June 26, 1945.

At P. 14 of the Transcript the Commissioner says that proof of the sale will have to be obtained at the River Fish Co. hearing.

It may be necessary to call Mr. Field to show how the apportionment was made after the sale of the property of the River Fish Co.

Claim 2:- Fishing Vessel

Claim abandoned. Vessel sold in May 1942 by the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee.

Claim 3:- Nets

Claimant declared no nets on his J.P. Form. However, his brother, who lived with the claimant, did declare some nets.

Mr. Hunter pointed out at hearing, (Transcript P.4) that brother declared 8 nets, five of which corresponded with the nets for which claimant is now claiming.

According to information in his brother's file (Tomiyuki KURAMOTO File No. 4144), all nets found on the premises were sold under this claimant's name (Kunji KURAMOTO) since they were tagged with his name.

Memorandum May 4th in File 4144 shows that these nets were in a poor condition and no other nets were found.

They were sold in one lot to Nelson Bros. Fisheries for \$35. under the name of the present claimant and the proceeds transferred to Tomiyuki Kuramoto's Account from the account of the present claimant.

According to the files, there is no proof as to the amount or type of netting sold to the above firm.

It would appear to be uncertain as to whether the claimant's nets were the same as those claimed by the brother; or whether some of the nets were the same or whether they were all separate nets.

Refer to Mr. Hunter's Cross examination and the Commissioner's questions, page 17 et seq.

Claim 4:- Other Chattels

There is one radio concerned. If ceiling price is required, the model was RCA Victor Model C 7-1 #783. Appraised value \$20. Sold by auction for \$55.

Mr. Hunter submitted (P.13 Transcript) that the chattels sold were sold for fair market value and that the prices asked for the rest are exorbitant.

The position concerning these chattels seems well covered in the transcript, as far as is possible to go.

Age of Claimant **KIRAMOTO, Rumi**

Case **973**

Custodian File **10100**

REAL PROPERTY											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Com.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total			
		2500.	75%								1168.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 26.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
NETS											
Total 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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
664.00	154.25	46.27	25.33%	255.00	59.25		105.30				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											1273.50

472 KURAMOTO Kunji
CLAIM NO. 504 - ~~Tetsuchi~~

This claim is made in respect of a dwelling
which is subject to the identical situation found
in Claim No. 785.

The selling price of the property was \$1600.00.

For the reasons given in Claim No. 785,
I RECOMMEND payment to the claimant of the sum
of \$1168.00.

H. I. BIRD
Commissioner.

February 1st 1950.

2 D. T. Broadwood

Case 604. MARVINO Tatsunishi

Judge Award Attached

What does it mean?

Sale price was not \$1600. !!

His property was not in Richmond!!

Your remark on the back of award
form says "OK as amended" yet

no sign of \$1600 anywhere except

where you make a calculation of 73%

(using the award form as a writing pad
for some other case ???)

Riverbush file

Boon

March 9th 1950.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. B. Good
FROM: Mr. D.T. Braidwood.

Mr. Justice Bird sat yesterday morning on the undermentioned cases and treated them as indicated. Please amend your forms on his decisions as I did not have these with me, but these amendments are made on his instructions:

Re: Case No. 604:

The case listed as "604" is not correct and is amended to read "472" - Kunji Kuramoto.

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