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**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: EITARO ROY SHOJI.
HOME ADDRESS: MINTO MINE, B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 05876 SEX: MALE AGE: 35
OCCUPATION: _____

(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: _____

MARRIED? YES.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: MATUE, SHOJI. File 10404. No claims

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: MINTO MINE, B.C. on file - 12-7-43

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: (EDWARD KICHIRO.)
(YOSHITO) (VICTOR MASAHIRO)
(KATSUHIKO)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: MINTO MINE, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 9, 6, 3, 6 months.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: _____

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: _____

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) _____

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

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

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST.

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS.

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE.

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

LOCATION: 2nd floor of 552 Union St.

1. BED ROOM SET (BED STAND, TABLE, DRAWER MIRROR)
1. OIL COOKING STOVE 1. LAMP STAND
4 BOXES (GENERAL WEARS)

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

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4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

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

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

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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

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

Dated this 5th day of Oct. 1942.

(Signature)

R. Shojin

H. Ujirana
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE July 27/43

Our File No. 10405

Full Name SHOJI, Eitaro Roy (Eisaburo)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 05876

Male - Female
(Check)

Age July 7, 1907

Former Address 2161 E. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.

Date Evacuated 28/5/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address

Windsor, B. C.

Renelstake, B.C. 100574

Married - Single
(Check)

nee

Name of Wife (TORIYA) Matsue #05875

Name of Husband

Name of Mother ? Eusa n/r

Name of Father SHOJI, Toknatsu n/r

Names of Children under 16 See over

Requested by ERT

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information Manufacturer of Paper Box (245 Union St.)

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 10405

Dec. 6/46

RE: Eitaro Roy SHOJI, Reg. No. 05876

This file reveals that SHOJI owned no real property in any protected area of B.C. He did carry insurance on his furniture at 2161 E. Georgia St. but in his letter of Nov. 16/43 he asks us to allow this insurance to expire.

CHATELS: SHOJI declared chattels as shown on Chattel Schedule on file. However in his letter of Nov. 16/43 he stated that he had sold most of his household goods prior to his evacuation and that nothing remained at his address at 2161 E. Georgia St.

We found 2 cartons, 2 boxes, a sewing machine and a gramophone of his stored at 552 Union St. where he had declared his chattels. These were left in care of the tenant, Dr. Edw. B. Gung(?) SHOJI advised us in his letter of Nov. 15/44 that as soon as he was settled in Revelstoke he intended having these goods shipped to him and that he would advise us in due course. We have not heard from him since.

MONEYS
RECEIVABLE:

Shares

SHOJI was a shareholder in the Vancouver Paper Box Company Ltd., owning 180 shares. This company was liquidated and SHOJI received the following amounts as his share of the assets of the Company:

June 30/43	\$2424.85
March 9/44 - final distribution	
of \$2.00 per share - 180 shares	360.00
	<u>\$2784.85</u>

The Price Waterhouse Co. were in charge of the liquidation of this Company.

Refund from
B.C.E.R.

His account has been credited with the sum of \$4.36, being refunds of security deposit for light from the B.C.E.R.

LIFE
INSURANCE:

At the request of SHOJI in his letter of Oct. 30/43 we paid the sum of \$1900.00 to the Monarch Life Insurance Co. on his policy #P82455. This was paid as a "Premiums in advance Fund".

At the request of SHOJI in his letter of June, 1943, we paid to the Receiver General of Canada the sum of \$507.91 for income tax owing by SHOJI for 1941 and \$6.70, being past due interest on this income tax.

The following is a statement of his account:

Total from the Vancouver Paper Box Co.	\$2784.85	
Refunds from B.C.E.R.		4.36
Money paid to Monarch Life	\$1900.00	
Amt. paid to Recvr. General	514.61	
Remitted to SHOJI Nov. 8/44	370.24	
<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>	<u>4.36</u>	
	<u>\$2789.21</u>	<u>\$2789.21</u>

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

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

Dec. 6/46

LBM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

April 9/47.

P.S.

Mr. Wills called at 552 Union St. and was advised by the tenant, Mr. Louie, that the only goods at that address belonging to Mr. SHOJI were 2 cartons and 2 boxes. He could give us no information regarding the sewing machine and gramophone that Mr. SHOJI states he left there. We removed the cartons and boxes to our warehouse. The cost of moving these amounted to \$3.50. We have today written to Mr. SHOJI advising him of the situation and asking what he wishes done with the contents of the boxes and cartons. We have also asked him to remit the \$3.50 to reimburse the Custodian for cost of moving the boxes and cartons to our warehouse.

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File No. 10405

Dec. 6/46

RE: Eitaro Roy SHOJI, Reg. No. 05876

DECLARED by SHOJI

Oct. 5/42 at 552 Union St.

INVENTORIED by

Custodian Dec. 8/42 at 552 Union St.

1 bedroom set (bedstead
(table
(drawer
(mirror
oil cooking stove
lamp stand

4 boxes general wears

2 cartons
2 boxes
1 sewing machine
1 gramophone

In letter dated Nov. 16/43 SHOJI states he sold most of his household goods and none remained at his former address of 2161 E. Georgia St.

) Found by the Custodian at 552 Union St. and left with the tenant of the building, Dr. Edw. B. Gung. In reply to our letter of Nov. 8/44 asking SHOJI what he wanted done with these goods he said he would let us know at a later date, but thought that he would have them all sent to him at Revelstoke as soon as he settled down. We have not heard from him since.

reported April 1947
1 mantle clock

The above Schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.
Dec. 6/46
LHM:

L. McKinnon
L. McKinnon

April 16/47

He has written to us again (April 12/47) stating that the bedroom set, oil stove lamp stand, originally declared, together with a mantle clock, should still be at 552 Union St. I have written Mr. Wills a memo asking him to check up on this matter again.

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SHOJI, Eitaro Roy

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COMPANY	POLICY NO.	AMOUNT	EXPIRATION			PROPERTY
			MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
North West Fire Insurance Company	205095	\$1,500.	Nov.	18	1943	2161 East Georgia St. Vancouver, B.C. ✓
						Household Effects
						Stock & bonds

216-11-43
Not Renewed

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Sept. 3, 1942.

RE: VANCOUVER PAPER BOX COMPANY LTD. (SHAREHOLDERS)

SHOJI, Kojiro, 714 E. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.
a naturalized Japanese, Reg. #03196, File 10108.
(also 250 North Cassiar St., Vancouver, B. C.)
180 shares

SHOJI, Roy Eitaro, 2393 Adanac St., Vancouver, B. C. ✓
a Japanese National, Reg. #05876, File 10405. ✓
(also 2161 East Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.)
180 shares

HIRANO, Yoshitaro, 1149 Semlin Drive, Vancouver B.C. ✓
a Japanese National, Reg. #02898, File 9936
180 shares

NISHI, Kenji, a Jp. National resident in Japan.
(these shares were purported to be transferred to
Kojiro Shoji on Feb. 13th, 1942, pursuant to a
general arrangement between Nishi and Shoji)
This transfer will not be recognized.
42 shares

EASY, Mrs. Emma A., c/o 2622 Ross St., Victoria,
retired, white lady (apparently)
4 shares

as at Feb. 14th, 1942.

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Files #416, 1158, 12788, 10108, 10405
& 9936

April 28th, 1943.

MEMO FOR FILES:

Re: Vancouver Paper Box Company Limited.
In Voluntary Winding-Up.

In accordance with the notice received from Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company, Mr. Shears and the writer attended their office in the Marine Building yesterday, when the Balance Sheets of December 31st, 1942 as well as April 27th, 1943, were presented.

Mr. Campbell, solicitor for the Company, was present, along with Mr. Gyles who has had charge of the winding up. Letters were produced, signed by three evacuees as follows: Kojiro Shoji, Roy Mitaro Shoji, Yoshitaro Hirano, wherein they approved payment of the liquidator's fee and solicitor's bill of costs as taxed. Mr. Campbell thereupon presented the solicitor's bill together with TAXING OFFICER's Certificate duly endorsed and on motion of Mr. Shears, accounts of the liquidator as well as solicitor's account were approved for payment.

Certain advances have been made to two of the shareholders, and these will be deducted from the amounts to which they are entitled on final distribution. A clearance from the Income Tax Department has not yet been obtained, and it was agreed that the liquidator would forward cheques to the Custodian for the interest of the evacuees as well as the enemy, and that the funds would be held until such time as a release could be obtained from the Revenue Department. Mr. Gyles thought he would have this in the course of the next thirty days.

The liquidator will furnish the Custodian with copies of the various consents of the shareholders and Minutes of yesterday's meeting.

KWR/W

K. W. WRIGHT

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MEMORANDUM

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Dec. 30/46

TO: Mr. Wills

FROM: L. McKinnon

RE: Eitaro Aoy SHOJI, Reg. No. 05876

The following goods were left by SHOJI at 552 Union St.

2 cartons	one sewing machine
2 boxes	one gramophone.

These were inventoried by Custodian on Dec. 8/42 but were left there as the tenant at that time promised to take care of them. Mr. SHOJI advised us in Nov. 1944 that he would have these shipped to him at Revelstoke, but we have now received a letter from him dated Dec. 22/46 in which he advises that the new tenant Mr. Louis wishes to charge him \$3.00 a month for the length of time the goods have been stored there, as storage charge. Mr. SHOJI states that he cannot pay this sum and of course it would amount to much more than the value of the goods.

Would you kindly interview the tenant of 552 Union Street and see what arrangements can be made with him with regard to getting these goods released for shipment to Mr. SHOJI at Revelstoke.

LEM:

L. McKinnon

Jan. 21/47

Mr. Wills advises that he called at 552 Union St. and found only the cartons and boxes mentioned above, but no sewing machine or gramophone. He is having the boxes and cartons moved to our storage warehouse today and will try and find out what happened to the missing items.

L. McKinnon

OFFICE
555-C GAYSON BLVD.
102 E. HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

士博學醫耀邦龔

DR. EDW. B. GUNG

M. B., M. D., L. M. C. C.

TELEPHONE
PACIFIC 2610

May 17th, 1947.

F. Matheson, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 19 1947
File No.	10405
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Matheson</i>

Re: Eitaro Roy SHOJI File 10405

Dear Mr. Matheson,

Your letter of the 15th instant was received
and I was very surprised to note its contents.

I have never at any time occupied the premises
known as 552 Union Street and I do not know anything about
the furniture and chattels stored there by a former Japanese
tenant. You have no doubt been misinformed in this matter.

Yours truly,

Edw. B. Gung

May 15, 1947

Dr. Edward B. Gung,
193 East Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kitaro Roy SHOJI

According to information supplied to this office, you occupied the premises at 552 Union Street following the evacuation of Mr. Taira Ikeda. We are informed also that a quantity of chattels belonging to evacuated Japanese were left in the building. Mr. Kitaro Roy Shoji has stated that the following goods owned by him were stored at 552 Union Street:

- 1 Bedroom Set, consisting of bedstand with spring, lamp table drawers and mirror
- 1 Modern Oil Cooking Stove, white enamel, almost new
- 1 Mantel clock
- 1 Lamp Stand
- 4 Boxes of Goods

In addition it is reported that there were at 552 Union Street, in December, 1942, a sewing machine and gramophone.

Recently a representative of this office called at 552 Union Street at the request of Mr. Shoji and found only two cartons and two boxes containing a quantity of goods of no great value. We found that the tenant is a Mr. Louie. Mrs. Louie did not supply information in regard to the missing chattels. It is possible that you may be of assistance to us in regard to these.

Would you please let us know the date on which you became tenant at 552 Union Street and the date on which you vacated these premises?

Would you kindly give us whatever information you can supply as to the goods left at 552 Union Street by the Japanese? That is, what goods belonging to Japanese were in the building when you occupied it?

Were any of these goods removed during the time you occupied the building? If so, by whom were these goods removed? Were any goods shipped by you to any Japanese? If so, to whom were these shipped?

We wish to give Mr. Shoji as complete information as possible in regard to the goods which he states were left at 552 Union Street, but which apparently are no longer at these premises.

We regret troubling you in regard to these goods, and assure you that any assistance you can give us will be deeply appreciated. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

PM - Enclosure

F. Matheson, Office of the Custodian.

100-10700, 10700
100-10700, 10700

June 14, 1943.

Mr. F. J. [unclear],
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] & [unclear],
[unclear] Building,
[unclear], D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: [unclear] Paper Box Company, Ltd.,
[unclear]

In a memorandum on hand on file prepared by Mr. E. E. Wright covering the meeting held in your offices on April 27, 1943 in connection with the voluntary liquidation of the [unclear] Paper Box Company Ltd., it is indicated that you would be forwarding to the Customs charges for the interest of Japanese [unclear] and [unclear] shareholders and that the Customs would be holding such funds until such time as you are successful in obtaining release from the Revenue Department. It was also indicated that you were of the opinion that you would be able to obtain a release from the Revenue Department before the end of May 1943.

Would you please be good enough to forward to this office the charges in question, give us your assurance that you have obtained a release from the Revenue Department, and provide us with the various documents of the shareholders and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of April 27th.

Mr. [unclear] & [unclear] have requested us to utilize funds totaling due to Mr. [unclear] [unclear], one of the shareholders, for making an advancement of a little over \$500.00 covering Mr. [unclear] [unclear]'s personal income tax. We are not in a position to comply with Mr. [unclear] & [unclear]'s request until such time as we have from you, receive your assurance of a release having been obtained by you from the Revenue Department, and until such time as we receive charges covering net liquidation proceeds.

Yours truly,

R. C. Alexander,
Manager.

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The Liquidator,
Vancouver Paper Box Co. Limited
Vancouver, B. C.

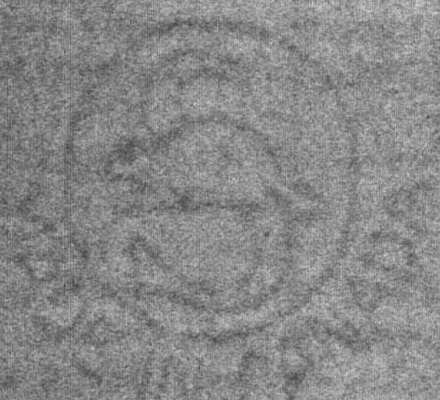
Dear Sir:

R. Shoji, as a shareholder of the
Vancouver Paper Box Company Limited (in Liquidation)
approve of the payment to A.T.R. Campbell of his
legal costs, which are to be taxed by the Court;
also the payment to G.F. Gyles, as Liquidator, of
the sum of \$850.00 in settlement of his fees.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) R. SHOJI.

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VANCOUVER PAPER BOX COMPANY LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT JUNE 25 1943
AND DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS AS
AT THAT DATE

ASSETS:

Cash at Bank as at April 27 1943

\$12,260.98

Deduct-

Legal fees

\$419.95

Liquidator's fees and expenses

850.001,269.95

\$10,991.03

Due from Shareholders:

K. Sheji

\$1,390.05

R. Sheji

1,469.642,859.69Assets available for distribution subject
to clearance from the Commissioner of
Income taxes

\$13,850.72

Deduct- \$2.00 per share on 586 shares1,172.00

Assets distributable to shareholders

\$12,678.72

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Less debit account</u>	<u>Cheque</u>
K. Sheji	180	\$3,894.49	\$1,390.05	\$2,504.44
Ray K. Sheji	180	3,894.49	1,469.64	2,424.85
Y. Hirano	180	3,894.49	-	3,894.49
Kenji Nishi	42	908.71	-	908.71
James McDougall	4	86.54	-	86.54
	<u>586</u>	<u>\$12,678.72</u>	<u>\$2,859.69</u>	<u>\$9,819.03</u>

THE FOLLOWING IS LIST OF CONTENTS OF
CARTONS & BOXES REMOVED FROM 552 UNION
ST. FOR MR. SHOJI

- Contents of Carton #1: Small dishes, quantity of envelopes and paper
small bamboo screen, coffee pot.
- Contents of Carton #2: 1 Iron pot, tin lunch box, number of books, 2
Festival toys, small carton of cinema films.
- Contents of Box #1: Some Japanese armour.
- Contents of Box #2: 1 small carton of bowls and dishes, quantity of
used crockery ware, some books, 1 platter, portion
of Japanese tea set, 1 box of imitation pearls, rice
steamer, few small lacquer bowls, 1 plated fruit dish.

Mr. Wills removed these boxes and cartons from 552 Union St. and
this is the list of contents he has given us.

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Shoji Roy Eitaro

File No. 10405

Reg. No.

Company Monarch Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 82455

Premium - \$ 369.00

Payable: Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month October Day 16

REMARKS:

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ans - Alexander

Minto Minn. B.C.

Oct 7th, 1942

Mr R. P. Alexander
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
OCT 15 1942

Dear Sir: -

As you requested in your letter of Sept 10. I am enclosing herewith two copies of "J P" forms completed and hoping that this will meet with your approval.

" In answer to the matter of request by the Income Tax division for which you kindly enclosed a copy of their letter dated Aug 29, with two forms for the Income Tax returns to be completed for the White Lake Sea Food Co., Lawrence, I am sorry to inform you that I am unable to answer them due to the fact that I did not take any activities in that business, therefore I do not carry the books or records essential to answer and complete such forms.

However, I like to state that Motos, Matsushita who had undertaken Internee No 493.

the management of the Co, and had looked after
all its bookkeeping, should be the right per-
son to answer this matter.

Unfortunately, I am unable to
give you his present address or where he had
kept his books and records." In spite of
my wish, on account of unfavourable condi-
tions at that time, I failed to see him to get
all the particulars on that business before I
evacuated from Vancouver at the end of May.

Although this is all I could
state at present time, you will be assured
that I will do all I can to help solving
this matter whenever you wish.

Yours very truly
E. J. Ray. Shop

ENEMY SECTION	
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Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Minto, B.C.
Oct. 31st, 1944.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	<i>Wilson</i>

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

File #10405. Reg. #05876.
Re: My Fund Held In Your Office.

May I ask that you would kindly release my fund held in your office and deposit it at my saving account #2880 of Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings Branch at your earliest convenience?

I have applied and now being permitted to enter, for my re-settlement, the City of Revelstoke, B.C. under the following condition:

1. Minimum sum of \$5000.00 should be deposited at local bank of Revelstoke within limited time upon my arrival.
2. Decent house to be secured before permit is granted.

I have already rented the good house while I was there last week, but my only problem left is to make up \$5000.00 for above purpose, therefore I must gather all assets I have to make up of it in very short time which is not so easy after three years self-supporting and no single day work to make living expense.

I have four children and there is no doctor nor hospital here in case of any emergency and no adequate school facility, therefore my desire has been to live in a city of better condition for which I have chosen the above city and now preparing to move in some time next week. Therefore, I appreciate very much of your co-operation in this respect.

May I ask that you would send your reply to Mr. Roy E. Shoji, c/o Mr. Maruno, 4th St., Revelstoke, B.C.

Yours Very truly,

R. Shoji
Roy E. Shoji

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November 8th, 1944

Mr. Roy Eitaro SHOJI,
Reg. No. 05876,
c/o Mr. Maruno,
4th Street,
Revelstoke, B. C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of October 31st, we are today forwarding our cheque to the Bank of Montreal, Main & Hastings, for \$370.24, being the balance of your account with the Custodian.

This is arrived at by there being a balance of \$10.24 from the first distribution made on behalf of the Vancouver Paper Box Co. Ltd., and on March 9th we received the final distribution of \$2.00 per share, giving you a further credit of \$360.00.

In connection with the articles which you declared in your declaration to us, we have found that these are in the care of Dr. E. B. Gung; will you kindly advise us if this storage is satisfactory to you and the Custodian need not concern himself further.

Yours truly,

G. D. Wilson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

Revelstoke, B.C.
November 15, 1944.

Mr. G. D. Milson,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
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Ass. <i>[Signature]</i>
Referred <i>Milson</i>

Dear Sir:

File #10405, Reg. #05876.
Re: Your Letter of Nov. 8th.

I wish to acknowledge with many thanks the your letter of Nov. 8th, stating that you have kindly accepted my request and transferred all my account to Bank of Montreal for my credit.

As I mentioned in my last letter we left our former residence at Minto for this city on 10th, and arrived here in all good health and just today I received a letter from Bank of Montreal advising that they received from you the sum of \$370.24 as stated in your letter.

With reference to articles declared in my declaration to you I wish to say that as I am considering to bring in all of them as soon as I could settle down, I shall write you again in nearfuture and tell you definitely what I am going to do with them.

Please accept my most sincere appreciation for your kind co-operation.

Yours Truly,

Roy E. Shoji.

Mr. F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Sec.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RECEIVED	P.O. Box 247, Revelstoke, B.C.
DEC 26 1946	DEC 22nd, 1946.
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Referred	<i>Matheson</i>

File #10405, Re: your letter of Dec. 6,
Mitare Shoji, Reg: #05876.

Dear Sir:

Thank you ever so much for your kind letter of 6th instant enclosing cheque for \$4.36, as refund from B.C.E. R. Co.

With further to your inquiry regarding our chattels stored at 552 Union St, we wish to state that we have settled done here in Revelstoke and now very anxious to have everything shipped up here at nearest future.

For your information, we learned that that premises is now occupied by Mr. Mrs. Louis, Chinese who took the place over from our personal friend, the former tenant by whom agreed to store my chattels free of charge for duration. His name is Mr. T. Ikeda, Japanese who already repatriated to Japan at last boat.

We have made inquiry to Mr. Louis and ask them to arrange with you for settling this matter and ship the same at our expence but unfortunately, it looks as if they wanted to take advantage of situation and now asking \$3.00 per month for all long years which in total will come so high that at our present financial condition, it is absolutely impossible to pay that amount. We do not know them, not even met once, and not very convenient to visit even to Vancouver at present, we wish to know that if you could set the fair rent for storage amount of which we can manage to pay. Some of belongings are our most valuable things not in money but in thing itself such as our wedding presents and so on.

As we never expect to to get things free of chare we are quite willing to pay some rent for storage so that kindly let us know at your convenience as to the best way of settling this matter.

Sincerely yours,

R. Shoji
Roy E. Shoji

April 9, 1947.

Mr. Eitaro Roy SHOJI,
Reg. No. 05876,
P.O. Box 247,
REVELSTOKE, B.C.

Dear Sir:

With regard to the goods you left at 552 Union Street, Vancouver, we have the following report to make:

Our investigator called at this address and was advised by Mr. Louis that the only articles in his care belonging to you were two cartons and two boxes. He could not give us any information regarding the sewing machine and gramophone you stated were left at this address. We regret that we were unable to locate these articles for you, but feel that our chances of success would have been much greater if you had asked us to look after these goods for you at an earlier date.

We removed the cartons and boxes from 552 Union Street to our warehouse. Cost of having these moved amounted to \$3.50. We would ask you to remit this sum to us as we had no funds standing to your credit from which to pay this bill.

The contents of the cartons and boxes are as follows:

- Carton #1: Small dishes, quantity of envelopes and paper, small bamboo screen, coffee pot.
- Carton #2: One iron pot, tin lunch box, number of books, 2 Festival toys, small carton of cinema films.
- Box #1: Some Japanese armour.
- Box #2: One small carton of bowls and dishes, quantity of used crockery ware, some books, one platter, portion of Japanese tea set, one box of imitation pearls, rice steamer, few small lacquer bowls, one plated fruit dish.

Would you kindly let us know if you wish these cartons and boxes shipped to you C.O.D. Your early reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian

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P.O. Box, 247,
Revelstoke, B.C.
April 12th, 1947.

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Mr. F. Matheson,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Your letter of April 9th.

Dear Mr. Matheson:

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your kind reply in regard to our inquiry for household goods been stored at 552 Union street in care of Mr. Louie.

According to your information the articles which you have removed from there to your own warehouse are mostly small items and not so valuable and all large items which to us are very important are missing from your list and for your information I shall state once more the missing articles as follows;

One Modern Oil Cooking Stove \$175.00 in new and was almost new when left. White enamel.

Bed Room Set

One ~~Bed~~ (Mirror, Bed stand with spring, Lump Table, Drawers) Restmore Make and our Wedding gift from Brother, paid \$225.00

One Mantle Clock and Lump Stand.

As you have kindly suggested, I am enclosing herewith my cheque for \$3.50 and wish to ask that you would ship same at your earliest convenience.

At our evacuation those articles are being stored only in one room and locked door and since only one party has been living in the premises for duration they should know perfectly well as to how they get disposed of. However, every one could make mistake and it might be that though they still have my goods at his house but consider it be a furniture, WHICH belongs to Mr. Ikeda who lived there before, so that May I ask once more your trouble in sending your

investigator and check up the things further.

I must trace out those articles regardless of cost for we consider them are very important to us, however, we wish not to start any action ~~until we find~~ against them until ~~we find~~ ~~we find~~ I find for sure that they kept aside the articles for their own use or sold them illegally.

I appreciate very much of your further reply at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

R. Shoji

Hitaro Roy Shoji,
Reg. # 05876,
File #10405.

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August 26, 1947

Mr. Hitaro Roy SHOJI,
Reg. No. 05876,
P. O. Box 247,
REVELSTOKE, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that the goods removed from 552 Union Street, about which we wrote you on April 9, 1947, were shipped to you yesterday by Canadian Pacific Railway Company freight. The box of effects weighed 240 lbs. and was prepaid as the railway company would not accept a freight shipment collect.

The shipping and packing charges in connection with this shipment amounted to \$10.77, made up of cartage and packing charge of \$7.20 and prepaid freight charge of \$3.57. We have no funds in your account to cover this cost and would appreciate receiving your cheque for \$10.77. The \$3.50 which you previously sent to us to cover the cost of moving your goods from 552 Union Street has been received and the cartage company have been paid.

In regard to the goods which you state were left at 552 Union Street, the bedroom set, oil cooking stove, mantel clock and lamp stand were not found at that address by Custodian agent, who visited those premises on December 8, 1942. As we reported to you on November 10, 1943, we did find at 552 Union Street, two boxes, two cartons, a gramophone and a sewing machine. The gramophone and sewing machine do not appear to have been your property.

It is unfortunate that you did not inform us in reply to our letter of November 10, 1943, that the articles, which you had reported, but which we did not find, were to your knowledge still at 552 Union Street. We might then have had a chance to trace these goods. As it was, when our agent called at 552 Union Street in response to your letter of December 22, 1946, Mrs. Louie stated that only the goods which we have shipped to you were there. You stated in your letter that you had made inquiry of Mr. Louie sometime prior to your letter of December 22, 1946. Did Mr. Louie at that time make any statement to you in regard to what articles he was holding for you? We have endeavoured to trace your goods, but are handicapped by a lack of information.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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P.O. Box 247,
 Levelstoke, B.C.
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Office of the Custodian,
 Japanese Evacuation Section,
 Vancouver, B.C.

File #10405. Re: Your letter of Aug. 26th.

Dear Sirs:

Please accept most sincere thanks for your kind attendance in shipping one box of goods which received in good condition and as requested I am enclosing herewith my cheque for \$10.77 covering shipping expence in full.

Upon examination of goods enclosed in box, I found that all of them are part of our belongings which has been stored in one exclusive room at 552 Union St., however, it is very regret to say that what we need most is not there and as you will note that the things found in this box are no value to them and all other things which have good cash value are all missing.

For your information, about 2 month ago, we asked Rev. Gale of Vancouver to look into this matter and when he visited 552 Union St. he investigate the things and informed us of everything still there in good order, however, at that time the chinese asked ridiculous renting for storing goods in duration, thus we could not make any satisfactory settlement. It seems as if they removed our goods as soon as they found that the custodian took in charge of same.

Sincerely yours,

R. S. L.
 Eitaro Sato,
 Reg.#. 05876.

Rev Gale
362 W 24th Ave
Alma 2594L

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October 1, 1947

Mr. Sitare Roy Shoji
Reg. No. 05676,
P.O. Box 247,
Revelstoke, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We enclose Custodian receipt for the sum of \$10.77 received from you to cover the cost of shipping the items which were handed to the Custodian's representative by the occupants of 552 Union Street.

As we informed you on April 9, 1947, the occupant of 552 Union Street told the representative of this office that the goods being handed over were the only goods belonging to you then stored at 552 Union Street.

We note from your letter that some time this summer the Rev. Mr. Gale was informed when he visited 552 Union Street that your goods were there and in good order. We thought that if Mr. Gale would go with a representative of this office to 552 Union Street, we might find out the truth of this matter. We therefore telephoned the Rev. Mr. Gale, but found that he was not in the city, and may not be back for some weeks. We are sending Mr. Gale a copy of this letter, with the hope that he will get in touch with us when he returns to the city.

When we have heard from the Rev. Mr. Gale, we will go into this matter further and will write to let you know what the results are.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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CC: Rev. Mr. W.H. Gale - Would you please telephone this office in regard to this matter, as we are anxious to recover Mr. Shoji's goods.