12191

File 1219:

April 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: NOOTKA SALTERY LIMITED.

The Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd., referred to in this file was incorporated in 1926 and re-organized into Nootka Saltery Limited in 1938.

A. G. McArthur.

AGM:AS

12191

August 6th, 1943.

Messrs. Buell, Ellis &
Sargent, Sankler, Buell & Van Horne,
202-206 Pacific Bldg.,
744 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Frank W. Smith & The Nootka Saltery Ltd.

Although we have not heard further from you since receipt of your letter dated May 6th in connection with the claim of $500.00, which your client Mr. F. W. Smith, Seven Oaks Postoffice, Vancouver Island, feels he has against the Nootka Saltery Ltd., we feel obligated to advise you at this time that, according to information supplied to this office by the Workmen's Compensation Board, the Board is currently arranging for sale of the assets of the Nootka Saltery Ltd., and to this end is presently in touch with the Sheriff of Nanaimo. Your client will no doubt be advised by you.

The Custodian is closing its files in connection with the Nootka Saltery Ltd.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA/MS

12191

August 6th, 1943.

Mr. Ukon Higuchi,
Reg. No. 03306,
P.O. Box 163,
Westbank, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nootka Saltery Ltd.

You will recall that when we originally called your attention to the claim filed with the Custodian by the Workmen's Compensation Board against the Nootka Saltery, you stated "the Company has no assets as I have explained to you before. Let the Board proceed to bankrupt the above company, this I think is the best way".

With this fact in mind, and with a view to carrying out your wishes, and with a view to aiding the Workmen's Compensation Board to carry out the necessary action with the least possible expense, the necessary documents, form of resolution, Power of Attorney, were sent to you for signature. It is noted that you failed entirely to co-operate and return relative documents; stating in your letter of June 19th: "I am not in a position to sign anymore documents in these abnormal times. I am returning the documents by return mail."

Due to the attitude you have taken, and your entire lack of co-operation, the Workmen's Compensation Board, despite the expense involved, are now communicating with the Sheriff of Nanaimo with regard to arranging a sale through him.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA/MS

12191

July 21, 1943.

Mr. A. H. Bain,
The Workmen's Compensation Board,
411 Dunsmuir Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nootka Saltery Ltd.
Your Firm No. 1312A-9

Further to our letter dated May 22nd in which we reported to you that we had forwarded resolution and power of attorney prepared by you to Mr. Hideo Sakamoto and Mr. Ukon Higuchi for signature, we regret having to report at this time that although Mr. Hideo Sakamoto promptly signed and returned both resolution and power of attorney duly witnessed, Mr. Ukon Higuchi whose address is P. O. Box 163, Westbank, B. C., has refused to sign either of the documents. Additionally, Mr. Ukon Higuchi has failed to provide us with any information whatsoever as to the location of the books and records of the company, etc.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. K. W. Wright, Legal Counsel to the Custodian, with the result that at a Board Meeting held in the Custodian's office on July 21st I was instructed to notify you that the Custodian has no objection whatsoever to your taking any steps deemed appropriate to you under the circumstances in arranging for sale of the assets of the Nootka Saltery Ltd. under a warrant to be issued by your Board for the purpose of obtaining satisfaction of your claims against the Nootka Saltery Ltd. We regret exceedingly that it has not been possible for the Custodian to get authority from the Nootka Saltery Ltd.'s shareholders for disposition of the assets of the company.

We have already provided you, of course, with particulars of other claims filed with the Custodian against the Nootka Saltery Ltd. and in conclusion we are sending to you attached copy of letter to this office dated July 10th from Mr. James Mowat of Port Alberni offering to purchase a portion of the assets of this company, together with carbon copy of our reply which you will find to be self-explanatory.

In view of the stand taken by Mr. Higuchi, we are closing our files in connection with the Nootka Saltery Ltd. and trust that the steps you will be taking will result in your obtaining the full amount owing to you by the Nootka Saltery Ltd.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

File 12191 (Evac.)

July 9th, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. R. P. Alexander.

From: Mr. K. W. Wright.

Re: The Nootka Saltery Limited.

We have your memo of 23rd inst. Review of the file discloses the following:

Claims:

Taxes as at October 30th, 1941	$130.56
Workmen's Compensation Board	319.76
F. W. Smith	500.00
Total	940.32

In addition to the above, the ground lease of the property on which the Saltery stands is said to be in arrears since October 30th, 1941.

Assets:

One ten-horse power Petter Engine (In Vancouver)	$200.00
One five KW D.C. Generator	50.00
One bench vise	5.00
Total	$255.00

In addition to the above chattels, there are several other items of unknown value but on account of the location of the Saltery it is doubtful if anything can be realized from them. In regard to the value of the articles it would seem probable that there would be little, if any, funds available for Creditors after payment of the costs of selling, transportation and liquidation.

According to Mr. Benjamin of Zeballos the buildings are worthless and they would be subject to the conditions of the Ground Lease about which we have no information.

From the above it would seem that no benefit could accrue to anyone from liquidation and might possibly cost the Custodian a considerable amount. It is a private company with all the shares being held by Ukon HIGUCHI, except two (2) qualifying shares. Mr. Higuchi has refused to appoint the Workmen's Compensation Board as his ~~Power of~~ Attorney to sell the assets of the Company. In view of the fact that this is a private company and all shareholders are Evacuees, and also in view of Higuchi's expressed wishes, it might be well to leave the matter of liquidation up to the Creditors. It should be noted that the Workmen's Compensation Board's debt was contracted in the years from 1930 to 1936, and the F. W. Smith debt was contracted in 1936. Up to the outbreak of the war no steps towards liquidation had been taken by the Creditors.

Copy of this memo together with your memo are being sent to Mr. Shears and we are asking that this case be placed on the agenda for next Board meeting, in order to ascertain the views of other members.

We return your file 12191 herewith.

KWW/MS

File No. 12191

June 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. WRIGHT

Re: The Nootka Saltery

Your advice is requested as to manner to be adopted in liquidating the Nootka Saltery whose liabilities exceed considerably its very small assets.

Mr. Ukon Higuchi, principal shareholder, in response to our drawing his attention to claims filed with the Custodian against the Nootka Saltery for contributions due to the Workmen's Compensation Board, stated "let the Board dissolve the Company".

Mr. Bain, Legal Advisor of the Workmen's Compensation Board, prepared a Resolution to be signed by Mr. Higuchi and Mr. Sakamoto, shareholders, calling for dissolution of the Company and appointing Mr. Bain Attorney for this purpose. The Resolution has been signed by Mr. Sakamoto but Mr. Ukon Higuchi, to whom the Resolution and Power of Attorney were sent for signature, refuses to co-operate, saying that he cannot sign any documents "in these abnormal times".

Subject to your views, I would like to suggest that the Custodian issue a Vesting Order vesting the property of the Nootka Saltery and then appoint Mr. Bain as agent of the Custodian for the purpose of liquidating the Nootka Saltery to satisfy the claims of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Alternatively, we could inform the Workmen's Compensation Board that we have no objection to their taking any steps they desire towards attaching the property, etc., for satisfying their claim in whole or in part. The Workmen's Compensation Board are loath to take such steps because of the expense involved. Incidentally, I might mention that the Workmen's Compensation Board have agreed in the event they liquidate the business to reimburse the Custodian for the small amount disbursed by the Custodian of about $10.00 in investigating the condition of the Company in question.

RPA:MA

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 22 1943
File No. 12121
Ans.
Referred Alexander

P. O. Box 163,
Westbank, B. C.,
June 19, 1943.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter and documents regarding Nootka Saltery Limited, from Tashme B. C. S. C. requesting me to sign the document.

I am not in a position to sign anymore documents in these abnormal times. I am returning the documents by return mail.

Yours truly,

U. Higuchi

U. HIGUCHI

Encl.

RESOLUTION passed by the Directors of NOOTKA SALTERY LIMITED,

Vancouver, British Columbia, on the day of

May, 1943.

RESOLVED that in view of the financial position of the Company, Power of Attorney be granted to ALFRED HAZELDEAN BAIN in accordance with the form submitted authorizing him to take charge of the Company's affairs, and that the executive officers be hereby authorized to execute whatever documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.

.....Pres.

H Sakamoto
.....Secty.

.....Dir.

Signed in the Presence
of Mr Sakamoto Signature only

Walter Hamilton
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, NOOTKA SALTERY LIMITED, company incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and having its registered office in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, DO HEREBY make, nominate, constitute and appoint irrevocably ALFRED HAZELDEAN BAIN, of 411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B. C. our true and lawful Attorney for us and in our name, place and stead, to take possession and full charge of all our assets, including real estate, stock-in-trade, fittings, fixtures and equipment, books of account, promissory notes, book debts, cash in bank, insurance monies, and generally all our goods, chattels and effects whatsoever, and to lease, sell and absolutely dispose of same at such time or times, and in such manner and upon such terms and conditions and for such price or prices as to our said Attorney may seem reasonable or expedient. Also to demand, draw for, or sue for, compromise, adjust, and receive all debts, monies, securities, etc., which may be due to us or which may hereafter become due to us and in our name to give effectual receipts and discharges for same. To audit, examine, settle, compromise and adjust all accounts owing by us.

AND for all and every of the purposes aforesaid DO HEREBY GIVE AND GRANT unto our said Attorney, full and absolute power and authority to do and execute all acts, deeds, matters and things necessary to be done in and about the premises. AND also to commence, institute and prosecute all actions, suits and other proceedings which may be necessary or expedient in and about the premises, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as we could do if personally present and acting therein. AND also with full power and authority for our said Attorney to appoint a substitute or substitutes, and such substitution at pleasure to revoke, we hereby RATIFYING and CONFIRMING, and agreeing to ratify, confirm and allow all and whatsoever our said Attorney or such substitute or substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done in the premises by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we hereunto set our hand and seal this day of , in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of)

Seal

H Okamoto

Signed in the Presence of
as to the Okamoto Signature only

Walter Hardy

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within the Province of British Columbia

THE WORKMENS COMPENSATION BOARD

VANCOUVER

May 18, 1943.

Mr. R. P. Alexander, Manager,
Japanese Evacuee Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:- Re: Nootka Saltery Limited,
Firm #13124 - 9

With reference to our discussion with you re the sale of equipment belonging to the above Company located near Zeballos, we find that considerable expense would be involved in arranging sale through the Sheriff at Nanaimo based on a Warrant from this Board and after consideration we feel that the best way would be to get authority from the Company to dispose of the assets.

The most convenient way to accomplish this would be by means of Power of Attorney. We are, therefore, enclosing a document of this nature made to Mr. Alfred Hazeldean Bain as our representative. For this document to be legally executed it will be necessary for the officials of the Company to pass a resolution authorizing execution of the document and then the document signed by the officials under the seal of the Company. We find that directors of the Company are shwon in our letter of August 17, 1942, namely:

Ukon Higuchi, 1390,W. 13th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
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Mr. Griffin is now overseas but we have been speaking to Mr. D. S. Montgomery of his firm and find that they have certain records of the Company at their office.

The enclosed resolution should therefore be signed by Ukon Higuchi and Hideo Sakamoto and the document sealed with the Company seal. The Power of Attorney should be signed in a similar manner and the document then returned to this office. The document is enclosed in duplicate and one copy can be retained by Mr. Higuchi for his records if he so desires.

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We may add that we have been advised by the Tax Collector at Alberni that there are taxes outstanding against the property amounting to $130.56 and that the lease is in arrears since October 30, 1941. Any assistance you can give us in completing the above documents together with the closing out of the business will be appreciated.

Yours truly,
THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

A. H. Bain (signed)
Legal Department.

enc.
AHB:M

COPY TO CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 12 1943
File No. 1159 15191
Ans.
Referred

Ottawa, D. C.,
June 8, 1943.

Mr. T. Higuchi,

Vest Bank, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nootka Saltery Limited

We are enclosing herewith documents in connection with the winding up of your company, the Nootka Saltery Limited, copies of a resolution to be passed by the Board of Directors together with a copy of a letter from Mr. R. P. Alexander of the Custodian's Office to our Mr. H. L. Brown, Vancouver.

We have had Mr. Shimoto sign all copies of the documents and have had same attested by a commissioner here. Will you please be good enough to affix your own signature to the several documents, and have same attested by a notary public or a commissioner for taking affidavits, and return same to Mr. Alexander as requested in his letter to Mr. Brown.

Yours truly,

J. J. SUTHERLAND
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

JJS:MF
Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 1 1943
File No.
Ans.
Referred

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

395 BURRARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Tashme, B. C.,
May 28, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown - Office Manager, British Columbia Security Commission.

Re: Ukon HIGUCHI, #03306, & Nootka Saltery Ltd.,
Custodian File #12191

We have for acknowledgment your memorandum of the 24th instant regarding the above.

In reply we would say that HIGUCHI, whom we understand was president of the Company, is now in West Bank, B. C. We have discussed the matter with Mr. Hideo SAKAMOTO, who is here, and he advises that so far as he knows, the seal was left in the Company's office at 318 Powell Street, unless Mr. Higuchi may have turned same over to the lawyers; Griffin, Montgomery, and Smith. This is also confirmed by the Company's stenographer, who is working here at the present time. If the seal is not in the possession of the lawyer, we would suggest that a search be made among the effects of the Company, which presumably are under control of the Custodian.

If the Custodian wishes us to have Mr. Sakamoto sign these documents, we can have this done here, and then you could forward the documents to Mr. Higuchi at West Bank. In the meantime, we will hold these documents here, and shall await your further instructions.

(Sgd.) J. J. Sutherland,

J. J. SUTHERLAND
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

JJS:MT

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, VANCOUVER, B. C., AND REFER TO CLAIM OR FIRM NUMBER.

E. S. H. WINN, K. C., CHAIRMAN
J. H. PILLSBURY, COMMISSIONER
CHRIS. W. PRITCHARD, COMMISSIONER
P. P. ARCHIBALD, SECRETARY

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 19 1943
File No. 12191
Ans.
Referred Alexander

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Workmens Compensation Board

VANCOUVER

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AHB:M

Legal Department

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Workmens Compensation Board

VANCOUVER

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 12 1943
File No. 12191
Ans.
Referred Alexander

May 10, 1943.

Mr. R. P. Alexander, Manager,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C..

Dear Sir:-

Re: Nootka Saltery, Ltd..
Our Firm #13124-9.

In reply to yours of the 4th instant, we have written to the Sheriff at Nanaimo in regard to the disposal of the assets belonging to the above firm at Nootka.

If the Sheriff reports that the amount likely to be realized will justify the expense of making a seizure under a Warrant from this office, we will probably arrange a sale by that method.

We are awaiting a reply from the Sheriff and will keep you advised of later developements.

Yours truly

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD.

A.H. Bain
Legal Department.

AHB/K

BUELL, ELLIS & SARGENT
SENKLER, BUELL & VAN HORNE

Barristers & Solicitors

WILLIAM SENKLER BUELL, K.C. (1941)
THOMAS E. H. ELLIS JOHN P. SARGENT
E. M. RUSSELL

TELEPHONE,
PACIFIC 9281
CABLE ADDRESS SENKS

202-206 PACIFIC BUILDING
744 WEST HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER
CANADA

May 6, 1943

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 8 1943
File No.
Ans.
Referred Alexander

The Office of the Custodian
675 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re F.W. Smith and Nootka
Saltery - Your file #12191

We are obliged to you for your letter of April 20th herein and since our last letter to you we have been endeavoring to obtain instructions from our client. Until we hear from him we can do nothing further in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Buell Ellis
Sargent

TEHR/NPC

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May 4, 1923.

The Workmen's Compensation Board,
411 Dunsmuir Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Nootka Saltery, Ltd.
Your Firm No. 13124-9

Subsequent to sending you our letter dated April 20th, we have been happy to provide a representative of your Board with a copy of the report mentioned in the last paragraph of our letter, and have also been pleased to permit your representative to peruse our file on the Nootka Saltery, Ltd.

We would appreciate hearing from you in due course as to what steps you propose to take towards satisfying in part or in full your claim of $319.76 against the Nootka Saltery, Ltd.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

12191

April 20, 1943.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Nootka Saltery Limited

Attached you will find carbon copies of our letters addressed to Messrs. Buell, Ellis & Sargent, Senkler, Buell & Van Horne and to the Workmen's Compensation Board in connection with the Nootka Saltery Limited of which Mr. Ukon Higuchi is the principal shareholder.

You will also find attached copy of a letter to us dated March 24th from Zeballos, B. C. containing the report of Mr. H. Benjamin on the physical assets of the Nootka Saltery Limited, which may be of some interest to you.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
Encs.

Zeballos.
B.C.
March 24th 1943

Department of the Secretary of State
Japanese Evacuation Section
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville
Vancouver.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAR 29 1943
File No.
Reply

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated March 1st 1943 in regard to Nootka Saltery Ltd.

I have on March 21st made a trip to the Saltery & look over things & found things as follows
Buildings very Badly decomposed Saltery Building Partly fallen down & bay fallen down under it. This Building is an open shed with open sides & ends & is about 100 ft x 60 ft.
One Building 24 ft x 14 ft with roof gone leaking badly & & foundations very badly decomposed & in My opinion is immovable
One Building 30 ft x 14 ft with extention shed 20 ft x 14 ft & is also in the same condition
one building 24 ft x 14 ft & is the best building of all which was repaired by Josie Smith Indian with new roof repaired Partly by taring the shingled roof & Partly repairing the foundation there is a bath & hot water tank in this Building but the pipes & tank have been broken with the frost this past winter
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As for the other buildings I hesitate to place any value on them because they are in such bad shape & cannot be moved
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7 hundred pounds 3" Spiral Box nails condition the dont know price one 6ft chain hoist with a broken skein Value —
7 scoop shovels to badly rusted to use
one small bench vise broken price —
one bench vise Value $5.00
3 mitts hand trunks Value dont know
found no tools there at all but according to Jose Smith there was tools there such as shock + disk Bolt dies also pipe dies also various other tools which have been taken after he left there + was reported to the Police at 3 o'clock on or about sept 20th 1942. also broken into again some time in February 1943 + was reported to Police aboard PNL 8 on March 19th 1943
There is about 500 ft of 4" wood pipe which of course has been frozen + is broken in places but it hard to tell how much is broken on account of the brush grown over it
In regard to Josie Smith the Indian watchman he has said to me that the Japanese owners are correct in there statements as to his pay as watchman but that he did expect to receive some money for his watching the boat since July 1942 + that he has called at the place every two weeks since that date hoping this is to your satisfaction + should you care for any more information I will be glad to oblige

Yours Truly

A Benjamin

Y

Zeballos, B. C.,

March 24th, 1943.

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One 5 K.W. D.C. generator - a very old model and has the following missing parts -- generator base, ammeter and belt. Value $50.00

Seven hundred pounds 3" Spiral Box Nails - condition new, don't know price. One ton chain hoist with a broken shiv. Value --

Seven scoop shovels to badly rusted, no use.
One small bench vise broken price -
One bench vise - value $5.00.
Three useable hand trucks. Value don't know.

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Hoping this is to your satisfaction and should you care for any more information I will be glad to oblige.

Yours truly,

"H. Benjamin"

COMMUNICATION SHOULD RELATE TO ONE COMPANY ONLY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
VICTORIA, B.C.

March 2, 1943

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAR 3 1943
File No. 12191
Ans.
Referred

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A. G. McArthur, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Dept. of the Sec'y of State Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg., Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Nootka Saltery Limited, Zeballos, B. C.

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant there is no record here of this company having gone into liquidation. Its last annual report on file is made up to the 20th of August, 1941, and contains the names of three shareholders only, and they are:

Higuchi, Ukon, 1390 West 13th Ave., Vancouver, Merchant	28	shares
Sakamoto, Hideo, 2307 Oxford St., Vancouver, Merchant	1	share
Griffin, M. J., 6976 Marguerite St., Vancouver, Solicitor	1	share

The shares are of a par value of $100.00 each and are fully paid up. The company has an authorized capital of $10,000.00 divided into 100 shares of $100.00 each, and had a mortgage indebtedness at the date of the report of $2605.89.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

WLL/EF

W. L. Kennedy
Deputy Registrar of Companies.

12191

1st March, 1943.

Henry Benjamins, Esq.,
Zeballos, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nootka Saltery Ltd.

Mr. Dawson of Dawson Bros. & Company, who is now in Vancouver, has telephoned to this office and has given us your name. He informs us that you are entirely reliable and has suggested that we get in touch with you in connection with the affairs of the Nootka Saltery Ltd.

What is specifically desired is a brief report from you as to the physical assets remaining on the site of the Nootka Saltery Ltd., their condition, your estimate of their value and your estimate of their marketability. Mr. Dawson believes that you can look over the saltery in a day and give us your report. We are fully prepared to recompense you for your day's work, but without knowing the amount of work which may be involved we hesitate to suggest any figure to you at this time. When sending us your report please attach a bill covering your services and you may be sure that if your bill is reasonable - and we are assured by Mr. Dawson that you will be reasonable - you will shortly thereafter receive a cheque.

Mr. Dawson indicated that an Indian by the name of Joseph Smith might be on the premises but whether he is there as a caretaker or is living there with his family with the permission of the Japanese concerned we do not know, but evidence we have on file indicates that the latter is the case. When reporting, if you will make some comment regarding Mr. Joseph Smith, this will also be appreciated.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

12191

January 16, 1943.

Messrs. Duell, Ellis & Sargent
Senkler, Duell & Van Horne,
744 W Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Tahsis Packing Company, Ltd.
Nootka Saltery Ltd.
M. Furuya Company, Ltd.

Further to our letter dated December 19th in connection with claim made by your client Mr. F. W. Smith for $500.00 regarding which you wrote us on December 16th, we would appreciate receiving your comments in connection with the following letter dated January 10th from Mr. Ukon Higuchi to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons:

"I received your letter dated December 29th regarding the claim against the above Company by Frank W. Smith, Victoria, B. C. amounting to $500.00 Such a claim against the M. Furuya Company was a surprise to me. In 1936 the Company was operated and owned by Mr. Davis, who is in the armed forces. Since the plant was never open by the M. Furuya Company, the building only has an asset, also the plant has not been looked after since the outbreak of war."

It would be of help possibly to us if you could obtain from your client detailed particulars of payments said to have been received by him during 1936 and 1937 in this connection giving dates, amounts, conditions, and sources.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
cc to P. S. Ross & Sons
File 295-136

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Via Hope, B. C.,
January, 12, 1943.

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

Dear Sir: File No. 12191 & 11529
Re: Nootaka Saltery

Received your letter dated December 16th regarding the Workman Compensation Boards claim.

The Company' has no asset as I have explained to you before. Let the Board proceed to bankrupt the above Company. This I think is the best way.

Yours truly,

U. HIGUCHI
#03306

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Tashme
Via Hope
B.C.
January 10, 1943.

P. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

File #295-136
Re: Nootaka (Tahsis)Packing Co.

I received your letter dated December 29th regarding the claim against the above Company by Frank W. Smith, Victoria, B.C. amounting $500.00 Such a claim against the M. Furuya Company was a surprise to me.

In 1936 the company was operated and owned by Mr. Davis, who is in the armed forces. Since the plant was never open by the M. Furuya Co. the building only has an asset, also the plant has not been looked after since the outbreak of war.

Yours truly

"U. HIGUCHI"

BUELL, ELLIS & SARGENT
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Barristers & Solicitors

WILLIAM SENKLER BUELL, K.C. (1941)
THOMAS E. H. ELLIS JOHN P. SARGENT
E. M. RUSSELL

TELEPHONE,
PACIFIC 9281
CABLE ADDRESS 'SENKS'

202-206 PACIFIC BUILDING
744 WEST HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER
CANADA

December 16, 1942

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd DEC 17 1942
File No. 12191
Ans.
Referred Alexander

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

Dear Sir:

We act for one Frank N. Smith of Seven Oaks Post Office, Vancouver Island, who has a clim of $500.00 against certain Japanese Companies formerly operating in British Columbia. The names of the Companies are:

Tahsis Packing Company Limited,
Nootka Saltery Limited and 12191
M. Furuya Company Limited. Enf file 131

We enclose herewith Statutory Declaration and two copies so that his claim can be filed against each one of these Companies and we think the declaration sufficiently sets out how the claim arises. If you wish any further information we will be very pleased to try to supply the same.

Our client has not taken any action in the matter to date because he has not been able to find out the exact relationship existing between these Companies but as far as he is concerned, he wishes to lodge his claim against them all until the matter is disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

Buell Ellis
Sargent

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IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA	:	IN THE MATTER OF A CLAIM BY F.V. SMITH AGAINST NOOTKA SALTERY LIMITED and M. FURUYA COMPANY LIMITED and TAHSIS PACKING COMPANY LIMITED
IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	:	
TO WIT:	:	

I, THOMAS E.M. ELLIS, of 808 - 744 West Hastings Street, in the City and County of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am the solicitor for Frank V. Smith, of Seven Oaks Post Office, near Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, and have a knowledge of the facts hereinafter deposed to, save and except where the same are made on information and belief.

2. That during the packing season in 1936 I am informed by the said Frank V. Smith and verily believe that he supplied certain fresh fish to the above Companies or one of them who were operating a plant at the Village of Coaqueno, in British Columbia.

3. That the said Frank V. Smith received a cheque for the sum of $1,000.00 dated November 5, 1936 for the balance at that time owing to him in the sum of $1,000.00 and which cheque was signed by the Tahsis Packing Company Limited.

4. That the said Tahsis Packing Company Limited some time later changed its name to Nootka Saltery Limited.

5. That I am informed by the said Frank V. Smith and verily believe that when he presented the cheque for payment the same was dishonored by non-payment but at various times subsequent thereto he received payments from the said Tahsis Packing Company Limited and through the said M. Furuya Company Limited, totalling $800.00, which payments were received during 1936 and 1937 leaving a balance owing to the said Frank V. Smith of $200.00.

6. That the said Frank V. Smith claims that the said M. Furuya Company Limited is responsible for payment of the balance owing and claims against the said Company the said sum of $200.00 as well as claiming the said sum against the Nootka Saltery Limited as successor to the Tahsis Packing Company Limited.

7. That the said Frank V. Smith has a claim in the sum of $900.00, being the balance owing on the said cheque against the above-named Companies.

8. That the said Frank V. Smith holds no security for the said sum of $900.00 nor any part thereof and the said sum of $900.00 is now due and owing.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

DECLARED before me at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of December, A.D., 1942

L S Thurlow

A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

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DATED DECEMBER 16th, A.D. 1948

IN THE MATTER OF A CLAIM BY
F.W. SMITH AGAINST NOUMEA
SALTERY LIMITED and H. FUSEYA
COMPANY LIMITED and TAHITI
PACKING COMPANY LIMITED

STATUTORY DECLARATION

DUNN, ELLIS & HASSENT

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Griffin, Montgomery & Smith

MARTIN GRIFFIN, K.C.
G. P. MONTGOMERY

M. J. GRIFFIN

Barristers, Solicitors, &c.

TELEPHONE MARINE 6138
CABLE ADDRESS "MARGRIFF"
CODE WESTERN UNION

609 Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

August 28th 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Attention of Mr. Alexander

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

Dear Sirs, re Nootka Saltery Limited
Your file 12191

We refer to your letter of August 24th 1942 addressed to Mr.M.J.Griffin of 886 Lagoon Drive, Vancouver. Mr.Griffin was a member of our staff until the fall of 1939 when he joined the Canadian Forces, and he is now a Major on active service in England.

As far as Nootka Saltery Limited is concerned Mr.M.J.Griffin is the registered holder of one qualifying share of the Company and he has been a nominal director of the Company for some years, although taking no part in its management or direction. In these circumstances we are not quite clear as to why your letter was written to Mr.M.J.Griffin, but if there are any steps which you think we should take in connection with the matter we shall be glad to hear from you further.

Yours truly,
GRIFFIN, MONTGOMERY & SMITH,
per

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Hideo Sakamoto } files

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Our Files #1291,
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Re: [redacted]

The Workmen's Compensation Board, in their letter dated August 17th, state that the following three individuals are the principals in the fire mentioned above:-

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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

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Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd.,
c/o G. L. Davies, president BFK Co. formerly w
5638 Laburnum Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

January 31, 1931

Due Forthwith

Succeeded By:
Nootka Saltery, Ltd.,

	ADJUSTMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 19[illegible]30			
	Fish Packing Class 15	Fishing Opns. Class 15	Class	Medical Aid Dues. (Total No. of Days or Parts of Days worked)
Pay Roll	2489.68	4388.85		
Proportion of Payroll Assessed	1867.26	3291.64	Forward	181.00
Basic Rate	2.30	3.50		
Net Assessment	42.95	115.21	Accrued penalties to June 1938	12.96
				193.9[illegible]
Amount Paid			Paid 113.87	
Overpaid			Transfer from 1942 45.66	159.5[illegible]
Unpaid				
Overpaid	42.95	115.21	Amt. Owing	$34.43
Penalties	11.42	11.42		

Overpayment to be credited on your assessment for the year

Amount due from Employer to be paid on or before FORTHWITH 181.00

The amount shown as due from the Employer is assessed by the Board in pursuance of the "Workmen's Compensation Act." The amount thereof is payable at the Board's Offices, Vancouver, British Columbia. Failure to pay when due incurs a penalty of 5% of assessment and 1% a month thereafter, until paid, also liability for the cost of all accidents to employees during default.

PLEASE RETURN PINK COPY WITH YOUR REMITTANCE.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

13124 - 15 VANCOUVER. B.C.

Succeeded By:

Nootka Saltery, Ltd.,

COPY

Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd.,
362 Alexander Street, — Wibbon Club
Vancouver, B. C.

REMITTANCE SLIP

WHEN PAID BY CHEQUE DETACH AND ENCLOSE THIS SLIP ONLY. YOUR CANCELLED CHEQUE SERVES AS A RECEIPT.

MEDICAL AID DUES

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER WITHIN ITS SCOPE TO RETAIN FROM THE MONEYS EARNED BY EACH WORKMAN IN HIS EMPLOYMENT ONE CENT FOR EACH DAY OR PART OF DAY WORKED. THE SUM SO DEDUCTED IS REQUIRED TO BE REMITTED TO THE BOARD WITHOUT NOTICE ON THE FIRST DAYS OF APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER AND JANUARY. FAILURE TO PAY WHEN DUE INCURS AT ONCE A PENALTY OF 5%, AND THEREAFTER 1% FOR EACH MONTH IN DEFAULT.

THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THIS NOTICE IS PAST DUE.

PLEASE REMIT WITHIN TEN DAYS

MEDICAL AID DUES	for 1931	32.31	
	Penalty	1.96	
			34.27
Penalties accrued to May 1931			.32
	Amt. Owing		$34.59

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

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13124 - 15 VANCOUVER, B.C.

Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd.,
362 Alexander Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

April 20, 1932

due

FORTHWITH

Succeeded By: Nootka Saltery, Ltd.,

ADJUSTMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1931

	Fish Packing Class 15	Fishing Class 15	Class	Medical Aid Dues (Total No. of Days or Parts of Days worked)
Pay Roll	5025.82	$522.73		
Proportion of Payroll Assessed	2512.91	2761.36		
Basic Rate	2.50	3.50		
Net Assessment	62.82	96.64	FORWARD	183.38
			Penalty Accrued to May 25/32	1.59
Amount Paid			Amt. Owing	$184.97
[redacted]paid				
[redacted]erpaid	62.82	96.64		
Penalties	11.96	11.96		

Overpayment to be credited on your assessment for the year	
Amount due from Employer to be paid on or before FORTHWITH	$183.38

The amount shown as due from the Employer is assessed by the Board in pursuance of the "Workmen's Compensation Act." The amount thereof is payable at the Board's Offices, Vancouver, British Columbia. Failure to pay when due incurs a penalty of 5% of assessment and 1% a month thereafter, until paid, also liability for the cost of all accidents to employees during default.

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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

August 10, 1932

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Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd.,
362 Alexander Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Due

August 20, 1932

Succeeded By: Nootka Saltery, Ltd.,

ADJUSTMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1932

	Watchman Class 15	Class	Class	Medical Aid Dues (Total No. of Days or Parts of Days worked)
Pay Roll	130.00			
Proportion of Payroll Assessed				
Basic Rate	Minimum Assessment			
Net Assessment	5.00			
Amount Paid				
Overpaid				
Underpaid				
Penalties	.25			

Overpayment to be credited on your assessment for the year

Amount due from Employer to be paid on or before August 20, 1932 $5.25

The amount shown as due from the Employer is assessed by the Board in pursuance of the "Workmen's Compensation Act." The amount thereof is payable at the Board's Offices, Vancouver, British Columbia. Failure to pay when due incurs a penalty of 5% of assessment and 1% a month thereafter, until paid, also liability for the cost of all accidents to employees during default.

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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

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The Tahsis Packing Co. Ltd.,
109 Powell Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

two steel watchmen

December 13, 1937

Due

Forthwith

Succeeded By: Nootka Saltery Ltd.

ADJUSTMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1936

	Fishing Class 15	Fish Packing Class 15	Class	Medical Aid Dues. (Total No. of Days or Parts of Days worked)
Pay Roll	750.00	2300.00		
Proportion of Payroll	750.00	2300.00		
Assessed	2.20	1.50		
Basic Rate				
Net Assessment	16.50	34.50		2.60
Amount Paid				
Overpaid				
Underpaid	16.50	34.50		
Penalties	2.24	4.68		2.60
	18.74	39.18		

Overpayment to be credited on your assessment for the year		
Amount due from Employer to be paid on or before	FORTHWITH	$60.52

The amount shown as due from the Employer is assessed by the Board in pursuance of the "Workmen's Compensation Act." The amount thereof is payable at the Board's Offices, Vancouver, British Columbia. Failure to pay when due incurs a penalty of 5% of assessment and 1% a month thereafter, until paid, also liability for the cost of all accidents to employees during default.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COPY WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

DOMINION OF CANADA)
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA)
CITY OF CANCOUVER TO WIT:)

IN THE MATTER OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF NOOTKA SALTERY LTD., Firm #13124-9

I, FOSTER PARKER ARCHIBALD, of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am the Secretary of the Workmen's Compensation Board, a Commission having its Head Office at 411 Dunsmuir Street, in the City and Province aforesaid:

2. That there is due and owing by the said NOOTKA SALTERY LTD. to the Workmen's Compensation Board, for assessment made under the authority of the Workmen's Compensation Act, the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents($282.57), as based on the audit of the payrolls of the said NOOTKA SALTERY LTD., and also the sum of Thirty-Seven Dollars and Nineteen Cents ($37.19) under Section 34 of the Workmen's Compensation Act for Medical Aid, making a total due of Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents($319.76).

3. That the Board aforesaid holds no security whatever for the indebtedness, or any portion thereof:

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED BEFORE ME at the
City of Vancouver, in the
Province of British Columbia,
this thirtieth day of April, 1942.

F P Archibald

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within British Columbia