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COPIED from letter from Mr. Uchiyama

REAL ESTATE

FILE No. #12681

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: ROYSTON BUDDHIST MISSION

HOME ADDRESS: Royston, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER SEX: AGE:

OCCUPATION: Executives: Guntaro KATO & Masato MIYAHARA File No. 8031.

(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.) (both of Royston, B. C.)

EMPLOYER:

MARRIED?

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Royston Buddhist Mission was organized by Japanese congregations in the Comox District Vancouver Island, location within the Royston Lumber Company's mill site, the building and land owned by the company, rented to mission free of charge for community as well as church services.
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:

1 Minature Buddhist Shrine, gold foil finish, 1 Parterre, 4 brocade cover for Parterre. 2 Brass light fixtures, 2 bronze flower vases (large) 2 bronze flower vases (small). 1 bronze Sensers (large), 1 bronze Sensers (small). 1 large Bell & stand for front stage. 2 Cotton curtain for front stage, 1 velvet curtain for front stage, 1 cotton curtain for outside use. 1 alarm bell. 3 stage chairs. 6 tables & covers. 3 Wall pictures. Quantities of benches, Etc.

Estimated Value about $1800.00

(Above estimation made with writer's best knowledge, as he was authorized to purchase all articles on each & every individual case.)

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

FORM "JP" FILE No._____

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_____ day of_____ 1942.

(Signature)_____

_____
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE_____

#12681

P.O.Box.24.
Minto City, B.C. Oct.10th 1942.

Mr. R.P.Alexander,
Manager
Dept of the Secretary of Satate
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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Dear Sir:- File NO.12681-8985.Royston Buddhist Mission.

In reply to yours of 1st inst., in connection to Royston Buddhist Mission, I wish to inform you the followings:

Royston Buddhist Mission was organized by Japanese congregations in the Comox District Vancouver Island,location within the Royston Lumber Company's mill site,the building and land owned by the company,rented to mission free of charge for the community as well as church services,Royston Buddhist Mission have the followings assets in furnitures and fixtures:

1 Minature Buddhist Shrine,gold foil finish.
1 Parterre, " " "
4 Brocade cover for Parterre.
2 Brass light Fixtures.
2 Bronze Flower Vases (large)
2 " " (small)
1 " Sensers (large) - (Spilled)
1 " " (small)
1 Large Bell and stand complete with hand stick.
1 Velvet Curtain for front stage.
2 Cotton " " " "
1 " " " outside use.
1 Alarm Bell.
3 Stage chairs.
6 Tables and covers.
3 Wall Pictures
Quantities of benches Etc.
estimated value about $1800.00

Above estimation made with writer's best knowledge as he was authorized by executives to purchase all articles on each and every individual cases and believe it is nearest amount.

#1625 File No. 8031 -

Guntaro Kato and Masato Miyahara both from Royston, were executives for the mission,perhaps they can give more correct valuations if they have the book with them otherwise it is hard propositions for them to give you correct amount of the costs,

2.

Please refer to above executives,Fred Kato knows where about these parties located.

If in case they not able to give you enough informations I hope you will take my information to establish a record and have protect Mission's assets for meantime,I will endeavour to get further informations if posible.

Youre truly,

G. K. Uchiyama,



Royston Hill Buddhist Association
Royston Road, near Amherstand.
George Miyahara Sec.
Fred Kato, Asst Mgr
Amherst
} Hastings Park.

Contact.
George K. Ushigome (Mgr Royston Towers)
Box 24
Prince City.

CLAIM

File No. 1268/

DATE

22nd December, 1942.

CREDITOR

M. KEISUZAKI & CO.

DEBTOR

ROYSTON BUKKYOKAI, Buddhist Church.
Cumberland, B.C.

AMOUNT OWING

$1.05

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

Internee No.170

January, 1943.

M.A.

NAME [redacted]

REGISTRATION NO. [redacted] FILE NO. 12682

The following chattels were sold by public auction at Cumberland, B. C. on August 23, 1944.

Organ $ 10.00

Total		$ 10.00
Less Expenses: Auctioneer's Fee:	$1.00	$ 1.90
Advertising:	0.40	
Moving:	0.50	
Net Proceeds Credited:		$ 8.10

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Matt Brown

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Cumberland 1

Remarks.

REG. NO.	NAME	FILE NO.
	BUDDLIST ASSN. BOYSTON HILL	12681

COMPANY	POLICY NO.	AMOUNT	EXPIRATION			PROPERTY
			MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
Michigan Fire & Marine Ins Insurance Co.	16587	$1200.	Feb.	7	44	Property of Boyston Lumber Co. Near Cumberland, N. C.
Michigan Fire & Marine Ins. Co.	6636	$1,200.	Feb.	28	1945	Pt. of D.L.23, Twp.11, Raleigh Dist. Dist. Cumberland N Carolina. NC.
Michigan Fire & Marine Insurance Co.	6617	$1,100.00	Feb.	28	1946	Pt. of D.L. 20, Twp. 11, Raleigh Dist. Dist. Cumberland and Boylston, N.C., N. C.

FILE

12681

October 26th, 1942.

Royston Lumber Company,
ROYSTON, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

re Royston Buddhist Mission

We have been informed by a Mr. Uchiyama that the above Mission was organized by Japanese congregations in the Comox District, Vancouver Island, and was located within the Royston Lumber Company's mill site. He further states that the building and land were owned by your Company and rented to the Mission free of charge for community as well as church services.

Will you please confirm this arrangement for our records; or in the event you do not agree, let us have your understanding in this regard.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner.

IM:EB.

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THE ROYSTON LUMBER CO., LTD.

MANUFACTURERS OF
ROUGH AND DRESSED FIR LUMBER

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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TELEPHONES: {MILL, 180 CUMBERLAND
NIGHT CALL, 6 COURTENAY

CABLE ADDRESS: "ROLCO"
CODES: {ACME, BENTLEY'S PRIVATE

R. R. No. 1
CUMBERLAND, B.C.

Nov 2nd 42.

Dept of the Secty of State
Office of the Custodian
Royal Bank Bldg
Vancouver B.C.

Attention Mr. Ian Macpherson

Dear Sirs:- Replying to yours Oct 26th File 1268 Kaslo Buddhist Mission, kindly your information is correct. A gore approx 240 ft long by 140 ft at one end and 120 ft at the other, takes up the east part of the mill yard and piling space on this property. Contains a Japanese Community Hall approx 28'x78' with a 12'x14' wing, a Japanese School 24'x50' at the other end and a playground and garden in between.

The net result of this arrangement was that the owners were forced to rent another property on the opposite side of the highway to give them sufficient piling yard.

The Community Hall has a ten foot covered verandah at one end and a balcony or proportionist gallery inside at one end. At the opposite end is a stage the full width of the building extending forward about 24 ft. The first ten feet in depth could be used for a public stage. Behind this is a heavy black velour curtain moveable behind which when removed is a space about 10'x20' containing a full Buddhist altar with trappings and pictures, in copper, brass and lacquered wood.

I am informed locally that this was imported from Japan by the said Nishizawa and set up in the Hall here

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and was presided over by a Japanese Buddhist priest.

The main part of this alley stands 10 to 12 feet high and could only be removed from the building by either carefully taking it apart or removing part of the side wall of the building. False back and side walls ~~link~~ form a passage way around back and ends of alleys in which alley stands.

I have not seen any records of this alley or mission since I have been here except the enclosed partial list of ~~co~~dently appraisal and am unable to state who owned it or were its officers.

The building in which it stands could readily be converted into a hotel or bunk house for a while crews to operate mill and logging and would house possibly 40 to 50 men. The school house could be converted into a dining hall for the same number. Both buildings are in good repair.

Yours Very Truly
A. E. Aick

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.
Nov. 5/42.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Mr. R.P. Alexander, Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Report on Royston Buddist Mission and schoob
File # 12681.

1 & 2 Location and Nature of property. Building and land property of Royston Lumber Co. R R # I, Cumberland, B.C. Rent on same is free of charge. Particulars on building and land in detail are:

A gore approx. 240 ft long by 140 ft at one end and 120 ft at the other. Contains a Japanese Community Hall approx. 28x75 with a 12x14 wing. A Japanese school 24x50 at the other end of yard with a play ground and garden between.

This community hall has a 10 ft covered veranda at one end and a balcony or projecting gallery inside at one end, on the opposite end is a stage. The full width of building extending forward about 24 ft, the front 10 ft in depth of stage used as a public stage. Behind this is a heavy black velvet curtain, monacable, which when removed is a space about 12x20 containing a full Buddist Temple Alter intack with Tapperings and Fixtures, copper glaced on lacqured wood. This was imported from Japan by Mr. G.K. Uchiyama and set up for Japanese Community in Comox District V.I. and was presided over by Japanese Buddist Priest.

The main part of this alter stands 12 ft high and could only be removed from the building by either carefully taking apart or removing part of the side wall of the building. False back and side walls form a passage way threw and around the back and ends of alcove in which the Alter stands.

3 Effects are as per enclosed list which I picked up from Mr. KATO'S desk.

As to prices listed on this sheet, they seem to be out of all reason. The pool tables mentioned are all broken and of very little value.

4 Insurances. None.
5 Liabilities. None.to date.
6 Recommendations. As this temple is still in tack, the articles are hard to segregate , not being acquainted with names of same. For protection there are no Insurances to my knowledge. Kindly let me know if same should be insured.

Hoping this will give you information to date. Also hoping to have your comments regarding same.

Yours truly
Matt. Brown
Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

Effects in Community Hall Royston Lumber Co. R R # I, Cumberland, B.C.

No.				
	I	I	Buddha Temple & 2 Uraku	$I500.00
	2	2	Rinto	55.30
	3	2L	Flower vase	
		3M	" "	
		6S	" "	II0.00
	4	IL	Candle stand	
		IM	" "	
		4S	" "	75.00
	5	IL	Incense Burner	
		IM	" "	
		2S	" "	60.00
	6	3	Butsupan	4.65
	7	I	Rin with Stand	I6.85
	8	I	Rin	.75
	9	I	Hansho	2I.00
	I0	I Set	Hanamatsuri Set.	50.00.
	II	6	Uchishiki	200.00
	I2	I	Curtain	45.00
	I3	I	A.W.A. Flag	35.00
	I4	77	Monto Shikisho	77.00
	I5	4box	Incense	I.50
	I6	I50 P	Candle	2.00
	I7	IL	Cerduray Curtains	73.00
	I8	IL	Framed Mottos	
		3S	" "	I30.00
	I9	2	Tavles Close	I4.50
	20	4	Tables	28.00
	2I	I	Book case & Books	II5.00
	22	40	Cushon	20.00
	23	2L	Curtains	50.00
	24	I	~~Organ~~	~~25.00~~ S
	25	I	Lumberman Heater	20.00
	26	4Set	Japanese Fencing Outfit	I00.00
	27	6	Bamboo Swords	6.00
	28	3	Baseball Bat	3.00
	29	28	Benches	II2.00
	30	2 com.	set Pool Tables.	I50.00
	3I	24	Japanese Dish	2.00
	32	I25 set	Chop Sticks.	I.25
				$3,I03.80

Effects in Japanese School.

No.				
	I	4	Framed Mottos	35.00
	2	27	School Desks	I65.50
	3	I4	Instruction Manual Pictures	I00.00
	4	I	Piano	65.00
	5	9	Bouble Desks	27.00
	6	I	Book Case Books	250.00
	7	I	Kindergarten Supplies	I0.00
				$652.50

S. Sold by Auction 23/8/44. CUMBERLAND 1

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January 29, 1943.

Mr. Matt Brown,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Royston Mill Buddhist Association.

Will you kindly refer to our past correspondence in connection with insurance on Japanese chattels stored in the school building and community hall.

After receiving your letter of December 17th in which you give me the fire rate as being 2.35% and suggesting that they should be covered to the extent of 50% of the listed value, I referred the matter to Mr. George K. Uchiyama at Minto City, one of the directors of the Association.

I have received his reply, dated January 9th, in which he advises that the Association have no funds with which to pay fire insurance premiums, but that he is of the opinion that the various members of the Association would like to have fire protection.

Under these circumstances I think you had better arrange to have a policy written through Mr. Carey, that is, providing that his company is willing to carry the risk on a building that is vacant. Permit for vacancy should be attached to the policy.

Fifty per cent of the values that the Japanese declared on chattels in both buildings would total roughly $1,000.00. An adjustment in connection with loss, if any, would be made on the present day actual value of those chattels. Looking over the list, I would say that quite a lot of the stuff has a very doubtful market value so that you might hold down the amount of protection even below your suggested 50% because there is no object in carrying and paying for more insurance than necessary, and especially as there is no revenue and not likely to be coming in from this property.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 30 1944
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Ans.
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P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.
May 27/44.

Mr. H. F. Green,
Protection Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Royston Buddhist Mission File #12681.

Kindly find enclosed our cheque for fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents in payment of the sale of a piano. This piano was listed by Mr. G. K. Uchiyama for the above mentioned party previous to evacuation.

1 used piano	$65.00
Less 10%	6.50
Balance	$59.50

Hoping you find same to be in order.

Yours truly

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

GB/MB
Encs.

Rec'd NOV 29 1945
File No. 1281/898
Attn.
Initial M Shears.

G.K.Uchiyama, Reg. #06182.
P.O.Box.24.
Minto City, B.C. Nov. 24th 1945.

F.G.Shears Esq.
Director,
Dept. of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: File NO.8985 re Royston Buddhist Assn's Shrine.

In reply to yours of 30th ult. in regard to the care and disposition of above marginated shrine,I wish to inform you that since I received your letter I have written to many principal parties of the congregations in this connection including Guntaro Kato and Toshihiko Miyahara,and replies received so far with their opinions agreed to authorized me todispose it, although,sorry to say that I have no suggestion or idea for care and disposition and source of funds can be made available to cover the expenses of crating,removal, storage and insurance.

Only what I thought of that can be done to dispose one of those churches in Alberta,namely Raymound,Lethbridge and some others subject to such expenses and transportation,as far as the valuation I rather have donate the whole properties if proper party wanted, in this case ofcause it is my opinion as far as my concern, and I wrote couple letters already offering as I stated above but no reply yet.

Begining of this month Reverend Hirahara visited here and I had a long conversation with him in this line and he has promised that he would inform me within two weeks with hope of disposition that he has in his mind,however, no information received until this date.

Sorry this reply being delayed,I hope without further delay,some solution of this difficulty and able to dispose soon, I will wire you if I hear from party favourable reply on my letter.

Yours truly,

G.K. Uchiyama,

G.K.Uchiyama

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th November, 1945.

12681/8985

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Royston Hill Buddhist Association

You are aware that there is a somewhat elaborate shrine at Royston. I am enclosing copy of a letter dated October 30th written to Mr. George UCHIYAMA and copy of his reply dated November 24th.

The churches to which he refers at Raymond and Lethbridge would, I believe, be churches established prior to evacuation. I gather from Mr. Uchiyama's letter that the congregation have authorized him to deal with this matter.

Should Mr. Uchiyama for example request shipment of this shrine to be made to some point outside of the protected area, would it be considered in order to do so? Is any future policy likely to be involved here in regard to such matters as to whether Japanese who wish to reside in Canada should be allowed to print language newspapers and establish language schools and Buddhist or Shinto churches?

I have written to Mr. Matt Brown, our Agent at Cumberland, asking him to secure an estimate of the cost of dismantling and packing the shrine and I am enclosing herein a photo of the shrine which you may desire to show the Minister or Dr. Coleman. Kindly return this when you are through with same.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH
encl.

12681/8985

29th November, 1945.

Mr. Matt Brown,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Royston Mill Buddhist Assem.

When you were here recently you advised me that you would make some enquiries with regard to the cost of dismantling and packing the Buddhist shrine at the Royston Mill.

I wrote to Mr. Uchiyama in regard to this matter and from a reply which I have received from him it would appear that he has been in touch with a number of the congregation and they have left it to him to decide upon the disposition of this shrine.

He makes a tentative suggestion that it might be shipped to some church in Alberta. I do not know whether this will materialize, but I would be pleased to have a report from you in regard to the cost of preparing the shrine for shipment.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PME

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Filed N Shears.

G.K.Uchiyama, Reg. NO.06182.
P.O.Box.24.
Minto City, B.C. Jan.5th 1946.

F.G.Shears Esq.
Director.
Dept. of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: File NOs.8985.8031 & 11825,Roystob Buddhist Ass'n.

In connection to the shrine of Royston Buddhist Association I am happy to inform you that the following proposals arranged to dispose and hereby ask your sanction.

On December 18th last in sudden a man named Tatsushi Maruno callec on me from Raymond,Alberta and requested donation of the shrine on behalf of Raymond Buddhist Church togather with all other belongings thereof,I gave consent of donate,as this is only way to dispose the shrine to vacate the community hall without further delay,forther report received from him dated December 31st 1945 that on December 29th they called executives meeting in this concern and passed a resolution to accept donation with appreciation also have granted all expenses such as dismounting,crating, moving,transportations and insurance.

Further to this difficulties of dismounting and cratings,they will send a man to supervise on the job,whose name is Tsunesaku Kimura relocated at Raymond,he was Royston mill foreman for last 20 years and only the person who knows the key of dismounting of shrine,he is well known to the district particularly to your agent Mr. Matt Brown of Cumberland,For permission of his proceeds to Island for this special job mostly rely on your recommendation and beg your favorable consideration tb this effects,deeply appreciated.

Above deal is nothing but a pure benovelant action and no monetry transaction whatever,if your veiw meet with this proposal to dispose the shrine etc., please kindly arrange accordingly.

I am appointed and authorized by executives also principal congregations to act with my best and as far as this concern under the circumstances I am satisfy to donate to Alberta Buddhist Church,as this is only solution I can find.

Yours truly,

G.K.Uchiyama,

G.K.Uchiyama

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15th January, 1946.

T.B. Pickersgill Esq.,
Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Buddhist Association, Royston Mill.

We have under our care the Buddhist shrine which is located in a Community Hall building at Cumberland. This building has been sold and in the reasonably near future some disposition will need to be made of the shrine.

We enclose a copy of our letter of October 20th to Mr. George Uchiyama, his reply of November 24th and also a copy of a letter just received dated January 5th.

In October 1942 Mr. George Uchiyama informed us that the Royston Buddhist Mission was organized by Japanese congregations in the Comox District, Vancouver Island, located within the Royston Lumber Company's mill site, the building and land being owned by the company and rented to the Mission free of charge for the community as well as for church services.

This particular shrine is quite elaborate and we are enclosing a photo of same which we will ask you to kindly return.

We are writing to ask you if you will kindly make some investigation and be prepared to recommend whether the parties requesting this shrine are the ones entitled to receive same.

In a letter received from Mr. Uchiyama in 1942 he refers to Guntaro Kato and Masato Miyahara as being the executives for the Mission and you will note that in his letter of November 24th he speaks of having received favourable replies from these two parties giving authority to Mr. Uchiyama to make a satisfactory disposition of this shrine.

Should you consider the shipment as suggested to be in order, the matter of dismantling and packing by Mr. Tsunesaku Kimura would need your approval and in the circumstances you might be prepared to grant a permit for his return for this particular purpose.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Secretary.

FGS/PMH

Raymond Buddhist Mission,
Box 40,
Raymond, Alta.,

Custodian of the Custodian District,
Mr. Matt. Brown

Dear Sir:-

We have acquired permission from Mr. J. N. Lister, (General Manager of the Department of Labour Japanese Division) that we The Raymond Buddhist Mission accept the donation of the Buddhist Shrine now located at the Royston Buddhist Association building.

I hope you will sincerely understand that we would appreciate to have this Shrine transported to us with the least damage. We recommend Mrs. G. Harris of 411 Sixth St., New Westminster, B.C., to be present when this task is undertaken. We therefore would greatly appreciate it if you will delay the undertaking of this task until you get in contact with the above Mrs. Harris and talk over in details concerning the dismantling, crating and transportation of the Buddhist Shrime. She has very much knowledge about the Buddhist Church, and I am sure she is most capable of undertaking task successfully. I also greatly appreciate and hope that you would allow her to have about three men of her own choice to aid her carry out this work.

I hope you will give the above, your most kindest consideration. Thank you.

Yours truly

Raymond Buddhist Mission

President,
M. Matsugi.

COPY.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd FEB 9 1946
File No. 12681
Ans.
Referred Memo

P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.
February 7/46.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Royston Buddhist Mission, File #12681

Kindly find enclosed letter received from Mr. M.Matsugi, President of Raymond Buddhist Mission, Box 40, Raymond, Alta. which reads for itself and our reply to them.

You are aware that the Community Hall at Royston Mill had been broken into and several Candle stands, Incense Burners, Flower Pots, 1 Rin with Stand, and 1 Curtain, approx. 20 odd pieces are missing. The Provincial Police have checked up on this matter and sent in their report to the Custodian Office. I phoned Mr. R. G. Bell regarding same and to date we have heard nothing further from his office. I would like to get a copy of the Police report and your comments regaring same.

Refering to the School Desks, Hall Benches, and Lumbermans Heater in Royston Community Hall, are these the property of The Royston Lumber Co., Ltd.? If they are Mr. Albert Stekl plans to give them to the Minto School. Mr. R. G. Bell was to check this up with Mr. F. Field of P. S. Ross & Sons. To date we have received no further information regarding same.

Yours truly

Matt. Brown

Matt. Brown
Custodian Agent

MB/G
Encl.

Raymond Buddhist Mission
Box 40.
Raymond.
Febr. 12, 1946.

Mr. G. L. Sloan
Director,
Office of Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg
Vancouver B.C

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Replied

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a letter which was received by us at Raymond Buddhist Mission on the 12th of February 1946, from Mr. Matt Brown, Custodian Agent of Cumberland District concerning the Royston Buddhist Shrine of Royston B.C. On reference to this letter I take notice that Mr. Matt Brown plans on forwarding our letter we have written to him, to you to receive instructions regarding the dismantling, crating and transportation of the said Shrine. I will appreciate very much if you will give our letter your kindest consideration for we would like this Shrine delivered to us in the most perfect condition.

With the interview with Mr. Lister, Dept of Labour Japanese Division it was understood to us that

this shine would be sent to us providing
we take complete charge of all expenses.
We sincerely hope and will be greatly pleased
if you will give us your full co-operation
in regard to this matter and give Mr. Matt Brown
the permission to send us the Shine.
Thank you.

Yours truly
Raymond Buddhist
Mission

President
M. Matsuzaki

12681 & A/13.

February 18th, 1946.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Ext. Royston Buddhist Association Shrine.

We confirm our telephone conversation of this morning and thank you for offering to book hotel accommodation for Mr. G. Harris, who will leave for Cumberland tomorrow morning and will call on you on arrival.

Mr. Harris has been entrusted with the dismantling and shipment of the Shrine and we understand the Raymond Buddhist Mission have already remitted him the funds for that purpose.

The subject of the School Desks, etc., referred to in your letter of the 7th instant has been discussed with Mr. Field of F. S. Ross & Sons, who understands this equipment belonged to the Royston Lumber Company, and therefore there can be no objection to Mr. Steil presenting these articles to the Minto School.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.,
Feb. 26/46.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd FEB 28 1946
File No. 12681
Ans.
Referred Bell

Mr. R. G. Bell,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Royston Buddhist Association Shrine
File #12681.

This is to inform you that the above mentioned Buddhist Shrine and effects have been dismantled, packed and were shipped to Rev. Ikuta, Raymond, Alberta on Feb. 25/46.

We are enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Albert Stekl regarding School desks and benches, and thanking him for the privilege of storing the Temple and effects on his property.

This will keep you to date on the above.

Yours truly,

Matt Brown.

Matt. Brown,
Custodian Agent.

MB/G
Encl.

12681.

May 27th, 1947.

The Raymond Buddhist Mission,
Box 40,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Royston Buddhist Assn. Shrine.

This file is up for review and we find that there is a debit balance in this account, made up as follows:

Mar. 9/43	Fire Insurance premium on Buddhist Shrine and equipment	$28.20		
Mar. 7/44	Fire Insurance premium on Buddhist Shrine and equipment	$28.20		
June 1/44	Sale of Piano, less charges	$ 5.50		$65.00
Sept. 18/44	Proceeds of Auction less charges	$ 1.90		$10.00
Mar. 24/45	Fire Insurance premium on Buddhist Shrine and equipment	$25.85		
Mar. 18/46	L.D. telephone call re shipment of Shrine	$ 1.49		
Today	Balance standing at Debit of this account			$16.14
			$91.14	$91.14

It is desired to close the account, in which no further entries are expected, and in view of the fact that the Shrine is now in your possession it would be appreciated if you would remit the sum ($16.14) required to bring the account into balance, and thus enable us to close it.

We regret having to add that the police have so far failed to trace any of the Shrine Equipment stolen from the Royston Hall in the Hill compound. We are reminding them that we have had no report for some time and if and when anything is uncovered you will be advised.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Office of the Custodian.

RGB/P.

DIVISION: "A"

DISTRICT: Courtenay

DETACHMENT: Cumberland.

FILE No.

DATE: 23-1-46

FR. or FCR.

Nil.

Unorganized Territory.

CRIME REPORT

RE: BROWN, Matt - Complaint of B.&.E. & Theft - Property in charge of Custodian of Enemy Property.

1. 17-1-46 the above party, Matt Brown of Cumberland, B.C. reported by telephone that property in charge of the Custodian of Enemy property had been entered and certain articles stolen. 18-1-46 the undersigned patrolled to Cumberland, B.C. but was unable to see Mr. Brown. 19-1-46 in company with Cst. Matheson of Courtenay District Detachment the undersigned together with Mr. Brown made an inspection of the Hall, situated on the property formerly owned by the Japanese between Royston and Cumberland. Mr. Brown advised that on his visit to the hall on 16-1-46 he had found a small door leading to the basement had been forced open and entry gained to the main hall from there.

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2. On the stage of this hall, which had previously been used by the Japanese for a recreational hall and church was a large Buddhist shrine together with numerous vases, incense burners, gongs, etc. used in their religious ceremonies. Mr. Brown who is acting for the Custodian of Enemy Property in this area visits the property every two weeks and on his previous inspection everything was intact. However we found that vases, candle sticks, incense burners, a large gong, large curtain and an easel were now missing. A careful search on the Altar and Temple revealed numerous finger-prints of both adults and what appears to be a child or children. As this Temple has been stored in the hall since the evacuation of the Japanese there is considerable dust accumulation and Mr. Brown assured us he had not touched anything since the theft.
A list had been furnished Mr. Brown of the various articles belonging to the Temple, but as some of these names were in Japanese we could not identify each piece separately. However we do know that the following articles, with an approximate value of each are missing:

Flower Vases:
2 large, 3 medium, 6 small - $110.00
Candle Sticks:
1 large, 1 medium, 4 small - 75.00
Incense Burners:
1 large, 1 medium, 2 small - 60.00
1 Curtain, plush velour - 45.00
2 Table Clothes - 14.50
1 large Gong & Stand -
1 Easel wrapped in canvas and in a leather, plush lined case approximately 30" x 10" x 8". Easel apparently used to hold a Flag.
The flower vases, Candle Sticks and Incense Burners are of heavy dark bronze, engraved on the outside.

3. Further investigation showed one, Joseph C. Benson, age 37 years, living in a small shack at the entrance to the Mill property. Benson was interviewed by the undersigned and Cst. Matheson on 19-1-46 who stated that some two weeks before he had seen a man on the Mill property. This man had informed Benson he was from the Enemy Custodian's office in Victoria, that they were going to move the church property out shortly and he had come to check up on it and the school. Benson could not state whether or not this man entered either the hall or school but did know that he was around for about an hour. He was driving a green coupe but Benson could not state definitely the make or license number.
Then on either January 10th or 11th, Benson while working near the buildings had heard a car pull into the mill yard. (Cont p.2.)

This report should show whether its subject-matter relates to organized or unorganized territory. If organized, clearly state the particular Municipality concerned. Any report rendered under the "Government Liquor Act" should state the amount of expenses incurred in connection therewith.

P.C.F. 19—[illegible] (4)

re BROWN, Walt - Complaint of R.M.A.C. Theft - Property in charge of Money Custodian

followed) He noticed a large black sedan parked on the south side of the recreational hall,near the side door. It was too far for him to see the make or the license number. This was about 2:30P.M. or 3:00P.M. just before dusk or nearly two hours later the car left the yard and stopped before turning onto the highway towards Royston. At this time Bennett noticed there were two men in the front seat and two ladies and a child in the rear seat. No notice was taken by Bennett at this time of either make or license number. He did state however that it was a large black sedan and resembled a 1938 Dodge.

6. This date the undersigned counted with Matt Brown, who had this matter reported to the office of the Money Custodian in Vancouver and they definitely stated that there had been no person from their office sent to this district at the times stated.

7. Investigation continuing.

8. Three extra copies typed for the information of the Money Custodian, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver,B.C.

Superintendent.

To: The R.C.M.P.
Courtenay District.
Courtenay, B.C.

(C.E.Ernest) Const.#5883
I/C Cumberland Detachment.

Reference: 20-1-46
To: The Officer Commanding
"A" Division,
Victoria, B.C.

1. The foregoing was the subject of my radio #39 of January 25, 1946.

(J.F.Batley), S/Sgt.
Courtenay District.

To: Commissioner, C.I.B.,
R.C.Police,
Victoria, B.C.

Reference: 20-1-46. Could these articles be inserted in our next C.I.B. Circular, please.

(R.Dunn) Inspector,
Comdg. "A" Division.

Constable Pearson has been sent to Royston yesterday to obtain finger-prints. No doubt a report will be submitted by him on his return.

DIVISION: Headquarters

DISTRICT: Fingerprint Section (CIB)

DETACHMENT:

FILE No.

DATE: 23.1.43

CONFIDENTIAL TERMINOLOGY

Crime Report

21.1.43 Cumberland	Re: BROWN, Matt - Complaint of B.& E. & Theft - Property in charge of Custodian of Enemy Property

1. In connection with the above complaint, Tuesday, January 21/43, the undersigned proceeded to Cumberland B.C. on the instructions of A.G.Carmichael, i/c Fingerprint Section, Victoria, for fingerprint investigation of the above B.&E. Attending at the scene of the crime with Cst. G.E.Rhumie, the point of entry at a lower basement window was checked for fingerprints without result. The altar and furnishings inside the building were then checked and, wherever deemed profitable, dusted for fingerprints. There were a large number of disturbances of the dust on the front of the altar, especially on a lower ledge. This ledge is so low and the marks so narrow, they appear to have been made by a child, although no actual prints were obtained to substantiate this. On the right hand side of this ledge, however, one print was obtained, a spiral whorl, which appeared to be the impression of a thumb, as there remained also part of the impression of a palm nearby. The palm print was too faint and fragmentary to photograph. Further impressions were raised from the door of what appeared to be a cabinet for keeping incense, them being fragments and not yielding any points of comparison worth noting. A vase knob which was taken from inside this cabinet had one fairly clear print of a loop.

MOTOR REF.

DEVT. REF.

DET. REF.

2. As Sgt.W.J.Hatcher, R.C.M.P. i/c Courtenay District, suggested a certain well known criminal, George Nelson, R.C.M.P.#5645, had been in the area at the time, his prints were checked against the above impressions without result. A check of the single fingerprint file on the only impression roughly classifiable, as an R loop, was made, also without result.

3. Photographs of the afore-mentioned impressions on file at this office, pending further investigation.

ENCLOSURES.

(G.S.Pearson) Cst. #870
Fingerprint Section CIB.
VICTORIA B.C.

To: The R.C.M.P. i/c
Fingerprint Section CIB
VICTORIA B.C.

The Inspector i/c, C.I.B.,
R. C. Police, VICTORIA, B. C.

FORWARDED:

As nothing further can be accomplished at the present time in respect to the latent prints obtained at the scene, they will be held at this office pending the submission of any suspects from the R. C. C., in charge, Courtenay, B. C.

I understand Constable Pearson has eliminated the prints of Matt Brown, the complainant.

A.G. Carmichael,
Asst. Supervisor i/c, C.I.B.

Please show whether its subject-matter relates to organized or unorganized territory. If organized, identify by the particular municipality concerned. Any report rendered under the "Government Liquor Act" should state the amount of expenses incurred in connection therewith.

DIVISION: "A"

DISTRICT: Courtenay

DETACHMENT: Union Bay

FILE No.

DATE: 13-6-47

Commissioner, Victoria.

H.Q. FILE

Contraband (Union Bay) 13-1-46

REPORT

HUNTSMAN, Matt - Complaint of B.&E.&T. - Property in charge of Building of Japan Society.

1. Referring to a memorandum from the Inspector i/c C.I.B. dated 28-5-47 re the above matter.

2. To-date nothing further has been learned in connection with this theft. 23-1-46 Cst.G.Pearson of the C.I.B. investigated at the Temple in the Japanese Hill and endeavoured to secure finger prints with negative results.
No trace of either of the parties mentioned in my previous report has been found.

3. Referring to A.Sgt.John Jones mentioned in paragraph two of the memorandum. This man was interviewed in Cumberland,B.C. by myself when he was holidaying in this area in the latter part of February 1946. Jones had been enquiring at the store of Matt Brown re some Chinese trinkets which Mr.Brown had for sale at one time. I am quite satisfied that he had no connection with the theft from the Japanese temple.

4. As no further evidence has come to my attention for the past fourteen months in this case I am concluding same at this Detachment. Extra Copies herewith forwarded.

Completed.

H.Q. REF.

DIV'L. REF.

DET. REF.

DET. REF.

C/S

C.E.Brunsdon, Cst.#5868
i/c Union Bay Detachment.

To: The N.C.O.i/c
Courtenay District,
Courtenay, B.C.

FORWARDED
To the O.C. "A" Division
JUN 12 1947
W. Hollies
N.C.O. i/c District

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R. Ross
Insp. Commdg. "A" Div.

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G.K.Uchiyama,
R.R.#1. Kamloops, B.C.

Dec. 27th 1948.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd DEC 29 1948
File No. 12681
Ans.
Referred

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

Mr. B.Good,
Comptroller, File 12681,Royston Buddhist Association Shrine,

Yours of 15th inst.,addressed to Lillooet B.C. was forwarded and received by writer just a few days before Christmas.

On even date I have written to Rev. S. Ikuta of Raymond,Alberta,in connection to insurace premium of $16.14 unsettled with your department togather a copy of your letter and asking them to remit without further delay,I have no doubt they will remit and clean this matter up in due course.

Yours truly,

G.K.Uchiyama

G.K. Uchiyama,

Mr. M. Matsugi,
Secretary-treasurer of
Raymond Buddhist Church,
January 10, 1949.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 12 1949
File No. 12681
Ans. ✓ 13/1/49 RSB
Referred BELL

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

Gentlemen: Re: File No. 12681

Enclosed you will find money order for $16.14.

It seems you have complained about not receiving this remittance when it was due. We have not received notice of any kind, letting us know about this overdue account. The letter you sent must have gone astray or was reveived by the wrong person. However, we are very sorry if this have inconvenence d you in any way.

Thanking you, we remain,

Buddhist Assn
Raymond Alta

Yours truly,
Mr. M. Matsugi,
Secretary-treasurer of
Raymond Buddhist Church.
per M. Matsugi

MM: CS
Encl. 2

12682

17th May, 1950.

Mr. M. Matsugi,
Secretary Treasurer of
Raymond Buddhist Church,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: BUKKYO KYOKAI - Royston Buddhist Mission

There is a balance of $20.05 held at this office for the credit of the Royston Buddhist Mission. This sum covered balance of funds in a current account in the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. in the name of the Bukkyo Kyokai.

Please advise us to whom this money should be sent.

Yours truly,

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Office of the Custodian.

RAYMOND BUDDHIST CHURCH

（會教佛ドンモイレ）

P.O. DRAWER 40 RAYMOND, ALTA.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 10 1950
File No. 12681
Ans.
Referred

June 8, 1950.

Mr. H. Allen,
Office of the Custodian,
306 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

File No. 12681

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 17, 1950 informing us kindly of the balance of $20.05 left in the name of Bukkyo Kyokai of Kopton Buddhist Mission we wish to ask you to forward the sum to this church. The Kopton Buddhist Mission has dissolved and the former members scattered. This church is the headquarter of the Buddhist Churches of Canada.

Will you please make the cheque payable to J. Oishi, President and K. Nishiyama, Secretary.

Yours very truly,
K. Nishiyama

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8985

June 27th, 1950

Mr. George Kenroku UCHIYAMA,
R. R. 2,
Aldergrove, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BUKKYO KYOKAI - Royston Buddhist Mission

There is a balance of $20.05 held at this office for the credit of the Royston Buddhist Mission. This sum represents the balance of account transferred from the Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company in the name of Bukkyo-Kyokai, and we have today received a letter from K. Nishiyama of Raymond, Alberta asking that these funds be sent to the Raymond Buddhist Church. The cheque being made payable to J. OISHI, President and K. NISHIYAMA, Secretary.

Would you be good enough to inform us if it will be in order to remit the above sum to the President and Secretary as requested.

Yours truly,

C. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

CHR:BK

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 30 1950
File No. 12681/88985
Ans.
Referred

G.K.Uchiyama,
R.R.#2.
Aldergrove, B.C.

June 29th 1950.

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

Attention Mr. C.H.Reed,
File NO.12681 88985.
Re: Bukkyo Kyokai- Royston Buddhist Mission

Dear Sirs:

In reply to yours of 27th inst. wish to say that the Royston Buddhist Mission-Bukkyo Kyokai never had account with the Japan and Canada Trust Saving Company at anytime during their operation,as far as my knowledge,and I have slightest doubt the balance transferred to Royston Buddhist Mission must be an error, perhaps took K. Nishiyama to K. Uchiyama.

It will be in order to pay Raymond Buddhist Church as far as Royston Concern.

Yours truly,

G.K.Uchiyama

G.K.Uchiyama,

12681

6th November, 1950.

Mr. K. Nishiyama,
Raymond Buddhist Church,
P.O. Drawer 40,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Bukkyo-Kyokai (Royston Buddhist Mission)

As requested by you some time ago and as also authorised by Mr. George K. Uchiyama, we are forwarding to you and Mr. J. Oishi the sum of $20.05 for the Raymond Buddhist Church. This amount was held in the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. in the name of the Bukkyo-Kyokai (Royston Buddhist Mission).

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

HA
Encl.

12681

29th May, 1951.

Mr. M. Matsugi,
Secretary Treasurer,
Raymond Buddhist Church,
Box 27,
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st instant, returning to us cheque No. 7993 dated 7th November, 1950 for $20.05. This cheque has been cancelled, and we enclose to replace, cheque No. 8193 in favour of J. Oishi, President and K. Nishiyama, Secretary of the Raymond Buddhist Church, for $20.05.

Please present this cheque for payment upon receipt, as outstanding cheques create an unnecessary amount of work at this office.

Yours truly,

C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA
Encl.

Raymond Alta
Box 27
May 21, 1951

Custodian of Enemy Property -

Dear Sir -

Enclosed please find your cheque of $20.05
No 7993. - 780 -. to President and secretary of
Raymond Buddhist church.

Upon presenting this cheque to the Bank, it
was past due so refused. Could you please
make out another one for same for present date to
the Raymond Buddhist church.

Sorry to inconvenience you to such an
extent -.

Hoping to hear from you soon concerning
this matter.

Yours very truly
Sec. Treas. Raymond Buddhist Church
per. J Sugimoto.

Buddhist Association
Raymond Alta

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 25 1951
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Ans.
Referred