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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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

NAME: **Tanejiro HIROSE**

HOME ADDRESS: **Box 505 Taber**

REGISTRATION No. **04399**

SEX: **Male**

AGE: **60**

MARRIED? **yes**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Beet worker**

Mr. Ivan E. Harris

NAME OF WIFE OR ~~husband~~ **Toku**

ADDRESS: **Box 505 Taber**

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **Tazo**

ADDRESS:

Hiroso

ADDRESS:

Emiko

Tashichi - 11990

ADDRESS: **J.W. Fuller, Barnwell**

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

Dated this **29** day of **September** 1943.

WITNESS:

W. Archibald

(Signature)

J. H. W.

EVACUATION SECTION

FILE NO.

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Oct 8 1943

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. 12973

DATE December 28, 1942.

Full Name HIMOSE, Tanejiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04399

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age Dec. 23, 1884

Former Address Steveston, B. C. Box 273.

Date Evacuated March 20, 1942

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check) ☒

Present Address c/o Wesley Jensen, Barnwell, Alta.

c/o Mr. George May, Taber, Alta. (17/12/46)

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife (nee UYENO) Toku #04388

Name of Husband ---

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 ---

Requested by D. M. Chope

Registered with Custodian

Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Shoemaker.

Registration Number 04388

HIROSE, Toku

Box 273, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Parcel No. 1 - E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 10, Block 3 North
Range 7 West, Map 249,
Dist. of New Westminster.

Parcel No. 2 - Lot "A" of Sec. 4, Block 3
North, Range 7 West, Map 3756
Dist. of New Westminster.
C of T 104825E.

OWNERSHIP

I was unable to inspect the Titles to these properties, but understand from the descriptions given, they are correct and are in the name of Toku Hirose.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Parcel #1 is a one-storey frame, shingle roof building with living rooms at the rear, occupied as a Shoe Repair Shop. It is not in good shape and has been left in a very dirty condition. 1.5

Parcel #2 consists of 3 acres, of which over $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre is in strawberry crop.

INSURANCE

I am informed there is no insurance on the properties.

TAXES

The taxes on both properties have been paid to Dec. 31, 1941.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities.

REMARKS

Parcel #2 as above, has been rented to W. H. Thompson, a farmer and he is cultivating the land this year. Farm implements have also been loaned to Thompson, who is paying only taxes, in lieu of rental.

Parcel #1 - the balance of the inventory as shown, was contained in the store.

The father was evacuated some time ago, leaving two sons operating the Shoe Repair Shop and these boys, on whom I previously called from time to time, promised to hand me the key before their evacuation. They failed to do this and according to information received from others, have moved the contents to McPherson's barn on No. 2 Road. On further inquiry, I am unable to locate any place on No. 2 Road that might be known as McPherson's barn. The following effects which are of no value, were left on the premises:

(Over)

Registration Number 04388

HIROSE, Toku

REMARKS (Cont'd)

- ✓ 2 Beds and Springs
- ✓ 2 Very Old Stoves
- ✓ 1 Old Table
- ✓ Sundry Junk

The whole premises were left in a deplorable condition.

I am now in touch with the B. C. Commission, who are desirous of obtaining shoe repair machinery and who will contact Toku Hirose.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the arrangement with W. H. Thompson for the small barn, be permitted to stand. I hope to have further information on the machinery and equipment through the B. C. Commission and when such is received, will report at once.

June 5th, 1942.

K. Masher

December 17, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

re: Tanejiro HIROSE

Reg. No. 04399

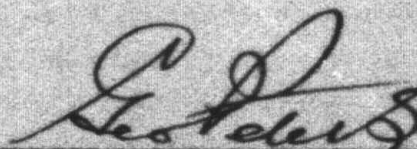
Chattels: See Chattel Summary

Specified Articles: There are no Cameras, Radios, Fire Arms or Motor Vehicles revealed in the registration or the file.

Accounts Receivable: refund of B. C. Electric Security Deposit for Light, in the amount of \$4.80 - credited to the account of Tanejiro Hirose.

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

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

December 17, 1946.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

Re: Tanejiro HIROSE

Reg. No. 04399

Evacuated March 20/42

In his declaration of September 29, 1943, Tanejiro Hirose declared that he had no property of any kind whatsoever in any Protected Area in British Columbia.

In a letter, addressed to Mr. Thomas C. King at Steveston, received by this office on April 10, 1943, Tanejiro Hirose requests the shipment of gramophone records. We were notified by Mr. King, Custodian's agent, that no records could be found at Hirose's former home in Steveston.

On her evacuation, Tanejiro's wife, Toku - File No. 1755, declared shoe-making equipment to be left on real property owned by her at 84 Moncton Street, Steveston, B. C. The Custodian's agent, J. D. Mather, reported on June 5, 1942:

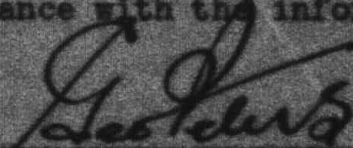
"The father was evacuated some time ago, leaving 2 sons operating the shoe repair shop and these boys, on whom I previously called from time to time, promised to hand me the key before their evacuation. They failed to do this and according to information received from others, have moved the contents to McPherson's barn on No. 2 road. On further enquiry, I am unable to locate any place on No. 2 road that might be known as McPherson's barn."

In numerous letters written to Mr. & Mrs. Hirose, we asked them to supply this office with the location of this equipment. They would not supply the information required by the Custodian.

In answer to an advertisement placed in the Richmond Newspaper by the Custodian, that any person or persons holding Japanese chattels in their possession should disclose the information to the Custodian, Featherstone Brothers of 689 No. 4 road, Steveston, sent in a list of shoe-making equipment, etc., to the Custodian, informing this office that this equipment belonged to Mr. Tanejiro Hirose. The equipment was removed and auctioned by the Custodian in the amount of \$225.80.

One Champion Universal stitcher was sold by Denby Brothers, and the net amount of \$113.84 was credited to Tanejiro Hirose's account - see Liability Summary for details.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

December 17, 1946.

CHattel SCHEDULE

Re: Tanejiro HIROSE
Reg. No. 04399

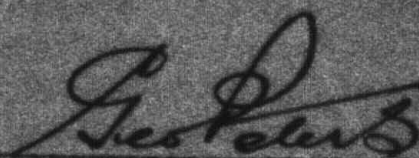
JAPANESE DECLARATION - September 29, 1943.

"I certify that I have no property of any kind
whatsoever in any Protected Area in British Columbia."

LIST OF CHATTELS BELONGING TO Tanejiro HIROSE AND
HELD BY FEATHERSTONE BROS. - REMOVED BY THE CUSTODIAN
AND SOLD BY AUCTION.

- 2 Finishing machines
- 2 Heavy sewing machines
- 1 Cash register
- 2 Electric motors
- 1 Electric clock
- 1 Mirror dresser
- 1 Showcase
- 1 Chest drawers
- 1 Set scales
- 1 Hand cultivator
- 1 Hand sprayer
- 1 Pail of tools
- 5 Small hoes
- 1 Small compressed air hand sprayer

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



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Office of the Custodian.

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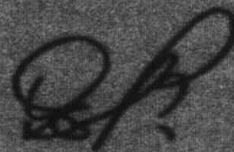
October 7, 1946. ✓

MEMORANDUM - To The File.

Re: Tanejiro HIROSE
Registration No. 04399

On October 4, 1946, we requested Mr. Denby of Denby Bros. to make an appraisal of the chattels and equipment which the HIROSE family, after making their declaration, removed and left with Featherstone Bros. in Richmond, B.C.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Denby this morning, he states that he looked over this equipment and found a portion of it in the barn, rusted, and the household goods scattered amongst Featherstone's relations. He is sending in a written report as soon as he is in touch with Featherstone with regard to one showcase missing.



George Peters
Administration Department

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Denby Bros. & Company Limited

Importers and Jobbers of LEATHER, SHOE FINDINGS, SHOE MACHINERY AND SHOE STORE SUPPLIES

163 PENDER STREET WEST
VANCOUVER, B.C.

BRANCHES AT
VICTORIA & PRINCE GEORGE

October 8th 1946,

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 8 1946
File No.	3973
Ans.	Peters

Custodian of Enemy Properties,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. Peters

Dear Sir:-

Under your instructions I went out to Featherstone Bros, 689 # 4 Road Lulu Island on Saturday and found the following shoe equipment in a very dirty and rusty condition owing to the same being stored in a fairly open barn.

The following is what I inspected;

Two Finishing Machines, one with a 1/3 H.P. Motor and one with a 1/2 H.P. Motor- I value these at \$ 50. each.

Two Patching Machines also very rusty \$15. each

One Cash Register \$25. I might mention that this make of Cash Register we sold to a Japanese over fifteen years ago second hand.

One set of scales which they are using themselves in their barn worth about \$30.

One Pail Tools worth \$2.

One Second Hand Cultivator worth \$3.

One Hand Sprayer \$1.00 and five garden hose about 50¢ each.

With reference to the remaining part of the goods I might mention the Show Case you say is on the list, I took this up with them and they do not know anything about it and think it must be a side board with glass doors re-

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Custodian of Enemy Properties----2.

ferred to. There is also a chest of drawers, Mirror and Dresser and one electric clock. The four last items I did not see as they seem to have them scattered about the Island with different relatives, claiming they had these divided this way as they had no room for storing them.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you and at any future date we shall only be too pleased to be of service to you at any time.

Yours very truly,

DENBY BROS & COMPANY LIMITED,

Per *S. A. Denby*

SAD/EH

NAME HIROSE, Tanejiro

REGISTRATION NO. 04399

FILE NO. 12973

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Vancouver, B.C. on November 7, 1946.

2 Patching machines	\$35.00
2 Finishing machines and electric motors	115.00
Cash register	35.00
Electric clock	12.00
Dresser	15.00
Chest of drawers	10.00
Show case (kitchen cabinet)	12.50
Set of platform scales	26.00
Hand Cultivator & tools and small hand sprayer	4.60
Hand spray	1.60
4 Hand Hoes	0.50

Not claimed for

Total	{ Auctioneer's Fee	\$ 267.20
Less Expenses:	{ & Advertising:	\$ 41.40
	{ Moving:	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 225.80

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 69.

Remarks.

NAME WIFE, Toka (Mrs. Tanairo)

REGISTRATION NO. 04388

FILE NO. 1755

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 7, 1945.

- Japanese fiddle & picture
- Buck saw
- Garden spray
- Coleman lamp
- Box crockery

\$ 1.75 M
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1.00 M
5.25

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee \$ 1.12
(Advertising .60
(Moving .62

\$ 11.25

\$ 2.34

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 8.91

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 40

Remarks.

NAME HIROSE, Toku (Mrs. Tanajiro)

REGISTRATION NO. 04386

FILE NO. 1755

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on April 14, 1944.

Grass Clippers
Garden Hose

\$ 1.107
0.257

Total:

(Auctioneer's Fee: 0.13
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 0.06
(Moving: 0.12

\$ 1.357

\$ 0.31

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.04

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston 11.

Remarks.

NAME

MROSE, Toka (Mrs. Sawjira)

REGISTRATION NO. 04384

FILE NO. 3755

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on February 12, 1947

✓ 3 Hoss	\$ 0.40
✓ Kiddy Car (Broken)	1.10
✓ 6 Gallon Crock	2.25
✓ Dresser with mirror	6.50
✓ Bath Stand	0.25
✓ Living Room Table	0.25
✓ Small Desk	1.00
✓ 7 Kitchen Chairs	3.25
✓ Baby High Chair	0.25
✓ Small Kitchen Cabinet	0.25

Total:

\$ 15.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.55

\$ 4.52

(Advertising: 0.93

(Moving: 2.04

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 10.00

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston 6

Remarks.

December 17, 1946.

LIABILITY SUMMARYre: Tanejiro HIROSE
neg. No. 04399

Tanejiro Hirose:

The following claims have been placed against

Dec. 23/42 - Denby Bros. - \$194.86.

The above amount was secured by a lien note, dated February 10, 1927, which is on file. One only, Champion Universal stitcher was re-possessed by Denby Bros. and on authorization from the Custodian, was sold for \$400.00, less the following charges:

Lien note	\$201.26
Storage	5.00
Fire insurance	3.00
Repairing machine	28.90
Interest to date	8.00
10% Selling charge	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$286.16

A balance, in the amount of \$113.84, was credited to the account of Tanejiro Hirose.

April 17/42 - F. & F. Henderson Ltd. - \$1,172.28

The Custodian paid the sum of \$344.44, as part payment against the above amount, on December 17, 1946.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

1031

29th October, 1943.

Messrs. Denby Bros. & Co. Limited,
163 Pender Street West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Tazo HIROSE, #03380
Steveston, B. C.

Referring to your letter of December 23rd, 1942, regarding the above, in which you state that you were holding one Champion Curved Needle Stitcher on behalf of HIROSE. Kindly advise us if you have a lien on this equipment, also we would appreciate learning from you what you consider is the market value of the stitcher at this time.

We would also like to know if you sold this machine to the above named. This information is required by the Custodian as there is a doubt as to who is the actual owner of the equipment.

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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1031

November 10th, 1943.

Mr. Tazo HIROSE,
Registration No. 03380,
c/o Ivan E. Harris,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Although you declared no effects to the Custodian, Messrs Denby Bros. are holding for you as you are aware one Champion Universal Stitcher. They have a lien on this of \$201.26.

We wrote to you about this on June 29th, but cannot trace any answer. Under these circumstances there are only two courses to take and we hope you will let us have a prompt reply as to your wishes.

- (1) You could send us \$201.26 in payment of Messrs Denby Bros. claim. The stitcher will then be fully paid for and could be shipped to you if required.
- (2) If you do not wish this or if you do not answer this letter we shall have no option but to sell this machine for the best price obtainable, pay the outstanding lien and credit your account with the balance.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

HFG/HMS

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 1031

Dec. 6th, 1943

To: Mr. Shears

From: Mr. Green

Re: Tazo HIROSE

This memorandum is similar to two others being addressed to you today on the question of shoe-making equipment left by the Japanese owner in the care of Messrs. Denby Brothers, being the agents for the machinery in question.

This, the first case, is fairly simple in that Messrs. Denby Brothers have a registered lien against the property. I have written to the Japanese on November 10th advising him of this and stating that if he does not wish the machine sold, he could send us \$201.26, being the amount of the lien. He has not replied and I think, therefore, we should go ahead and request Messrs. Denby Brothers to sell at the ceiling price and remit the balance after payment of their claim.

BFG:IF

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December 10th, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. H. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Tazo HIROSE--Reg.#03380

Would you request your nearest representative to contact the above Japanese now c/o Ivan F. Harris, Taber Alberta. We wrote to him on November 10th but have had no reply. In brief, this Japanese has shoe-making machinery stored with Messrs. Denby Brothers and valued by them at \$300.00, against which they have a lien of \$201.26. We recently wrote to him and suggested that if there was any prospect of his making payments against this lien he should do so, failing which we would probably have to allow Messrs. Denby Bros. to exercise their rights and repossess the machine. You will appreciate that we are not anxious to dispose of this man's machinery unless we feel it necessary to do so as this would deprive him of tools of trade whereby he could later become self-supporting. At the same time, we feel it only fair to protect the claim of Messrs. Denby Bros.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HPG:IP

W. A. DENBY
PRESIDENT

M. S. DENBY
SECRETARY

S. A. DENBY
DIRECTOR

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163 PENDER STREET WEST
VANCOUVER, B.C.

BRANCHES AT
VICTORIA & PRINCE RUPERT

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd. OCT 28 1944

File No. *30/10/44*

October 27, 1944.

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

Reference: File 1031

Dear Sirs:

We have at last been successful in receiving the repair parts for the Champion Stitcher held in connection with T. HIROSE.

We have had this machine overhauled and have disposed of it for \$400.00. Enclosed please find our statement covering our claim against this machine and also our cheque for \$113.84 which covers the amount due you on same. We hope everything is in order.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours truly,

DENBY BROS. & CO. LTD.

Per *S. A. Denby*

SAD:ED

Enclosures: Statement
Cheque

THE CLARKE & STUART CO., LTD. VANCOUVER, B.C.

On or before the Febry 10th day of 1927
for value received I promise to pay to the order of Sammy Bros The
at their store here 169 Pender St W
Eight hundred & eight 100 DOLLARS

with interest at 10 per cent. per annum til due, and 10 per cent.
per annum after maturity till paid. Given to Wm J Champion Universal

Electric Heat #6542 & 1 HP Gen Electric
Motor #26156
Rebath #250 the note at three months to be
redeemed after the 1st of 2nd month, with interest
at 8%

The title, ownership and right of possession of said chattels in which this note is given, shall remain in the Payee until this note or any renewal or renewals thereof, together with all interest thereon, is fully paid; AND if default is made in the payment of this note or any renewal or renewals thereof, or should the Payee deem this note, or any such renewal or renewals, insecure (of which the Payee shall be the sole judge) the said Payee shall have full power to declare this note, and any renewal or renewals thereof, due and payable at any time, and to immediately take and hold possession of said chattels until such note, or any renewal or renewals thereof, are paid, or to sell said chattels by private or public sale and apply the net proceeds towards the payment of any such note or notes and interest, and I agree to pay any balance then remaining unpaid.

Witness: Per J. H. Rose

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FILED WITH REGISTRAR WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER BEING SIGNED

Wm J Champion
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169 Pender St W



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Reg. 6/1/27

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April 19, 1943.

Mr. T. Hirose,
c/o Ivan Harris,
P. O. Box 505,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Your letter is received. It has no date. You did not say your registration number. You signed it as "T. Hirose". There are other persons named T. Hirose. We believe that you are Tanejiro HIROSE, Registration No. 04399. Is that right? Please remember that we have about fifteen thousand files for Japanese people. The Custodian wants to help everyone, but cannot do it properly unless he knows:

1. Who they are.
2. What they own.
3. Where it is.

If you are the man named T. Hirose who lived c/o Elmer Jenson at Barnwell, you asked Mr. King to send you some gramophone records. Mr. King asked the Custodian to send these. They could not be found. Did your sons move them? Where did they put them?

Some of your goods are supposed to be stored in a place called MacPhersons' barn on No. 2 Road. Where is this barn? Three men at different times could not find it. Who lives at the next house on each side?

The Custodian wants to help you. He cannot do so unless he knows what you own and where it is. When you went away you did not tell the Custodian what you own. You had some shoe repairing machinery. We wrote to your wife to ask where this was stored, but she did not answer.

Nearly all Japanese people answer the Custodian's questions. He can help them. If you answer these questions he will help you. You write to say where is MacPhersons' barn and the Custodian will look for it again.

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,
Administration Department.

PHR:NDE

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October 26th, 1943

Mrs. Toku HIROSE,
Reg. No. 04388,
Box 505,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Madam:-

We are in receipt of your second registration of September 29th, 1943 declaring certain effects left behind at 84 Moncton Street, Steveston. This registration is different from that made by you on April 2nd, 1942, but does not, we believe, represent the position of your affairs any more accurately.

We have written to you on July 30th and October 20th, 1942, as well as July 9th, 1943. We have never had any answer to these letters and although we believe that you are not familiar with the English language, we think you could at least have requested a friend to help you understand the contents and frame a reply.

Our records show very clearly that you could not have left belongings of any value in the protected area. On June 5th our agent reported a few sundry items of furniture and stated that your house was in a deplorable condition. He was unable to locate the shoe-repairing equipment and as you have not answered any of our letters, we have not since found any trace of it.

In April 1943, your husband wrote to Mr. King who was by then no longer representing us at Steveston and who turned your letter over to our agent there. He was unable to find the records you asked for and we wrote to your husband for further particulars. The letter we received in reply was unhelpful and a further query from this office of April 19th has remained unanswered.

This is just to put on record that this office considers your two registrations to be quite unreliable and to give a very exaggerated picture of your belongings. We

Mrs. Toki Hirose

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Oct. 26th, 1943

are of the opinion that any claim you may make for supposed
loss or damage of your property would be quite unjustified
and should not be considered.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

WFO:IP

12973

February 8, 1946.

Mr. Tanejire HIROSE,
Registration No. 04399,
c/o Wesley Jensen,
Barnwell, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

On your evacuation from the protected area on March 20, 1942, you did not make any declaration to the Custodian but did so on the Custodian's request on September 29, 1943, in which you certify that you had no property whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia. It is now revealed that you were the owner of the Champion Universal Stitcher which you purchased from Denby Bros. & Company Limited. This was wrongfully handled under your son's file whose name is Taso being the same initial as yours. All correspondence with reference to the sale of this machine by Denby Bros. was forwarded to your son Taso. The sum of \$113.84 was realized from the sale and credited to your son's account. We are today transferring this full amount to your credit along with a refund from the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd., for the security deposit for light in the amount of \$4.80.

Your file reveals that a claim has been placed against you by F. & F. Henderson, Ltd., in the amount of \$1172.28. You were written to on April 18th, 1944, to inform us if this claim was correct and no answer was received from you. We must insist on a reply.

Your wife, Toku, in her declaration to the Custodian on April 2, 1942, declared additional shoe making equipment that was to be left at your former home, 84 Moncton Street, Steveston. On investigation by the Custodian's agent, it was found that your sons had remained in the area and had removed this equipment to a barn on No. 2 Road. Our agents have been unable to find this equipment. Kindly give us the address of the whereabouts of this equipment.

Kindly let us have this information by return mail.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

GP:DMcI.

copy for: Mr. M. L. Brown
Dept. of Labour, Japanese Division
360 Homer Street
Vancouver, B. C.

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April 17th, 1946.

Mrs. Toki HINOSE,
Registration No. Q4388,
c/o Ivan E. Harris,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 8th, 1946, with reference to forwarding to you the balance of your funds with the Custodian.

On your original declaration of April 2nd, 1942, you declared certain shoe-making equipment as being your property. Your husband, who was a shoe maker, declared that he had no property of any kind whatsoever in the protected area. On checking your property situated at 54 Moncton Street, Steveston, B. C., after you made your declaration, it was discovered that you had removed the equipment without the knowledge or the consent of the Custodian. We requested the location of this equipment but could not get a satisfactory answer from you. At this late date, however, we have located the equipment stored with Featherstone Bros. in Richmond, and they have received instructions that no disposition of this equipment can be made without the permission of the Custodian.

On investigation we understand that your husband did all the purchasing and business arrangements, therefore, under the circumstances we must consider this business a partnership arrangement between yourself and your husband. Your husband's file reveals certain trade debts in the amount of \$1172.25, which under the circumstances, we must consider this claim to be your joint responsibility. Kindly let us know if the amount of \$1172.25 is the correct amount of the claim made by F. & F. Henderson Ltd., as at the present time we are withholding funds until this situation is clarified.

Let us hear from you by return mail.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

GP/1c

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December 17, 1946.

Messrs. F. & F. Henderson,
308-310 Water Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find our cheque in the amount of \$344.44, in part payment of your claim of \$1,172.28 against Tanejiro Hirose.

We do not expect any further assets for the account of Tanejiro Hirose and you will no doubt wish to make some arrangements with him with reference to the balance of this claim. His address is: c/o Mr. George May, Taber, Alberta.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the above cheque.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL
Enc. - Cheque for \$344.44

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March 11th, 1947.

Mr. Tanejiro HIROSE,
Registration No. 04399,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith a list of goods that were turned over to the Custodian by Featherstone Bros. of Richmond, B.C. These articles were auctioned by the Custodian, and sold in the net amount of \$225.80. This amount, including your credit balance with the Custodian, amounted to \$344.44.

As a claim in the amount of \$1172.28 was lodged against you by F. and F. Henderson Limited, and this amount acknowledged by your wife, we have paid the amount of your credit, namely \$344.44, against this claim.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/ic

Encl. - list of chattels.

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List of Chattels Turned Over to the Custodian
By Featherstone Brothers.

2 finishing machines
2 heavy sewing machines
1 cash register
2 electric motors
1 electric clock
1 mirror dresser
1 showcase
1 chest of drawers
1 set scales
1 hand cultivator
1 hand sprayer
1 pail of tools
5 small hoes
1 small compressed air hand sprayer

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March 20, 1947.

Mrs. Toku HIROSE,
Registration No. 04388,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 16th, with reference to goods removed by this office from Featherstone Brothers, Richmond, B. C.

At no time did you declare these articles to the Custodian, and from information received from Featherstone Brothers, we learned that these articles were moved to their home by Mr. Hirose. When they were sold the proceeds were credited to Mr. Hirose's account, and as he had an outstanding claim against him, from F. & F. Henderson, in the amount of \$1,172.28, this amount was paid to F. & F. Henderson on account of this claim.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

February 8th 1950.

A. G. Virtue Esq., M.C., K.C.,
MacFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Case No. 668

I have your letter of January 30th and note the remarks contained therein. I am returning to you herewith your original white sheet.

I have no record that this matter was settled on the basis of the general average in the City of Vancouver. I have examined the circumstances now, and after having considered the same, I am of the opinion that in this case it would not be improper to allow the general average in view of the small number of sales and the question as to whether or not this equipment should have been sold by auction.

However, in reviewing the file the Custodian's staff have turned up certain further evidence which changes the picture as to tender sale. I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Cuning's memorandum to me and will advise you that arising out of this the Custodian's staff take the position that no award should be allowed on tender.

I am forwarding the suggested award sheet to you and would ask your consideration of same for approval in view of the fact that under the circumstances I feel that the general average should be applied.

I shall be pleased to hear your views. I may say that it is hoped that the Commissioner will close his hearings here within a few days and that the final report may be submitted to Ottawa before the end of the month.

We are forwarding you as rapidly as possible all documents which come to hand and in which you are concerned, and would appreciate your prompt response to same.

Yours very truly,

DTB/MS
ence.

February 2nd, 1950.

TO: Mr. D. T. Braidwood

FROM: Mr. J. Cuming

Re: Case No. 668, Tanejiro HIROSE
(and Mr. Virtue's letter of 30th Jan. 1950)

- (a) The Transcript Page 5, Line 8 notes a claim in the amount of \$2495.00. Exhibit #1 notes 2 electric motors to a claimed value of \$85.00 as "not claimed" on. However, as the words "not claimed" are handwritten while the claim itself is typewritten, and as the total claim of Exhibit #1 agrees with the amount stated in the Transcript - it is being taken that the claim is for \$2495.00, and not \$85.00 less than that amount. No notice of change from \$2495.00 appears in the Transcript.
- (b) The original Analysis of Claim notes that a stitching machine (Exhibit #1 claim value \$900.00) was sold by Tender for \$400.00, and our previous Award Sheet provided an award of \$48.00 being 12% of the receipts.

Inspection of the file and the Analysis of Claim notes that this machine was left by the Claimant with Denby Brothers of Vancouver as surety for an unpaid account and an outstanding balance due Denby Brothers on the sale of the machine to the Claimant.

The Custodian repeatedly attempted to procure information from the Claimant's son (x) re the o/s balance etc. - even going so far as to enlist the services of the B. C. Security Commission. No information ever forthcoming and Denby's pressing for payment, the Custodian allowed that firm to sell same, which they did.

The machine was sold by them for \$400.00 and after deduction of accounts owing, the balance of \$113.84 was remitted by Denby Brothers to the Custodian for forwardance to the Claimant.

It is therefore submitted that the sale of this machine was not a sale made by the Custodian and is ipso facto outside the Terms of Reference of the Commission.

Our new Award Sheet cancels the 12% award and our records have been adjusted to place this item under "Agency".

- (x) The reason the son was contacted in regard to information about the machine was due to the Claimant having registered himself with the Custodian as being without either Real or Personal Property. See Transcript Page 10, Lines 6-23 (Exhibit #3).

To: Mr. Braidwood

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February 2nd, 1950.

(c) The Analysis of Claim is now as follows:-

Finishing & Sewing Machines with motors	\$985.00	Auctioned for \$150.00
Leather cutters, Shoemakers' tools, leather & rubber heels, new shoe stock	560.00	Declared, not found.
Lumber & flooring	50.00	No record at anytime
Stitching Machine	900.00	Agency
	\$2495.00	

(d) New Award Sheet (white) herewith.

JC/js

560
46
3360
2240
25760
8528
16232

Name of Claimant **HIROSE, Tanajiro**Case **688**

Custodian File

**2275-
12973**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
985.00	150.00	5.00	46%	560.00	257.60			302.60		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										302.60

Defence Brief

LETHBRIDGE

14 September 1948

Tanejiro HIROSE

File No. 12973

Case No. 668

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Amended Claim

\$2495.

Sold for

\$550.

Claimant and Toku HIROSE are husband and wife and their two claims will be treated as one with two case numbers 668 and 669, and the evidence in both cases will apply to either. (Trans. Page 3)

Claimant had a shoemaking business in a shop owned by his wife and stated that he is now claiming for his machinery, his wife claiming for the real estate, furniture and store equipment, but it will be noticed that in his claim there are items for stock being claimed for, also some claimed by wife although the items are not identical.

Claimant signed a declaration dated 29 September 1943 stating that he had no property of any kind whatever in any protected area in British Columbia. Claimant's wife Toku HIROSE declared the furniture, machinery and store equipment on her J.P. Form.

Claimant stated that he left his machinery in the care of a farmer named FEATHERSTONE and it was placed in his farm. The stitching machine was left with Denby Bros., from whom he purchased it, as he still owed some money on it to them. Claimant stated that he purchased this Stitching Machine in 1936 for \$1000. and although it has been in use for 15 years he considers it to be worth \$900.

Several letters were written to claimants by Custodian in reference to the shoemaking machinery but no replies were received and Custodian was not informed where this machinery was and claimants stated that they thought it might be sold for too little.

Tanejiro HIROSE
Case No. 668

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2 finish mach 115.-
Sewingmach 35.-

(a)	Goods value	\$985.00	Sold by auction for \$150.
(b)	"	"	50.00 No record at any time.
(c)	"	"	560.00 Declared not found.
(d)	"	"	900.00 Sold by tender for \$400.
			<u>\$2495.00</u>

*X not by
Bstdn. but
by Lienholder*

Cash Register sold for \$35. was not
claimed for on the amended claim.

It is submitted that in both of these
claims that the chattels were sold for
their fair market value, other chattels
were declared and not found; other
chattels there is no record of at any
time, and others are abandoned. It
is also submitted that the Custodian
is not responsible for the chattels
that were not declared nor found, nor
no record of at any time, and, if the
Custodian is in any way responsible
for any chattels, the claim made to
the same by this claimant or his wife
is excessive or exorbitant.

*See JC to DTB
2/2/50*

*No award should be
entertained re this machine
as equity only credited to Jap
through Agent Bstdn.*

Summary of Defence Witnesses

W. G. Willard

Mr. Wills

Where required

1 (a) Auctioneer

1 (a) Staff

BMP/mw

900.-		
560.-	Aue	
50.-	DNF	150.-
900.-	NR	
	Agent	

CASE NO: 668.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.M. EDMANSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
September 14th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
TANEJIRO HIROSE.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the
Dominion Government.

A.G. VIRTUE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS, Secretary.
MRS. LUCIE HANDFORD, Official Interpreter.
S.R. HOWARD, Esq., Official Reporter.

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T. Hirose,
In Chief,
Discussion.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 668, Tanajiro Hirose.

MR. RICE: I am going to ask your Honour if you will try Cases V-27 and V-28, that is the Hirose, Tanajiro, and Hirose, Toku as one case.

MR. VIRTUE: I would like to make a statement with regard to that now, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Pardon?

10 MR. VIRTUE: I would like to make a statement now that will save considerable confusion. Tanajiro Hirose, the present claimant, and Toku Hirose are husband and wife. They are living together and to all intents and purposes are one, and it won't matter to them whether one receives an award, or the other one, or both receive the award, because the results will be the same, anyway, and for that reason I am quite agreeable that the evidence should apply in both cases. In fact, it is much more convenient all around to have it apply that way.

20 THE SECRETARY: Shall I just give the cases the one number, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You have two files, haven't you?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, there are two files, but the evidence can apply to both.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There is no objection on your part?

MR. VIRTUE: No.

30 MR. RICE: I have only one property analysis, your Honour, and I would like to have it filed and applied to both cases.

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T. Hirose,
Discussion,
In Chief.

MR. VIRTUE: I am quite agreeable that the analysis
apply to both cases.

MR. RICE: I would like to have them both tried as
the one case, and I will file the analysis as
one exhibit applying to each case.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, we will have two numbers
and two cases, and the man will give evidence
and his evidence will apply to both.

MR. VIRTUE: And the wife will later give evidence
10 also, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. VIRTUE: My learned friend wants the evidence to
apply to both.

MR. RICE: Yes, that is agreed.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. RICE: They are both rather mixed up together.

MR. VIRTUE: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Then this will be Case No. 668, and
I will give the other case/number.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

TANEJIRO HIROSE, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. VIRTUE:

Q Before you were evacuated, Mr. Hirose, you
lived in Steveston which is a suburb of
Vancouver?

A: Yes.

Q What was your business there?

A I was a shoemaker.

30 Q How long had you been in that business, about how

T. Hirose,
In Chief.

long?
25 years.

A Approximately 24 or

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: This claimant is a very old man
and if he would like to sit down, he can.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now in connection with that business,
you owned your own shoemaking machinery, did you
not?

A Yes, I had two
lots of machinery; one I was using and the other
I was keeping aside.

10 Q And you carried on business in a shop that was
owned by your wife?

A Yes.

Q I believe that was on Moncton Street, wasn't it?
What was the name of the street?

A Moncton Street, yes.

Q Now your personal property, that is your house-
hold furniture and everything, except your shoe-
making equipment, was in the name of your wife
and she is making a claim for that, I believe?

20 A Yes.

Q So that all you are making a claim for is your
shoe making machine?

A Yes.

Q Now you are still living with your wife?

A Yes.

Q And her property and your property, and her claim
and your claim are the same as one?

A Yes.

30 Q Now, this is your form, proof of claim, prepared in
my office with the help of an Interpreter, isn't it?

A Yes.

Q And you show here your shoe making machinery, the year you bought it, the price you paid for it, and the price you put on it now, the value you put on it now?

A Yes.

Q And you claim that the shoe making machinery when you were evacuated was worth \$2495.00?

A Yes.

10 Q And the Custodian sold it for \$744.00, the stitching machine for \$400.00, and the other stuff for \$344.00. The Custodian sold it for that.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I suppose he doesn't know about that unless he has been advised by the Custodian.

MR. VIRTUE: Well if he knows, it is all right; if he doesn't know, it is all right.

Q If you don't know what the Custodian sold it for, why, that is all right; just say so.

A Yes.

20 Q It is all right?

A: Yes.

Q Now, is this your signature (indicating)?

A Yes.

Q And is the information you have given in this claim true?

A Yes, it is correct.

Q It is correct?

A: Yes.

Q And are the values you have put on your shoe making equipment fair values?

A Yes.

30 MR. VIRTUE: I will offer that as an exhibit.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now I understand that when you were evacuated, you didn't tell the Custodian about this machinery?

A When I evacuated I thought I would return fairly soon, and so I left it in care of a farmer named Johnny.

Q You left it in a farmer's care?

A Yes.

10 MR. REE: What is his name?

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Do you remember his name? We will give you his name later on.

A Johnny, I don't remember.

Q You don't remember it. What is his name, George Featherstone?

A I think

John Featherstone.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It says here on your proof of claim Frank Featherstone, Rural Route No. 4.

MR. VIRTUE: Frank Featherstone?

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It does not make much difference, anyway.

MR. VIRTUE: No.

Q There was a big stitching machine. Where did you leave the stitching machine?

A With Denby.

MR. RICE: Denby had a claim on the machine?

A I left it with Denby Brothers.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Was it the Denby Brothers you had bought the machine from?

30 A Yes.

Q And you still owed the Denby Brothers quite a bit of money?

A Yes, there was about \$100.00 owing.

Q \$100.00? AF Yes.

Q And that is why you left the machine there?

A I also owed him another \$100.00 or so for some stock.

Q For some stock? A: Yes.

10 Q That is why you left the big stitching machine with Denby Brothers?

A Yes.

Q Now, do you know that the Custodian, or don't you know that the Custodian sold the stitching machine that you paid \$1000.00 for, he sold it for \$400.00; do you know that?

A Yes, I understand they had sold it very cheaply.

Q They had sold it very cheaply?

A Yes.

Q And your other stuff he sold very cheaply, too?

20 A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: Now I want to make a suggestion to my learned friend. He may see fit to follow it, or he may not. I am going to call next the wife with regard to the real estate and the other personal chattels, so that if my learned friend wishes to confine his cross-examination now to the matter of the shoe making business, I can assure him that the wife will be called on the other matters, and then if he wishes me to recall this man later I will be pleased to recall him.

E. Hirose,
In Chief.

MR. RICE: There are certain things I want the record clear on, your Honour, and one is that all exhibits that are filed in this case will apply equally in both cases.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Quite so.

MR. RICE: As well as the evidence.

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, I am agreeable.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is agreeable?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, that is agreeable.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There was one thing I was going to mention, and that is this, Mr. Virtue; I understand that a lot of these shoemakers have machinery under licence. I think one firm is the United Machinery Company, for example, and they only pay a certain amount a year and the shoemakers never acquire ownership of the machinery. I wonder if in this case with regard to the machinery here that was the way it was handled.

20 MR. VIRTUE: No, your Honour, everything except the stitching machine he had owned outright.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. VIRTUE: And the stitching machine, he had bought it, I presume, the same as anybody buys any of these goods on the installment plan and was paying for it on the installment plan.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I suppose there will be some record as to that, and perhaps that can be followed up.

30 MR. RICE: I believe the machine is about fifteen

years old. The record is clear on that.

MR. VIRTUE: The age is given on the form. Most of these goods run all the way from 1920 to 1939.

MR. RICE: So far as the defence is concerned in both of these claims, your Honour, I am submitting that the chattels were sold for their fair market value; other chattels were declared and not found; other chattels there is no record of at any time, and others were abandoned. I am submitting that the Custodian is not responsible for the chattels that were not declared nor found, nor no record of at any time, and, if the Custodian is in any way responsible for any chattels, the claim made to the same by this claimant or his wife is excessive or exorbitant. I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate which apparently belonged to the wife was sold --

MR. VIRTUE: Don't you think it would be-- well, go ahead and make your submissions. I will bring the wife later regarding the real estate.

MR. RICE: Well, I am submitting that the real estate was sold for its fair market value.

As I say, I am asking that the exhibits apply equally in both claims.

I wish to submit, your Honour, as an exhibit an analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that in this man's case?

MR. RICE: It deals with both, your Honour.

MR. VIRTUE: That is what I want to find out.

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Cross-Exam.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Deals with both?

MR. RICE: Yes. That is why I asked for the combination of the two claims, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q I show you a card. Is that your signature? Have you got glasses; do you need them? Ask him if that is his signature.

ED A Yes.

Q That is your signature to that card?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: I wish to tender this card as an exhibit, your Honour. It is a form that is completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area and is dated September 29th, 1943, and has a witness' signature and the claimant's signature, and it says: "I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia."

(CARD MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: Q I show you a letter (indicating). Is that your signature, or did you have that letter written for you?

A: This is written by my son and signed by me.

Q Your son wrote this letter that you addressed to Mr. Peters of the Custodian's office on September 24th, 1947?

A: Yes.

T. Hirose,
Cross-Exam.

MR. REE: I will read this.

"I am asking these matter about the machinery which I left behind at the Featherstone Brothers, Steveston, B.C. I wanted to know what kind of machinery did the Custodian claimed. All the household utensils is belong to my wife, Cabinet, Mantle Clock, some chesterfield, mirror, dresser set, chiffonier, etes. And some of the farming tools as scale and hoe and some more or less. I wanted to know what become of it. I'm hoping to hear from you. Thanking you."

I wish to tender that as an exhibit. That letter is dated February 24th, 1947, not September 24th, as I stated previously.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: Q I show you another letter dated April 30th, 1946, apparently written by the same person that wrote that last letter, either for you or your wife, and it is not signed, but do you know anything about that letter?

He doesn't claim anything on the farm at all, does he, Mr. Virtue?

MR. VIRTUE: All he claims is the shoe making equipment.

A Yes, I understand.

MR. REE: Q Did you write that letter or have it written for you?

A I think it is my wife wrote that, but it amounts to the same thing whether it was written by me

T. Hirose,
Cross-Exam.

or by her. It applies to the same thing.

Q You think that your wife wrote it, but you don't know?

MR. VIRTUE: Let me see it for a minute, Mr. Rice, and I will ask her if she wrote it and save time.

MR. RICE: It isn't signed.

MR. VIRTUE: The son wrote it on their behalf.

MR. RICE: Q Your son wrote this letter for you and your wife? A: Yes.

10 MR. RICE: I will tender it as an exhibit. It is a letter dated April 30th, 1946, unsigned, and there is a typewritten copy and I will read from that, if I may.

"Regarding to Mr. George Peters.

Dear Sirs:

Receiving your letter some time ago.

I heard that one of the Custodian agent found all the shoe making machinery and other odd thing at Mr. J. Featherston Brothers R.R.

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No. 4 Road, Steveston, B.C. Just all the shoemaking equipment is belong to my husband. The rest of all the thing is rented to Mr. J. Featherston. For my husband have some debts for Mr. F & F Henderson, amount \$1172.28. They says I don't know nothing about it. If the F & F Henderson wanted some claim I think it better for them to take all the shoe making machinery out of Mr. J. Featherston place. And I think that my husband store some of the new stocks shoe

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Cross-Exam.

"at family home and locate 84 Moncton St. Steveston, B.C. There nothing that F & F Henderson got against my house because I got no debts to pay for. Last December 1945 I received the cheque amount five hundred dollars. I sure need some money badly for my living at the present. I'm asking you to send me that some balance of the house which Custodian sold last 2 years ago. I guess you could understand these matter clear about the situation now. Hoping to hear from Custodian soon. Thank you."

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There is the letter and the typewritten copy of the same is attached, and I tender them both as one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. REE: Q: What is your occupation?

A I was a shoe maker.

Q Did you farm before you were evacuated?

20 A I was working in the beet fields until two years ago.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What does he mean now, working in the beet fields until two years ago?

A Yes.

MR. REE: Q: But at the time that you were evacuated, what work were you doing?

A I was working as a shoemaker then.

Q You were evacuated before your sons were, were you not?

A: Yes.

30 Q And you left your two sons in charge of your shoe

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Cross-Exam.

making shop?

A: Yes.

Q And the machinery was left with them?

A Yes.

Q Do you know what they did with the machinery when they left? Did they move it to McPherson's barn, on No. 2 Road?

10 MR. VIRTUE: I may give you the truth of that. My guess is that the Custodian got the name McPherson mixed up with Featherstone, and I think you will find that what happened was that the machinery was put in Featherstone's barn, not McPherson's.

A It was left in care of Mr. Featherstone.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: McPherson's barn is supposed to be, according to this, on No. 2 Road, and Featherstone's on No. 4 Highway.

MR. REE: I think that is it. My contention is that the property was left at both places.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Oh, I see.

20 MR. RICE: Q: Featherstone ran a shoe making shop, did he not? A: He was a farmer.

Q Featherstone was a farmer?

A Yes.

Q Did he have a store? A: No, he was just a farmer and had no shop.

Q Well, do you know whether any of your property was put in McPherson's barn, or do you know a place called McPherson's barn on No. 2 Road?

30 A I don't recall the name.

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Q All right. The stitching machine, did you not buy that from Denby Brothers in February, 1907, for \$808.60?

MR. VIRTUE: Did you say in February, 1907?

MR. RICE: Q: In February, 1927.

A Yes.

Q And today you are claiming \$900.00 for it? and you still owe Denby on account of it?

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: \$1000.00 the stitching machine, isn't it? Yes, valued at \$900.00; pardon me.

A Yes.

MR. RICE: Q: After using the machine 15 years, you say it is worth nearly \$100.00 more than you paid for it?

A: I estimate that it is worth that much more now than it was before.

Q All right.

MR. VIRTUE: All right, thank you.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Just a minute, please.. I notice, according to your Exhibit 3, no, Exhibit 2, Mr. Rice, that there is some mention of the wife claiming two sewing machines and shoe shine machines, two leather cutters, and chattels and personal property that belong to a shop of this kind.

MR. RICE: I intend to file, your Honour, the J.P. form. I think that what happened, sir, she filled in the J.P. form when she left as owning these things.

30 MR. VIRTUE: Yes, she filled in the J.P. form when she

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left as owning these things, but I don't think anything turns on it, but for the purpose of these two claims, now that they are being heard jointly, it doesn't matter whether it turns out that these goods were hers or were his.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The only question is now that he is here, would it be well to have some admission or statement by him that she has no ownership in any of these machines.

10 MR. VIRTUE: I would rather put it this way; we will admit on her behalf, as far as the shoe making machinery is concerned, it is his.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: So that she hasn't any interest in anything of that nature at all?

MR. VIRTUE: No. As a matter of fact, I just want to ask him one question with regard to the machinery.

Q Did you have two sets of shoe making machinery, one for yourself and one for your sons?

20 A Yes.

Q But you claim to own them all?

A When we wrote in the claim, my middle son made a slight mistake and put it down as a separate property. Actually it just belongs to me.

Q It actually belongs to you?

A Yes.

Q Were the two sets of shoe making machinery right there in your store before you were evacuated?

A Yes.

30 MR. VIRTUE: All right, thanks.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that all, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: That is all, your Honour.

(Witness aside)

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


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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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