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FORM "A" FILE No. 14033

PERSONAL

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: JAPANESE MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION.

HOME ADDRESS: 139 Dunlevy Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER SEX: AGE:

~~OCCUPATION~~ See letter dated Dec 17/41 re Japanese Merchants Assn.

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

EMPLOYER:

MARRIED?

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:

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)

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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:

Box 1-14 inch Carriage Noiseless Typewriter

Box 2-Burrough Adding Machine with Motor

Box 3-Single Revolution Duplicator

Box 4-Miscellanious Office Supplies

The above articles are stored at Bowman Storage Limited, 829 Powell Street Vancouver, B. C., Storage fees and insurance premium is paid up to the end of April 1943.

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

1 Steel Cabinet

6 Boxes of Miscellanious Goods are stored in the basement of the former Japanese School, 475 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B. C.

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

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Japanese Merchants' Association

October 29, 1947.

A letter dated ember 17, 1941, from Toragoro NIMI, File 10711, Vice-President of the Association, that this Association had been incorporated in 1910 for the purpose of promoting benefit for local Japanese merchants. The letter further stated that members of the grocery line grouped together to organize a Purchasing Cooperative System. For that account they received, in normal conditions, Department from certain wholesale firms for special discount. NIMI stated that apart some $4,0 Association had no commercial relations with any one who might come under from the sai sentioned in our enquiry of December 11, 1941, in regard to Trading with the Ene

Mr. 's memo of February 2, 1943, states that according to a letter from Bowman Stor Ltd., dated December 28, 1942, they were storing for the Japanese Merchants' Asso ation, four packages. These had been placed in storage by S. FURUKAWA on Apr 30, 1942. (It is believed that the person who placed the goods in storage was also FURUKAWA, File 3121, Secretary of the Association.)

On May 12, 1943, NIMI wrote to us, enclosing a request for shipment of the effects stored at Bowman's Storage. This request was also signed by FURUKAWA. The effects were listed as follows:

1 Box 14 inch Carriage Noiseless Typewriter
1 Box Burrough Adding Machine with Motor
1 Box Single Revolution Duplicator
1 Box Miscellaneous Office Supplies

Authorization for the release of these goods was given Bowman's Storage on May 18, 1943. Charges for these goods were to be collected by Bowman's from the Association.

Enclosed also with the letter of May 12 was a JP Form. This form had no written signature, but typed under the signature line was "Vice-President of the Japanese Merchant Association." In addition to the goods left at Bowman's Storage, the form revealed that a steel cabinet and six boxes of miscellaneous goods had been left in the basement of the former Japanese School at 475 Alexander St. Although Mr. Spain's memo of May 31, 1943, states that a steel cabinet and six boxes of miscellaneous goods were moved from the school to 992 Powell St., included in Inventory 44, there is no steel cabinet listed on the inventory. (Copy follows Summary). The goods removed on that inventory were moved in the name of the Vancouver Nippon Kyoritsu Go-Gakko (Japanese School of Language). The Chattel Schedule on the file of the School (File 10526/1) states that two filing cabinets were retained by the Military at 475 Alexander St. As there is no evidence on either file that a steel cabinet was removed from Alexander St., it is possible that the cabinet declared by the Merchants' Association was one of those retained by the Military. The inventory reveals that 31 boxes and 31 cartons were removed so it is possible that the six boxes declared were included among those. An undated note on the inventory, signed by Mr. Wills, states that the items on the inventory were moved to 604 E. Cordova and later discarded. There is no record on file of the removal or sale of the goods, as previously [illegible]

MONIES OWING

In July, 1945, the sum of $15.00 was credited to the account of the Association. These funds represented refund of B. C. Electric Security Deposit for light. These funds are still in the account.

BONDS

The JP Form reveals that the Association held one $1,000.00 Victory Bond in the Royal Bank of Canada, East End Branch, and one $1,000.00 Victory Bond in the Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings. These were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

BANK ACCOUNT

The JP Form revealed that the Association had a Savings Account of $5.00 in the Royal Bank and a Current Account of $197.47 in the Bank of Montreal. These accounts were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

This file reveals no liabilities.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.

Frances May.

fm October 29, 1947.

FORM "B" 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)
$1000.00 Dominion of Canada Victory Loan 1941 is in the care of Royal Bank of Canada, East End Branch, $1000.00 Dominion of Canada Victory Loan 1941 is in the care of Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings Branch

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: $5.00 (at the end of April 1943) savings account at Royal Bank of Canada, $197.47 deposited in the Current Account of Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings Branch

~~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 Twelfth day of May 1943.

(Signature)
Vice-President of the Japanese Merchant Ass'n

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

The following information was taken from Inventory #44, Custodian Warehouse Book #1

Date: August 25, 1942

Where From: 475 Alexander Street

Future Address: 992 Powell Street

Small Table
6 Wooden Screens
5 picture frames
Counting Board
Adding Machine Stand
Stool
Book Cupboard
2 Bottles
4 Gal. Tin
31 Boxes
31 Cartons

Identified as property of Japanese Language School. File 10026. There is nothing apart from Mr. Stein's memo of May 31, 1943 to show that any goods of the Japanese Mechants Assn were included in this inventory. Gordon Chan

An undated note on the page, signed by Mr. W. Wills, states that these were moved to 604 Cordova and later discarded.

The above list of goods is a duplicate of the list in Crome, Inventory #213.

Frances May

MEMORANDUM

File #14033

May 31, 1943.

TO: File

FROM: Mr. Geo. B. Spain.

Re: Japanese School

1 Steel Cabinet.

6 Boxes miscellaneous

Were moved from the school at 475 Alexander Street to 992 Storage, included in inventory No.44.

F.B. 10526

GBS/MFP

PA. 9655
PHONE: TRINITY-5707

INCORPORATED 1910

Japanese Merchant's Association

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139 DUNLEVY AVENUE,
VANCOUVER, B. C., December 17 1941

Rcd 18/12/41

Mr. G. W. McPherson
Deputy Custodian
1012 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing you relative to your inquiry of December 11th respecting Trading with Enemy.

In connection with above, we beg to state, herewith, that our Association has been incorporated in 1910 with the purpose of promoting mutual benefit of the local Japanese merchants. We have now ninety standing members who pay monthly fee of one dollar, for the upkeep of the organization.

We further state that since 1937, our members of Grocery line, some fifty in number, grouped together to organize a Purchasing Department of Cooperative System. For that account, we receive, in normal conditions, some four thousand dollars ($4,000) from certain wholesale firms as for special discount. We distribute the said amount to the members after reducing 5% as for administration fee, according to the amount of their purchases, at the end of the fiscal year.

However, we have no commercial relations with whom may come in to the categories mentioned in your inquiry.

We certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

We are, Sir,

Yours Obedient Servants

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Vice President

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Open file

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1018 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
December 19, 1941.

Japanese Merchant's Association,
150 Dunlevy Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Regulations

I have your letter of December 17th.

The Custodian will only be interested in your association if, as and when you distribute your profits, in which case any profits payable to persons residing in Japanese or Japanese controlled territory, or who have been detained in Canada, should be reported, and held subject to the Custodian's control.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or
Custodian.

GWMcP/FC.

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To the Secretary of State
Acting in his capacity as Custodian

We the Japanese Merchants Association hereby request that the Custodian to release to us the undernoted effects belonging to us now vested in the Custodian under the P.C. 1665 as amended and stored at Bowman's Storage Limited, 829 Powell Street, Vancouver, B. C.

VIZ:

1 Box 14 inch Carriage Noiseless Typewriter

1 Box Burrough Adding Machine with Motor

1 Box Single Revolution Duplicator

1 Box Miscellanious Office Supplies

We agree that all shipping, handling and storage charges are to be paid by us and that the said effects shall hereafter by at our sole charge and risk and hereby acknowledge that we have and can have no claim of any kind whatsoever against the Custodian or any of the deputies, employees, servants or agents in respect of any of the said effects so released and we hereby request and authorize the Custodian to delate the said effects from our registration form.

Dated this Twelfth day of May 1943.
at Minto City, B. C.

Japanese Merchants Association,

Per: Toragoro Nimi
Toragoro Nimi, #10353, Vice-President

Per: S. Furukawa
Shigeo Furukawa, #05959, Secretary

JAPANESE MERCHANTS ASS'N

Minto City, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 15 1943
File No.
Ans. 1-GB
Referred Chope

to Mr Green.

May 12, 1943.

Mr. D. M. Chope,
Administration Department,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you kindly for your letter of April 14 with regard to the registration of our property with your office.

Complying with your request we hereby enclose "J.P." forms properly filled in.

We also enclose herewith, a release form for our effects now stored at Bowman's Storage Limited, Vancouver, B. C. Please be kind enough to arrange to ship the said goods in your early convenience. If the shipping, handling and storage charges are to be paid in advance kindly inform us the amount of the same and we will immediately send it to you.

might be better - also please check on Stock at 475 Alexander

We are, Sirs:

Yours very truly,

JAPANESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION,

Per: Toragoro Nimi
Toragoro Nimi, #10353
Vice-President

TN:SF:HT

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May 13, 1943.

Bowman Storage Limited,
829 Powell Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Merchants Ass'n.
Minto City, B.C.

We are in receipt of a letter signed by Mr. Toragoro Nimi (Reg. No. 10353) Minto City, B. C. signing himself as Vice-President of the above mentioned association, requesting release from your storage of the following items:-

1 box 14" Noiseless Typewriter
1 box Burroughs Adding Machine
1 box Duplicator
1 box Miscellaneous supplies

We hereby authorize release of these articles.

All charges to be collected from the Japanese Merchants Association by you.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain.
Protection Department.

GBS/MFP

File No. 14033 Req. No. Date July 1945

Name Jap. Merchants Assoc.

Your Account has been CREDITED DEBITED as follows

Refund of B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd.	
Security deposit for light	$5.00
	5.00
	5.00

Custodian of Enemy Property

The Royal Bank of Canada

Please address all communications to the Manager

Refer to file

EAST END BRANCH

Vancouver, B.C.

March 4th, 1948.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 5 1948
File No. 140233
Ans.
Referred Reed

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

Dear Sir:

We are holding the following securities in safekeeping for account of Japanese Merchants Association, 139 Dunlevy Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

One sealed box.

$1,000.00 Dominion of Canada, 1st V/L, 1951.

Please advise what disposition may be made of the aforementioned securities.

Yours truly,

W. A. Caldwell,
pro Manager.

Mr. Reed:
(1) Hold Register for particulars & list of Shares if incorp.
(2) If anyone calls re liquidation and writes re enclosure the Pass Book & Cust. Receipt.
(3) If no enemy shares Bank send no objection to dealing direct.

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March 5, 1948.

The Registrar of Companies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Merchants Association

The Vice-President of the above mentioned Association states that this Association was incorporated in 1910.

If this is correct, would you please furnish us with a list of the shareholders?

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

C. H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR/fm

MEMORANDUM

To

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

EVACUATION SECTION
MAR 3 1948
Rec'd
File No. 14087
Ans.
Referred

Re: Japanese Merchants Association of Vancouver British Columbia.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and presume you mean the above association, which was incorporated on 13th January, 1911. If so, I beg to advise you that it was dissolved under section 35 of the "Societies Act" on 29th October, 1925. It only filed its incorporation papers and some amendments to By-laws. Being a society, it did not have any shareholders.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C.

March 8th 194 8.

REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

PER M.B.

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March 10, 1948.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
East End Branch,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. C. A. Caldwell

Dear Sirs

Re: Japanese Merchants Association

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, in which you advise that you are holding one sealed box and $1,000.00 Dominion of Canada, 1st V/L, 1951, the Custodian has no objection to your dealing direct with the Members of the above Association, the Vice-President being Toragoro NEMI of Minto, B. C., and the Secretary, Shigeo FUNUKAWA, of the same address.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR/fm

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January 3, 1949.

Bank of Montreal,
Main & Hastings Branch,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: JAPANESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

On May 12, 1943, Toragoro Kimi as Vice-President of the Japanese Merchants Association, informed the Custodian that the sum of $197.47 was on deposit in the current account of the Association in your bank. It was also stated that one $1000.00 Dominion of Canada Victory Loan 1941 was left in the care of your bank.

Would you kindly let us know whether this is correct and whether this credit and bond are still held by you.

We are informed by the Registrar of Companies in Victoria that the Japanese Merchants Association of Vancouver was incorporated on January 13, 1911 and was dissolved on October 29, 1925. It made no reports to the Registrar since filing its incorporation papers and some amendments to By-laws.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC

Bank of Montreal,

MAIN & HASTINGS STREETS BRANCH
390 MAIN STREET
Vancouver, B.C.

Fifth
January
1949

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 6 1949
File No. 14033
Ans.
Referred

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: JAPANESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

In answer to your letter of 3rd January, we wish to advise that the balance at credit of Current Account re the above is $401.72 (Four hundred and one dollars and seventy-two cents).

We also hold $1,000. D/C 3½% 1966 Bond in Safekeeping re the above named.

Yours faithfully,

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Pro Manager
P.DeSerres

April 13, 1950.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 24 1950
File No. 1-4053
Ans.
Referred Sheard

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

Dear Sirs;

We, the undersigned, have been authorized by the members of the former Japanese Merchant's Association of Vancouver, B.C. to protect their valued assets and have now decided to liquidate the said assets as the association is no longer in existence.

At the beginning of the war these assets were transferred to your office from the Royal Bank of Canada, east end branch and the Bank of Montreal, Main and Hasting Streets, Vancouver.

The assets are as follows;

2 Dominion of Canada Bonds $1, 000.00 each
1 box of books
Cash in Bank

These, we wish to have returned at once.

The last meeting of the committee was held some time during April 1942, and the committee unanimously agreed to appoint five of us for a sub-committee, authorizing us to handle the assets to the best advantage. They also agreed that a document is valid if 3 out of 5 members of the sub-committee has signed their signature.

We trust that the above is satisfactory and anticipating an early reply, we remain

Bal. with Custodian "15"
1000 Bonds Bank of Montreal Main & Hastings
Bal of "H017"
1000 " Royal Bank East End
+1 Seal Box
Sub-committees

Yours very truly,

Yoshio Nakazawa, Toronto

Shinichi Shimada, Toronto

Shigeyoshi Ouye, Clarkson, Ontario

Toragoro Nishimi, D'Arcy, B.C.

Sentaro Uchida- Deceased

P.S. Kindly address all correspondence to 22 Coady Avenue, Toronto 8, Ontario.

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April 25, 1950.

Mr. Yoshio NAKAZAWA,
22 Coady Avenue,
Toronto 6, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Merchants Association

We have received your letter of the 13th instant re assets of the above association.

Our records indicate that the Royal Bank of Canada, East End Branch, are holding in their possession one $1000.00 Dominion of Canada first Victory Loan 1951 bond and one sealed box, and the Bank of Montreal are holding in safekeeping one $1000.00 Dominion of Canada 3½% 1966 bond and also have a bank balance of approximately $400.00 to the credit of the above association.

These assets were not brought under the control of the Custodian, and we would suggest that you negotiate directly with these banks in regard to same. Should the banks refer to us for information, we will advise that the Custodian will offer no objection to them dealing directly with the Association through those whose authority they recognize.

This office holds the sum of $15.00 refunds from the B.C. Electric Company, and the same procedure which the bank may require will be satisfactory for the release of this sum.

Yours truly,

F. G. Sheers,
Director.

FGS/CM

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 19 1950
File No. 14033
Ans.
Referred Mears

22 Coady Avenue,
Toronto 8, Ontario.

May 15th, 1950.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 14033.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of April 25th. As instructed I wrote the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal and have received a reply to the effect that they are sending the money and all securities being held in safekeeping.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me the sum of $15.00 refund from the B.C. Electric Company which is being held in your office as mentioned in your letter.

Yours truly,

Yoshio Nakazawa.

Shizuteru Shimada.

Shigeyoshi Ouye.

2nd June, 1950.

Japanese Merchants Association,
22 Coady Ave.,
Toronto 8, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 15th ultimo, we have been advised that Messrs. Yoshio Nakazawa and Ryotaro Nobuoka have been appointed the duly authorized signing officers of the Japanese Merchants Association to receive and disburse funds.

We enclose Custodian cheque in the amount of $15.00 which represents the refunds received from the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. on Security Deposits for light.

Will you please have the two authorized signing officers endorse the cheques and acknowledge receipt of same to this office.

Yours very truly,

C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA
Encl.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 12 1950
File No. 14037
Ans.
Referred Reed

22 Coady Avenue,
Toronto 8, Ontario.

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

Attention: Mr. C.H. Reed.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of June 2nd we wish to acknowledge receipt of the Custodian cheque in the amount of $15.00.

Yours very truly,

JAPANESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

H.R. Nobuoka