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The Honorable,
The Attorney General,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,

re Saburo Richard Nakamura, dec'd..

Herewith report of Inquiry in connection with the above deceased. This youth in company with others was endeavouring to prepare a small skating pond when the accident which caused his death occurred.

McGillivray Falls is an isolated point on the P.G.E.Rly and transportation is a matter of some difficulty since there are but two trains weekly. Inasmuch as there was no Doctor available closer than Lillooet I requested Dr Paterson to make a postmortem to confirm my own conclusions. Owing to limited communication he was unable to get there before Monday December 7th. His report is attached, also vouchers in favour of the Doctor and myself. If the Dr is allowed transportation an additional charge of \$2.10 should be made for his train fare. I have not included any charges for meals or accommodation on either voucher.

Yours very truly,

H. Ashby

Coroner.

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(Coroner's Report Form of Inquiry.)

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Report of INQUIRY as to Cause of Death of

SABURA RICHARD NAKAMURA.

Age 15 Sex Male Birthplace Vancouver, B.C. Date of death Dec: 5th 1942

Nationality Canadian Race Japanese

Remarks Deceased with two young companions attempted to lower water gate at mouth of McGillivray Creek with intent to create skating pond. Windlass controlling gate mechanism got away from him and iron handle struck him on head. Was not immediately incapacitated but proceeded to home of friend, complained of head being sore. Later went home and to bed where he was reading. Accident occurred about 7.00 p.m. at 9.00 p.m. or thereabouts complained of severe head pains. Condition became rapidly worse and he passed away at about 2.00 a.m. No medical aid available nor transportation for same.

Where found Died in bed at home, McGillivray, B.C.

Found by Kimi Igarishi, Japanese nurse present at death.

Post-mortem findings Post mortem conducted by Dr Peter H. Paterson, M.D., C.M. of Lillooet on December 7th at my request. Findings. Decompressed fracture Rt frontal bone which caused cerebral hemorrhage, leading to intercranial pressure which caused death.

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Wounds, etc. No external wounds.

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Address of deceased McGillivray Falls, B.C.

Address of next of kin Asakichi Nakamura, McGillivray Falls, B.C. (Father).

Opinion of Coroner Accidental death. Caused by fracture right frontal bone, cerebral hemorrhage.

Municipality or district responsible Unorganized.

Undertaker Armstrong & Co. Buried at Vancouver, B.C.

H. Ashley, Coroner.

Statement of Kimi Igarashi (Mrs) x

2073 re Death of Saburo Richard Nakamura x

I am a qualified nurse, I was called to the Nakamura home at about 8.30 p.m. on Dec. 4th 1942 and told that the boy Saburo had been struck on the head x There was no temperature, ~~no~~ pulse was regular at the time I saw the boy, he complained that his neck hurt x He did not appear at that time to be seriously hurt x In fact at the time of ~~his~~^{my} arrival he was in bed reading a book x I advised him to put it away, and applied ice packs to his head x I told him to rest quietly & then returned to my home x About 30 minutes later I was again called to the Nakamura home & was told that he was in great pain x He complained that his head hurt & that the ice pack made it worse x ~~He~~ then applied cloth soaked in a 50% solution

2074 of alcohol to the forehead & then replaced
the ice pack & He then fell asleep & I
stayed until about midnight & before
leaving for home felt his pulse & it
appeared to be ^{about} 170 x As he was very quiet
I went home but was called back at
about 1.00. a.m. At that time he was
in a convulsion, ^{right} pupils ~~were~~ ^{was} dilated &
& the left was contracted x At this time he
started to froth at the mouth x At this
time I decided that a Doctor should be
called, a telephone call was made to
Constable Godfrey x After the convulsion
patient quietened down & soon after passed
away at about 2.00 a.m. x

W. A. Godfrey

Kimi Iguchi

Statement of Sarukichi Nakamura

2075 re death Saburo Richard Nakamura

At about 9. or 9.30 p.m. my wife came to get me at a neighbor's house. She told me that my boy Saburo had been hit on the head by an iron bar. When I came home the boy was in bed. He said he was hurt & was groaning with pain. When I arrived a nurse was already in the house & she had applied ice packs to the boy's head. From the time of my return the boy got worse & died about 2.00. a.m.

Harley

S. Nakamura

Statement of Yoshiki Kobayashi.

re Death of Saburo Richard Nakamura.

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At about 7.00 p.m. Dec 24th I was with Saburo Richard Nakamura, & his brother, Toshio Nakamura, we were trying to lower the gate in the dam on McGillivray Creek. I was on the opposite side of the gate from Saburo. He told me to make a signal when I was ready to let the gate down. I made the signal by turning on the flashlight and let the gate go. I did not notice anything unusual at that time. After letting down the gate I went into the power shack. A few minutes later we came up the trail & went to Michiwo's house. While we were there Saburo complained that his head hurt, & I massaged it.

707 for him x I did not notice anything unusual about him at that time + after a while he left there by himself + went home + I did not see him again +

Yoshiaki Kobayashi

H. Ashby

Statement of Toshio Nakamura, Reg. 02260
Canadian born.

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On the night of December 4th 1942 I was with my brother Toshio Nakamura, and he was trying to lower the water gate in Mc Gillivray creek, to slow the flow of water, in order to get a sheet of ice for skating x While he was trying to lower the gate the handle of the windlass slipped & struck him on the head x The blow did not knock him down, he started to rub his head & walked home by himself x He said that his head hurt him x This was at about 7.00 p.m. Before going to our own home we stopped at Michizawa's house x While there his friend Yoshiki Kobayashi massaged his head x I did not go home with my brother at that time

and I had no further talk with him x

Toshio Yamada

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H. Asakura