

(Coroner's Report Form of Inquiry.)

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New Denver, B.C.
May 27th, 1943

Report of INQUIRY as to Cause of Death of

Yosaki Takeuchi, # 03066

Age 69 sex Male Birthplace Japan Date of death May 26th, 1943

Nationality _____ Race Japanese

Remarks This man had been discharged from hospital on the 14th of May after 2 weeks treatment for Hypertension and Bronchial Asthma. On May 26th about one hour following the noon meal he was stricken with severe attack of nausea and vomiting along with 65 other Japanese who ate at the same boarding house. During the course of the afternoon he was admitted to B.C.Sec.Comm., hospital at Sandon. Limbs felt heavy and paralysed, Shortly after admission he collapsed and in spite of treatment, died at about 7.15 P.M.

Where found _____
Found by _____

Post-mortem findings
~~See attached report by Dr. E. H. Kuwabara.~~

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Wounds, etc. _____
Address of deceased Sandon, B.C. File No. _____

Address of next of kin _____

Opinion of Coroner see enclosed letter
From the investigation made by Drs. W. Ormond and E.H. Kuwabara and Dr. Uchida, I am satisfied that this man came to his death from myocardial failure as stated in my letter and the eating of the poisoned food was only contributory. A sample of the plant in question has been sent to the Provincial Health Officer for his analysis and comment.

Municipality or district responsible unorganized territory
Undertaker J. Draper Cremated at New Denver, B.C.

[Signature], Coroner.

DR. ARNOLD FRANCIS

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

NEW DENVER, B. C.

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Dept. of Attorney General,
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Victoria, B.C.

Re- Death of Yosaku TAKEUCHI
Sandon, B.C.

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Dear sir,

During my absence in Vancouver recently, a Japanese living in Sandon died rather suddenly. He was one of a group of elderly Japanese living in a boarding house especially maintained for elderly males.

The cook had prepared for the noon meal, a form of cabbage, which grows wild and very abundantly around the hills of Sandon, known as "mountain cabbage". All those eating this meal became violently ill with nausea and vomiting. The above-mentioned died some six hours later.

Dr. W. Ormond, who was taking my place at the time, Dr. E.H. Kuwabara, the Japanese doctor attending, and Dr. Uchida, who is associated with me in the care of the Japanese here, were at a loss as to how to proceed to arrive at the legal cause of death. They did however, perform a post-mortem and all are agreed that the actual cause of death was due to myocardial failure, probably caused by the excessive vomiting.

Permission was given for the disposal of the body.

With the assistance of the local Provincial Constable, I have made an examination and agree with their findings.

I am enclosing the regular inquiry report. I trust that this will be satisfactory to your department.

Yours truly,



A. Francis, M.D. Coroner.