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Mr. Kadota talks about his family background in Japan. His boy-
hood in Hokkaido. He became a Christian. He worked hard to
learn about sawmill equipment. This led him to come to Canada
early in the Twentieth Century. ~~He got a job working for a pulp
and sawmill in Swanson Bay B.C., Later he worked in Englewood.
He was superintendent of Japanese workers.~~

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ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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(signed) Kantarosada

(date) April 10 1972

Understood and agreed to

Maya Kajima
(interviewer)

(date) April 10, 1972

William J. Langlois.

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TAPE AND ARCHIVE WORKSHEET

ORAL HISTORY VANCOUVER PROJECT

INTERVIEWEE

NAME: KANTARO KADOTA BIRTH DATE: 15/1/1882

TITLE: Head millwright and superintendent of Japanese workers

PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: 10288, 132nd St. N. Surrey

INTERVIEWER: MAYA KOIZUMI

INTERVIEW TITLE: Mr K. KADOTA; B. 1882; Japan; head

millwright; ship carpenter; naturalized Canadian
citizen in 1909; worked in sawmills in Swanson Bay, Englewood;
in Japan during W.W.II; returned to Canada in 1957.

DATE: April 10, 1972 ^{his}

LOCATION: 10288, 132nd St. North Surrey, in living room

Sometimes accompanied by Mrs Kadota & Mrs Inaba, their
daughter

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: He talks about his family background in

Japan, his boyhood in Hokkaido; His desire to learn modern
sawmill led him to Canada, he became a christian, worked
hard to learn about sawmill machines. He got a job ~~to~~ work
for the pulp and saw-mill in Swanson Bay, then Englewood. He was
a superintendent of the Japanese workers.

QUALITY OF INTERVIEW: Mr Kadota is hard of hearing. The interview
was partly interrupted by a visitor. Fairly good, I think.

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FD5 Koi Zumi, Maya Interviewer

FD6 Kadota, Kantaro Interviewee

FD7 In Japanese Restrictions

FD8 1882 Birthdate FD9 Deceased FD10 1972 Taping Date

FD11 1905 Per. Start FD12 1910 Per. End FD13 Special Date

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Swanson Bay BC
United Church of Canada

FD15 Ethnic Groups Keywords

immigration
Sawmills
forest industry
BC History

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Mr. Kadota left Japan in 1905 for Canada to learn about sawmills. In Vancouver he worked for various sawmills. He studied English at the church at night for a year and eight months. After that he got a job with Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd of Swanson Bay . He became the head millwright there in 1908.

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TAPE AND ARCHIVE WORKSHEET
ORAL HISTORY VANCOUVER PROJECT

INTERVIEWEE

NAME: Mr. KONTARO KADOTA BIRTH DATE: 1881

TITLE: Retired head millwright & ship builder

PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: 10288, 132nd Street, North Surrey, B.C.

INTERVIEWER: MAYA KOIZUMI

INTERVIEW TITLE: Mr. Kadota; B. (1881); JAPAN; 1906 in Vancouver; United Church; English at night school; 1907 Prince George; Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills;

DATE: May 17, 1972.

LOCATION: In Mr. Kadota's living room accompanied by Mrs. Kadota.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: Mr. Kadota left Japan in 1905 for Canada to learn about ~~saw~~ modern sawing. In Vancouver he worked at various sawmills in the day time, studied English at the church at night for a year and eight months. After that he got a job in Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd in Sawanson Bay and appointed as head millwright there in 1908.

QUALITY OF INTERVIEW: Very good.

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MR. KANTARO KADOTA

May 11, 1972

Interview With Mr. Kadota; Born 1881; Japan; 1906 In Vancouver;
United Church; English At Night School; 1907 Prince George;
Whalen Pulp And Paper Mills.

Interviewed by: Maya Koizumi

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A Japanese-Canadian head
 millwright and shipbuilder

Primary Subject or Preamble

Koizumi, Maya

Interviewer

Kadota, Kantaro

Interviewee

In Japanese

Restrictions

FD8

1882

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1958

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Keywords

Forest industry

Social conditions

Labour

Working conditions

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Mr. Kadota was concerned about the quality of life for Japanese workers. He attempted to reform them by doing away with drinking and gambling. He cleared the professional gamblers out of his mills. During the Second World War he worked in a shipyard. He went back to Japan with an exchange boat in 1943. He stayed there until 1958 when he returned to Canada as a landed immigrant.

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Tracks 1 & 2

TAPE AND ARCHIVE WORKSHEET

ORAL HISTORY VANCOUVER PROJECT

INTERVIEWEE

NAME: Mr. Kantaro KADOTA BIRTH DATE: 1887

TITLE: Retired head millwright & ship builder

PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: 10288, 132nd Street, North Surrey, B.C.

INTERVIEWER: MAYA KOIZUMI

INTERVIEW TITLE: Mr. Kadota; 1911 in Japan; he reformed the habit of gambling and drinking of the Japanese laborers in his mills: Wood & English Ltd; Schreibers

DATE: May 11, 1972

LOCATION: Mr. Kadota's living room accompanied by Mrs Kadota.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: At that time Japanese workers' life was quite low, they spent a lot of time in drinking and gambling. Mr. Kadota as a foreman cleaned the professional gamblers out of his mills and improved the Japanese people's life. During the war he worked in the shipyard in Schreibers with his sons, went back to Japan by the 2nd exchanging boat in 1943, stayed there until 1958. He

QUALITY OF INTERVIEW: Applied for the landed immigrants again and returned to Canada in 1958 as a landed immigrant. All his children (eight) and grandchildren are in Canada.

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MR. KANTARO KADOTA

May 11, 1972

Interview With Mr. Kadota; 1911 In Japan; He Reformed The Habit Of Gambling And Drinking Of The Japanese Labourers In His Mills; Wood And English Limited; Schreibers.

Interviewed by:

Maya Koizumi

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