Name of Claimant MORIMOTO, Ritsu Case 149

Custodian File 10851

REAL PROPERTY											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% there-of	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:		
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount	

PERSONAL PROPERTY								
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 & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column	

NETS						
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	

MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS								
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	
251.15	66.70	20.01						20.01

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	20.01

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CASE NO: 149.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Vernon, B. C.,

February 17th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

RITSU MORIMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

Claim handed to Mr Sood with Exhibits 145-6-7-8-9-50 Returned

Original.

CASE NO: 149.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

10 Vernon, B. C.,

February 17th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

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PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
R.J. McMASTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,	Secretary.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

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RITSU MORIMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, is this your signature on this claim form and did you make that declaration?

MR. McMASTER: It isn't declared, my lord, I am sorry. My lord, before putting it to her I have certain amendments I wish to make to the claim form. This is just a claim with respect to chattels, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: With respect to the back page of the claim itself, my lord, the kitchen stove is being reduced to $25.00 from $35.00. Item No. 2, the heater stove, is reduced to $10.00. The sewing machine is being crossed off, my lord. The dresser is $7.50, that is item No. 4. The vanity, $7.00, just the same.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is that?

MR. McMASTER: A vanity or dresser, I think. That is staying the same, $7.00. The Japanese bamboo buffet is crossed off. Six chairs, $7.50, the same as there, but the picture frame is being crossed off. 38 Japanese records reduced to $19.00, and the box of kitchen utensils remains the same at $8.00. That will make a total on the back of the claim form, my lord, or $84.00.

I might say with respect to those items that have been reduced and crossed off, I think the reduction arises out of the fact in most instances

the claimant had put the cost price in. In the case of the sewing machine, it was purchased some considerable time ago, and having regard to its age there is not sufficient difference between the sale price and what she claims to be bothered pressing it. The bamboo buffet would probably have little market value, being a Japanese affair, and the picture frame likewise.

With regard to the list which is attached to the claim, my lord, I would ask to substitute a list which I now want to hand to your Lordship which reduces that claim. At the end of the second page of the new list, Mr. Leckie has summarised the total of the claim and he has shown a credit there of $87.40 to the Custodian. The total claim now is $251.15, and the credit to the Custodian is $87.40. I spoke to Mr. Shears about that this morning. That figure may be incorrect. I think it is too high, if anything, and we might speak to it later, my lord, when Mr. Shears has had an opportunity to check it.

The reason that it is put in in this form, my lord, in such a hurry is that this woman has come in from some distance to attend today, and I am anxious she be allowed to return.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now will you complete the form of declaration?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Do not bother with it now; you can do it later.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, we can do it later.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well I have to take the declaration in any case, so you better do it now.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Would you be good enough, witness, to sign this claim form?

THE COMMISSIONER: You better read over the declaration to her before she signs it.

MR. McMASTER: Very well. If you will translate it to her, please, Mr. Handford.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Mrs. Morimoto, you declare the contents of this document to be true and correct to the best of your knowledge, information and belief? A: Yes.

Q And this is your signature on the document?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, Mrs. Morimoto, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement with regard to your personal chattels?

20 A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please? Are the contents of that statement true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. McMASTER: My lord, in Exhibit 1 you will find that certain items are set out; not by any means all that appear in the claim, showing the approximate date of purchase and the price paid, etc. Those

30 are only a few of them, and the details are set

out in the amendment to the claim. The claimant says, "I have no special knowledge as to the sale value of used chattels but to the best of my ability I have estimated what I believe to be fair prices for sale, in each instance deducting amounts from original cost, to allow for age, use and condition." Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted, my lord, that these chattels were sold for their fair market value.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: No lost chattels involved here?

MR. HUNTER: As far as I can see there are none. There may be one or two small items but generally speaking we appear to have received them all and sold them. What I should like to do, my lord, is to go over the new list which Mr. McMaster has submitted and check them off and see what credit we should be allowed to the Custodian.

THE COMMISSIONER: You can advise me on that later.

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord. It is purely a question of

20 value. I don't think there is anything else involved. There are no questions, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mrs. Morimoto. That is all we require of you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

T. P. Horrobin

"T.P. HORROBIN"
Official Reporter.

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12 Case 149 JAN - 2 1948 NOTIFIED

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim: Vernon

(1) NAME MORIMOTO RITSU (RCMP) Reg. No. 05454
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address VANCOUVER CANNERY, EBURNE, B.C.

(3) Present Address DRAWER #1, ARROWHEAD, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business _____
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(ii) Buildings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $ _____

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ _____

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation VANCOUVER CANNERY, EBURNE, B.C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) Warehouse

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation IN CRATES WITH TAGS.

(over)

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

B.C. PACKERS WAREHOUSE AT VANCOUVER
CANNERY EBURNE B.C.

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1.	1 KITCHEN STOVE	Estimated Value $ ~~35.00~~	25
2.	1 HEATER STOVE	Estimated Value $ ~~15.00~~	10
3.	~~1 SINGER SEWING MACHINE~~	Estimated Value $ ~~75.00~~	
4.	1 DRESSER	Estimated Value $ ~~15.00~~	7 50
5.	1 VANITY	Estimated Value $ 7.00	
6.	~~1 JAPANESE BAMBOO BUFFET~~	Estimated Value $ 5.00	
7.	6 CHAIRS	Estimated Value $ 7.50	
8.	~~1 PICTURE FRAME~~	Estimated Value $ ~~1.25~~	
9.	38 JAPANESE RECORD	Estimated Value $ ~~49.50~~	19
10.	1 BOX KITCHEN UTENSILS	Estimated Value $ 8.00	8

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ ~~226.25~~ 84-

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - -

ITEMIZED DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CLAIM.

Quantity	Description	Est. Value
2	White Oval Dish Big Size	$ 2.50
2	White Oval Dish Small Size	$ 1.80
2	White with Gold Border Design Dish	$ 1.50
2	White Oval Designed Dish	$ 1.50
2	Round Design Japan Made Dish	$ 2.50
4	Dinner Plate	$ 1.00
3 Doz.	Japanese Bowl	$ 3.00
7 Doz.	Japanese Saucers	$ 7.00
3 Doz.	Japanese Tea Cups	$ 3.00
26	Japanese Tumblers	$ 1.30
28	Glass Tumblers	$ 1.40
2	Kettle Aluminum	$ 5.25
1	Japanese Heavy Pot	$ 5.50
2	Pots & Knives	$ 2.75
3 Box	Preserving Bottles	$ 4.50
1 Set	3 piece Japanese Kitchen Utensils	$ 3.00
2	6 Gallon Croak	$ 4.00
2	3 Gallon Croak	$ 2.00
1	3 Gallon Water Bottle	$ 2.50
	TOTAL	$ 56.00

1	Double Bed with Spring & Mattress	$ 20.00
1	Double Bed with Spring	$ 15.00
1	Double Bed with Spring	$ 12.00
1	3/4 Bed with Mattress & Spring	$15.00
1	1/4 Bed with Mattress & Spring	$ 15.00
1 Box	Carpenter Tools	$ 8.00
2	Pee Vee	$ 5.00
1	Double Axe	$ 2.00
1	Single Axe	$ 1.25
1	Sledge Hammer	$ 1.00
4	Wedges	$ 1.00
1 Box	Garden Tools (2) Shovels (1) Rake (1) Hoe (1) Fork Shovel	$ 5.90
1 Box	Net Tools	$ 5.00
1 Box	School Text Books	$ 5.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT	$ 111.15

P-1 - 84.00
P 2 - 52.00
P 3 - 111.15
251.15

Total claim $ 251.15
less credit to Canadian for gross sale of items claimed (which he sold) 87.40
$ 163.75

ITEMIZED DESCRIPTION of PESONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT of THE CLAIM.

Substituted AJB Feb 17 43

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE
2	White Oval Dish Big Size	$ 2.50
2	White Oval Dish Small Size	$ 1.80
2	White with Gold Border Design Dish	$ 1.50
2	White Oval Designed Dish	$ 1.50
2	Round Design Japan Made Dish	$ 2.50
4	Dinner Plate	$ 1.00
3 Doz.	Japanese Bowl	$ 3.00
7 Doz.	Japanese Saucers	$ 7.00
3 Doz.	Japanese Tea Cups.	$ 3.00
26	Japanese Tumblers	$ 1.30
28	Glass TUMBLERS	$ 1.40
2	Kettle ALUMINUM	$ 5.25
1	Japanese Heavy Pot	$ 5.50
2	Pots & Knives	$ 2.75
3 Bth	PRESERVING Bottles	$ 4.50
1 SET	3 piece Japanese KITCHEN Utensils	$ 3.00
2	6 Gallon CROAK	$ 4.00
2	3 Gallon CROAK	$ 2.00
1	3 Gallon WATER BOTTLE	$ 2.50
	TOTAL.	$ 56.00

1	Double Bed with Spring & Mattress	$28.00
1	Double Bed with Spring	$18.00
1	Double Bed with Spring	$15.00
1	3/4 Bed with Mattress & Spring	$20.00
1	1/4 Bed with Mattress & Spring	$13.00
1 Box	CARPENTER TOOLS	$8.00
1	CROSS CUT SAW	$15.00
2	PEE VEE	$5.00
1	Double Axe	$2.00
1	Single Axe	$1.25
1	Sledge Hammer	$1.00
4	Wedges	$1.00
1 Box	GARDEN TOOLS (2) SHOVELS 1 RAKE 1 HOE 1 FORK SHOVEL	$5.90
1	Washing Ringer	$5.00
1 Box	Net Tools	$5.00
1 Box	School TEXT BOOKS	$20.00

TOTAL AMT $161.15

161.15
56.00
226.25
$443.40

TOTAL AMT. = $443.40

AMT. REC'D FROM CUSTODIAN $78.89

TOTAL AMT. LOSS = $364.51

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 9164

Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster

Barristers and Solicitors

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ROYAL BANK BUILDING
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

10851

OUR FILE NO.
1742

December 31st, 1947.

The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Nelson

Dear Sirs:

Re: Ritsu Morimoto, Reg. No. 05454

We wrote to you yesterday filing certain claims and referring to the fact that we had received instructions to act for the claimants shown on List "B" annexed to the letter. Concerning the second last claimant on the list, we understand that you have not received claim forms from him. Accordingly, we are filing herewith two true copies of the copy of the claim form which we have and would ask you to treat this as the proper claim by the claimant until such time as we are able to substitute therefor the duly executed claim forms.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL BRAZIER FISHER & McMASTER,

Per: R. J. McMaster

McM:MM
encls.

Mrs Ritsu Morimoto
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT No. 1491
DATE 17/2/48
FILED BY Mr McLester

05-4154
Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
1 Kitchen stove	Nov 1941	new	35.00	very good	25.00
1 Heater stove	Dec 1941	"	15.00	"	10.00
48 Jap Records	Spring 1941	"	55.00	"	19.00
1 double steel bed (spring & mattress)	end of 1938	"	28.00	good	20.00
1-3/4 steel bed (spring & mattress)	"	"	20.00	"	15.00

Description of Storage of Goods: all of the goods claimed for (and other goods for which no claim is made) were left in a warehouse at the Vancouver Cannery at Eburne, BC (in c/o Mr Percy Bicknell) & until removed by Custodian.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above: — the above particularized chattels and all other chattels claimed for are itemized (and values shown for same) on list attached to my claim form.

Additional Comments, if any: I have no special knowledge as to the sale value of used chattels but to the best of my ability I have estimated what I believe to be fair prices ~~[illegible]~~ for sale, in each instance deducting amounts from original cost to allow for age, use and condition.

Ritsu Morimoto
SIGNATURE

#149 Vernon.

Lethbridge, Alberta,

March 27th, 1948.

Mr. Ritsue Morimoto,
Drawer No. 1,
Arrowhead, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 12th, we are returning herewith money order for $3.50, which we are not in a position to accept.

We believe that this remittance should be sent to the Co-Operative Committee at Greenwood, B.C., and we suggest that you communicate with them in this connection.

Yours truly,

A. WATSON,
Secretary.

AWW-s
Enc.- 1

Drawer #1.

Drawer No I
Arrowhead B.C.
Feb. 12/48.

The Commissioner
Office of the Custodian
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
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Dear Sir:

Please find the enclosed sum of three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50), for the use of the loss of claim.

This sum should have been enclosed into together with the forms which was sent to you at an earlier date.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,
Ritsu Morimoto