Name of Claimant SATO, Kumakichi Case 169

Custodian File 12458

REAL PROPERTY

Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)			V.L.A. Mission Village			Total
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices: % of Total	Amount	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % 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	
		403		114.85				114.85

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 46%	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	
				172.55	79.37			79.37

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	194.22

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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.

KUMAKICHI SATO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement with regard to your boat and equipment thereon? A: Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I will file that as Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

THE COMMISSIONER: Does that cover the vessel as well as the personal property?

MR. McMASTER: The vessel and the equipment for the vessel, my lord. My lord, you will notice in the claim that the vessel is listed as real property. I think that can be taken as an error.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I noticedthat.

MR. McMASTER: The vessel, as appears from the statement of the claimant, my lord, was built in 1939. He paid $500.00 for the hull only, unpainted, new. It was built for him. He says the vessel was in good condition when it was delivered to the Navy. After he had the hull ready he purchased and installed a new Studebaker 25 horsepower engine, and he shows the cost there of installation and purchase, and then he shows the various other items necessary to make it into a boat which were purchased in 1941 and states other items that he doesn't specify the cost

of but says the total, including the items he has specified but excluding the engine was $450.00. It was delivered to the Navy on December 27th, 1941, and except for trial runs the claimant hadn't used the boat at all.

MR. HUNTER: Excuse me, Mr. McMaster, but under improvements you have a new motor bought and installed in 1930. Should that be 1940?

MR. McMASTER: 1940. I am sorry, my lord. Thank you, Mr. Hunter. It was sold by the Custodian, I think my friend will admit, on August 25th, 1942, to the B.C. Packers Limited for $403.00. I wonder if my friend intends to file the claims analysis.

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I will file it on his behalf. I file the claims analysis, my lord, on behalf of my learned friend.

(CLAIMS ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

THE COMMISSIONER: Looking at Exhibit 1 again, Mr. McMaster, what is the total for the vessel? $500.00 for the hull--?

MR. McMASTER: $500.00 for the hull and $380.00 for the engine and $450.00 for the other equipment.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. McMASTER: That other equipment includes the propeller and rudder, as well as the normal boat equipment. Now if my lord would be good enough to refer to Exhibit 2, the claims analysis, on the left hand side you will observe the list of articles which are declared on the J.P. form, showing certain

values opposite those articles. The claimant wishes to amend his claim with respect to personal chattels by adopting the list of articles appearing on the J.P. form and the values shown therein with the following exceptions; my lord, if you might be good enough to strike off or in some way indicate on the claims analysis the items that are coming out. The three-quarter bed, the third item, the sewing machine -- my lord, I fear I need further instructions on this. Mr. Leckie drew this and I can't follow his breakdown of this. Could we stand this over until after the lunch hour or perhaps take the evidence another day?

THE COMMISSIONER: Do you want to go on with another case?

MR. McMASTER: No, I am afraid the next one will be a big one, my lord, and my friend wants the noon hour.

THE COMMISSIONER: We will adjourn then until 2 o'clock.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.)

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

T. P. Horrobin

"T.P. HORROBIN"
Official Reporter.

(2:00 P.M. PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think I have this straightened around now. The simplest way to refer to it is not to amend the analysis form, but for me to draw to your attention that the values which he is now claiming for the articles are all the same values as were claimed in the J.P. form.

THE COMMISSIONER: And are those the values that are set out in Exhibit 2?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord. There are certain items there with respect to which he is not claiming, which I understand he received. I would say the three-quarter bed which was wrong, he is claiming for that.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. McMASTER: But he is not claiming for the sewing machine, the gramophone and the records.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: He is reducing the claim on kitchen utensils, which is about the seventh item from the bottom, to $50.00 instead of $100.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: Reduce kitchen utensils to $50.00.

MR. McMASTER: The only item which is increased from that list is the pike pole which is increased to $2.50.

Now his total claim is $285.50. My understanding is that he received nothing from the Custodian; is that correct, Mr. Shears?

MR. HUNTER: That is correct.

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

KUMAKICHI SATO, the claimant herein, resumed the stand, testified further as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Now, witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement with regard to your personal chattels?

A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

Q Are the statements contained in there true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as the next exhibit, my lord.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

THE COMMISSIONER: That is what?

MR. McMASTER: That is the statement with regard to personal chattels.

Q Now, witness, did you, yourself, prepare these two lists of chattels of cost price, showing the value which you claim; one being of all the chattels including kitchen utensils, and the other list being a list of the kitchen utensils with respect to which you have made a claim?

A Yes.

Q And to the best of your recollection, are the cost prices set out here for the various articles correct? A: Yes.

Q And are the values set out in these two statements fair values at the date of evacuation?

A Yes.

Q And were all the chattels and goods and effects that

are shown in these two lists left on the property by you at the time of your evacuation?

A Yes, they were all left as they were.

Q Yes. I believe, witness, that your wife declared these goods on her declaration of property to the Custodian? Are these goods that are listed all your property, your own property?

THE INTERPRETER: Would you read the last question, please?

(Question read).

A Yes, they are all my property.

(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. McMASTER: Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: It is submitted, my lord, that the fishing vessel was sold for its fair market value. It is submitted that the claimant did not declare any chattels until long after his evacuation, and that accordingly the Custodian was only responsible for those which were found.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well now, does that embrace the wife's declaration?

MR. HUNTER: If we are going to bring the wife into this, we shall later adduce evidence to show that the wife stated she would take some of her chattels with her and the rest would be stored.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, with respect to my friend's last allegation, his claims analysis shows no suggestion of that. It is entirely a new proposition to me. I am prepared to have him file the J.P. form which shows these goods. There is nothing in that which

indicates that situation. Now if there is something else, I am not aware of it.

MR. HUNTER: My lord, the J.P. form, which has been available to my friend, is dated -- the date of the declaration, I believe, is shown on the claims analysis.

MR. McMASTER: October 5th, 1942.

MR. HUNTER: Yes. I don't wish to seem difficult, but I think the information has been available to my friend.

MR. McMASTER: Well it is this last statement, my lord, that confuses me, the suggestion that somebody has said they were going to take some of these goods away.

THE COMMISSIONER: How do you support that, Mr. Hunter, just as a matter of information?

MR. HUNTER: I intend to support it by a witness, my lord, who went and inspected the property and was told that by the woman.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see. Well, that is a matter of defence later. You are simply declaring what your defence is now.

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Sato, this Studebaker 25 horsepower engine, was that a marine engine?

A No, it is a car engine.

Q I see. Where did you buy it?

A On Kingsway in Vancouver.

Q From an automobile wrecker?

A From a second hand works on Kingsway.

Q I see. You had to adapt it to a boat, is that correct? A: I repaired the clutch and put new rings in.

Q Yes, and you had to adapt it for marine purposes, is that not correct? A: Yes.

Q Do you know how old the motor was?

A About a 1931 model.

Q 1931.

THE INTERPRETER: 1930.

MR. HUNTER: Oh, a 1930 model.

Q It was a ten year old motor when you bought it, approximately? A: About 9 years.

Q Now, when you declared the value to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, you declared it at $1000.00, did you?

THE INTERPRETER: ,Could I have the last part of that question, please?

(Question read).

A I declared the ship only for one thousand dollars, the boat.

Q What are you now declaring for the extra $250.00?

A That is for the engine.

Q Wasn't the engine in it when you declared it to the Fishing Vessels Committee?

A Yes, the engine was in the boat.

Q What were you declaring if you weren' t declaring the engine? Were you just declaring the hull?

A I was intending to change the engine so was only

charging $1000.00 for the boat without the engine.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I wonder if the Interpreter would be good enough to ask the witness to speak a little louder so that my Interpreter may hear.

(Interpreted).

MR. HUNTER: Q: Why were you intending to change the engine? A: The old engine used a lot of gasoline so I intended to change to a diesel.

Q Is it not true that you considered the engine of no value? A: No, the engine was in good condition but it used too much gasoline.

Q In other words, it wasn't a suitable engine for a boat, was it? A: I also intended to use the diesel because it was faster.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have him answer the question, please.

(Question interpreted).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: It wasn't a suitable engine for a boat? A: I think it was suitable for the boat but a diesel engine would have been speedier.

MR. HUNTER: Q: And cheaper? A: If I used a diesel engine, it only uses about a gallon and a quarter a day.

MR. HUNTER: I don't think we will labour that anymore.

Q You didn't make a J.P. declaration when you were evacuated, did you?

A Yes, I filled one out.

Q Well we will change the question. You did not complete a J.P. form before you were evacuated, did

you? A: I was evacuated to a road camp, my wife --

MR. HUNTER: Q: Just answer the question. I am not interested in that. A: No, I did not.

Q And, in fact, you did not complete one until the 5th of October of 1942, did you?

A That is so.

Q And you completed that after repeated letters from the Custodian; that is true, isn't it?

A Yes.

Q And even after you had completed your J.P. form, you still had a large number of letters from the Custodian asking questions about the chattels declared, is that not true? A: Yes, while I was at Tashme.

Q And you never replied to any of those letters, did you? A: No, I cannot write so I didn't reply.

Q Was there someone there who could write English?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, if my friend is going to persist in his examination on the subject, I would ask to have the letters produced.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, were he to deny he did receive them, it would be another question.

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: He acknowledges having received them.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have you the letters here?

MR. HUNTER: No, I haven't, my lord, and I must say Mr. McMaster has some justification for a feeling of indignation because they are not on the file.

I did not see the file until just alittle while ago. The letters can be produced at very short notice, I am sure.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think perhaps it would be desirable to produce them.

MR. HUNTER: We will have them here as soon as we can get them up by mail, my lord, in which case I presume Mr. McMaster will be given a chance to examine on the letters.

THE COMMISSIONER: YYes, if Mr. McMaster wishes to examine on the subject of the letters once they arrive, he may do so. I will leave it to you to apply once they are produced.

MR. McMASTER: I presume Mr. MacLennan can undertake that duty for me.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Did we get an answer to the last question? I don't think we did.

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the last question?

MR. HUNTER: Q: Was there someone there who could write in English? A: Yes, there were quite a number of people that could write English but I was very busy working in the woods.

MR. HUNTER: I think that is all, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: There are one or two questions I would like to ask the witness before you re-examine, Mr. McMaster.

Q Sato, I understood you to say that you declared to the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee the hull only, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And you declared its value at a thousand dollars?

A Yes.

Q In your declaration made to the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, did you state that you were valuing only the hull of the vessel and not any engine? A: Yes, it was so written in the form.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are those forms available, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: I haven't them here, my lord. I think they are available.

THE COMMISSIONER: It might be desirable to produce that form. Have you it there?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

MR. McMASTER: Just a summary, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: Just a summary. I wonder, my lord, if we could find out whether the engine was actually in the boat at the time.

THE COMMISSIONER: He said it was.

Q At the time that the Navy took possession of the vessel, was the engine installed in it?

(Question Interpreted).

THE COMMISSIONER: Now that question doesn't need a lot of explanation; it either was in it or it was not.

A Yes, the engine was in when it was taken over by the Navy.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, I am proposing to require Government counsel to produce the declaration form that he signed. Tell him that as a matter of information.

Q (Question Interpreted).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: For that reason I am putting the question to you again. Are you sure that the form shows a declaration that you were then valuing the hull alone and not the engine?

A Yes, it so appears in the form.

THE COMMISSIONER: Right. My purpose in pressing this question, Mr. McMaster, is this: On the face of it his evidence is not very satisfactory, and since he won't be here when the document is produced, or may not be here, I want to be very sure that he clearly understood the question I put to him and the answer he was making.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: My lord, before Mr. McMaster re-examines, just for the information of the Court, the valuation which the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee obtained was $403.00. The valuation of the Custodian showed $400.00, and it was sold for $403.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: And that will be information that you will file at a subsequent time or prove at a subsequent time.

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord, we will have our appraiser there.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are simply declaring it now for information for claimant's counsel?

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my friend to produce from his file a chattel claim being in the form of a memorandum on this file showing a declaration of chattels as having been made by Mrs. Sato on the 22nd day of April, 1942. I imagine he has no objection to producing it, otherwise I will ask him to produce the original inventory.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think it is desirable that the wife's J.P. form should be filed.

MR. HUNTER: I think this would be accurate, my lord. I haven't her J.P. form here as she wasn't making a claim.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see. Are you content to have the document substituted for the J.P. form?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. HUNTER: And if the J.P. form is different and if there is an error in that, I presume it can be substituted.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh yes, and I expect you to declare that, should it be the case.

MR. McMASTER: Would you be good enough to hand it to the Secretary as the next exhibit?

THE COMMISSIONER: What is that last document; is it an auction list?

MR. McMASTER: No, my lord, it is an office memorandum of the Custodian showing the J.P. form as having been declaredby the wife, or given by the wife.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. McMASTER: In April of 1942 and listing the articles that she declared.

(MEMORANDUM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. McMASTER: Now, my lord, I would ask my learned friend if he would be good enough to explain the pencil note on the top of this man's J.P. form, "Not assigned as wife's J.P. form (file 5449) already handled by J.J. Mather".

MR. HUNTER: Mather is the witness we are going to produce, my lord, to show that he called on her and she gave him the information which I mentioned earlier.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I would ask that I be provided with a copy of the report that Mr. Mather made to the Custodian with respect to his investigation of his wife's J.P. form.

THE COMMISSIONER: On the assumption he made one.

MR. HUNTER: If there is a written report we would be glad to give my friend a copy.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. McMASTER: I think I should file this man's J.P. form, my lord; it hasn't been filed.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as the next exhibit.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. McMASTER: My lord, before proceeding to re-examine the witness, I would like to be clear as to the defence which my friend is taking. I understood it was that the wife had indicated that she intended taking certain of these chattels away from the premises with her.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well the note I made on it, Mr. McMaster, was this: The wife declared some goods but told a

representative of Custodian that she was taking some goods with her, the remainder would be stored.

Just before you go on, may I get straightened out on these Exhibits? What was Exhibit 4, Mr. Secretary?

THE SECRETARY: Exhibit 4, list of utensils. There were two lists, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Statement relating to personal chattels was 3, was it?

THE SECRETARY: Statement of personal chattels was 3.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. All right, Mr. McMaster.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, when you were required to evacuate, where did you first go? A: Princeton, No. 3 road camp -- No. 2 road camp.

Q Did your wife accompany you?

A No.

Q Where did you go from Princeton Road Camp?

A To Tashme.

Q Did your wife join you at Tashme?

A Yes, in September 15th.

Q Did she bring with her when she came to Tashme any of the goods and chattels with respect to which you have made a claim? A: No, she did not.

Q Or did she or you cause those goods to be brought to Tashme or any other place at any time?

A No.

Q Did you ever sell or authorize the sale of any of those goods?

MR. HUNTER: My lord, I don't wish to interrupt, but there is a report here by Mather on the file if my friend wishes it for his re-examination.

A No.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, you are speaking of chattels generally, I take it? Your questions have been directed to the specific chattels that are enumerated.

MR. McMASTER: With respect to which a claim is being made, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 2, yes.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Does your wife live in Vernon, witness?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Excuse me; what was the answer to that question, did they sell or authorize the sale?

MR. McMASTER: No.

THE INTERPRETER: No.

MR. McMASTER: Q: To the best of your knowledge did your wife ever sell or authorize the sale of those goods?

THE COMMISSIONER: mYou got an answer to that. The answer I have, "Neither wife nor I had goods or chattels sent to us at any time".

MR. McMASTER: I would ask whether my friend proposes to file this report from Mr. Mather.

MR. HUNTER: You can file it now, if you like, but we will have to call him, anyway.

THE COMMISSIONER: This is Mather's report?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

Q Now, witness, when war broke out in 1941, you were required to deliver your boat to the Navy, is that

correct? A: Yes, I received the order.

Q And where did you take the boat to?

A To New Westminster. I delivered it to New Westminster at the wharf near cold storage.

Q Did he get a receipt for his boat when he delivered it? A: No, I did not receive a receipt.

Q Yes. Now, when didhe advise the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee as to the details concerning the boat and the value which he placed on it?

THE INTERPRETER: I am afraid I shall need a little assistance on this matter. This man's accent is very strong.

(Question Interpreted by Mr. Kuboniwu).

MR. KUBONIWU: A: Never heard anything until they sold the boat, then they report how much they sold.

MR. McMASTER: What is this document which you are to produce, Mr. Hunter?

THE COMMISSIONER: The declaration.

MR. HUNTER: It would be something that would indicate his value of the boat, whether it is in the form of a signed document or in the form of an advice, I don't know, my lord, I haven't seen it, but I know they tried to get the owner's opinion as to the value of his boat in every case.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Witness, do you remember expressing to some person, either at the time you handed in your boat or before you were evacuated , the value of your boat?

A There was no talk of prices or particulars at the time

I handed over the boat.

Q Yes. Now, what about subsequently?

A No, there was no talk of price subsequent.

Q Doeshe recall after handing the boat to the authorities, and before his evacuation, giving any information with regard to the boat to any person?

A No.

Q Does he recall giving that information after he was evacuated, to anybody?

A No.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I don't know whether I am within my province in this respect. I would like to put to him whether he understood what your Lordship asked him when you asked him about having declared the engine not to be included in the value of $1000.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: His answer was perfectly clear-cut.

MR. McMASTER: It is true, my lord, but in view of his statements now --

THE COMMISSIONER: I know, that is what makes it seem extraordinary to me. And, you see, he didn't question at all Mr. Hunter's statement to him in the first instance that he had declared a value of $1000.00. In the circumstances I don't think you would be warranted in going farther than you have gone; you have probably gone too far.

MR. McMASTER: Thank you, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: If it be the fact that there is no such statement, then the man is duller than I think he is.

MR. McMASTER: Mr. Hunter, can you advise me -- is this statement with regard to the values supposed to have

been made to the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee or some representative?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, that is the way the question was put to him.

MR. HUNTER: To the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I will tell you what you might do, Mr. McMaster. I will put the question to your own assistant. Would you interpret this question to him?

Q A few moments ago I asked you whether you had made a declaration of value of your vessel to the Fishing VesselsDisposal Committee. Make that as a statement to him first.

(Interpreted by Mr. Kuboniwu).

MR. KUBONIWU: A: He did not. It is all tangled up now.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, you heard the question that was put to him before and the answer that he gave.

MR. KUBONIWU: Yes, I heard the question.

THE COMMISSIONER: How can one reconcile the two? They are incapable of reconciliation.

MR. KUBONIWU: Well I don't know what to do, sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well I think perhaps we had better leave it where it is. We are perhaps only getting in deeper by attempting to pursue it. If you have a written declaration, Mr. Hunter, I think you can let us have it.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think I should ask leave to call his wife later in the sittings, that is, next Monday or Tuesday.

THE COMMISSIONER: You are free to do so.

MR. McMASTER: On the allegations.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you, Mr. Sato.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

Gordon Hambleton

"G. HAMBLETON"
Official Reporter.

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Vernon, B. C.,

February 23rd, 1948.

(PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

J.A. MacLENNAN, Esq., appearing for the Claimant.

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MR. MacLENNAN: My lord, there was a case of Kumakichi Sato not quite completed, Case 169. The situation there, as I understand it, is that the claimant gave evidence in connection with a fishing boat which was not entirely satisfactory, certainly from the claimant's point of view; maybe it was from the Custodian's point of view. My lord, I have Mr. Sato's wife here and I would like to state the difficulty about that is that Mrs. Sato comes from a part of Japan that I am afraid the Interpreter might have a certain amount of difficulty even understanding.

MR. UPTON: I understand from what I have heard that she is very difficulty

MR. MacLENNAN: My lord, possibly as counsel I could make a statement which my friend might accept or he might not. If he doesn't, we will try it with Mrs. Sato, and see how we get along, but the witness, Mr. Sato, gave evidence that his boat was worth $1250.00 and at a later stage he gave evidence that it was a thousand dollars. My instructions are that when he said a thousand dollars, he meant for the hull, and $250.00 he considered as the value of the engine, making a total of $1250.00. Then there was another difficulty where the witness said that he had signed the J.P. declaration form in which the value of the

boat had been fixed at a thousand dollars. The situation there, and that is why I have the wife here, is the wife filled in the J.P. declaration form, not the witness who gave evidence. He did not misunderstand the question, but he was going on the basis of the Japanese custom that whatever a member of his family signs he is responsible for. That is his attitude and when he said he signed it, he knew that his wife had signed it but thought it was to the same effect as if he had signed it.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. MacLENNAN: The wife had been given written instructions from her husband as to the valuation of the chattels, including the boat, but she lost the memorandum before she filled in the declaration. That is where the discrepancy in connection with the thousand dollars arises. If my friend is prepared to take that as an explanation, all right. I understand there was great confusion as to what the witness did mean.

THE COMMISSIONER: I recall it and there was considerable. I do not know that you can get any clearer story if you examine the proposed witness, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: I was wondering whether my friend means the J.P. form or some declaration form made to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

THE COMMISSIONER: There was a declaration made to the Japanese Fishing Disposal Committee, Mr. MacLennan. I can tell you what my note is on the subject.

MR. MacLENNAN: I think, my lord, that is where the thousand dollar discrepancy and the $1250.00 came in, if I am not mistaken.

MR. HUNTER: Your Lordship will remember it was on cross-examination where I asked him why he had declared to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee the sum of a thousand dollars and he then acted as if he had done so. I don't think it was the J.P. form where it was declared to be a thousand dollars at any time. I don't think any valuation was made there.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. The note I have there, Mr. MacLennan, is this: "When I declared the vessel to the Vessels Disposal Committee, I declared the boat only for a thousand dollars. The engine which they installed, I intended to change the engine so valued the hull only". I do not know that we are going to be any further ahead if we examine the wife, do you?

MR. HUNTER: I don't think so, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: However, it is in your hands. If you prefer to examine her, I do not propose to stop you.

MR. HUNTER: I don't think it will help. We will have our appraisers later.

THE COMMISSIONER: We will take your statement, Mr. MacLennan, in lieu of calling the witness.

MR. MacLENNAN: Thank you, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: You might explain that to her, will you.

(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.

Case No 169 (Case Stood down)

NOV 25 1947 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

12458

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

(1) NAME Mr. SATO (Print) Surname Kumakichi Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 01630

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Box 950, New Westminster, B.C.

(3) Present Address Box 1603, Vernon, 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~~ Type of business Fish Collector New Westminster 2604
(iii) ~~Business~~
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) Gas Fishing Boat (Fugi)

(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.) sole owner

(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) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 1250.00
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $ 1250.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 348.27
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 901.73

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation left in the house at 19 Road, Richmond, B.C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation left unpacked

(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")

Under Custodian's care

amends

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

1.	Beds (3)	Estimated Value $	100.00
2.	Stove (1 Kitchen, K1 Heater)	Estimated Value $	70.00
3.	Table & Chairs	Estimated Value $	20.00
4.	Kitchen Utensils	Estimated Value $	105.00
5.	Scale & Box	Estimated Value $	68.00
6.	Logging Equipment	Estimated Value $	70.00
7.	Net (1)	Estimated Value $	40.00
8.	Gasoline Barrel (1)	Estimated Value $	8.00
9.		Estimated Value $	
10.		Estimated Value $	

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ 481.00

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) - $ 1382.73

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

Vernon, B.C.

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no Yes

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA)
Province of British)
Columbia TO WIT:)

I, Kumakichi Sato, Box 163 of the City
of Vernon in the Province of British Columbia

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of 'The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City)
of Vernon)
in the Province of British Columbia) Kumakichi Sato
this 15th day of November)
A.D. 1947. Ludwig Meyer) A Commissioner &c.

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia

N.B. — THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

Kumakichi Sato
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY
(Fishing vessels, gear and equipment)

-01630-
Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimateded value at Evacuation

EXHIBIT No. 169/1
DATE 20/2/48
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VESSELS SOLD BY CUSTODIAN

NAME	Reg. No.	Type	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Maintenance Work	Condition When Evacuated	With whom left	Estimated Value
Fuji	NW 2604	Gas	1939	new (built for me)	For hull only $500 (unpainted)	new	A1	Navy	$1250

Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:

	Type	Date	Cost
after hull ready: painted boat		dec '40	$30.00
Bought & installed 1940 used Studebaker 25 HP engine		" 41	$250 (engine) $100 (assembly - installation) $380

500
380
450
$1330

OTHER GEAR:

Description	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at date of evacuation
shaft	1941	new	45.00	new	
propeller	"	"	18.00	"	
rudder	"	"	10.00	"	
2 batteries	"	"	36.00	"	
spot light	"	"	15.00	"	
brass pump & 16" rubber hose	"	"	10.00	"	
wheelsmans chair	"	"	5.00	"	

and other new equipment including steering wheel, chains, compass 2 anchors, 1 gas tank, ropes, side lines &c

— Total cost (including 7 items specifically detailed above) $450

Arrangements made for storage when evacuated:

Delivered to Navy
Dec 27/1941 —

Additional Comments, if any: Except for trial runs, this boat had not been used when delivered to the Navy. I have learned that it was sold by the Custodian to BC Packers Ltd for 403. Aug 25/1942
I have not estimated the value of my own labour in installing part of the gear listed. —

K Sato
SIGNATURE

File No. 12458 EXHIBIT No. 169/2

DATE 20/2/48

FILED BY Hunter

KUMAKICHI SATO - Regn. No. 01630

Evacuated Mar. 29/42 JP Declaration Oct. 5/42		Details of Claim		No record any time	Unaccounted Theft etc.	Unsold	Remarks
Double Beds	$60.00	3 beds	$100.00			$100.00	Abandoned
Sofa bed	15.00	Stove & heater	70.00			70.00	" (4th May
Three quarter bed	10.00	Table & chairs	20.00			20.00	" 1944)
~~Sewing-machine~~	~~100.00~~)	Kitchen utensils	105.00		$105.00		
Dresser	15.00)	Scale & Box	68.00	$68.00			
~~Gramaphone~~	~~35.00~~)	Logging equipment.	70.00	70.00			
~~Records (30)~~	~~30.00~~)	Net	40.00	40.00			
Tables (3)	8.00	Gasoline barrel	8.00	8.00			"
Chairs (4)	8.00						"
Kitchen stove	20.00		$481.00				"
Box heater (2)	15.00)						
Woods	20.00)						
Saw	10.00)						
Axes	1.00)						
Hatchet 2	1.00)						
Cable 7 yds	8.00)						
Manila rope 80 yds	8.00)						
Fish tank (2)	25.00)						None of these found.
Gas lamp	10.00)						
Coal oil lamp	1.50)						
Kitchen utensils	"50. ~~100.00~~)						
Net rope 50yds	8.00)						
Lantern (2)	2.00)						
Gas tanks (2)	1.50)						
Gas tanks (3)	1.50)						
Basket (2)	1.80)						
Pike pole	2.50)						
Fish hooks (2)	.75)						
Wash tub & board	1.50)						

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

DATE: April 9, 1948

B. L. Lawson

Kumakichi Sato
(Claimant's Name)

EXHIBIT No. 169/3
DATE 20/2/48
FILED BY McMaster

PERSONAL CHATTELS

01630
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
2 Double beds (& mattresses)	1938	new	$150.00	good	60.00
1 Dresser	1936	"	25.00	"	15.00
1 Kitchen stove	1939	"	100.00	"	35.00
1 Box heater	1939				
Kitchen utensils	1935	"	150.00	"	50.00 ~~100.00~~

Description of Storage of Goods: Left in house at 19 Road, Richmond, BC but above goods and other chattels (mentioned below) were declared to Custodian Oct 1947 — there were other goods as well for which I am not claiming —

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above: I am claiming for other chattels (including the above items) as per ~~my~~ JP declaration and on values set out therein — excluding the following:

3/4 bed — valued	$10
sewing machine "	100
Gramophone "	30
records — "	30
	$170

Values shown ~~Total~~ as per JP declaration $518.05
Less chattels excluded 170.00
net claim: $348.05 285.55

Additional Comments, if any:
The Custodian never sold any of my goods and I have never received any accounting from him with respect to same —

K Sato
SIGNATURE

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DATE 20/2/48
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ITEM	YR. Bought	COST PRICE	CLAIMED VALUE.
2 Double Beds	1937	# 100.00	# 60.00
1 SOFA BED	1937	40.00	15.00
3/4 BED	1937	15.00	10.00
DRESSER	1937	20.00	15.00
TABLES (3) CHAIRS (4)	1936	20.00	16.00
KITCHEN STOVE	1937	70.00	20.00
BOX HEATER (2)	1937		15.00
WOOD	1942	10.00	10.00
DOUBLE AX	1936	4.00	1.00
HATCHETS (2)	1936	2.50	1.00
CABLE 7 YARDS	1941	13.00	8.00
MANILA ROPE	1941	9.20	8.00
FISH TANKS (2)	1941	40.00	25.00
GAS LAMP	1941	16.00	10.00
COAL OIL LAMP	1936	3.00	1.50
NET ROPE 50 YRS.	1941	9.00	8.00
LANTERNS (2)	1941	4.00	2.00
GAS TANKS (2) (5 gal.)	1940	5.00	1.50
GAS TANKS (3) (1 gal.)	1940	3.00	1.50
BASKETS (3)	1939	4.50	1.80
* PIKE POLE	1939	5.00	3.00
FISH HOOKS (2)	1941	2.00	.75
WASH TUB & BOARD	1937	3.50	1.50
		# 408.70	# 235.55
KETCHEN UTENCIL. THE LIST ATTACHED.		148.00	50.00
		# 556.70	# 285.55

KITCHEN UTENCILS.

			Cost Price	Value.
Dishes	5 in. diameter	(mid design) 2doz.	1.75	~~1.00~~ .50
"	6 " "	(white) 2doz.	2.00	~~1.50~~ .75
"	7½ " "	(design) 2doz.	3.00	~~2.50~~ 1.25
"	9 " "	(white) 2doz.	4.25	~~3.50~~ 1.75
Bowls. for steaming		(20)	15.00	~~11.00~~ 5.50
Soup Bowls		20)	17.50	~~12.50~~ 6.25
Tea cups		2doz.	4.00	~~3.00~~ 1.50
Glass Cups		"	2.25	~~1.00~~ .50
Rice Bowls.		"	2.00	~~1.50~~ .75
Large Platters	6 pieces	(18x12).	18.00	~~15.00~~ 7.50
Aluminum Tea Pot	(2)		6.00	~~4.50~~ 2.25
Aluminum Kettle			2.75	~~2.00~~ 1.00
" Roastpan			2.50	~~2.50~~ 1.25
Enamel Pots	(3) large		7.50	~~7.00~~ 3.50
Iron Pot	10 in. diameter		4.50	~~3.00~~ 1.50
Iron Pots	(2) 8 in. diameter.		6.00	~~3.50~~ 1.75
Iron Frying Pan	(14 in. d.)		4.50	~~3.00~~ 1.50
Teaspoon	2doz. (Silver)		10.00	~~5.50~~ 2.75
Knives	2doz. (Silver)		12.00	~~6.00~~ 3.00
Forks	2doz. (silver)		10.00	~~3.50~~ 1.75
Aluminum Pots	(2 pcs.)		12.50	~~7.00~~ 3.50
			$148.00	~~$100.00~~ $50.00

EXHIBIT No. 169/5-
DATE 20/2/48
FILED BY [signature]

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File Nos. 5449 & 12458

3rd November, 1947.

Re: Mitsuo SATO (Mrs. Kumakichi) - Regn. No. 01631
Kumakichi SATO - Regn. No. 01630

Declared by Mrs. Mitsuo SATO 22nd April, 1942	Declared by Kumakichi SATO, 5th October, 1942.	Reported by Mr. R.M.Anderson 4th May, 1944, little value.
3 double beds	Double beds $60.00	5 old beds
1 sofa bed	Sofa bed $15.00	
	Three quarter bed $10.00	
Sewing machine	Sewing machine $100.00	
Dresser	Dresser $15.00	
Gramaphone	Gramaphone $35.00	
30 records	Records $30.00	
3 tables	3 tables $8.00	
4 chairs	4 chairs $8.00	4 old chairs
Kitchen stove	Kitchen stove $20.00	Cook stove
2 heaters	Box heater (2) $15.00	
	Woods $20.00	
1 saw	Saw $10.00	Cross cut saw
1 axe	Axes $1.00	
2 hatchets	Hatchets $1.00	
7 yds cable	7 yds cable $8.00	
80 yds rope	Manilla rope $80.00	
2 fish tanks	2 fish tanks $25.00	
1 gas lamp	Gas lamp $10.00	
2 coal oil lamps	Coal oil lamp $1.50	
Kitchen utensils	Kitchen utensils $100.00	
50 yds net rope	Net rope 50 yds $8.00	
2 lanterns	2 lanterns $2.00	
5 gas tanks	Gas tanks (2) $1.50	
	Gas tanks (3) $1.50	
2 baskets	Basket $1.80	
1 pipe pole	Pike pole 50¢	
2 fish hooks	Fish hooks 75¢	
1 wash tub	Wash tub & board $1.50	
1 washingboard		
		Crow bar

The above schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on the files.

HA

N. Allan
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not assigned as wife's J.P. (file 5449) already handled by J. A. Mather. Rentals in the hands of A. E. Austin & Ltd.

original

Alexander

FORM "JP"

FILE No. 12458
EXHIBIT No. 169/6
DATE 2012/48
FILED BY Mc Mather

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

REAL ESTATE

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

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN JAPANESE SECTION RECEIVED OCT 7 1942

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SATO, Kumakichi

HOME ADDRESS:

REGISTRATION NUMBER 01630 SEX: Male AGE: 46

OCCUPATION:

(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? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Mitsuo, ~~Kumakichi~~ File 5449 - No Claims as 27-3-44

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Miyoko, Setsuko, Tetsuo, Yoshiko

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN: 16, 13, 9, 7.

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 1 house valued at $250. 1 tool shed valued at $100; 1 woodshed valued at $60.

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)

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:

Double beds, $60; Sofa bed $15; Three-quarter bed $10; sewing machine $100; Dresser $15; Gramophone $35; Records (30) $30; Tables (3) $8; Chairs (4) $8; Kitchen Stove $20; Box Heater (2) $15; Woods $20; Saw $10; Axes $1.00; Hatchet 2, $1; Cable 7 yds $8; Manila rope 80 yds $8; Fish tank (2) $25; Gas Lamp $10; coal oil lamp $1.50; Kitchen utensils $100; Net rope 50 yds $8; lantern (2) $2; ~~2 HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS~~ Gas tanks (2) $1.50; Gas tanks (3) $1.50; Basket (2) $1.80; Pike Pole 1 $.50; Fish hooks (2) $.75; Wash tub & board $1.50;

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

FORM "JP" 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)

8. BANK ACCOUNTS:.....

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 5th day of October 1942.

(Signature) K Sato

R. Woodward
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE.....

EXHIBIT No. 169/7
DATE 20/2/48
FILED BY Mr Martin

Registration Number 01631

SATO Mitsuo (Mrs. Kumakichi)

Dyke Road, Richmond, B. C. (P. O. Box 950, New Westminster)

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Owns no real property.

BUILDINGS

This woman has a 3 room house built on posts, outside of the Dyke, on land belonging to Sato Takeshi. The house is in good condition. Claims to have the right to remove, but I have seen no document covering the agreement. There is also a wood-shed and tool house, both built on posts.

INSURANCE

There is no insurance.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventory in Form "JP" is correct.

REMARKS

Hopes to take some of the chattels as listed, on evacuation and to store the balance. Will leave key with the Custodian on evacuation.

RECOMMENDATION

In the event of this woman being unable to dispose of her equity in the building before evacuation, I would recommend that same be handed to A. E. Austin & Co. to manage for the Custodian.

May 13th, 1942.

H. J. Mather