Name of Claimant SAKAMOTO Yasutaro Case 17

Custodian File 8646

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	
					736		412.42				412.42

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	
145	36.25							36.25

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	
170.00	59.25	17.77	~~323x00~~ 34.85%	323.00	112.56			130.33

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	579.00

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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.
G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

MR. McMASTER: No. 19 on the list, Sakamoto, which will be Case No. 17. I will call Mr. Sakamoto. We can get along without an Interpreter most of the time with this man.

YASUTARO SAKAMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

MR. McMASTER: May I have the claim form, please, Mr. Watson?

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, you are the claimant in this case? A: Yes.

Q That is your signature on the declaration on this claim form (producing)?

A Yes.

Q You signed that and swore the declaration?

A Yes.

Q And you are the sole owner of the property set forth in that claim form?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my learned friend to admit the assessed value of the lands and premises described is on the land $930.00 and on improvements $850.00. The information is taken from my friend's file.

MR. HUNTER: $930.00 for land and $850.00 for improvements.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Mr. Sakamoto, you received in the mail from the Custodian's office a copy of

valuation or farm appraisal report recently?

A Yes.

Q And I understand that my learned friend is going to file that report subsequently in these proceedings, but attached to that report was a rough diagram or picture of your land showing certain contours on the land and giving certain descriptions of the soil, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And on that diagram, and also in the report itself, there is reference made to a ravine or ravines on your premises. Now, I would like you to describe to the Commissioner as well as you can what ravines were on your premises, and how wide they were in their widest parts, and how narrow they were in their narrowest parts. I don't want to put my only copy of this valuation in, my lord. You can describe it in your own words, witness, rather than pointing to the picture.

A Yes.

Q What ravines were there on those premises?

A The ravine at the narrowest place is about 10 feet wide and the widest, 60 to 90 feet wide.

THE COMMISSIONER: The widest is what?

MR. McMASTER: Q: From 90 to 100 feet, did you say?

A 60 to 90 feet. Some places narrower, and some places wider, yes.

Q And how many ravines were there on the property?

A Just one straight.

Q One ravine? A: One ravine,

yes.

Q And where did it commence on the property? I wonder, Mr. Hunter, if you would be good enough to come and look over my shoulder and have him describe it rather than have him point it out on the map. If you would, first of all, point out where the ravine is on that?

A Yes.

Q Where did it begin -- up at this end (indicating)?

A This is the ravine. It comes down that way in here (indicating).

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: From north to south?

A I beg your pardon?

Q North to south. Is this north (indicating)?

A Yes, and this is the widest place.

Q Near the south end?

MR. McMASTER: Q: You might say about two-thirds of the way up the lot in a northerly direction the ravine begins -- up there (indicating)?

A Yes.

Q And it proceeded southerly right out to the road? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the south boundary?

MR. McMASTER: That is the south boundary, just about parallel with the easterly boundary.

Q And about one-third of the way west from the easterly boundary, and the widest portion was in the southerly half of the ravine?

A Yes.

Q Now, were there any other ravines on there?

A I think only the one.

Q Only the one? A: Yes, only the one.

Q Now, you will notice in the north-west portion that the appraiser has referred to thick bush down in a rough ravine. Now was there any ravine in the north-west portion?

A No. Here is a steep hill down here (indicating).

Q That is in the northerly portion, about halfway between the east and west boundaries there was a steep hill?

A A steep hill down here (indicating).

Q That is in the north-west portion, or the north-west corner, there were ten acres of flat land?

A Yes.

Q What kind of soil was on that land?

A Black soil.

Q About how deep? A: About two feet deep.

Q And underneath was what? A: Underneath was pure sand.

Q Is it suitable land on which to cultivate and grow strawberries? A: No, vegetables on that land.

Q And that land hadn't been cleared by you?

A No.

Q What was it covered with? What sort of growth?

A Alder -- fir.

Q There were trees and bush on it?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER:. Excuse me, but is that the ten acres you are speaking of?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, on the north-west portion of the land.

THE COMMISSIONER: Ten acres flat.

MR. McMASTER: Ten acres flat, with two feet of black soil and sand underneath.

MR. HUNTER: Scrub or growth, is it?

MR. McMASTER: It would be suitable for growing vegetables, but it is now covered with small trees and bush.

Q Now on this plan there is shown in the south-west corner a fairly large area planted in strawberries? A: Yes.

Q What sort of soil was that?

A That is pure sand.

Q And is that suitable soil in which to grow strawberries? A: Strawberries, yes.

Q And in the south-east corner of the lot there are several areas shown marked "strawberries". What sort of soil was in that south-east corner?

A The same kind of soil all over my land except that place (indicating).

Q Except the north-west part?

A Yes.

Q That is, sandy soil? A: All sandy soil, yes.

Q Now about the middle there of the easterly boundary of the property and going over half-way

between the east and west boundaries, there is shown a portion marked by the appraiser, "hilly bush land". Now was that land hilly?

A That not hilly. Only one ravine there.

Q Just at the ravine? A: Yes, six to eight feet deep, but narrow there and the other part is all flat.

Q All flat land? A: Yes.

Q In part of that you grew strawberries?

A Yes.

Q Now one other thing with regard to this plan; are all of your buildings shown on that plan?

A There is one bath-house.

Q Yes. A: And chicken house and a root-house.

MR. HUNTER: Are these the ones not shown?

MR. McMASTER: These are the ones not shown, bath-house, chicken house, and root house.

Q And did you have any other buildings out in the fields? A: Yes, I have four packing sheds.

Q Are those shown on that plan?

A Yes.

Q Where? A: Right here (indicating).

Q They are shown by little x's in ink?

A Yes.

Q Were those on the ground when you bought it or did you put them on?

A I put them on.

Q They are not on the original plan?

A No.

THE COMMISSIONER: What kind of houses do you call them?

MR. McMASTER: Packing houses.

THE WITNESS: For strawberries.

Q And where were those packing houses located on the property? A: You mean the condition?

Q No, where were they located? You have them marked here. Now, in each case they appear to be marked on the portion which shows the property to be under cultivation for strawberries, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q That is, you had them in the fields where the strawberries were planted in four different places? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: And they are shown with an "X".

MR. McMASTER: Well, I am sorry, my lord, that is on his own copy which I am not filing.

MR. HUNTER: May I see that, please?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, when you purchased this property, Mr. Sakamoto, was it wild land or had it been cultivated -- when you bought the property first? A: Yes.

Q Was it all wild land or had it been cultivated?

A It was wild land.

Q All of it? A: Yes, all of it.

THE COMMISSIONER: When did he buy it?

MR. McMASTER: I will come to that after I have dealt with this point, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. McMASTER: Q: You have erected certain structures on the premises? You have erected certain buildings on this property?

A Yes.

Q Now I produce to you a list. Is that a list which you made yourself?

A Yes.

Q After consulting me yesterday for the purpose of assisting in this matter? ½

A Yes.

Q And that list shows the land, the number of acres cleared and the number of acres uncleared?

A Yes.

Q The acreage you had in plants and the buildings and structural improvements, showing a description of the buildings, the date of construction, cost of materials, and the wages paid to somebody else?

A Yes.

Q The wages or an allowance for wages to yourself, the total cost, the depreciation which you have estimated as reasonable and the value which you estimate is a fair market value at the time you were evacuated in 1941?

A Yes.

Q And at the bottom there is a summary showing the land as being in your opinion worth $4,190.00,

the buildings and structural improvements as being worth $1305.00--

THE COMMISSIONER: Let me have those figures again.

MR. McMASTER: $4190.00 on the land, my lord, $1305.00 on the buildings and structural improvements, and then a general land value increase from February, 1942, to the spring of '43 of $215.00.

Q Now I notice on that statement, witness, you have a note which reads as follows:

"Before you get the first yield of strawberries it costs $500.00 per acre to clear the land, cultivate, plant, fertilize and care for the plants. This is based on one labourer at 10¢ per hour working 10 hours per day".

A Yes.

Q Is that one of the factors which you considered in giving this value for the land?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I will file the original of that, my lord. There is an extra copy here for your Lordship which you might look at, if you wish to do so.

(DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q And to the best of your ability, that is your fair estimate of what your land and buildings were worth, first of all at the date of evacuation and then with the increased value shown at the date of sale in the spring of 1943?

A Yes.

Q Now when did you purchase this land, Mr. Sakamoto?

A When I buy it?

Q Yes. A: I think about 1932.

Q And from whom did you purchase it?

A Mrs. Seiki.

Q And how big an acreage was it when you purchased it? A: Forty acres.

Q And why did Mrs. Seiki want to sell it?

A She couldn't pay the taxes, and she didn't pay for two years taxes and one more year there will be a tax sale. That is why she asked me to buy it.

Q And you say it was wild land at that time?

A Yes.

Q How much did you pay for it?

A $550.00.

Q Do you consider that was a good or a bad buy?

A I expect a good buy, yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: He bought the whole forty, did he?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, he bought the whole forty, my lord.

Q Subsequently you sold some of this land, is that right? A: Yes.

Q What is the present size of the land in question? At the time you evacuated, how much acreage was there to your land?

A Thirty acres.

Q So you sold ten acres? A: Yes.

Q Did you sell it as one piece, or more than one

piece? A: Two pieces.

Q Of how many acres a piece?

A Five acres each.

Q Now when did you sell the first five acres?

A I don't remember very good.

Q Approximately when? How many years before you were evacuated? A: The first one?

Q The first one, yes. A: About six years.

Q That would be about 1935, then?

A Yes.

Q And to whom did you sell it?

A Mr. Konish.

Q A Japanese man? A: Yes.

Q How much did you sell it to him for?

A $40.00 an acre. $200.00 for five acres.

Q And was that property wild land or was it cultivated when you sold it to him?

A It was wild land.

Q How does the richness or usefulness of that land for berry growing compare with the land you kept? A: It was just about the same.

Q Now, you subsequently sold another five acres, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q When was that? A: I think that was two years later on after the first I sell.

Q Yes, about 1937, or so.

A Yes.

Q And why did you sell the second five acres?

A My parents clear five acres and help build the

house on it and then clear three acres and put strawberries and raspberries on it.

Q Yes. A: Then mother die and father getting old and he getting blind. He lose his sight and couldn't work so he come to my house and live with me.

Q I see. A: And no one live in that house and in that time I had very hard time.

Q Yes. A: I need more money pretty bad, so I sold him that very, very cheap.

Q How much did you sell it for?

A For $450.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: How much?

MR. McMASTER: $450.00.

Q Now, Mr. Sakamoto, do you know of the sale of any similar type of property in the immediate neighbourhood of your farm that took place within a year or so of the evacuation?

A Near my house?

Q Near your property. Do you know of any sales around there or anybody who bought any property?

A Yes, I know my neighbour, Mr. Kamachi, he told me he paid $40.00 an acre.

Q And where was that property he bought?

A Just about 100 yards from my property.

Q Yes, and how was that property situated in relation to the road?

A That is right along the road.

Q Along the road? A: Yes.

Q East or west? Mr. Hunter wants to know. You mean 100 yards east or west. Which direction was this property that was 100 yards from you?

A It was south.

Q It was south of your property?

A Yes.

Q Amd how large a piece of land did he buy?

A Five acres.

Q Now was that cleared land or wild land?

A Wild land.

Q And when was it he bought this?

A A year or a year and a half or two years before we evacuated.

Q That would be around 1940?

A Yes.

Q And you said he paid $40.00 per acre for it?

A Yes.

Q Now, I notice in this statement which is Exhibit 1 that you valued your uncultivated land at $30.00 an acre? A: Yes.

Q Why would you value yours at less than what Mr. Kamachi paid for his?

A Well my property has no road yet because it is all wild land.

MR. HUNTER: What was that?

MR. McMASTER: It has no road yet, it is wild land.

THE WITNESS: That is why I put it in cheap.

Q That is why you valued it at $30.00 and not $40.00, is that it?

A Yes.

Q Now you were evacuated at what date?

A The 1st of June.

Q Of what year, 1942? A: 1942.

Q And before you were evacuated, had you done anything to prepare your strawberry crop for the year 1942? Had you a crop in the fields at the time you were evacuated? I am sorry, I don't apparently make myself clear.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Had you your strawberry plants in the field?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Q: When would they be ready for picking? A: We were already picking. I helped picking them.

Q They were just starting when you left?

A Yes.

Q And did you hear subsequently from any source whatsoever how many berries were taken off your property in 1942?

A Seven acres?

Q Off the seven acres, yes. How many pounds or tons, whatever it is?

A My pickers wrote my sister, Westminster Cannery got 35 tons.

Q 35 tons of strawberries off your seven acres?

A Yes.

Q Have you heard what the price of strawberries was in 1942? A: 19¢ to 21¢ a pound.

Q That was delivered at the cannery, was it?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: How much was it?

MR. McMASTER: Nineteen to twenty-one cents a pound.

Q So if we take the average of those prices and said 20 cents a pound, you would have received in payment for your strawberry crop $14,000.00 gross? A: Yes.

Q Now in 1942 do you know what rate was being paid to pickers? A: Well, the picker wrote me three cents a pound and at the last of the season five cents a pound.

Q Supposing we said at five cents a pound, if you had been there your labour for pickers would have cost you $3500.00, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now you would have had to make some arrangement to truck those berries into the cannery, is that right? A: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: At this point I would like to raise an objection. This crop was sold--

MR. McMASTER: I am coming to that. I am prepared to admit I think that is a valid objection.

THE COMMISSIONER: I will hear the objection first, Mr. McMaster.

MR. HUNTER: --the crop was sold by the claimant before he left and he has made a claim for the crop. It is my submission he is not entitled to it. He has already sold the crop. He has put on the J.P. form it was sold for

cash and paid for in full and unless this evidence is relevant to the value of the land, it is not admissible, in my submission.

MR. McMASTER: I must apologize, my lord. I should have, in the first instance, asked leave to withdraw the claim appearing on the claim form for $2000.00 for the crop. Mr. Hunter is correct. Unfortunately with his 1942 crop he had made arrangements to dispose of it. The evidence which I am now adducing is relating to the value of the land itself, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see. I will hear it from that point of view. The application for amendment is granted.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now at five cents a pound, your pickers would have cost you $3500.00?

A Yes.

Q Before you were evacuated had you -- I am sorry, I was asking you at the time my friend interrupted about trucking. You would have had to make arrangements to truck these berries into the cannery, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And how much would it cost you to have those trucked into the cannery?

A A cent a pound.

Q A cent a pound; sothat would have been $700.00 it would have cost you for trucking costs?

A Yes.

Q Before you were evacuated had you done any

cultivating, that is cultivating the crop? Had you fertilized it? Had you put any manure or any fertilizer on it?

A Yes.

Q What had you put on?

A I put forty truckloads of manure and a ton of 14-10.

Q That is a chemical fertilizer?

A Yes.

Q How much would the forty truckloads of manure cost you? How much a truckload?

A I paid six dollars a load.

Q So the forty truckloads would have cost you $240.00? A: Yes.

Q Then for the chemical fertilizer, for one ton of that, how much did it cost?

A About $48.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is $288.00 then for the two.

MR. McMASTER: $288.00, yes, my lord.

Q Now, in cultivating the land did you employ anybody to assist you?

A Yes.

Q Who would you have to employ to assist to bring in that crop? A: I hired a team.

Q Yes. A: And they hauled manure into the berry patch and scattered the manure.

Q How long would you have the team working?

A Two weeks.

Q How much did you pay for it?

A Five dollars a day.

Q Did they work six or seven days a week?

A Six days.

Q So that would be sixty dollars?

A Yes.

Q I am sorry, $120.00 -- it is two weeks.

MR. HUNTER: What is that, two teams?

MR. McMASTER: That is one team for two weeks at five dollars a day. That is sixty dollars, I am sorry. My mathematics aren't very good this morning.

Q Now, after the crop was taken off, would you have had to do any further cultivating? First of all, would you have had to do any further fertilizing?

A Yes, in the fall.

Q Yes; how much fertilizer would you have had to put on that land? A: Oh, about the same amount of fertilizer every year.

Q Yes, about how much?

A Fertilizer?

Q Yes, in the fall. A: In the fall about $300.00.

Q How many tons would that be of fertilizer?

A Oh, some years I bought 35 trucks of manure and some years 40.

Q So it would be about $300.00 for fertilizer for the fall? A: Yes.

Q And how did you cultivate this, by hand or by power machine? A: Power machine.

Q What arrangements did you make for a power machine?

A A dollar an hour.

Q A dollar an hour. How much in a year would you spend hiring the power machine?

A For the year round?

Q Yes, in the whole year.

A About $100.00 or $150.00.

Q About $150.00? A: Yes.

Q And these berries, or at least the crop at some season of the year required to be hoed?

A Yes.

Q What arrangements did you make with regard to them?

A Well I hired two men up until August.

Q And how much did you pay them?

A I pay a dollar a day.

Q Did they board at your place?

A No.

Q So that the cost for these men would be about $150.00? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Do you mean to say you could get men for a dollar a day in 1942?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Were these men Occidentals or Orientals? A: Doukhobours.

Q Doukhobours at a dollar a day?

A Yes.

Q Were they men who lived on farms in the vicinity?

A Yes, around my place.

Q They had their own farms? A: Yes.

Q And they hired out at that rate?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the total for those dollar-a-day gentlemen?

MR. McMASTER: $150.00, my lord. I think you will find the total is $5183.00 for all those items.

Q Now in addition to this money you had to lay out to other people to help you work, how many of your own household worked about the place?

A Four.

Q Yes, and who were they?

A Me and my brother and my wife and sister.

Q Your wife and your sister?

A Yes.

Q And not counting wages for yourself and your wife and your brother, and so on, would you have any other expenses with respect to the 1942 crop if you had been there excepting those that you have listed?

A I used the "Go-West" to kill the weeds and insects.

Q And about how much of that would you use in a year? A: I used about ten sacks of it.

Q How much did it cost?

A $3.50 per sack.

Q So that would be another $35.00?

A Yes.

Q Was there anything else? That was all?

A Yes.

Q So that if you had been there you and your brother and your sister and your wife in 1942

for the whole year, you expect that you would have had to divide up amongst the four of you roughly $8800.00 from the sale of your strawberry crop? A: Yes.

Q Now, you were operating that farm the year before, Mr. Sakamoto? You operated the farm the year before in 1941? A: Yes.

Q And how many tons of berries did you get off in 1941? A: I had five acres in 1941.

Q Yes. A: And I got about five tons to the acre on an average.

Q So that would be about 25 tons in 1941?

A Yes.

Q And what was the price of strawberries to the canneries in 1941?

A It averaged about six cents a pound.

Q So your gross receipts in 1941 would amount only to $3000.00 from the sale of strawberries. How much did you pay pickers in 1941?

A Well I think about an average they paid a cent a pound.

Q So your expenses for pickers would be $500.00, and did you pay the same amount for trucking and you would have the same amount of fertilizer and all that, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q So your trucking wouldbe another $500.00 on 25 tons of berries at a cent a pound?

A Yes.

Q And these other expenses you have given above would bex the same, that is your manure and cultivators and that sort of thing and the total is $985.00 for those things?

A Yes.

Q So your total expense in 1941 would be about $1985.00? A: Yes.

Q And after allowing for that, what was left of the $3000.00 was available to yourself and your wife and your brother and sister?

A Yes.

Q Now in 1942 when you were advised that you must evacuate, what arrangement did you make with regard to your crop?

A With Westminster Cannery?

Q With Westminster Cannery, yes. You made an arrangement? A: Yes. The Westminster Cannery want the 1943 crop, too, and they asked me how much I want for 1943.

Q Yes, for 1943? A: Yes, so I told them $500.00.

Q That was net to yourself?

A Yes.

MR. HUNTER: How much?

MR. McMASTER: He told them $500.00 net to himself for the 1943 crop which they wanted as well.

Q What arrangement did you make for the 1942 crop?

A $665.00, that is included with some "Go-West" and strawberry crates.

Q I produce to you a document from the Custodian's

file. Is that signed by you?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would like to read this into the record, my lord. It is from the Custodian's file dated April 27th, 1942.

"The Westminster Canners Ltd. of New Westminster, agree to lease from Y. Sakamoto of Langley Prairie for $650.00 cash to be paid before evacuation takes place, all crops now being grown on Lots 19 to 21, and 26 to 28 on the South West quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Group 2, in the District of New Westminster, which are understood to contain strawberries and asparagus, for the 1942 season, such period to terminate September 30th, 1942, with the first option to lease for 1943. Westminster Canners Ltd. shall not be responsible for any taxes or debts owing or to be paid in respect of any of this land or property.

In consideration of the above amount Westminster Canners Ltd. are to be granted full use of all dwellings and sheds on above property, all fire wood at present stored on this land, and full use of all farm equipment and shipping crates as may now be on this place until September 30th, 1942, with similar rights if option for 1943 is taken up.

"Westminster Canners Ltd. agree to take reasonable care of the above mentioned land, houses and equipment until September 30th, 1942, but are not to be held responsible in the event of fire, theft, damage or other loss.

Agreed to by -

Westminster Canners Ltd., per "H.B. Pearson" Lessor, "Y. Sakamoto."

The document I have is marked "Custodian's Copy". It is dated April 27th, 1942, and is produced from the file of the Custodian.

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the price that was discussed for the 1943 crop?

MR. McMASTER: This document doesn't show any price as being discussed for the 1943 crop.

THE COMMISSIONER: No completed deal?

MR. McMASTER: No, not at that time.

(AGREEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. McMASTER: It refers in that document, my lord, to a first right to option. There is nothing to say what the price will be.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Let me get this clear, Mr. Sakamoto, you were selling all of your crops in the field in the year 1942 for $650.00, is that right?

A Yes, not only that crop but fire wood and the strawberry crates and "Go-West".

Q Yes, I see. And that included the strawberry crop, did it, on which you estimate you could have made a profit of $5,183.00, is that right?

MR. McMASTER: $8800.00, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I beg your pardon?

MR. McMASTER: $8800.00.

THE COMMISSIONER:Q:Oh, $8800.00?

A Yes.

Q So you were selling for $650.00 what you thought you could make $8800.00 on, is that correct?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think that might be cleared up if we ask him first of all why he sold the crop for $650.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is why I am putting the question. On the face of it, it is ridiculous.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

Q First of all, before we get to that question, witness, at the time you were evacuated had the price of strawberries for the canneries been fixed, to your knowledge? At the time that you left the farm had the canneries announced or said what price they were going to pay for strawberries for 1942?

A No, they didn't say what price.

Q They didn't say what price. Did you expect the price to be better or worse than the 1941 price? A: I expected far better.

Q But did you have any idea that the price would be as high as 19 to 21 cents?

A No, I didn't think that much.

Q Now you knew you had a good crop in 1942?

A Yes.

Q And you knew the price was going to be better?

A Yes.

Q Why did you lease that crop or sell it, in effect, to Westminster Canners for $650.00?

A Our Farmers' Association asked the Security Commission to get all the crop out before we go but they says, "No, you got to go right away". So they couldn't give us the permit to stay there to get the crop.

Q Yes. A: That is why if I don't sell the crop I get nothing, and everybody sold their crop. That is why I sold it, too.

MR. HUNTER: Who said this?

MR. McMASTER: What he said, Mr. Hunter, was that the Farmers' Association tried to make arrangements, I presume that would be with the Security Department, for these people to stay and take their crops off in the summer of 1942, but that permission was refused, and then if he didn't sell the crop he would have to go and he would get nothing, and he says that is the reason why he agreed to sell it to Westminster Canners for $650.00.

Q Did you believe when you made that agreement with Westminster Canners that that was a fair price for your crop?

A No, it wasn't fair.

Q As a matter of fact, you had already spent nearly that much money in cultivating the land

to prepare it for the crop, is that right?

A Yes, I had.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Did you try to sell it elsewhere? Did you try anybody else who would buy it, apart from the cannery?

A No, I didn't.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Did you have any others to buy it, Mr. Sakamoto?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Did you have any other offers to buy it?

A Yes, the Pacific Co-Operative at Mission, Mr. Shinnick, he came over. He asked me to sell the crop, yes.

Q How much did he offer you? That is the Pacific Co-Operative Union, Mr. Shinnick? How much did he offer you?

A $850.00.

Q Why didn't you take it as compared with this offer of Westminster Canners?

A I promised Mr. Redman, the manager of Westminster Cannery, and he wanted to take the 1943 crop.

Q Mr. Shinnick wouldn't take the 1943 crop or commit himself to take it?

A No.

Q Your understanding, when you signed this document, was that Westminster Canners would take the 1943 crop and you were to get $500.00?

A Yes.

Q Even that doesn't appear in the document itself. Now, if I might have your file, Mr. Hunter.

Now this house on the land, you lived in it, did you? A: Yes.

Q How large a family have you?

A Ten in my family.

Q How large was your family when you were evacuated?

A Ten.

Q That is your own family, your wife and yourself and how many children?

A At that time there were six.

Q Six children? A: Yes.

Q How old was the eldest at the time of evacuation?

A The oldest was thirteen, I expect.

Q Yes, and the youngest was?

A One.

Q And you all lived in that house?

A I beg your pardon?

Q You all lived in that house on the premises?

A Yes, and my father and my sister and my brother.

Q Father, your sister and your brother lived there as well? A: Yes.

Q And how many rooms were there in that house?

A Four bedrooms and a kitchen and parlour downstairs, and two rooms upstairs.

Q I am sorry, I missed that. You have described it in some documents as a nine room house - you or your wife. Was that what it was, nine room house? A: Eight rooms.

Q Your estimate is eight rooms, eh?

A Yes.

Q I produce to you what is known as a J.P. form, a

form issued by the Custodian. Is that your signature on that form?

A Yes.

Q The form is dated May 7th, 1942, and in that form under the statement of real property you have a note, "All property registered by wife"; is that right? A: I think so.

Q Now I produce to you another J.P. form. Do you recognize the signature on that form?

A Yes.

Q Whose is it? A: It is my wife's signature.

Q And in the statement of personal property owned she stated, "Household furniture for nine room house including one sewing machine, stove, two heaters, gramophone, will be left in declarant's house at Bain Road, Langley Prairie, B.C. Farm implements including Model T truck will be left in garage. One truck in custody at Hastings Park, 1933 Model Ford, one ton". Now that is a general description of the chattels on the premises when you left the premises, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Now, did your wife remain on the premises after you left, Mr. Sakamoto?

A After I left?

Q Yes, or did you leave at the same time?

A Well, first of February I leave to road camp.

Q Yes. A: For two months, and then

April 20th I came home.

Q April 20th you came home?

A Then the 1st of June we went to Sandon with my whole family together.

Q So you would know what was left on the premises when you all left?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you putting in the J.P. form?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, I think I had better put in both of them, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: There are two forms, are there?

MR. McMASTER: There are two forms, one by himself and one by his wife. I think we might put them in together, my lord, as one exhibit.

MR. HUNTER: I think, my lord, the position should be clarified as to who owns the property.

MR. McMASTER: I shall do that.

(J.P. FORMS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

Q These personal chattels, tools and equipment, Mr. Sakamoto, whose property were they?

A That is my property.

Q They belong to you? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is the real estate registered in the wife's name?

MR. McMASTER: No, in his name, my lord. Apparently she filled out the information and he just said, "See my wife's form".

Q I produce to you from the Custodian's file, Mr. Sakamoto, a list dated November 20th, 1942.

A Yes.

Q Is that your signature at the end of that list?

A Yes.

Q And you yourself, or through your wife, sent that to the Custodian? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is this a list of chattels?

MR. McMASTER: This is a list of chattels, my lord. There are four pages of them with, I would say, about 700 items on them. Can I have that marked?

(INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

THE COMMISSIONER: Where were they left?

MR. McMASTER: Q: Now, where were these chattels left when you vacated the premises?

A Most of the chattels were upstairs.

Q In the upstairs? A: Yes.

Q Were they packed or put in one room or what?

A Put in one room and locked up.

Q And to whom did you give the key? Did you give the key to anybody?

A I think I had the key, but that was a pass key, you see.

Q Just an ordinary pass key?

A Just an ordinary pass key, yes.

Q Now on this list it shows various portions of the house. Is that the place where you left the goods, or is that the place where you normally kept them? You see, here is a list, "In House (main floor)", and then you list various things and "In house, main floor" you list some more things.

MR. HUNTER: For Mr. McMaster's information, that

list was prepared by the Custodian and not by them claimant. We sent it to him and he signed it, acknowledging these were all the things left in the premises. He actually could not have much knowledge of some of the questions Mr. MrM McMaster is asking him.

MR. McMASTER: I appreciate that. It slipped my mind for the moment.

Q This list was sent to you by the Custodian?

A Yes.

Q They prepared this list and sent it to you and asked you to check it over, and if it was correct to send it back? A: Yes.

Q Did you check it over?

A Yes, I checked it over.

Q And did you add to or delete anything from that list? Did you add to or cross anything out on that list? A: Yes, some I crossed out because the Custodian wrote twice the same things.

Q There were some repetitions in it?

A Yes.

Q So you crossed those out?

A Yes, and some are lost.

Q Yes. A: Not on this list, that I left there.

Q Things that you left are not on this list and they were apparently lost, that is some of them?

A Yes.

Q Now, can you identify the signature on that

letter? Mr. Sakamoto?

A Yes, that is my sister's.

MR. HUNTER: Excuse me, what exhibit is that inventory?

MR. McMASTER: The list went in as Exhibit 4.

Q That is your sister's signature. Did she write that letter at your request?

A Yes.

Q And does that letter refer to the list which has just been filed as Exhibit 4?

A Yes, I think so.

MR. McMASTER: This is a letter, my lord, dated November 28th, 1942, addressed to the Office of the Custodian.

"Thank you for your letter of November 20th. I sincerely appreciate your re-checking the chattels on our property so thoroughly.

The following on the property of the Westminster Canners Limited:

'2 bags 'Go-West'; quan. of rasps. boxes.
'7 large berry crates; 1 cord of split wood.
'144 berry crates; 1 sack fertilizer.
'330 jam crates; 5 shipping crates.
'5 box crates; ½ cord wood outside.'

Also there is a list that was stated twice so I have crossed them out.

Please find enclosed the signed copy of the list of chattels.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Y. Sakamoto."

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my learned friend at the same time, my lord, to produce the letter that was written with that list, not in this file. I think that ought to be filed. That is the letter which the Custodian's Office wrote enclosing the list of chattels to be signed by the claimant.

I would ask my learned friend to produce two reports, both dated July 14th, 1944, my lord. I am going to ask to have these marked. I would like to read them first, however.

"July 14, 1944. File 3939.

REPORT

Owner: Sakamoto, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro)

House has been vacant since evacuation of above, consequently was broken into repeatedly outstanding articles missing: 1 wall clock; 1 record cabinet; several chairs; 4 small cultivators; 5 beds; 2 crocks; violin in case",

and that is crossed out and in pencil is written,

"sold May 23, 1944; 20 volumes of Book of Knowledge; several lanterns and lamps; Hand cultivator; 149 berry crates shipping",

and then in pencil after that,

"probably the property of S.F. B.G. Ass'n. 1 cord of wood",

and then in pencil after that,

"used by Westminster Canners."

"5 ladders; 5 crock jugs; clothes line; Large quantity of tools",

without any description of what they might be, and it is signed by"S. C. Carlsen, per C.G."

Then the second report of the same date with respect to the same file and in Mrs. Sakamoto's name.

"I have today examined the undermentioned articles and find them to be valueless, and should be abandoned.

4 old chairs; 3 tables (H.M.); 4 beds; 4 mattresses; large quantity old books, magazines and clothes; large quantity of utensils;"

without any description,

"2 carpet bags; old mantel clock; large quantity effects and miscellaneous household goods strewn around and damaged."

Signed "S.C. Carlsen, per C.G."

I will put that in as the next exhibit, my lord.

(REPORTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

THE COMMISSIONER: The letter of November 28th was Exhibit 5?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord. Now, I produce from the file of the Custodian, my lord, a statement of the sale of chattels at public auction. The statement is one on the usual form used by the Custodian showing Mrs. Sakamoto's name and registration number and file number and I would like to read into the record some of this

statement.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 7.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the date of the report?

MR. McMASTER: The report itself isn't dated, but it refers to the sale of chattels sold by public auction at Langley, B.C., on May 23rd, 1944. The first page of the report;

"12 chairs at 25¢, $3.00;
high chair, $1.00; iron pot, $1.25;
jug, 25¢; oil lamp, 25¢; center table,
$1.00; sundries, 75¢; Pick, 50¢".

MR. HUNTER: My lord, if this document is filed, what is the point of reading all this into the record? It is an exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: They will all have to be read?

MR. McMASTER: That is correct, my lord, with this exception, that when we come to prepare argument in this matter the exhibits and copies of exhibits will not necessarily be available to all of us to be examined. I suppose I could arrange to have a copy of this made. Perhaps I had better.

THE COMMISSIONER: You better do that. I would like to cut down the time as much as possible.

MR. McMASTER: My point, in referring to it, my lord, is to draw attention to the fact that three items of tools on here have just been described as "tools", and sold for 25 cents and 50 cents, and a dollar, without any description.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

Q Now, Mr. Sakamoto, did your wife leave any personal property at your house or at your place which belonged to her personally and not to you?

A Yes.

Q What? A: Some clothes -- dresses.

Q Anything else besides clothes?

A I think nothing else.

Q She took all her other personal effects with her? A: Yes.

Q And you have said that aside from those clothes all the other personal chattels and tools and equipment on the premises were your own property? A: Yes.

Q Now I have asked you to prepare a very rough list, Mr. Sakamoto, on the general basis on which you value the list of chattels, or to list in your opinion the proper market price of them. Is that the list that you prepared (producing)? A: Yes.

Q And were all of these things on your premises when you were evacuated?

A Yes.

Q And were they your property?

A All in the house.

Q Were they your property? Did they belong to you? A: Yes.

Q And they were all in the house?

A Yes.

Q Or in that place? A: Yes.

Q And these values that you have set beside these things, or opposite them, how have you arrived at those values?

A How I put the price on?

Q Yes. A: Well, I put them about half price of new.

Q And is it an exact estimate, or is it a rough estimate of the value of those things?

A Rough. Some I have forgotten how much they were.

Q Have you ever, as a matter of fact, sat down and made a valuation of all of those 700 items that appear on the list?

THE COMMISSIONER: I would be greatly surprised if he did.

MR. McMASTER: I would be, too, my lord. I would produce this and ask it be filed. That is a rough estimate of his various chattels on which he bases his claim of $562.00.

MR. HUNTER: Are those included in that inventory?

MR. McMASTER: I will ask him that.

Q Are all of the personal chattels that you refer to in there in the inventory of November 20th that you sent back to the Custodian?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: You can mark that as Exhibit 8.

(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

THE COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

MR. McMASTER: No, my lord, there are a couple of automobiles I have to deal with.

Q By the way, witness, in your claim form you describe on the personal property part of the claim form or set out claims with respect to two separate automobiles, and then an item for household chattels, I believe it was. I would ask, my lord, to have that amended to household chattels and tools, and so on, if it is needed.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, that is not needed.

MR. McMASTER: By virtue of the fact that something was done with this Model T truck for which he claims $25.00. Apparently they let somebody have the use of it and, as far as I can find out, it was never returned, and I am instructed by the claimant to abandon the claim, that is the $25.00 claim. I would ask to amend, my lord, the description of the other truck from 1936 to 1933. It was stated to be a 1936 truck in error.

MR. HUNTER: One ton instead of one and a half.

MR. McMASTER: What does the claim form say?

THE COMMISSIONER: One and one-half, 1936.

MR. McMASTER: Q: The 1933 Ford Model "B", what tonnage was it? A: That is a ton and a ton and a half. It has a chassis for a ton and a half, and I could put double tires on the back, but only single tires when I bought it for a ton.

Q It was a ton when you bought it?

A Yes.

Q Did you put double tires on it?

A No.

MR. McMASTER: Then it should be a ton truck. I ask to amend the claim form in that respect.

Q What did you do with that truck at the time of the evacuation?

A Where I was working my wife asked him to take it to Hastings Park.

Q Your understanding is it was delivered to Hastings Park?

A Yes.

Q Is that the receipt that she gave you for the truck which was obtained from the R.C.M.P.?

A Yes.

(DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

Q And whose signature is it on that document?

A That is my sister's signature.

Q Yes; and was that letter written with your authority and consent?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: This is a letter, my lord, dated August 29th, 1942, addressed to the Office of the Custodian, signed by Mrs. Sakamoto, per K. Sakamoto, and it contains a statement as follows: "And wish to have these accounts cleared". They are referring to certain outstanding accounts. "By selling my one ton panel truck at Hastings Park". That was dated August 29th, 1942.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

MR. McMASTER: I would like my learned friend to

admit the truck was not sold until April 22nd, 1944.

MR. HUNTER: It was sold in 1942, Mr. McMaster.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is right, I am sorry. I would produce this from the Custodian's file, a memorandum dated April 22nd, 1944, dealing with the sale of the truck.

THE COMMISSIONER: Has the letter of August 29th been put in?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord, I put that in as Exhibit 10.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now you are getting another exhibit?

MR. McMASTER: I am getting another Exhibit, Exhibit 11, a memorandum produced from the Custodian's file re sale of truck, dated April 22nd, 1944. The selling price is shown as $145.00.

(MEMORANDUM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

Q When did you purchase that truck, Mr. Sakamoto?

A In 1941, in November.

Q November of 1941. Do you recall whom you purchased it from?

A I have forgotten the name of the man I bought it from.

Q Where did he live?

A He lived in the Langley Prairie district.

Q How much did you pay him for it?

A $300.00.

Q Before you purchased it, did you have any look around to see if you could make a better

buy? A: Yes.

Q Where did you look?

A The Fogg Motors, Westminster, and Used Truck Sales in Vancouver.

Q For what purpose did you require a truck?

A Well, there were two or three uses for the truck -- for a panel Ford. There were others but those are all in bad condition and they are over $300.00 and half a ton truck.

Q Those were other trucks you looked at?

A Yes.

Q I am sorry, I don't think you got my question. What did you want a truck for?

A For hauling strawberries for the next year.

Q After you got the truck, did you expend any money on the truck?

A Yes, I spent about $50.00 to repair it.

Q Yes, I see, and at the time that you left for the road camp before the truck was handed to the R.C.M.P. -- A: Yes.

Q --what condition was it in?

A It was in very good condition because I was in road camp at that time.

Q At the time you left for the road camp. That is all you can tell us? At the time you went up to the road camp, what condition was the truck in? A: Very good condition.

MR. McMASTER: That is fine. Thank you, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps this would be a

convenient time to adjourn and hold the cross-examination over until after lunch.

MR. HUNTER: All right, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: We will adjourn until 2:15.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:15 P.M.)

(2:15 P.M. PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT).

Y. SAKAMOTO, resumed the stand:

MR. HUNTER: For your lordship's information I should like to give you the gross figures of the receipts from the sale of these various bits of property. For the real property the gross was $736.00; for the ton truck, $145.00; and for the chattels, $59.25, making a total of $940.25.

MR. McMASTER: Would you be good enough to give the net figures as well, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: I thought you had already given them, but I can give them. The net figures are for the real property, $667.82, the truck, $117.79, the chattels $41.00, making a total of $826.61, which is some $41.15 less than the amount they credit us with in their claim. I don't know quite how they arrived at that amount.

MR. McMASTER: I should apply to amend, I would suggest, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I think you should.

MR. McMASTER: Then I will, my lord. I will apply to amend to show the receipt of $826.61.

THE COMMISSIONER: That makes the total claim how much then?

MR. McMASTER: I am sorry, my lord, but this is one of these cases in which I didn't have a copy of the claim form.

MR. HUNTER: My lord, I should like at this time just for your information to point out the difference between the net and the gross -- that the difference between the net and the gross isn't necessarily the commission or the expense of the sale.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: Obviously in the real property there are other adjustments. For instance in this one there were taxes of $76.20 we had to pay. So when we do have the argument on the question of whether the net or the gross should be allowed, I think it should be clearly understood it is the gross less the expense of the sale which should be taken as the net, not the adjustments which would necessarily have to be made in any event.

THE COMMISSIONER: I do not suppose you would contend to the contrary, Mr. McMaster.

MR. McMASTER: No, I would have to agree to that, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, proceed, Mr. Hunter.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, at one point you gave evidence

that Mr. Kamachi had bought land near your property, at a price, I believe, of $40.00 per acre? A: Yes.

Q And that was a year and a half or two years before you were evacuated?

A Yes, before I evacuated, yes.

Q Do you know of any properties around your place of a similar type which were sold around 1942 or 1943? A: No, I don't know.

Q Have you any idea what the price of land was in 1942 or 1943? Have you any idea what property similar to yours was selling for at that time -- not just an opinion, but have you any information from which you could tell us?

A The next land to mine, there was about 200 acres for sale and that was an average about $20.00 an acre.

Q It was sold? A: It was sold. The whole bunch of 200 acres.

Q Where was this? A: It was the next land to mine.

Q And when was it sold?

A I expect about 1940.

Q This was about two years before the evacuation, was it? It was sold in 1940 at $20.00 an acre, is that correct?

A Yes, 200 acres in one block.

Q Yes, but I am talking about 1942 or 1943. Have you any definite knowledge of values at that

time in 1942 or 1943? Do you know what land similar to yours was selling for? Have you definite knowledge? I don't want just a guess or opinion, but I want to know if you have any knowledge?

A Yes, $30.00. That is the price of that land, I expect.

Q What do you mean it was the price of land? Do you know of any land that was sold in 1942 or 1943? I mean do you know what prices were obtained? A: Well I don't know of any land sold around my place in 1942 or 1943.

Q Now you stated you received information through a letter, I believe, that someone wrote to your sister that your crop had realized 35 tons of strawberries, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Now, what did that letter say? Did it say the crop had yielded 35 tons when it was picked?

A That is the crop in 1942?

Q I am talking about 1942, yes.

A Yes.

Q What did the letter say?

A Westminster Canners raised 35 tons of strawberries from the first of the season to the end.

Q That is the amount that was sold?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Is that the amount that was sold?

A I expect so.

Q You expect so. That is what I want to know.

MR. McMASTER: I don't think he should be confused. Westminster Canners wouldn't be selling it to themselves, my lord.

THE WITNESS: Yes, he took it to the jam cannery.

MR. HUNTER: Q: What is the amount received by the cannery? A: I don't know how much he sold.

Q How much didthey receive? Did the cannery receive 35 tons from your property?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think this is very confusing. I think probably what my friend wants to know is did Westminster Canners take 35 tons off his land. Is that a fair way of putting it, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: That was your information, was it, that the cannery got 35 tons from your land?

A The cannery got 35 tons from my land, yes.

Q Was it all berries? A: Yes, it was all strawberries.

MR. HUNTER: Q: And who did you say wrote that letter to your sister?

A I beg your pardon?

Q Who did you say wrote that letter to your sister? A: That is my picker. I had her for a picker for so many years, and she is my sister's friend.

Q Yes. A: So the picker wrote to my sister about that.

Q And was she picking in 1942?

A Yes.

Q How would she know how many tons were taken off?

A I expect the field manager, Mr. Redman, he spoke to her.

Q That is a surmise, isn't it? You are guessing now, aren't you?

MR. McMASTER: That is right.

MR. HUNTER: Q: You are guessing, aren't you?

A I don't know -- guessing or what.

Q Did you ever hear that in 1942 there was a very poor strawberry crop?

A 1942?

Q Yes. A: No. Mr. Redman, he wrote me. He had a very good crop for 1942.

Q Yes, there was a very good crop but it wasn't harvested in 1942, I put it to you, for the reason the price went from five cents to nineteen and twenty-one cents. There was an extraordinarily low crop, do you know that?

A I don't know other places, but on my farm he raised that much.

Q Your farm was one of the rare exceptions?

A Because when I left the farm, I show Mr. Redman how to raise the strawberries, and I guess he did what I show him. I know my neighbour, he didn't take care of his strawberries, and when I left there, there was grass all over the

strawberry patch and you couldn't see the strawberry plants, but Mr. Redman took good care of it.

Q Who is Mr. Redman?

A Mr. Redman is Mr. Redman.

MR. McMASTER: He mentioned who he was before, the field supervisor for Westminster Canners.

THE WITNESS: The field manager for Westminster Canners.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Would you say 1941 was a good strawberry year insofar as the quantity of the crop went? A: Yes.

Q And in 1942 you got exactly the same crop, five tons per acre? A: Yes.

Q I see. Now the Custodian sent you an inventory somewhere around the 20th of November, 1942, asking you to check the inventory of the chattels -- A: Yes.

Q --and return it to them? That is correct?

A Yes.

Q And you stated, if I remember what you said, "I crossed out some where they had repeated articles", and that there were some which you had left behind which weren't on the list, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q And then you wrote a letter back, or rather your sister did at your request, dated the 28th of November, 1942, in which certain items were crossed off where you said there had been duplication. Did you in that letter, or did

you at any time indicate which were the items which you had left behind and weren't on the inventory? A: I can't get you there.

THE COMMISSIONER: I have the same difficulty. We will get Mr. Hunter to put his question again.

MR. HUNTER: Q: Did you at any time indicate to the Custodian the items which weren't on the inventory furnished by the Custodian, but which you had left behind at the time of evacuation?

A I can't understand it.

Q Am I still not making myself clear?

THE COMMISSIONER: Your question is perfectly clear now.

THE INTERPRETER: Shall I assist?

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I think he might give the background in the way Mr. Hunter started off, that is, that he got this inventory from the Custodian and said there were some goods he crossed off because there were duplications and there were some other things which weren't on the inventory which he had left behind, and then ask Mr. Hunter's question.

(Question read and interpreted).

THE INTERPRETER: No, he doesn't know if he did.

MR. McMASTER: I might point out, my lord, there is no claim for those goods.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I appreciate that, Mr. McMaster. Is that all, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

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

(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.

Kamloops 186

Case 17 ~~19~~ 11th Dec 1947

FORM FOR CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE

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

This form containing the same material as the form to be sent to the Custodian's office is to be sent to either your National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association provincial chapter organization or the regional Co-operating Committee as listed.

File 8645

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

(1) NAME SAKAMOTO (Print) Surname YASUTARO Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 12861 Male

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address R. R. #1, McDonald Road, Langley Prairie, B. C.

(3) Present Address P. O. Box 742, Revelstoke, B. C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) R. R. #1, McDonald Road, Langley Prairie, B. C.
City or Municipality, Province

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

Township Map 2579
Lot 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28.

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

(i) Farm
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business Berry Farm
(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. Sole Owner

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

(i) Land and Building - - - - - - - - - - $ 5710.00

(ii) ~~Buildings~~ Crop - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ ~~2000.00~~ amt. HJB

(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) - $ 5710.00

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ ~~867.76~~ 826.61

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 4842.24
4883.39

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Hastings Park (truck)
R. R. #1 McDonald Road, Langley Prairie, B. C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Left in house (household goods, car) Park race track (truck)

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Locked up in one of the rooms
Left as was (truck)

(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") No one's care

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

1.	1936 Ford 1½ ton truck	Estimated Value $ 350.00
2.	~~1926 Ford car~~ abandoned	Estimated Value $ ~~25.00~~
3.	Household Chattels	Estimated Value $ 553.00
4.		Estimated Value $
5.		Estimated Value $
6.	*N.B. Credited with sum showing in Sec. 4 (e) (v) without itemized statement from Custodian	Estimated Value $
7.		Estimated Value $
8.		Estimated Value $
9.		Estimated Value $
10.		Estimated Value $ 903.

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ ~~928.00~~ 4883.39

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) - $ 7,770.24 5786.39

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

(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)
Prov. of B. C.)
TO WIT:)

I, Yasutaro Sakamoto of the City of Revelstoke 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 Revelstoke in the Province of B. C. this 21st day of November A.D. 1947.

Yasutaro Sakamoto

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits within British Columbia.

A Commissioner &c.

YASUTARO SAKAMOTO

BASIS OF ESTIMATED VALUES SHOWN IN CLAIM

Land:	7 acres cleared and cultivated @ $500.00 per acre		$3500.00
	23 " uncleared @ $30.00 per acre		690.00
			$4190.00
Plants:	2 acres - 2nd year strawberry plants		
	1½ " - 3rd year " "		
	1½ " - 4th year " "		
	1½ " - 5th year " "		
	1/3 " - 8th year asparagus plants		

(NOTE: Before you get the first yield of strawberries it costs $500.00 per acre to clear the land, cultivate, plant, fertilize and care for the plants. This is based on one labourer at 10¢ per hour working 10 hours per day).

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

Description	Date of Construction	Cost of Materials		Wages Paid	Wages
Main House 18 x 24	1935	$300.00			$200
Addition 16 x 18	1940	$300.00		$200.00	$100
Garage 16 x 20	1941	60.00			$ 40
Parking Sheds 16 x 18	1938	60.00			$ 40
12 x 18	1935	40.00			$ 20
2 10 x 12	1932	40.00			$ 25
Root House	1935	10.00			$ 10
Woodshed 16 x 20	1935	30.00			$ 20
Bath House & Bath 8 x 10	1936	30.00			$ 20
Chicken House 6 x 10	1940	10.00			$ 5
Well 68' deep cribbed with 2" plank (2000 ft) & 4" x 4" cedar corner posts equipped with good hand pumps, pipe & sand bar, and small tank with 60 ft. ½ inch pipe to house and pump house.	1935	Lbr.	50.00	24.00	$ 75.
		Pump pipe & sand bar	125.00		
		Tank	5.00		
		½ pipe @12¢ per ft.	3.60		
		Pump House	10.00		

SUMMARY

LAND	$4190.00
BUILDINGS, Etc.	1305.00
GENERAL LAND VALUE INCREASE FEB. '42 TO SPRING '43	215.00
	$5710.00

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	Wages to Self	Total Cost	Depreciation	Estimated Value
	$200.00	$500.00	$200.00	$300.00
$200.00	$100.00	$600.00	$ 75.00	$525.00
	$ 40.00	$100.00	Nil	$100.00
	$ 40.00	$100.00	$ 25.00	$ 75.00
	$ 20.00	$ 60.00	$ 35.00	$ 25.00
	$ 25.00	$ 65.00	$ 60.00	$ 5.00
	$ 10.00	$ 20.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00
	$ 20.00	$ 50.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
	$ 20.00	$ 50.00	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
	$ 5.00	$ 15.00	$ 5.00	$ 10.00
24.00	$ 75.00	$292.60	$ 92.60	$200.00
				$1305.00

Custodian's Copy

8645

EXHIBIT No. Case 17-2
DATE 11 Dec 1947
FILED BY
R. J. McMaster

April 27th, 1942.

The WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD. of New Westminster, agree to lease from Y. YASUTARA Sakamoto of Langley Prairie for $650.00 cash to be paid before evacuation takes place, all crops now being grown on Lots 19 to 21, and 26 to 28 on the South West quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Group 2, in the District of New Westminster, which are understood to contain Strawberries and Asparagus, for the 1942 season, such period to terminate Sept. 30th, 1942, with the first option to lease for 1943. WEST-MINSTER CANNERS LTD. shall not be responsible for any taxes or debts owing or to be paid in respect of any of this land or property.

In consideration of the above amount WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD. are to be granted full use of all dwellings and sheds on above property, all fire wood at present stored on this land, and full use of all farm equipment and shipping crates as may now be on this place until Sept. 30th, 1942, with similar rights if option for 1943 is taken up.

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD. agree to take reasonable care of the above mentioned land, houses and equipment until Sept. 30th, 1942, but are not to be held responsible in the event of fire, theft, damage or other loss.

Agreed to by -

Lessor ..... Y. Sakamoto.

WESTMINSTER CANNERS LTD.,

Per .....

Witness .....

Witness ..... K. Sakamoto.

FORM "JP" FILE No.

FRASER VALLEY

Coghlan B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

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EXHIBIT No. Case 17-3 DATE 11 Dec 1947 FILED BY R.J. McMaster

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SAKAMOTO Yasutaro

HOME ADDRESS: Brown Rd., R.R. #1., Langley Prairie, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 12861 SEX: Male AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Farmer

(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: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Motoko file #3939

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Brown Rd., R.R. #1., Langley Prairie.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Keichi (M) Tomiko (F) Seigo (M)
Naomi (F) Kaoru (F) Tatsuo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Brown Rd , R.R. #1., Langley Prairie, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 12, 10, 5, XXX 3. 1½.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: All property registered by wife.
file #3939

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: -----
700.00 on house
300.00 on chattels

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) Atlas Fire Insurance
Premium for 3 yrs paid
$1000.00. for 3 Years. Policy No. unknown. Policy in declarants possession.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) -----

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
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6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) -----

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7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: IN declarants possession

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: ----

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN Strawberries, Asparagus,
Crop Sold to Brother Cannery, New Westminster B.C.
for $650.00 Cash, Paid in full. See file #3939

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:
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4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: ----

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)
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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:
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2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS
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3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY ----

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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 7th day of May 1942.

(Signature) Y Sakamoto.

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

FORM "JP" FILE No.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

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EXHIBIT No. Case 17-3 DATE FILED 11 Dec 1947 R. J. McMaster

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SAKAMOTO (Motoko) Mrs. Yasutaro

HOME ADDRESS: Brown Road, Langley Prairie, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 12798 SEX: Female AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Farmer's help

(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: None

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yasutaro 8645 12561

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Jasper, Alta.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Kinichi (M), Tomiko (F), Seigo (M), Naome (F) Kaoru (F), Tatsuo (M).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Brown Rd., Langley Prairie, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 11, 9, 5, 3, 1.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 30 acres - Brown Rd., Langley Prairie, B.C. 6 acres cleared. Reg. Owner Husband

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 9 room house, garage, shed, pacing houses, (4), chicken house, bath house.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) $30.00 paid to the Mun. of Langley Prairie, B.C. 1940 taxes paid. 1941 not paid.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Registrars office, New Westminister, B.C.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: Nohe

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN Stawberries, fruit trees, ¼ acre asparagus.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Household furniture for 9 room house including 1 sewing machine, stove, 2 heaters, gramaphone; will be left in declarant's house. at Bain Rd., Langley Prairie, B.C.

Farm implements including Model T. truck will be left in garage.

1 Truck in custody at Hastings Park - 1933 Model Ford - 1 ton.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

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4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
1 War Saving Certificate - in owner's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: Dr. Rose -Langley Prairie, B.C. $25.00, Dr. Simpson, Langley Prairie, B.C. $50.00, Dr. McBurney, Langley Prairie, B.C. $28.50
Berry Store, Langley Prairie, B.C. -$140.00, Royal Columbian Hospital New Westminster, B.C. $40.00.

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

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 14th day of April 1942.

(Signature) M. Sakamoto

T. B. Williams
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

List signed by Mr. Sakamoto

File No: 3939

November 20, 1942

Name: Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) SAKAMOTO

Reg. No: 12798

Address: Brown Rd., Langley Prairie, B. C.

Schedule "B"

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INVENTORY OF CHATTELS ON PROPERTY

In house (main floor)

1 dining table — Sold auctioneer 23/5/44
2 heaters — " "
1 kitchen range
old linoleum on front room and bedroom floors
1 kitchen table, 1 book cabinet
(1) 1 wall clock, (2) 1 front room table — (1) MISSING (2) Sold
1 record table cabinet — N.M.
1 long table (h. m.)
6 dining chairs (old)
1 arm chair (old) — 12 Auctioned 23/5/44
7 kitchen chairs
6 potato diggers
1 rake
2 handle cultivators (3 prong) — MISSING
7 hoes — Tools sold
1 shovel (poor) — auctioneer
2 manure forks — 23/5/44
1 hay fork
1 DB axe
1 sledge hammer
1 hand saw
2 brooms
X ~~2 bags "Go West"~~ — ~~Farmers Property~~
1 carpenter's hammer
2 short handled cultivators (garden) — Tools
3 garden weed scratchers — auctioneer 23/5/44
1 wash basin
1 granite pot containing:
5 sml. Jap. sickels
3 asp.
knives
1 coal chisel
1 meat cleaver
1 cultivator att.
1 carborundum stone
1 pr. rubber boots
4 chests of drawers — 4 auctioneer 23/5/44

4 beds complete — Abandoned — Sold auctioneer 23/5/44
1 wash stand — ~~Abandoned~~
2 mattresses — Abandoned
3 kitchen chairs — "
1 bed complete (h. m.) — "
2 h. m. tables with drawers containing:
personal papers
books — Abandoned
1 dresser with mirror — wash stand 23/5/44
3 prs. curtains and rods — 23/5/44
2 kitchen cabinets
1 wood box
9 bake pans
1 8 gal. crock } Missing
1 5 gal. crock }
1 table (h. m.)
15 saucers
3 coal oil lamps — (1) 23/5/44
3 tea pots
1 2 gal. gas tin
1 clothes drier (ceiling) — 23/5/44
1 crockery bowl — Crockery " "
1 alum. steamer
5 pictures in frame — 23/5/44
1 rubber door mat
1 sml. shrine
quant. of pictures and photographs (loose)
1 baby's high chair
1 leather music case
1 school case (suit)

In house, main floor

4 ctns. clothes
2 ctns. books
1 box books
2 boxes shoes
1 violin in case and 2 bows

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Name: Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) Sakamoto, #12798

Inventory of Chattels continued

In house, main floor

~~4 ctns. clothes~~
~~2 ctns. books~~
~~1 box books~~ Duplication from pp!
~~2 boxes shoes~~
~~1 violin in case and 2 bows~~
1 ctn. mixc. odds and ends, n.v.
1 box cont. steam inhalator machine
1 bottle capper
2 prs. curtain rods
1 ctn. incense
1 picture frame
3 straw hats
1 toy pistol
1 iron pot
1 fish scale
20 volumes of "The Book of Knowledge" Missing
3 sad irons
sml. quant. of medicines

Back Porch

1 old kiddy car
3 old utensils
1 large food cabinet ✓
1 double boiler
1 stool

Upstairs

2 beds complete 1 Abandoned 1 Bed + Spgs 23/5/44
2 old mattresses "
1 loose door
7 ctns. old rags and clothes
1 large wooden tray
1 6' x ½" hose (rubber)
1 kitchen chair
2 rice tubs
3 school suit cases cont. dolls, glasses etc.
1 ctn. containing:
2 wooden trays
knife box
bone handle fork
quan. old shoes

Sold at auction
1 ctn. containing:
5 saki jugs
1 basket containing
misc. articles
1 large umbrella
2 iron pots
4 fancy glass bowls
23/5/44 1 camera tripod
1 suitcase cont. clothes
2 gas lanterns
23/5/44 2 carpet bags
1 handy knitter
3 lamp bases
23/5/44 1 metal coal oil lamp
2 oil lanterns
1 large metal tray
4 windows and frames
1 ctn. containing:
5-2 qt. sealers
5-1 qt. sealers
Jap. basket
~~Baby Walker. 23/5/44~~ 1 ctn. containing:
4 boxes Jap. dolls
23/5/44 1 ctn. containing:
pr. wooden sandals
Jap. doll in box
1 ctn. containing:
3 childs dolls
box of Jap. dolls
2 spud diggers
1-3, 1-5 pronged cultivator (handle)
1 old mantle clock Abandoned
5 window frames
1 ironing board 23/5/44
23/5/44 quant. loose clothingand
magazines

Sold at auction

Upstairs (cont.)

1 desk cont. quan. school books
2 spring boards
1 box saki bottles
4 lamp tops

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Name: Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) Sakamoto, #12798

Inventory of chattels continued

5½ cross cut saws
1 buck saw
3 ironing boards
1 rake
1 weed cutter
1 bdl. old pipe fittings
1 2 gal. gas can
1 sprinkling can
1 5' pinch bar
2 ctns. of ass. sealers
1 Shannon office file board
~~1 buck saw~~
~~3 ironing boards~~
~~1 rake~~
~~1 weed cutter~~
~~1 bndl. old pipe fittings~~
~~1 2 gal. gas can~~
~~1 sprinkling can~~
~~1 5' pinch bar~~
~~2 ctns. of ass. Sealers~~
~~1 Shannon office file board~~
2 ctns. of photographs and old clothes
2 pictures
1 hand cultivator
2 augers
1 peavey, 1 head, 1 spike
1 pick
2 D.B. axes and 1 head
1 froe
1 mattock
1 axe (?)
1 suit case containing:
sml. amt. elec. insulators etc.
1 sack containing:
1 falling wedge
2 sml. wedges and metal block
1 aml. coil old rope
2 hand scrapers (carpenters tool)
3 cultivator att.
2 screw drivers
1 tin old parts
4 cross cut saw handles
2 old paint brushes

Sold at auction 23/6/44

1 saw set
1 garden trowel
2 Jap. planes
1 old hack saw handle
2 brick layer trowels
few old tools
1 wash stand full school books
1 home made bunk
1 box containing:
saw vice
mattock head
pr. riviters tongs
boat hook
quant. old nuts bolts and parts
1 ctn. decorations
1 baby rocker
1 baby walker
1 home made bed
1 chair (no back)
6 boxes dishes

Sold at Auction
23/5/44
23/5/44

In Garage

1 wheelbarrow
4 old car seats
~~7 lge. berry box crates~~ Canners Property
2 bent shovels
2 shovels
1 manure fork
1 D.B. axe
1 scythe
1 large crow bar
10 ft x 1" hose
~~144 berry crates~~ Canners Property
~~330 jam crates~~ " "
2 Jap. tubs
~~quan. of asps. boxes~~ " "
7 picker's trays
3 candy pails

Woodshed and Packing Shed

~~1 cord of split wood~~ " "
9 Jap. tubs
1 step ladder
approx. 50 pickers' trays
approx. 340 jam crates
3 benches
2 step ladders

File No: 3939 November 20, 1942

Name: Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) Sakamoto, #12798

Inventory of Chattels continued

Woodshed and Packing Shed

X ~~1 sack fertilizer~~ Canners Prop
sml. quan. lumber
3 bent shovels
1 poor rake
1 post hole digger
1 baby bath tub
1 shoe last
1 4 gal. oil can
2 ladders
1 bed complete
1 bed stead
30 lbs. berry wire
1 wheelbarrow wheel

Root House

3 1 gal. crock jugs
1 5 gal. crock jugs
1 1 gal. glass jug

Pump House

1 large Beatty hand pump Fixture
45 gal. storage tank

Packing Shed

15 jam crates
17 pickers' trays
X ~~5 shipping crates~~ " "
X ~~5 box crates~~ Canners Prop
2 pots, 1 old tricycle
1 cultivator att.
1 clothes line and ~~½ cord wood outside~~ X " "

This represents all my chattels remaining in any protected area of British Columbia.

Confirmed:

DATE: Nov. 28th 1942 SIGNED: Yasutaro Sakamoto

Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

November 28th 1942.
Sandon. B.C.

Mrs. K. D. Richardson,
Farm Department
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

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Dear Sir:

Re:- File No- 3939 Reg: No.- 12798

Thank you for your letter of November 20th. I sincerely appreciate your re checking the chattels on our property so thoroughly.

The following are the property of The Westminster Canners Ltd.

"2 bags "Go West"
7 large berry crates
144 ~~berry~~ crates
330 jam crates
5 box crates

Jars. of traps. boxes
1 cord of split wood
1 sack fertilizer
5 shipping crates
½ cord wood outside"

Also there is a list that was stated twice so I have crossed them out.

Please find enclosed the signed copy of the list of chattels.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) G. Sakamoto.

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File 3939

July 14, 1944

REPORT

Owner: SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro) - Reg. No. 12798

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I have to-day examined the undermentioned articles and find them to be valueless, and should be abandoned.

4 old chairs

3 tables (H.M.)

4 beds

4 mattresses

Lge. quan. old books, magazines & clothes.

" " utensils

2 carpet bags

Old mantel clock

Lge. Quan. effects & misc. household goods strewn around & damaged.

S. C. Carlsen
(per C.G.)

File 3939 July 14, 1944.

REPORT

Owner: SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro) - Reg . No. 12798

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House has been vacant since evacuation of above, consequently was broken into repeatedly outstanding articles missing:

1 wall clock
1 record cabinet
several chairs
4 small cultivators
5 beds
2 crocks
~~violin in case~~ sold May 23/44
20 volumes of "Book of Knowledge"
several lanterns & lamps
Hand cultivator
149 berry crates shipping Probably the property of S & B used by Westminster Canneries
1 cord of wood
5 ladders
5 crock jugs
clothes line
Large Quantity of tools

S. C. Carlsen
(per C.J.)

NAME SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs. Yasutaro)

REGISTRATION NO. 12798 FILE NO. 3939

The following chattels were sold by public auction at Langley, B.C. on May 23, 1944.

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12 chairs @ 0.25	$ 3.00
High chair	1.00
Iron pot	1.25
Jug	0.25
Oil lamp	0.25
Center table	1.00
Sundries	0.75
Pick	0.50
Pictures frames	0.75
Watering can	0.75
Sundries	1.00
Tools & etc.	0.75
Pinch bar	0.75
Sundries	0.50
Bottle capper & jug	0.25
Crockery	0.50
Crockery	0.50
Bed & springs	5.00
Pipes & etc.	1.50
Child's rocker	1.50
Baby walker	2.00
Ironing board	0.25
Linoleum	2.75
Cooler	0.50
Cabinet	0.50
Tools	0.25
Tools	0.50
Tools	1.00
Total to be carried forward:	$ 29.50
Less Expenses:	$
Net Proceeds Credited:	$

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Remarks.

NAME SAKAMOTO, Motoko (Mrs.Yasutaro)

REGISTRATION NO. 12798 FILE NO. 3939

The following chattels were sold by public auction at Langley, B.C. on May 23, 1944.

Brought forward:	$ 29.50
C.C.saw ✓	0.50
C.C.Saw ✓	0.50
C.C.Saw ✓	0.50
2 C.C.saws ✓	0.25
C.C.Saw ✓	1.25
Hose ✓	0.50
Clothes drier ✓	0.25
Washstand ✓	0.25
D.R.Table ✓	0.50
Drawers ✓	1.75
Drawers ✓	2.00
Cabinet ✓	1.00
Pipe	1.25
Drawers ✓	0.50
Wash stand ✓	0.50
2 Kit. Tables ✓	0.25
Drawers ✓	4.00
Cupboard ✓	1.50
Heater ✓	1.25
Wheelbarrow ✓	0.75
Box heater ✓	1.50
Step Ladder - Transferred June 3.1946 - from file 10036	1.75
Violin " " " " " " 8650	2.50
Iron board - " " " " " " 10034	0.25
Jug " " " " " " "	0.75
pick heads " " " " " " "	0.25
Cleaver " " " " " " "	2.00
Hoe " " " " " " "	1.50
Total	$ ~~50.25~~ 59.25
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: ~~$5.02~~ 5.91	
(Advertising: ~~1.69~~ 1.99	
(Moving: ~~8.78~~ 10.35	$ ~~15.49~~ 18.25
Net Proceeds Credited:	$ ~~34.76~~ 41.00

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Carlsen

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Langley 3.

Remarks.

Basis of estimate of claim for
household chattel.

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Kitchen ware	$50.00
Farm tools	75.00
4 Dressers	40.00
Kitchen stove and Cabinet	100.00
Book Case	5.00
set of Book of knowrage	25.00
furniture	110.00
Books	20.00
Baby Carage	10.00
12 house plants	12.00
2 baby Walker	6.00
7. Beds	70.00
3. picture flame	15.00
5. Cold oil lamps	5.00
2 Gass lamps	10.00

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment
Seizure No. R 46
FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

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Headquarters File No.	Date 19

RE:- SAKAMOTO, Yasutaro R.R.1 Langley B.C.
NAME

On March 9 19 42, I H.F.Price RCMP
MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

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STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PKGS.	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
		LICENSE NO. (41) CT760 TIRE NUMBERS 5
		MAKE & MODEL 33 Ford model B.
		SERIAL NO.
		ENGINE NO. CBBT1533
		SPEEDOMETER READING 17907
		CONDITION appears fair
		EXTRA EQUIPMENT NONE
		DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED
		X [signature] # 12790 , brought in by
		Signature of Owner TAKAOKA Hideo Donald
		Japanese Registration No.
		Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder
		[signature]
		March 9/42
		DATE:

[signature]
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SUBMITTING REPORT

EXHIBIT No. Case 17-10 Sandon, B.C. Richardson
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Aug: 29th 1942. 912

Mr. C. L. Denny
Office of the Custodian.
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver. B.C.

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Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of July 23rd, which I was unable to answer earlier. Before leaving for Sandon, one representative of your office had boarded the train and inquired of changes made since our declaration to the Custodian on April 14th. It seems he has not notified our statement.

I am enclosing the copy with the list of chattles found on our premises. I have signed it as it is correct but feel that your agent has missed some goods e.g. set of (20) "Book of Knowledge"; kitchen utensils such as large platters for roast etc.

A part of the goods were to be used by our tenant, "The Westminster Canners Ltd." only during the one month of berry-picking.

Since April 14th we have sold the gramaphone, and the Model T. truck is rented to a neighboring farmer at $10 per year. The sewing machine is in the keeping of Berry Stow until our return as we still owe $30.00

As to the plans for settling the accounts

they have demand since my report in April as follows.

Dr. Rose, Langley Prairie,	$20.	25
Dr. Simpson, " "	$30.	50
Dr. McBurney, " "	23.50	28.50
Berry's Store " "	$30.	140.-
Royal Columbian Hospital N. West.	40.	40.-
	$143.50	283.50

Total amount owing is and wish to have this account cleared by selling my one ton Panel truck at Hastings Park.

The next year's berry crop is leased to "The Westminster Canners Ltd." at $500. The arrangement was to send the first payment of $100. by the 1st of August, but so far we have not heard from the company. I will deeply appreciate your agent looking into the matter.

I am indeed very sorry for my negligence to reply and causing you undue trouble. Thanking you for all that you are doing for us,

I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

(Mrs. Yasutaro (Motoko) Sakamoto)

Per - K. Sakamoto.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File 8645 April 22, 1944.

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: SAKAMOTO, Yasutaro - Reg. 12861

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	APPRAISED VALUE
TRUCK	1933 Ford Panel Del. No. T46 License No. (41) CT 760	$145.00

Sold to: J. Paterson Date: September 19, 1942.

Selling Price: $145.00.

Parker