Name of Claimant KUROMI, Muneyoshi Case 95

Custodian File 902

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	

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	
			46%	203.50	~~34.41~~ 93.61			93.61

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	93.61

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CASE NO: 95

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Kamloops, B.C.

May 7th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MUNEYOSHI KUROMI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

Original.

CASE NO: 95.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. R. ARCHIBALD, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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APPEARANCES:

D. S. McTAVISH, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
R. J. McMASTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

J. R. Colley, Esq.,	Secretary to Kamloops Sub-Commission.
Mrs. I. C. Smith,	Official Interpreter.
Mrs. M. Tonks,	Official Reporter.

MR. McMASTER: This case was transferred from Vernon, Your Honour. It is No. 95, and was 137B on the original list.

MUNEYOSHI KUROMI, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Official Interpreter, as follows:

MR. McMASTER: In this case Your Honour, I would ask leave to reduce the claim, which is purely a personal property claim, to $203.50.

Q Witness, did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement of personal chattels and is this your signature on the statement?

A Yes.

Q And did you cause this list of chattels that is attached to the statement to be drawn up and is that your signature on it?

A Yes.

Q And are the values placed opposite the various chattels, your estimate of a fair market value at the date of evacuation?

A Yes.

Q Are the statements contained in this statement and in the inventory attached, true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask to file the statement and inventory as an exhibit.

(STATEMENT AND INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO: 1)

Q Witness, I produce to you a letter dated October 31st, 1945, addressed to yourself, purporting to be

from the Custodian's office. Did you receive that letter? A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my friend to produce the original letter from the Claimant to the Custodian dated December 12th, 1945.

(Mr. McTavish, producing)

Mr. McMASTER: Q Witness, I produce to you a letter from the Custodian's file, is that your signature on that letter?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: That is a letter dated December 12th, 1945, Your Honour.

Q I produce a letter dated December 19th, 1945, purporting to be from the Custodian's office to yourself, did you receive that letter?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask to file these three letters as one exhibit, Your Honour.

(LETTERS DATED OCTOBER 31st, 1945, DECEMBER 12th, 1945 and DECEMBER 19th, 1945, MARKED EXHIBIT NO: 2).

MR. McMASTER: First, the letter dated October 31st, 1945, from the Custodian's office to the Claimant which reads as follows: " In your registration with the Custodian you expressed your intention to store your chattels at the Japanese School on First Avenue. We have recently disposed of the chattels in this School but did not find any belonging to you. We assume that you changed your mind and sold your chattels prior to your evacuation. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will take it

for granted that you left no chattels in the protected area."

The reply, dated December 12th, 1945, reads as follows: "In reply to your letter of October 31,
"I wish to state that I left my chattels at "the Japanese School on First Avenue. I did "not sell any of the chattels before or after "evacuation.

"At the time of the registration I told the "Custodian that I have my chattels at the above "mentioned place. The Custodian said that they "will pick the chattels up the next day. There- "fore I was sure that the Custodian was looking "after them for me and that there was no danger "of the chattels disappearing. I was surprised "when I learned that the chattels were not found.

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The letter of December 19th, 1945, reads as follows:-

"We have your letter of the 12th inst. stating "that you left your chattels at the Japanese "School on First Avenue. We presume you mean "the school at 1672 West 1st. Avenue, in which "event we would iform you that any chattels "found in this building were moved to Custodian "warehouse and there sold at public auction.

"If you left articles in this achool building "with your name on them, and if they were there "when our truckers removed the chattels from "this location, they would be sold and the proceeds credited to your account. However "no chattels were found bearing your name or "registration number.

"Furthermore we would report that this building "was entered by thieves on several occasions, "and as we did not store the chattels, we have "no means of determining what may have been stolen."

MR. McMASTER: Q With reference to the letter to the Custodian dated December 12th, 1945, did you write to the Custodian and are the statements in that letter true to the best of your recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I am referring to Exhibit No. 1, Your

Honour. The Claimant states that all the goods claimed were left in the Japanese Language School, Kitsilano, 1642 West 2nd. Avenue - it should be West 1st. Avenue - Vancouver, the school locked and the Custodian advised. These goods were all crated and boxed and identified with my name. Does my friend wish me to file the Claims Analysis in his behalf?

MR. McTAVISH: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file on behalf of my learned friend Custodian Analysis of Personal Property Claim, as the next exhibit and draw attention to the fact that the details of original claim shown as "declared, not found" with the exception of two boxes of books, which the Custodian shows "no record at any time".

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO: 3)

Q Witness, this document which has just been filed as Exhibit No. 3, is an analysis of your claim that you filed, made by the Custodian and he shows in the details of claim which you filed you showed "books, 3 boxes, $29.00". The Custodian states that only two boxes of books were declared in your J.P. Form.

A In the Custodian's list there was only two boxes.

MR. McMASTER TO INTERPRETER: In the J.P. Form that he filed there is only one box of books but in his claim form there are three boxes of books shown. Aside from one Japanese-English dictionary which appears in the inventory to Exhibit No. 1, that is in the statement with regard to his claim, - aside

from that Japanese-English dictionary, is he making claim for any other books in his revised claim?

A No.

Q And did you, in fact, leave your Japanese-English dictionary book in one of your boxes that you left at the Japanese language school?

A Yes.

MR. McTAVISH: It is submitted that the personal property was left in the custody of someone other than the Custodian, appointed by the owner and in that case the Custodian is not liable. It is submitted that the prices claimed are exorbitant.

Qm Witness, I produce to you what is known as a J.P. Form, dated 22nd. July 1942, is that your signature on that document?

A Yes.

Q This is the J.P. Form put forward by you?

A Yes.

Q Now, in that J.P. Form it refers to Mr. Shimi, by that do you mean Mr. T. Sumi of the Japanese language school?

A No, it is Shimi, not Sumi.

Q Who is Mr. Sumi?

A Mr. Sumi is the one who held the key of the school.

MR. McTAVISH: I would ask to put in J.P. Form as an exhibit.

(J. P. FORM MARKED AS EXHIBIT NO: 4.)

Q You had stored your goods in the school had you?

A Yes.

Q And at that time you say Mr. Sumi was looking after the school?

A I was asked to evacuate on the 28th July, very quickly, so I reported that I had stored all my things at the school and Mr. Sumi said he would guarantee to keep them.

MR. McMASTER: Your Honour, I wonder about this word "guarantee"

MR. McTAVISH: Q Did he say "guarantee"

A He gave me the key - told me to get the key and store the things at the school, so I got the key and stored them and reported to the Custodian and told him and he promised to go in....

Q That is Mr. Shimi?

A No, I put them in myself. Mr. Sumi told me to get the key from the school and get the things so I stored the things myself.

Q So you left the key with Mr. Sumi at the school?

A Yes.

Q Mr. Sumi at that time was looking after the school property, is that correct?

A Mr. Sumi was living very close to the school, he was looking after the school.

Q Was he also looking after or taking care of the goods in the school?

A I don't know whether he was looking after the things, he had the key and the school was locked.

Q Then your statement in the J.P. Form that Mr. ~~Sumi~~ Shimi is looking after the things, is not correct?

A It is not Mr. Shimi it is "Sumi"

Q In the J. P. Form you refer to Mr. Shimi.

MR. McMASTER: The Custodian's idea how to spell it..

A There is a certain dialect - you might sometimes pronounce "Sumi" sometimes "Shimi"

Q He does refer to Mr. Sumi though? A Yes.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q When you put your things into the Japanese school and delivered the key to Mr. Shimi or Sumi...

THE COMMISSIONER: "Sumi."

...did he undertake to be personally responsible for your goods and chattels?

A I left on the 27th and the Custodian's office were to take charge of the goods on the 28th, so I was under the impression that they had done so.

MR. McMASTER TO THE INTERPRETER: Would he be good enough to answer the question I put, that is: Did Mr. Sumi undertake personally to be responsible for these goods when he gave him the key to the Japanese school?

A Mr. Sumi didn't say he would undertake to look after them.

Q Who, in the Custodian's office, did you know who it was that said the Custodian would come the next day and take those things away from there?

A I don't know the name.

Q Was it the person who had you sign this J.P. Form, Exhibit No. 4?

A I can't say.

Q You just know it was someone in the Custodian's office? A Yes.

Q Do you read English?

A No; I can't.

Q Did anybody read that document over to you before they asked you to sign it?

A Nobody read it to me, they told me to sign it.

MR. McMASTER: My learned friend says these goods were in someone's else's custody, would he be good enough to advise me what date he says the Custodian assumed responsibility for the goods and whether the Custodian made any inventory at that time?

MR. McTAVISH: According to the information on the file Your Honour, on November 11th, 1942, Mr. Sumi was still looking after the building and at that time he stated only school property was left in the building.

MR. McMASTER: That is no answer to my question, Your Honour. I presume evidence will be called in that respect in Vancouver.

In the J.P. Form a clause appears in red ink:

"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."

The J.P. Form is dated July 27th, 1942.

(Witness aside).

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

"M. Tonks"
Official Reporter.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate

record of the evidence adduced before me.

J. R. Archibald

"J. R. Archibald"
Sub-Commissioner.

CASE No. 95 Vancouver

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ACKNOWLEDGED

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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.

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

(1) NAME KUROMI (Print) ~~Surname~~ Muneyoshi Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 05670

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 1677 W. 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

(3) Present Address R R#2 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 _____
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation 1672 W. 1st Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Custodian 's care

(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") in no one's care

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

1. _____ Estimated Value $_____
2. _____ Estimated Value $_____
3. _____ Estimated Value $_____
4. _____ Estimated Value $_____
5. _____ Estimated Value $_____
6. _____ Estimated Value $_____
7. _____ Estimated Value $_____
8. _____ Estimated Value $_____
9. _____ Estimated Value $_____
10. _____ Estimated Value $_____

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $_____

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) - $ 293.80

(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, Muneyoshi Kuromi, R.R. # 2 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)
this 15th day of November)
A.D. 1947 Sidney Hyde) A Commissioner &c.

M. Kuromi

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.

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KUROMI, Muneyoshi

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

1.	Dresser	Estimated Value...	$ 12.00
2.	Kitchen Utensils (4 boxes)	Estimated Value...	$ 60.00
3.	Japanese Steam Cooker	Estimated Value...	$ 5.00
4.	Electric Plate	Estimated Value...	$ 8.00
5.	Japanese Dolls	Estimated Value...	$ 20.00
6.	Books (3 Boxes)	Estimated Value...	$ 29.00
7.	Miscellaneous Articles (3 boxes)	Estimated Value...	$27.00
8.	2 Double Beds	Estimated Value...	$ 40.00
9.	1 Kitchen Table 1 Dining Table	Estimated Value...	$ 8.00
10.	Garden Hose	Estimated Value...	$ 5.00
11.	Dining Room Chairs	Estimated Value...	$ 8.00
12.	Wheelbarrow	Estimated Value...	$ 3.80
13.	Kitchen Cupboard	Estimated Value...	$ 3.00
14.	Carpenter Tools	Estimated Value...	$ 65.00
			$293.80

Muneyoshi Kuromi
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

05670
Reg. No.

EXHIBIT No. 9 Ord
DATE MAY 7 1948
FILED BY Mr Mc Master

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
(Kitchen Utasils)						
1 pot	1940	New	$ 3.50		Good	
2 kettles	"	"	5.00	$10.00	"	$7.00
1 pot (small)	"	"	1.50		"	
3 doz. rice bowls	1939	"	6.00		"	
3 doz. cup & saucers	"	"	6.00	$20.00	"	$13.00
3 plate (large)	"	"	6.00		"	
1 plate (small)	"	"	2.00		"	
2 eggshaped plate	1938	"	3.00		"	
1 large plate	"	"	3.00		"	
1 set 4 decked plate	"	"	3.50	$19.00	"	$12.00
1 set picnic box	"	"	4.50		"	
2 serving trays	"	"	2.50		"	
2 pans (large	"	"	2.50		"	
Description of Storage of Goods:						
1 Japanese-English dictionary	1939	New	$8.00		Good	$4.00
(Miscellaneous)						
1 tricicycle	1937	New	$5.00		Good	$2.50
1 pedal car	"	"	3.00		"	1.50
1 baby go-cart	"	"	25.00		"	12.00
2 shovels	1940	"	3.00		"	2.00
1 rake	"	"	1.00		"	..75
General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:						
1 shears	1940	New	$1.00		Good	.75
1 steaming basket	1939 (cooker)	"	2.00		"	3.50
1 electric stove	1939 (electric plate)	New	5.00		"	5.00
1 gas stove	1940	"	8.00		"	7.50
3 dolls	1940	New	10.00		"	12.00
2 double-bed (with springs)	1938	"	20.00		"	30.00
	1941 (steel)	"	40.00			
Additional Comments, if any:						
1 table (round)	1937	Used	$8.00		Good	$4.00
1 table (square)	1937	New	5.00		"	3.00
1 garden hose 50 ft. with nozzle	1940	"	6.00		"	4.00
Total forwarded 33 Items (lo reverse side			$187.00			$125.50

(Reverse)

M. Kuromi
SIGNATURE

Description of Motor Items	Approximate Date Purchase		Price Paid	Condition When Evacuated	Estimate Value at date of evacuation
7 chair	1937	New	$10.50	Good	$7.00
1 wheelbarrow	1939	"	4.00	"	2.50
1 cabinet cupboard	1937	"	5.00	"	2.50
(tools)					
1 square	1937	"	4.50	"	3.00
1 hack saw	1936	"	1.50	"	1.00
1 plane (large)	1937	"	8.00	"	5.00
1 plane (small)	"	"	5.00	"	3.00
1 rip saw	"	"	3.50	"	2.50
2 cross cut saw	"	"	7.00	"	5.00
1 square (small)	"	"	2.00	"	1.50
1 hatchet	"	"	2.50	"	2.00
1 auger brace (complete)	"	"	20.00	"	12.50
1 chisel (large)	"	"	3.00	"	2.00
1 chisel	"	"	2.00	"	1.50
2 nail hammer	"	"	3.00	"	2.00
1 machine hammer	"	"	2.25	"	1.50
1 hand drill	"	"	2.50	"	1.50
1 level	"	"	3.50	"	2.50
1 blow torch	"	"	7.00	"	5.00
1 pipe wrench (14")	"	"	2.25	"	1.50
1 pipe wrench (18")	"	"	3.25	"	2.50
1 draw knife	"	"	1.80	"	1.00
1 tin snips	"	"	2.50	"	1.50
1 dresser	1934	"	25.00	"	10.00
Total 24 items			$131.55		$78.00
33 (carried from reverse side)			$187.00		$125.50
Grand total 57 items			$318.55		$203.50

M. KUROMI
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

05670
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

For all articles claimed see itemized list attached hereto (with estimated values)

Total est value ——— $203.50

Description of Storage of Goods: all of the goods claimed were left in the Japanese Language School (Kitsilano), 1642, W 2nd Ave Vancouver school locked and Custodian advised - These goods were all crated and boxed and identified with my name

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

n/a —

Additional Comments, if any: I am advised by the Custodian that he did not store these goods and that the School premises were broken into and goods stolen on several occasions. I have allowed for depreciation on all articles claimed.

M. Kuromi
SIGNATURE

EXHIBIT No. 95-1
DATE MAY 7 1948
FILED BY Mr McMaster

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 902

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EXHIBIT No. 95-2
DATE MAY 7 1948
FILED BY

October 31st, 1945.

Mr. Muneyoshi KUROMI,
Registration No. 05670,
TASHME, B.C.

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Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain

G. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS:LBM

Dear Sir

Ref. File No 902

In reply to your letter of Oct. 31. I wish to say that I am positive that I left ~~my~~ the chattels at the ~~[illegible]~~ School on 1st Ave, at the time of the registration ~~and~~ I was told ~~by the~~ that the custodian will ~~[illegible]~~ pick up the chattels for me. ~~that~~ I did not sell the chattels. positively ~~At that time I gave the list~~

I shall appreciate it very much if you will again investigate the whereabouts of the ~~again~~ chattels.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 902

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 19th, 1945.

Mr. Muneyoshi KUROMI,
Reg. No. 05670,
TASHME, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 12th instant stating that you left your chattels at the Japanese School on First Avenue. We presume you mean the school at 1672 West 1st Avenue, in which event we would inform you that any chattels found in this building were moved to Custodian warehouse and there sold at public auction.

If you left articles in this school building with your name on them, and if they were there when our truckers removed the chattels from this location, they would be sold and the proceeds credited to your account. However no chattels were found bearing your name or registration number.

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G. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS:LBM

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd DEC 13 1945
File No. 902
Ans.
Referred

Tashme, B. C.
December 12, 1945.

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Protection Department
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B. C.

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I shall greatly appreciate it if you will investigate again and let me know the result.

Yours truly,

M. Kuromi

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Muneyoshi Kuromi
Registration No. 05670

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No 902 EXHIBIT No.

NAME KUROMI, M uneyoshi REG. No. 05670

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION July 27/42	TAKEN BY			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
EVACUATION July 28/42	DATE						
Japanese School, 1st Ave., Vancouver, B.C .		1. Dresser	12.00				12.00
1 dresser		2. Kitchen utensils (4 boxes)	60.00				60.00
1 electric stove		3. Jap. Steam cooker	5.00				5.00
4 boxes of kitchen		4. Electric Plate	8.00				8.00
utensils		5. Japanese Dolls	20.00				20.00
1 rice cooker		6. Books (3 boxes)	29.00				10.00
1 box of Japanese dolls		7. Miscellaneous articles 3 boxes	27.00				27.00
1 box of books		8. 2 double beds	40.00				40.00
1 bdle. misc. tools		9. 1 kitchen table					8.00
2 complete beds,		10. 1 dining table	8.00				5.00
2 tables		11. Garden hose	5.00				8.00
1 water hose		12. Dining Room chairs	8.00				3.80
5 chairs		13. Wheelbarrow	3.80				3.00
1 wheel barrow		14. Kitchen Cupboard	3.00				65.00
1 cupboard		15. Carpenter Tools	65.00				274.80
1 bdle carpenter's tools			293.80				
These things are to be left in the basement at the above address in the care of Mr. Shimi, who has the key of the Japanese School. Mr. Shimi lives at 1642 - West 2nd Ave., Vancouver.							

Recap of Claim

$274.80 declared not found

19.00 no previous record

293.80

No 902

No. 05670

EXHIBIT No.

CASE No. 95-3

VENUE EXHIBIT No. MAY 7 1948

DATE FILED BY

SALES ON	SALES TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
			12.00					No goods identified as the property of this man were found by the Custodian. On Nov.11/42 Mr. Toshiaki Sumi, Chairman of the Maintenance Committee of the Kitsilano Japanese Language School, 1672 West 1st, Vancouver, who had been looking after the affairs of the institution up to the time of his evacuation, informed the Custodian that only school property was left in the building. There is no record of any break-ins in this building before the evacuation of Mr. Toshiaki Sumi, Sept. 29,1942, and since only school property remained in the building at the time of Mr.Sumi's evacuation, the goods of Mr. Kuromi must have been removed by someone when, as reported by Mr.Sumi,Nov.11/42, "most of the people took their goods out before they left Vancouver."
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EXHIBIT No. _____

DATE MAY 7 1948

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FILE No. 902 EXHIBIT No. CASE No. 95-3

REG. No. 05670 VENUE

EXHIBIT No. 1
DATE MAY 7 1948
FILED BY

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FILE No. 902

EXHIBIT No. 95 - 4

DATE May 7 1948

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

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.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: KUROMI Muneyoshi

HOME ADDRESS: 1677 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 05670 SEX: Male AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Sawmill Worker, Granville Island

(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: Spencer Nelson Ltd. 744 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Sekino

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: 1. Ryuji (M)

2. Takehiko (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1. Hope B.C. 2. interned.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 34, 32 yrs

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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: none

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 1677 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

6 room, 3 storey, wooden house. Occupies 2 rooms on 2nd Floor

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mr Sheba same address

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

$10.00 per month. Paid up to July 27, 1942.

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:

Japanese School, 1st Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

1 dresser, 1 electric stove, 4 boxes of kitchen utensils, 1 rice cooker 1 box Japanese dolls, 1 box books, 1 bundle of miscellaneous tools, 2 complete beds, 2 tables, 1 water hose, 5 chairs, 1 wheel barrow, 1 cupboard, 1 bundle of carpenter's tools.

These things are to be left in the basement at the above address in the care of Mr Shimi, who has the key of the Japanese School. Mr Shimi lives at 1642 W 2nd Ave., Vancouver.

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:

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)

Mr Dan owes declarant $800.00 for cutting wood, about 1931, who lives in Victoria.

Address unknown

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

None

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:

None

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 27th day of July 1942

(Signature) "M.Kuromi"

"D.M.Chope"
Witness

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

August 9th 1948

M. Scoby

April 20th 1948.

Mr. Muneyoshi Kuromi,
c/o Mr. I.Kobayashi,
R.R.#1,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst. was duly received, and we wrote to the Secretary of the Sub-Commission at Vernon, requesting that he forward your claim to Kamloops. If you have not already received notice of the date set for hearing your evidence at Kamloops, you will be receiving this within a few days.

Yours truly,

A. WATSON
Per.

SECRETARY.

VW.

C/O I. KOBAYASHI
R.R. # 1
KAMLOOPS, B.C.
April 11th, 1948.

The Commissioner
Jap Claim Hearing.

Dear Sir:

I received your notification of attend the hearing at Vernon on the 23rd inst. And am to ask you if I could attend Kamloops Hearing ~~if it~~ instead of Vernon as I have moved to Kamloops recently and it would be much convenience to me to attend the hearing in here if any in the near future.

I shall be very much appreciate if you would be good enough to inform me in any case in this regard.

Very truly yours
MUNETOSHI. KUROMI
(REG. 05670)

April 16th 1948.

The Custodian,
Department of Secretary of State,
675 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention of Mr.Russell

Dear Sir,

Re Claim - Muneyoshi KUROMI Reg'n.No.05670.

This claim was on the list for hearing at Vernon. We received a letter from the claimant on the 13th inst. stating that he is now living at Kamloops and wishes to have his evidence taken there. Accordingly we wrote to the Secretaries at Vernon and Kamloops asking if the claimant's wishes could be carried out. We now have word from Mr.Colley, Secretary at Kamloops, stating that he has set Wednesday, 19th May, as the date for hearing of this claim.

We enclose two copies of additional list supplied to this office by Mr.Colley.

Yours truly,

Enc.
VW.

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In hands of Comr.