Name of Claimant KURAMOTO, Yoshio Case 271

Custodian File 914

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY								
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear						
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column	

NETS						
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price	Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing	Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	

MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS								
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim 46%	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price	
				211.50	97.29			97.29

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	97.29

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PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99

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(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE ERIC P. DAWSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government
A.E. COBUS, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

L.A. DODD, Esq.,	Secretary to Grand Forks Sub-Commission
G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,	Official Interpreter
G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,	Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim of Mrs. Yoshi Kuramoto.

THE COMMISSIONER: Could I have the number of that case?

MR. COBUS: That will be Case No. 271, your honour. It is No. 34 on the Secretary's list, your honour.

(MRS) YOSHI KURAMOTO, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

10 THE COMMISSIONER: You have some amendments, I presume?

MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour, I would ask leave to amend the claim for personal property by replacing the itemized list with a total claim for chattels of $211.50 with a reference to the personal chattels statement which will be filed.

THE COMMISSIONER: Then the list on the claim form all comes out, does it?

MR. COBUS: Exactly, your honour, with, perhaps, a note to the effect that the total claim for
20 chattels amounts to $211.50 and a reference to the personal chattels statement, indicating where the itemized list is to be found.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be filed, won't it?

MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the personal chattels for which you are claiming. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this
30 statement for you and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: And the statements contained therein are true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

Q: On this statement you have itemized all of the chattels for which you are claiming, have you not?

A: Yes.

Q: And in this final column you have indicated the estimated value of each item on the list?

10 A: Yes.

Q: And the total of the estimated value of the items is $211.50? A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: The total of the items, your honour, as shown, $211.50, agrees now with the amended claim.

I would ask to file the statement concerning personal chattels as the first exhibit.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to the statement, your honour, the goods above listed on the statement --

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you would just wait until I get that, after it is marked.

MR. COBUS: I am sorry, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, Mr. Cobus.

MR. COBUS: As to storage, your honour, the claimant says that the goods above and other goods not claimed for were left at 1710 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, in the care of Mr. Lornie, 2910 Marine Drive West, Vancouver, and the key handed to him. She understands the Custodian, late in 1942,

30 removed the goods to his storage, and that Mr.

Lornie advised the Custodian that they were in good condition when removed to his storage, I gather "his" indicating the Custodian's storage. As to comments on the condition of the chattels claimed, the claimant says that the range the Custodian reports abandoned could not have been hers as hers was in very good condition and had only been bought in 1939. The same applies to her linoleum. She has added to her claim as
10 filed the heater stove and the two tables in the list set out earlier in the statement. These are included in the list which the Custodian sent her of goods he had removed to storage. She had mislaid her copy of this list when filing her claim and overlooked these two items.

I would ask my learned friend to produce the list of chattels which were removed by the Custodian into storage.

THE COMMISSIONER: That would be a list made by the
20 Custodian when they were taken by the Custodian.

MR. COBUS: Exactly.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

I have from the Custodian's file what purports to be a list of goods on hand at warehouse at 992 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C. In the list concerning the chattels for which she is claiming, she indicated that she had omitted in her original claim to claim for a heater and two small tables. These items are shown on
30 this storage list as items Nos. 21 and 38 and

39. I file that on behalf of the Crown.

(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: Would my learned friend produce the letter of Mr. D. Lornie to the Custodian concerning the condition of the goods which were removed from his custody into that of the Custodian?

MR. McINNES: Are you going to put it in as an exhibit?

MR. COBUS: Yes.

I have what purports to be a letter dated November 11, 1944, addressed to the Office of the Custodian, signed by one D. Lornie, whose address appears on the letter to be 2910 Marine Drive. In part the letter reads: "I can assure you these articles were in good condition when they were taken to your warehouse as they were kept in a good dry basement and, like Mrs. Kuramoto, I cannot understand how these articles could be condemned."

THE COMMISSIONER: Is this letter dealing with these articles, or dealing with general articles?

MR. COBUS: His letter is in reply to an inquiry from the Custodian, I gather, addressed to this Mr. Lornie.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It is submitted, your honour, that if these goods came into the control of the Custodian that the claim for the value thereof is exhorbitant. It will be further submited that these goods were left by the claimant with this Man Lornie, and some question will arise as to

the condition of the goods. There is a record in the file signed by one Thompson, an auctioneer, that the range and linoleum claimed for were abandoned as being in bad order and unsaleable.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is a record of the auctioneer?

MR. McINNES: There is a memorandum by him.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see, merely a memorandum.

10 MR. COBUS: I am assuming, your honour, that that remark merely backs the original defence that my learned friend has already indicated.

MR. McINNES: That is all; I am simply pointing it out for my friend's benefit. I am not suggesting that I have offered any proof here this morning.

THE COMMISSIONER: No.

MR. McINNES: That is all.

THE COMMISSIONER: You don't want to cross-examine the

20 claimant?

MR. McINNES: No, your honour.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

Gordon Hambleton

G. Hambleton,
Official Reporter

Eric P. Dawson

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

30 the evidence adduced before me.

E.P. Dawson,
Sub- Commissioner.

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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.

ACKNOWLEDGED N 914 Zonks

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

(1) NAME KURAMOTO (Print) Surname Yoshi (Mrs.) Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 00041

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 1701 W. Georgia St., VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) Present Address Box 457, GREENWOOD, 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
D. Lornie, West Vancouver, B.C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
without packing or crating

(over)

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(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")

~~Left under care of Mr. Lornie, but Custodian removed all without our consent or notification~~

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

1.	Stove	Estimated Value $ 100.00
2.	Linoleums 2 pieces	Estimated Value $ 30.00
3.	Clock	Estimated Value $ 10.00
4.	Cabinet	Estimated Value $ 10.00
5.	Beds and Springs 3 set	Estimated Value $ 50.00
6.	Mohogany china cabinet	Estimated Value $ 8.00
7.	Chairs 7 pieces	Estimated Value $ 7.00
8.	Electric Shaver	Estimated Value $ 16.00
9.	Baby scale	Estimated Value $ 5.00
10.		Estimated Value $

Refer to Memorandum dated for Total Claim

Total Claim for Clothes 211.50 to be filed later

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ 236.00

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

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - $ ~~236.00~~ 211.50

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

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

Greenwood, preferred; Nelson, if necessary

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 B. C.)
TO WIT:)

I, Yoshi Kuramoto of the City
of Greenwood 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 Greenwood)
in the Province of B. C.) Y Kuramoto
this 20th day of November)
A.D. 1947. L A Dodd) ~~A Commissioner &c.~~

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.

Notary Public in & for the Province of
~~British Columbia, Canada.~~

Mrs Y Kuramoto
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT No. 271-1
DATE 22/5/48
FILLED BY Claimant

— 00041 —
Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
1 Kitchen range (stove)	1939	new	125.00	good	100.00
2 rolls lino (for 2 rooms)	1939	new	40.00	good	25.00
1 cabinet (kitchen)	made 1939 by carpenter	new	cost 20.00	good	10.00
3 steel beds (double) with springs + mattresses	1933	new	120.00	good	50.00
1 mahogany china cabinet (glass doors)	made 1936 by carpenter	new	cost 20.00	good	8.00
7 kitchen chairs	1936	new	14.00	fair	7.00
1 heater stove	1938	new	7.50	fair	4.00
2 small tables: 1 spread table with leaves	1934	new	10.00	good	5.00
1 kitchen table	1934	new	5.00	good	2.50
					$211.50

~~Description of Storage of Goods:~~

Storage The goods above (and other goods not claimed for) were left at 1710 W Georgia St, Vancouver, in the c/o of Mr W. Lornie of 2910 Marine Drive, West Vancouver and were handed to him. I understand that the Custodian, later in 1942, removed the goods to his storage and that Mr Lornie advised the Custodian that they were in good condition when removed to his storage.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

none claimed for except as above

Additional Comments, if any: The range the Custodian reports abandoned could not have been mine as mine was in very good condition and had only been bought (new) in 1939; this also applies to my linoleum. I have added to my claim, as billed, the heater stove and the two tables lastly set out above. These are included in the list Y Kuramoto gave the Custodian of goods he removed to his storage. I mislaid my copy of this list when filing my claim and overlooked these items.

SIGNATURE

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EXHIBIT No.

DATE 26/5/48

FILED BY Crown

Name: KURAMOTO, Mrs Yoshi

File: 914

Reg No. 00041

GOODS ON HAND AT WAREHOUSE AT
992 POWELL ST. VANCOUVER, B. C.

1. Range (B.O.) } condemned.
2. Range Top and Base }
3. Carton } 2 cartons shipped 31.3.44
7. Carton } 3 " on hand 8.1.45
8. Carton }
15. Carton }
17. Carton
18. Glass Cabinets (B.O.) } 2 on hand 8.1.45
19. Cabinet }
20. 6 Kitchen Chairs
21. Heater
23. Box
28. Vanity Bench
29. Roll of Lino. } Condemned
30. " " " }
31. Bed Spring — 1 shipped 31.3.44
32. " "
33. " "
34. Mattress — 1 shipped 31.3.44
35. "
36. "
38. Small table
39. " "
41. Chest of Drawers
43. Set of Wood Bed Ends } 1 bed shipped 31.3.44
44. Set of Wood Bed Sides }
45. Set of Iron Bed Ends. }
46. " " " " " }
47. 4 Bed Rails }
48. Bdle Curtain Rods. }

2 Wedding Cakes

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

Dated November.4.1942...Signed ..".Y..Kuramoto"....
Please sign and return one copy to this office.

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

August 17th 1948 M. Scales

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EXHIBIT No.

DATE 26/5/48

FILED BY Crown

2910 Marine Dr
West Vancouver,
Nov 11th 1944.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 31st ultimo, re Mrs Kuramoto's chattels which was left in my care for a few weeks only.

I can assure you these articles were in good condition when they were taken to your warehouse, as they were kept in a good dry basement, and like Mrs Kuramoto I cannot understand how these articles could be condemned.

Are you sure there hasn't been a mix up in the storing of same?

Everything was in the same condition when it left here as when I received them, as they were never handled and they were kept dry in a large and well ventilated basement.

Several people who saw the chattels can prove that everything was in good condition, and that some mistake must have been made in the storing of same in your warehouse.

Yours faithfully,

"W. Lornie".

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

August 17th 1948

M. Scott