

Name of Claimant

MURAO, Ysaukichi and Hatsu

Case.....

285

Custodian File

1433 &amp; 5246

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										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% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Total	Amount	
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
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 & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										Total
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 Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
						00 663.00			00	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										Total
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	Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
				198.00	91.08					
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										555.18

CASE NO: 285

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Grand Forks, B.C.

May 28, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

YASUKICHI MURAO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

Original

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 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.M.R. UPTON, Esq., Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq., Official Reporter.

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Y. Murao  
In Chief

MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Murao, Yasukichi, which is No. 48 on the Secretary's list; Case No. 285.

YASUKICHI MURAO, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

10 Q: Witness, the claim that was submitted for personal property herein was submitted by Hatsu Murao. Is Hatsu Murao your wife?

A: Yes.

Q: And did you authorize her to submit the claim on your behalf?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim for personal property which is the subject of this claim.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Are you filing an authority in this case? Is this man acting on behalf of his wife?

MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, is the claim of the witness present, but the claim form is shown as being that of Mr. Yasukichi Murao per Mrs. Hatsu Murao, who is his wife.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. COBUS: It was signed by his wife.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

30 MR. COBUS: The amendments I would like to make, your honour, would be to combine under one head, cork line, lead line, and nets, and show a value for

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In Chief

those articles of \$750.00 in place of the three amounts typed in on the original claim form. With respect to the household goods, the amount now claimed is \$198.00. The total claim becomes \$948, and we show no credit to the Custodian at all, leaving the total claim \$948.00.

10 Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning personal property of fishing gear nature. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement for you and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

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

A: Yes.

Q: In your statement, witness, you refer to a list attached to the statement. I produce to you a list of cork lines, lead lines and nets. Is this the list to which your statement refers?

A: Yes.

20 Q: In this list, in the final column, you show certain amounts under the heading "Estimated Value." Are those amounts your opinion of a fair market value for the items so valued? A: Yes.

Q: And the remainder of the information contained in the list, is that information correct to the best of your memory? A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the personal property statement and list, your honour, as one exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 1.

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MR. COBUS: Referring to the statement and list, your honour, exhibit No. 1, the list has itemized each and every cork line and lead line and net for which claim is being made. It gives details as to the age of the nets and the original value as well and at the bottom he has a recapitulation showing the cotton cork lines to be \$230.00, and I think in error has shown the lead line to be worth \$520.00.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: That is probably the total of both, isn't it?

MR. COBUS: No, your honour.

Q: This \$520.00 item, witness, would appear to be the total estimated value of nets, whereas in your recapitulation you show "Total lead lines, \$520.00.

MR. McINNES: I am agreeable to you amending it yourself.

MR. COBUS: May I do that without any objection?

20 MR. McINNES: Yes.

MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would ask that that recapitulation on the list be amended to read "Total cork lines and lead lines \$230.00, Total nets, \$520.00."

THE COMMISSIONER: Total cork and lead lines \$230.00, and these are the nets, the second lot.

MR. COBUS: Yes in place of lead lines.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. COBUS: Referring now to the statement, your hon-  
30 our, the witness says that all nets and lines

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claimed were left in the net house at Imperial Cannery, B.C. Packers, Steveston, B.C. identified with name tags. "On the cannery list my name, Y. Murao, was given No. 2." He comments that he has never received any money from the Custodian in respect of his nets and lines and that he has allowed for depreciation on the nets and lines claimed.

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

A: Yes.

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

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the personal chattels statement as the next exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

20 MR. COBUS: The statement, your honour, contains an itemized list of all the articles for which claim is being made. In the right hand column is shown the estimated values of the articles claimed and the information concerning the date of purchase and what articles are new and used, when purchased, the price paid therefor, and the condition has been given.

30 The claimant says that in his J.P. form he was in error in stating that these goods, and other goods for which he is not now claiming,

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were left at the Imperial Cannery, Steveston. They were left in No. 5 house, Phoenix Cannery. He informed the Custodian in November, 1944, that the goods were left in No. 2 house, Phoenix Cannery, in error, and when the Custodian advised him that he found no goods of his in No. 2 house, the claimant then realized his error and sent him a list of household effects which he had left in No. 5 house, Phoenix Cannery. He is given to understand that the Custodian found and removed those goods to his storage. He adds that he has never received any monies from the Custodian with respect to any of the goods for which he is claiming. He says that he has allowed for depreciation on all the articles claimed.

I would ask my learned friend to produce the analysis of personal property claim.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

I have, produced from the Custodian's file, your honour, a document headed Analysis of Personal Property Claim, which I would ask to file on behalf of the Crown.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. COBUS: Would my learned friend also produce the storage list or lists from the Custodian's file?

MR. McINNES: May it please your honour, in producing this document, which I am doing at the request of my learned friend, I wish to submit



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that it is not to be taken as any admission that we had any of the goods claimed by this claimant.

MR. COBUS: My learned friend has produced what we have been calling storage lists or warehouse lists, which shows that on the 26th of June, 1942, certain goods were removed from Phoenix Cannery, No. 5, to warehouse No. 3 basement, aisle 4. In red pencil the Custodian has made a note to  
10 the effect that it is file 1433 or 5246.

THE COMMISSIONER: Does it list in detail what was removed, what it consisted of?

MR. COBUS: It lists in quite minute detail, your honour, items from 1 to 21, and then several other items in a scattered fashion on the right hand side.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is that the list referred to in this statement as "Ref. P.P.1?"

MR. COBUS: It is marked P.P.1.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: That is referred to in this statement: "Chattels as per Ref P.P.1 found and removed to storage, found missing or discarded."

MR. COBUS: That is right, your honour, and I would ask that that be filed, your honour, on behalf of the Crown.

(STORAGE LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

MR. COBUS: With respect to the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, your honour, which is Exhibit 3, the only comment I would make concerning  
30 it is in regard to the amount shown under "Sales

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Discussion

at Auction" of \$35.00. That \$35.00 item was for a Singer sewing machine as indicated by that row of dots across the top of the sheet, and no claim is being made for the sewing machine.

Your witness.

10 MR. McINNES: If it please your honour, it will be submitted that the claim, for both the nets and for the personal goods and chattels does not come within the Terms of Reference as neither of the matters came within the hands or under the control of the Custodian.

With reference to this sewing machine just referred to, I make this statement for the benefit of my friend. It appears that the sewing machine was sold, but it was not sold under the name of this claimant or his wife, it was in the name of someone else, I believe a brother or sister.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: There is no claim made for that, anyway.

MR. COBUS: No.

MR. McINNES: No, but I think the purpose of my friend in introducing that was to show we had part of the goods and therefore we were responsible for them all. I am simply pointing out that that sewing machine was not sold in the name of this claimant, but someone else's name; that it transpired later that it was her machine and she got the money for it.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: It was sold as the property of

someone else.

MR. McINNES: Yes.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: I am producing a letter to you. Will you look at that and see if it is your letter?

A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: I will just read the letter into the record, your honour, and will ask to file it as an exhibit. It is dated at Greenwood, B.C., November 30th, 1944 addressed to Mr. R.B. Mackedie, the Custodian's Office, Vancouver, B. C. "Dear Sir: Re File No. 1433. Thanking you for your enquiry dated 22nd inst. With reference to my effects which I declared on April 3rd, 1942, left at Imperial Cannery house at Steveston, I beg to inform you that I made mistake upon the place where I left the above stated chattels when I reported on J.P. form. Actually, the same have been left at No. 2 house Phoenix Cannery (A.B.C. Packing Co.) at Steveston, so I would like you kindly have your attention toward this direction in checking up my belongings. Yours truly, Yasukichi Murao, Reg. No. 03870."

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

THE COMMISSIONER: What was the date of that?

MR. McINNES: The date of the letter, Mr. Dodd?

THE SECRETARY: November 30, 1944.

MR. McINNES: Q: I produce to you another letter.

30 Is that your letter?

A: Yes.

Q: Please look at the pages attached to it. Do those refer to your goods and your nets and lines? A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: I would like to just read it, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the date of that?

MR. McINNES: January 11th, 1947. That is filed as Exhibit 6.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

10 MR. McINNES: It is addressed to Mr. Peters of the Custodian's office: "In accordance with your kind advice dated December 12th, 1946, I am enclosing herewith an itemized list of the goods which I actually left in the house at Steveston when I evacuated the coast area. I am also enclosing a list of fishing gears which I left in one of houses belonging to the Imperial Cannery of Steveston, for which I shall be much obliged if would kindly take proper steps for protection  
20 of my interests. Yours truly, Y. Murao."

Then attached thereto is a list of household goods and a list of nets.

Q: Now, Mr. Murao, this letter of January, 1947, which I have just read is the first occasion upon which you gave the Custodian any detailed information about your nets and lines?

A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: That is all.

MR. COBUS: Could my learned friend advise in whose  
30 name the Singer sewing machine was sold?

MR. McINNES: I think I can. Nariwa, Y. Nariwa,  
and he is a brother, your honour, of Hatsu  
Murao, the wife of this present witness.

MR. COBUS: Q: Witness, who is Y. Nariwa?

A: My wife's brother.

MR. COBUS: Your honour, with regard to the storage  
list which was filed as an exhibit, I would call  
particular attention to the fact that the stor-  
age list was taken under the name of Y. Nariwa.

10 I would ask my learned friend to advise  
the file number the Custodian has given to the  
present claimant, Y. Murao.

MR. McINNES: The file number?

MR. COBUS: Yes.

MR. McINNES: Yes, 1433.

MR. COBUS: And can he advise me as well the file  
number of Mrs. Hatsu Murao?

MR. McINNES: 5246.

MR. COBUS: I point out that on the storage list, your  
20 honour, both file numbers appear noted thereon.

THE COMMISSIONER: You mean this reference to "File  
1433 or 5246?"

MR. COBUS: Yes. In other words, it was filed in  
either the claimant's file or cross referenced  
to the file of his wife.

Would my learned friend produce the J.P.  
form?

Q: Witness, I produce to you a document known as a  
J.P. form dated the 3rd of April, 1942, and signed  
30 Y. Murao. Is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: In this form you did in fact declare nets including lines as listed under the statement of personal property owned, is that correct?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the J.P. form on behalf of the Crown, your honour.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7)

MR. COBUS: I have nothing more to ask this witness.

10 MR. McINNES: No questions.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

*Gordon Hambleton*  
G. Hambleton  
Official Reporter

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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

*Eric P. Dawson*  
E.P. Dawson  
Sub-Commissioner

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DEC - 2 1947

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGED  
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5-246-M  
1433-Y

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

per Murao Hatsu (Mrs.) 04501

(1) NAME MURAO Yasukichi (Mr.) (RCMP) Reg. No. 03870  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address STEVESTON, B.C.

(3) Present Address 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  
IMPERIAL CANNERY'S (B.C. PACKERS LTD.) STEVESTON, B.C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Stored with tags attached.

House-hold Goods stored at House #2 Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B.C.  
(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 CUSTODIAN'S CARE

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

1. Cork Line	Estimated Value \$	180.00	} 750 <sup>00</sup>
2. Lead Line	Estimated Value \$	165.00	
3. Nets	Estimated Value \$	570.00	
4. Household Goods	Estimated Value \$	400.00	} 148 <sup>00</sup>
5. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	
6. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	
7. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	
8. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	
9. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	
10. _____	Estimated Value \$	_____	

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ ~~1255.00~~ 948<sup>00</sup>

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) - - - - - \$ ~~1255.00~~ 948<sup>00</sup>

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no. Yes  
 (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

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, Hatsu Murao, wife of Yasukichi Murao 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. )  
 this 24th day of November )  
 A.D. 1947. La Sods )

Hatsu Murao  
 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.*



OWNER: MURAO YASUKICHI

DESCRIPTION	FATHOM.	AGE.	ORG. VALUE	ESTIMATED VALUE
COTTON CORKLINE	160	1 YR.	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
" " "	160	"	50.00	75.00
" " "	150	7 YRS	40.00	15.00
" " "	150	1 YR	40.00	20.00
" " "	170	"	30.00	10.00
COTTON LEADLINE	700	1 YR	65.00	30.00
" " "	170	"	50.00	25.00
" " "	170	"	50.00	25.00
" " "	170	"	50.00	25.00
" " "	150	"	40.00	20.00
" " "	100	"	25.00	10.00
TOTAL				\$ 730.00

SOCKEY GILL NET 9" x 40M	150	1 YR.	700.00	90.00
" " " 5 1/2 x 50 "	75	"	50.00	30.00
" " " 6 1/2 x 40 "	150	"	750.00	135.00
" " " 7 x 40 "	700	"	255.00	140.00
" " " 5 1/4 x 50 "	750	"	700.00	25.00
" " " 5 1/2 x 50 "	150	"	50.00	30.00
TOTAL				\$ 570.00

Less the  
 TOTAL: COTTON CORKLINE 730.00  
 " " " & LEADLINE NETS 570.00  
 \$ 750.00

Cameo

EXHIBIT No. 285-1  
 DATE 28/5/48  
 FILLED BY Cameo

Y. Murao  
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY  
(Fishing vessels, gear and equipment)

03870  
Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimated value at Evacuation
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see list attached hereto of nets and lines

\$750.00

VESSELS SOLD BY CUSTODIAN

NAME	Reg. No.	Type	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Maintenance Work	Condition When Evacuated	With whom left	Estimated Value
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na

Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:

Type	Date	Cost
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na

EXHIBIT No. 285-1  
 DATE 28/5/48  
 FILLED BY claimant.

OTHER GEAR:

Description	Date Purchased	New or Used	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at date of evacuation
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Arrangements made for storage when evacuated:

all nets and lines claimed were left in the net house at Imperial Cannery (B.C. Packers), Steveston ~~B.C.~~, identified with name tags. On the Cannery list my name "Y. Murao" was given for

Additional Comments, if any:

I have never received any money from the Custodian in respect of my nets and lines. I have allowed for depreciation on nets and lines claimed.

Y. Murao  
SIGNATURE

Y. Nuroo  
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT No. 285-2  
DATE 28/5/48  
FILLED BY Claimant

03870  
Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid (approx)	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
2 steel beds (complete)	1940	new	105.00	good	75.00
1 " " (complete)	1940 (later)	new			25.00
1 heater stove	1940	new	35.00	"	
2 kitchen tables	made 1937	new	cost 75.00 (labor + materials)	"	75.00
1 table and 4 chairs	1937	new	5.00	"	5.00
2 Coleman gas stoves	1938	new	15.00	"	10.00
3 coal oil lanterns	1938	new	4.50	"	3.00
2 Pers rubber boots	1942	new	12.50	very good - used 1 month	10.00
2 Bony Jap dolls (16 dolls - different sizes)	1939	new	cost average of 5 each - 30.00	very good	40.00
1 box kitchen utensils compr - ung. sup. sugar plates, diff knives, knives, forks, spoons, - Cups		new	about 50.00	good	25.00
rats and pigs etc					

\$ 198.00

In my J.P form I was in error in stating that these goods (and other goods for which I am not now claiming) were left at the Imperial Canning, Sturston. They were left in no 5 house, Phoenix Cannery, Sturston. I informed the custodian (in error) in Nov '44 that the goods were left in no 2 house, Phoenix Cannery and when he advised me that he found no goods of mine in no 2 house. I realized the error, and sent him a list of household objects which I had left in no 5 house, Phoenix Cannery. I understand that the custodian engaged these goods to his storage.

Additional Comments, if any:

I have never received any monies from the custodian with respect to any of the goods for which I am claiming. I have allowed for depreciation on all articles claimed.

Y. Nuroo  
SIGNATURE

# ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 04501

EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Yasukichi & Hatsu (Mrs Yasukichi) MURAO (Claim filed by Hatsu MURAO)

REG. No. 5246

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
Hatsu DECLARATION <u>23 Apr 42</u>	TAKEN BY _____					
EVACUATION <u>29 Apr 42</u>	DATE _____					
At Phoenix Cannery House #5 Steveston BC		Cork line 120 Lead line 165 Nets 570				
1 Singer Sewing mach.		Household goods 400		35		
		CLAIM				
						750
Yasukichi MURAO completed Form JP 3 Apr 42 and was evac. 29 Apr 42						
1 Gas Boat 8 HP approx. \$600.						
At Imperial Cannery Steveston, BC:-						
5 nets incl. lines approx. \$750.00						
1 Row boat 12' approx \$10.00						
At Imperial Cannery House:-						
Furniture, h'hold effects & kitchen utensils approx. \$200.00						

EXHIBIT No. 285-3  
 DATE 28/5/48  
 FILLED BY Crown

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
SECTION	TENDER &c							
								Sold through JFVDC \$600.00 27 May 42 -- Cstdn. not involved.
								750 (400 fathoms of cork line found under name "Y. Murao" -- as identification of correct "Y. Murao" could not be established net proceeds (\$12.50 were transferred to a Suspense Account.)
								..... Rowboat not found and as not subject of claim presumably disposed of by Murao.
								Chattels as per Ref #PP.1 found, removed to storage, now missing or discarded.

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285-3  
28/5/48  
Crown

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 DATE 28/5/48  
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Date 26 June 1942

Name NARIWA

Where from Phoenix Cannery #5

Future Address Warehouse #3 Basement Aisle 4

Measurement \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Valuation \_\_\_\_\_

- |    |                              |                             |                    |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | 2 Cartons Sundries           | 51                          | left in this house |
| 2  | 2 Boxes net twine            | 52                          | 1 bed complete     |
| 3  | 1 Sewing Machine S 10.12.43. | 53                          | 2 beds             |
| 4  | 1 Box dishes                 | 54                          | 2 springs          |
| 5  | 1 Carton do                  | 55                          | 4 chairs           |
| 6  | 1 Small case books           | 56                          | 1 heater           |
| 7  | 1 carton clothing            | 57                          | 3 H.M. tables      |
| 8  | 1 pr rubber boots            |                             |                    |
| 9  | 1 pr pants                   |                             |                    |
| 10 | 2 Jap tubs                   |                             |                    |
| 11 | 1 lantern                    |                             |                    |
| 12 | 1 Bowl                       |                             |                    |
| 13 | 1 Canvas bag                 |                             |                    |
| 14 | 1 carton Hats                |                             |                    |
| 15 | 1 lantern & globes           |                             |                    |
| 16 | 1 Ironing board              | S. Sold by auction 10/12/43 |                    |
| 17 | 1 Mattress                   | Steveston 2.                |                    |
| 18 | 1 quilt                      |                             |                    |
| 19 | 1 carton kitchenware         | S. Sold by auction 14/1/44  |                    |
| 20 | 1 de Ge Lamps S              | Steveston 3                 |                    |
| 21 | 1 Can 5 gal. 2 Can/x         |                             |                    |
| 22 |                              |                             |                    |
| 23 |                              |                             |                    |
| 24 |                              |                             |                    |
| 25 |                              |                             |                    |
| 26 |                              |                             |                    |

"Mrs Murao is Nariwa's sister"

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

August 18th 1948

M. Scully  
 P.M.

EXHIBIT 285 - 5

DATE 28/5/48

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Crown

Greenwood, B. C. Nov 30th 1944

Mr R. B. Mackedie,  
The Custodian's Office,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: File No.1433

Thanking you for your enquiry dated 22nd inst., With reference to my effectives which I declared on April 3rd 1942 left at Imperial Cannery house at Steveston, I begto inform you that I made mistake upon the place where I left the above stated chattels when I reported on "J.P." form.

Actually the sames have been left at No.2 house Phoenix Cannery (A.B.C. Packing Co.) at Steveston, so I would like you kindly have your attention toward this direction in checking up my belongings.

Yours truly,

"Yasukichi Murao"  
Reg No.03870.

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

August 18th 1948

M. Searly  
F.M.

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EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 28/5/48  
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Crown

Greenwood, B.C. Jan. 11th 1947

Mr G. Peters,  
The Custodian's Office,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: File No.1433

In accordance with your kind advice dated December 12th, 1946. I am enclosing herewith an itemised list of the goods which I actually left in the house at Steveston when I evacuated the coast area.

I am also enclosing a list of fishing gears which I left in one of houses belonging to the Imperial Cannery of Steveston, for which I shall be much obliged if would kindly take proper steps for protection of my interests.

Yours truly,

"Y. Murao".

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

August 18th 1948

M. Scully  
F. M.



Household Effects, Kitchen Utensils & other Goods left at  
No. 5 House Phoenix Cannery at Steveston.

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- 3 Bed (Steel Frame, Size double) 6 Char
- 3 Bed Spring (for above)
- 4 Blind
- 2 Cartons Japanese Toy (in paper box)
- 3 Table
- 1 Box type Heater
- 1 Small bag, Book.
- 2 Cartons Kitchen Utensils (in wooden box)
- 1 Gasoline Stove (Round type)
- 1 Camp Cook Gasoline Stove.
- 1 Carton Carpenter Tools
- 6 lbs Salmon Net Twine
- 1 Wooden Bath Tank
- 8 Cords Fire Wood
- 2 Row Boat
- 12 ft Electric Drop Cord
- 2 Clock
- 20 Ft  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Rubber hose.

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of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

August 18th 1948

M. Sealy  
F.M.

Salmon Gill Nets and Gears left at one of houses  
owned by The Imperial Cannery at Steveston.

<u>Quantities</u>	<u>Articles</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
160 Fathoms	Cotton Rope (Cork Line)	\$30.00
160 "	Ditto	30.00
150 "	Ditto	20.00
150 "	Ditto	25.00
120 "	Ditto	15.00
200 "	Cotton-Rope (Lead Line)	35.00
170 "	Ditto	30.00
170 "	Ditto	30.00
170 "	Ditto	30.00
150 "	Ditto	25.00
100 "	Ditto	15.00

  

1 Spring Net	150 Fathom x 40 Mesh by 9 in (Mesh size) 9 ply	\$100.00
1 Sockeye "	75 " x 50 " " 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (Mesh Size) 5 "	30.00
1 " "	150 " x 40 " " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Mesh " ) 5 "	150.00
1 Dog Salmon Net	200 " x 40 " " 7" ( " " ) 5 "	160.00
1 Sockeye "	250 " x 50 " " 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ( " " ) 5 "	100.00
1 " "	150 " x 50 " " 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " ( " " ) 5 "	30.00

Reported to the Imperial Cannery Office on March 28th 1942. for above.

Location of house in which the above Nets were left and stored.

One of old houses located right opposite side of old Cold Storage Plant.

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

August 19th 1948

*F. M.*  
F. M.

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: MURAO Yasukichi

HOME ADDRESS: Steveston, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03870 SEX: M AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Fisherman.

(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: Hatsue 5246

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Steveston, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Shoko (F) Nobuko (F) Mitsuyo (F) Akihiro (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Steveston, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 7, 6, 4, 2 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

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2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: 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: Steveston, B. C. 4 rooms in Cannery House.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: 5¢ per fish delivered.
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:

*see 8/6/44*  
In custody at New Westminster, B.C.: 1 Gas Boat 8 H.P., "Ben State" <sup>31'</sup> 31'x7' Approx. \$600.  
At Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.: 5 Nets including lines--Approx. \$750.00  
1 Row-boat 12' Approx. \$10.00  
" Cannery House:-Furniture, household effects and kitchen utensils  
Approx. \$200.00

*See also H693*

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

- 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: .....

REMARKS: .....

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 3rd day of April 1942.

*Geo. J. Keab*  
.....  
Witness

(Signature) *[Handwritten Signature]*

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE .....

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