Name of Claimant OKANO, Tadashi, Case 299

Custodian File 2153

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	
						9.00	4.05	4.05

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	
			00 36.00		00	25.20

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	
117.60	64.50	19.35	54.84%	281.90	154.59	1.50	.18	174.12

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	203.37

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CASE NO: 299

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Grand Forks, B.C.

June 1st, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

TADASHI OKANO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

Original

CASE NO: 299

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.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,	Official Interpreter
G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,	Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Okano, Tadashi, which is listed as No. 73 on the Secretary's list, and which becomes case No. 299, Mr. Secretary, I believe.

THE SECRETARY: Yes, 299.

MR. COBUS: I am calling Mrs. Okano.

(MRS) TSURUE OKANO, a witness called on behalf of the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

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MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would ask leave to amend the claim by deleting the claim shown for realty under 4 (e), and with respect to the personal property which is the subject of the claim, the claim for the fishing boat is abandoned subject to the Terms of Reference being broadened. The claim for furniture listed under No. 4 remains at $500.00, the credit to the Custodian, however, should read $84.70.

20 MR. McINNES: The furniture claim stands at $500.00. What is the Custodian credit?

MR. COBUS: $84.70, leaving a net claim for personalty, your honour, of $415.30.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, you are the wife of Tadashi Okano, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q: And you are giving this evidence as representing your husband, are you? A: Yes.

30 Q: I produce to you a statement concerning the

personal property for which you are claiming. 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 you make reference to a list attached. I produce to you a list headed "Personal Chattels." Is this the list to which your statement makes reference? A: Yes.

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Q: In the extreme right hand column you have indicated certain values opposite the itemized list. Do those values represent what you consider to be a fair market value for each item?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask leave to file the statement and the list attached as the first exhibit, your honour.

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(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to Exhibit 1, your honour, the value placed on the household chattels is listed on the attachment to Exhibit 1 as $500.00. All of the goods, the witness says, for which claim is being made were left at their home at 426 Imperial Cannery Steveston, B.C. I gather that is the number of the house at Imperial Cannery, Steveston B.C. The witness says that in the claim form as filed, a general claim was made for furniture, $500.00, and that by this general term "Furniture"

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was meant all household and personal chattels. She says that depreciation has been allowed. The dinner set and silverware claimed were packed in two wooden packing cases, closed, and declared by her in November, 1942. All of the articles, she goes on to say, claimed were declared by either her husband or by herself. She adds that she is representing her husband and has full knowledge of the facts relating to this claim.

10 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, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim for Tadashi and Tsurue Okano. This is in the name of both the original claimant and his wife. I file this on behalf of the Crown.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: Referring to Exhibit 2, your honour, column
20 1 indicates that Tadashi Okano made a certain declaration on the 10th of April, 1942, and that his wife, the present witness, Tsurue Okano, made a declaration on the 21st of April, 1942. In the second column is a Custodian inventory dated the 24th of November, 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: How does that check with your list, Mr. Cobus?

MR. COBUS: I was going to point out that if you will refer to the list which forms part of Exhibit 1,
30 your honour, I could indicate by certain markings,

your honour, which items are covered by which declaration or inventory; or would your honour prefer merely a statement to the effect that either the declaration of the husband or of the wife or the inventory taken by the Custodian covers all items for which claim is being made?

THE COMMISSIONER: That will probably cover the situation.

MR. COBUS: Yes.

10 As to credits found or shown on Exhibit 2, the Analysis, your honour, the column under "Auction Sales" amounts to $83.20, and that, added to the $1.50.item for a bed makes up the Custodian credit which has already been given of $84.70.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask my learned friend to produce the signed inventory list dated the 24th of November 1942.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

20 I have, produced from the Custodian's file, your honour, an inventory of chattels dated November 24, 1942 under the name of Mrs. Okano, which is signed by Mrs. Okano and covers the goods which were stored at Warehouse No. 1, Steveston, B.C., and at Imperial Cannery house.

Q: Witness, I produce to you an inventory which purports to cover certain goods at Steveston, B.C., and at the Imperial Cannery house. Is that your signature on the inventory? A: Yes.

30 Q: And on that list I see written in ink "two

double beds. Two spring at Mr. Kamura if its there put it all together please." Are those items which you added to that list before you returned the inventory?

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

MR. COBUS: Would you read the question?

(Question read)

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I ask to file the list, your honour, for the Crown.

(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. COBUS: Referring again to the list which is part of Exhibit 1, your honour, it should be noted that the "estimated value" column in fact totals $562.00, but the claimant has made a claim for an even $500.00, and the list has a note at the bottom of it giving details as to carpenter tools and kitchen utensils. It also describes the "set line" as being a 400 yard line weighing 450 pounds. That is the first item in the list above that remark.

Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It will be submitted, your honour, that many of the goods now claimed for were never declared, never were received or came into the custody of the Custodian and therefore don't come within the terms of reference. Such of them as did were sold for their fair market value.

That is all.

MR. COBUS: Nothing more for me, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see there were a number of things which were apparently declared and are not shown on the second list, such as the bicycle. There are quite a number of things, Mr. Cobus, that are claimed for and not on the Custodian's list as taken by him.

MR. COBUS: That may very well be, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: I presume those are the articles, Mr. McInnes, as you say which never came into the possession of the Custodian.

MR. McINNES: The inventory on the Analysis of Claim shows what we got and confirms that by a list which she signed and that is all we ever got. It is obvious.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. COBUS: With respect to the bicycle, your honour, if you will refer to Exhibit 2, under the husband's declaration that bicycle was declared.

THE COMMISSIONER: It was declared at the time he was evacuated.

MR. COBUS: Exactly. The fact that the list was signed by the wife there, indicates that those goods were left; that is, the list was sent to her, and the items, plus the two beds, she admitted were left behind on evacuation.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, the same thing would apply to the set line, too.

MR. COBUS: Yes, it would, your honour. The set line was declared.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. COBUS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: But in the Analysis of Personal Property, the Custodian would only appear to have taken possession of what was in the list given by Mrs. Okano on the 26th of November, 1942.

MR. COBUS: That may well be, your honour; all I can say is it was declared.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is what would appear from the Analysis.

10 MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour. I would suggest, perhaps, your honour, the Custodian may not have had physical possession of great numbers of articles, but certainly was in constructive possession of the goods declared in the J.P. form.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

Gordon Hambleton

20 G. Hambleton,
Official Reporter

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

Evie P. Dawson

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

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

(1) NAME OKANO (Print) Surname Tadashi (Mr.) Given Name (RCMP) Reg. No. 04180

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address BOX 38, STEVESTON, B.C.

(3) Present Address Box 422, GREENWOOD, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) No.1 Rd. and Moncton St., STEVESTON, B.C.
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
Cannont find records,(misplaced)

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):
(i) Farm
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business Leased out to farmer, about 1 lot
(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 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ ~~225.00~~ delete
(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) - $ 225.00 delete
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ 142.00
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ 83.00

Unmarked

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Boat at New Westminster, B.C.: Furniture & Fixtures at Imperial Cannery and

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Mukai's House in Steveston, B.C.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Mostly packed

(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")

In Custodian's Care

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

1. ~~Fishing Gas Boat, Easthope 28'x7' 6HP~~ Estimated Value $~~600.00~~
2. ~~Received from Custodian..$397.00~~ Estimated Value $
3. Estimated Value $
4. Furniture Estimated Value $500.00
5. Received from Custodian..~~$82.32~~ $84.70 Estimated Value $
6. Estimated Value $
7. Estimated Value $
8. Estimated Value $
9. Claim 500 Estimated Value $
10. Credit 84.70 415.70 Estimated Value $ Total 1-500.00

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $~~636.62~~

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) - $~~719.62~~ 415.30

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

Greenwood, preferred; Nelson, if necessary

(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 B. C.)
TO WIT:)

I, Tadashi Okano 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 21st day of November)
A.D. 1947. L A Dodds)

T. Okano

~~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.

Tadashi Okano
(Claimant's Name)
per Mrs Tsurue Okano (wife)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

04180
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
Household chattels as per list attached					$ 500.00

EXHIBIT No. 299-1
DATE 1 June 1948
FILLED BY Claimant

Description of Storage of Goods: all the goods for which ~~the~~ claim is being made were left at our house # 426 Imperial Cannery, Steveston, BC

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above: all items claimed are detailed on attached list.

Additional Comments, if any: In claim form as filed a general claim was made for "Furniture" - 500.00. By this was meant all household and personal chattels. Depreciation has been allowed. The dinner set and silverware claimed were packed in the "2 wooden packing cases (closed)" & declared by me ~~me~~ in Nov. 1942. All of the articles claimed were declared by either my husband or myself. I am representing my husband and have full knowledge of facts relating to this claim.

Tsurue Okano
SIGNATURE

PERSONAL CHATTELS

ARTICLE	DATE	NEW OR USED	PRICE PAID	CONDITION	ESTIMATED VALUE
1 set line	1941	new	$50.00	Good	$40.00
1 Bicycle	1939	new	60.00	Good	20.00
1 Kitchen Cabinet	1937	new	25.00	Good	15.00
1 Boat Searchlight	1941	new	15.00	Good	10.00
1 Axe	1939	New	2.00	Good	1.00
1 Packing Case Sundries (Japanese Tea Set)	1937	new	25.00	Good	15.00
1 Lrge. Packing Case (Carpenter Tools)	1931	new	150.00	Good	90.00
1 Dinner Set (96 piece)	1938	new	55.00	Unused	40.00
1 Case Silverware					
1 3 pieces carving set	1936	new	6.50	Good	5.00
1 3 piece Tea Set	1936	new	17.50	Unused	14.00
1 Set Table Cutlery	1936,	new	17.50	Unused	14.00
3 Bread & Fruit Tray	1936	new	10.00	Unused	7.50
1 Electric Coffee Pot	1937	new	35.00	Unused	25.00
1 pr. salt shaker	1937	new	1.50	Unused	1.00
1 Napkin Stand	1938	new	3.00	Unused	2.00
Baby Cup & Spoon	1937	new	2.00	Unused	1.00
Ash Tray Set	1938	new	7.00	Unused	5.50
1 Cake Plate	1938	new	3.00	unused	2.00
1 Clock	1935	new	25.00	Good	15.00
4 Cartons :-					
Japanese Dolls (25 Girls Dolls)	1937	new	60.00	Good	35.00
Japanese Dolls (25 Boys Dolls)	1935	new	60.00	Good	35.00
20 Japanese Cushions	1935	new	25.00	Good	15.00
Kitchen Utensils	1935	new	40.00	Good	20.00
1 Dresser & Mirror	1935	new	45.00	Good	25.00
1 Kitchen Stove	1935	new	59.00	Good	30.00
1 Heater Stove	1939	new	22.00	Good	15.00
3 Double Bed & Springs	1935 1937 1939	new	90.00	Good	60.00
4 Chairs & 1 Table	1935	new	10.00	Good	5.00
					$562.00

Total (est.) claim
But claim even $500.00

The Carpenters tools above were boatbuilding carpenters tools - a complete set of hammers, saws, planes, bivels, augers, clamp, brace and bit, scaled rulers, squares, vice, etc -
The Kitchen utensils were chinaware, crockery, pots and pans, wash tub, brushes, cutlery etc -
The "set line" above was a 400 yd line weighing 450 lbs

EXHIBIT No. 299-1
DATE 1 June 1948
FILLED BY claimant

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No 2153 4754 04180 04178

EXHIBIT No.

NAME Tadashi (file 2153) & Tsurue (file 4754) OKANO (Mrs. Tadashi)

REG. No

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM			SALES: AUCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION	TAKEN BY Custodian							
EVACUATION	DATE 24 Nov 42							
TADASHI: 10 Apr 42	Signed by Tsurue OKANO 26 Nov 42 as being all chattels in any protected area of BC:	Fishing Boat	$ 600.					
1 Motor Boat "N.W. 039J" $450. in custody at New West'r.		less cr	397.	$203				
1 Set lines $40.		Furniture	500.					
Bicycle $20.		less cr	66.38	433 62				
3 cords firewood $12.								
All left at Cannery House Steveston BC in wife's care.	1 packing case sundries							
	1 kitchen cabinet	CLAIM		636 62				X
(EVACUATED 13/4/42)	1 dresser & mirror				13 25			X
	1 boat searchlight							X
	1 lge packing case (closed)							
	1 axe							
TSURUE: 21 Apr 42	2 wooden packing cases (closed)							
2 Stoves	4 cartons							
2 beds								
1 table & 4 chairs	1 iron bed and spring					1 50		
Kitchen utensils								
Bureau	ADDED BY TSURUE AT DATE OF SIGNATURE:							
at 426 Imperial Cannery Steveston BC								
Declarant intends to place personal property in the Imperial Cannery Storage House Steveston, B.C.	2 double bed 2 spring at Mr. Kimura if its there put it all together please.				20 --			
(EVACUATED 29/4/42)								
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EXHIBIT No.

CASE No.

VENUE

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD		REMARKS
									(Fishing Boat sold through JFVDC 27 May 42 $400.00)
25			X						
			X						
			X						
	1 50				EXHIBIT No. 299-2 DATE 1 June 1948 FILLED BY Crawford				Appraised $1.50 See Ref.#1.
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70	150								

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File No: 4754 November 24, 1942

Name: Mrs. Tsurue (Tadashi) OKANO

Registration Number: 04178

Claim 2153

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS STORED AT WAREHOUSE NO. 1, STEVESTON, B. C.

1 packing case sundries
1 kitchen cabinet
1 dresser and mirror
1 boat search light
1 large packing case (closed)
1 axe
2 wooden packing cases (closed)
4 cartons

EXHIBIT No. 199-3
DATE 1 June 1948
FILLED BY Brown

LEFT IN IMPERIAL CANNERY HOUSE

1 iron bed and spring
2 double bed
2 spring at Mr. Kimura if its there put it all together please.

2 retd from B.C. Packers & sold 18-5-45. lots 179-204

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

Confirmed:

Date: Nov 26th/42. Signed: Tsurue Okano

Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

DSD.