

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		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 & Recorded Now Missing		45% of amount in next preceding column			
						% of Total	Amount				
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	
							500.00 570.00		749.00	232.50	516.50
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	Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
			46%	1709.97							
						786.59				786.59	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										2031.09	

553.00
x 346.00
175.00

CASE NO: 536.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alberta,
August 5th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
OTOKICHI MURAKAMI.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

Original.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

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B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.M. EDMANSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C.,

appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

W.E. HUCKVALE, Esq.,

appearing for the
 claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

MRS. LUCIE HANDFORD,

Official Interpreter.

S. R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

O. Murakami,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 536, Otokichi Murakami.

OTOKICHI MURAKAMI, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUCKVALE:

Q Mr. Murakami, you were in business in British
Columbia at the date you were evacuated?

A Yes, I was working as a fisherman and a boat
builder.

10 Q And with respect to that business I want to show
you this form (indicating).

A Yes.

Q Now have you read that form over?

A Yes.

Q And have you signed it? A: Yes, it is signed.

Q And are the particulars in it true and correct to
the best of your knowledge, information and belief?

A Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I will tender that, sir.

20 (STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now in your original claim, Mr.
Murakami, you listed some items totalling \$3378.97.

A Yes.

Q And the last one of those items consists of
ripsaws and bandsaws for \$538.97?

A Yes.

Q Is that the actual cost price or not?

A Yes, I have the receipt with me.

30 Q Now I want to show you a letter purporting to be
from the Custodian dated February 16th, 1943,

G. Murakami,
In Chief.

(indicating). Will you look at that and tell me if you received that from the Custodian's office?

A Yes, I received it.

MR. HUCKVALE: I will tender that, sir.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now, Mr. Murakami, in addition to the items used in your business you also filed a claim for some other chattels, is that correct?

A Yes, I did.

10 Q And those total in your claim \$556.00?

A Yes.

Q Now with respect to those personal chattels or items, I want you to look at that form (indicating), if you please?

A: Yes.

Q And have you read that form over?

A Yes.

Q And is that your signature on it?

A Yes, it is.

Q And are the particulars on it true and correct to the best of your knowledge, information and belief?

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A Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I tender that, sir.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. HUCKVALE: And if my learned friend would now put in the personal property analysis.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. HUCKVALE: I think that is all. Will you answer Mr. Rice, please, Mr. Murakami.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the goods
30 sold by the Custodian were sold at their fair value,

and that other goods claimed by the claimant here were turned over by the claimant to a person or persons other than the Custodian and that the Custodian is not responsible for the same, but that any goods that were sold by the Custodian were sold for a fair price, and those that are claimed by the claimant the prices claimed for the same are exorbitant.

10 MR. HUCKVALE: May I ask who my friend alleges that we turned these things over to?

MR. RICE: Yes, they were turned over to the Phoenix Cannery and hidden and stored.

I am also submitting that the boathouse property belonged to the owner of the land on which it was located and did not belong to the claimant.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What chattels would those be?

MR. RICE: He claims the boathouse.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You say that belongs to the owner of the land?

20 MR. RICE: Yes, I say that belongs to the owner of the land.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q The boathouse you claim for was located on the property of the Phoenix Cannery?

A Yes, I built it on that property.

Q Have you any written agreement with the Phoenix Cannery as to keeping this boathouse or renting the property on which it was located?

30 A The houses were rented out to us on the basis of

five cents for every fish we caught. There was no written agreement at all.

Q My understanding is when you erected the boat-house you were permitted to put it on the cannery property, but when you left the boathouse became their property; is that right?

A I don't know about that. I thought it was my own property when I evacuated.

10 Q You thought it was?

A That was my understanding.

Q Did you speak to the manager of the company or the cannery?

A: No, there was no arrangement or talk at all about that.

Q No arrangement?

A: No.

Q Now these chattels that you claim for, where did you have them stored?

A They were located in the boathouse when I left and were locked up in the boathouse.

Q Who did you give the key to?

20 A I left the key with the manager because I was told that when the Custodian came to look at the property they would probably have to break the door open if they had no key; therefore I left the key with them.

Q I show you a letter written by you apparently to the Custodian's office from Manitoba in February of 1946 (indicating). Look at it and see if that is your signature?

30 THE INTERPRETER: He wishes me to translate the letter.

MR. RICE: Q: I am asking him if he sent the letter, though. It might be fair to him to read the letter and he might remember it better that way. Perhaps you had better interpret it to him.

A Yes, I recall this letter.

MR. HUCKVALE: May I see it? I don't think I have ever seen it before.

MR. RICE: Yes, here it is.

MR. HUCKVALE: All right.

10 MR. RICE: Q: Do you recall having sent that letter to the Custodian? A: Yes.

MR..RICE: This letter, your Honour, reads as follows:

"The following are the materials we wish you would kindly look for at the described places. On top of the ceiling joists of our boat-house we had concealed one bandsaw and one rip saw planer combination in many separated pieces, also one each of one horsepower and three-quarter horsepower motors. And

20 under the same house between the floor and the ground we also hid one piece 1 x 8 by 26 feet ironbark and 120 pieces 1 x 2 x 14 feet oak. We wish you to investigate the said places to see if they could be discovered and upon discovery please let us know soon. Thanking you."

I wish to tender that as an exhibit, your Honour.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: I show you a copy of a letter that was

30 purported to be in reply to the letter which I have

just read. Will you please interpret it to him and see if he recalls receiving it?

A Yes, I understand.

Q You received the original letter of which this purports to be a copy?

A Yes, I did receive it.

MR. RICE: I wish to tender the copy as an exhibit, your Honour.

(COPY OF LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

10 MR. RICE: This is a letter written by George Peters of the Administration Department of the Custodian's Office, dated March 13th, 1946, and addressed to the claimant. It reads: "This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th with reference to certain equipment that you concealed in house No. 40 and the boathouse on the Phoenix Cannery property at Steveston. The writer has made a personal inspection and has found the house partially demolished and can find no trace of the chattels which you mentioned. No responsibility will be taken by the Custodian as you did not declare these
20 chattels when leaving the protected area."

MR. HUCKVALE: The last statement in the letter is incorrect, as he did declare the bandsaw and the ripsaw. It is on your personal property analysis.

MR. RICE: Well he admits in the other letter that they were hidden; some under the floor and some up in the rafters.

30 Q You occupied House No. 40? A: Yes.

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Q And then you also had a boathouse that you built yourself on the Phoenix Cannery property?

A Yes, they were adjoining.

Q They were adjoining? A: Yes.

Q Well what did you do with the key to House No. 40?

A They were handed to the manager when I left.

Q Was there a key to the boathouse as well as a key to House No. 40? A: Yes, the boathouse key was also handed to the manager.

10 Q I show you another letter, apparently signed by you, written from Manitoba to the Office of the Custodian, under date of March 18th, 1943. Perhaps you might read it to him, if you will.

A Yes, I remember this letter.

Q And you wrote that letter to the Custodian's office?

A Yes, I did.

MR. RICE: I wish to tender that as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

20 MR. RICE: This is a letter, your Honour, written by the claimant dated March 18th, 1943, addressed to the Office of the Custodian at Vancouver, B.C.:

"Referring to file No. 3911, I have noticed according to the letter dated March 12th, 1943, that you have listed the articles which your agent has reported on May 7th and in that list there are certain number of articles not listed. For instance, the 7 horsepower Easthope gas engine which should be in the list according to the letter received from the Office of the Custodian dated December 17th,

"42, file No. 3911, I would like a reply if the 7 horsepower Easthope engine is still there and also the following articles, bandsaw, ripsaw, winch with block and cable, putty, caulking cotton, nails, and bolts, sizes as follows; 3/8 inch, 1/2 inch, 5/8 inch length ranging from 5½ inches to 17 inches. "

10 Q I am showing you a copy of a letter purporting to be sent to you under date of March 25th, 1943, by the Custodian's office?

A Yes, I remember the letter.

Q You remember receiving the original of this letter?

A Yes, I remember receiving the letter.

Q You do? A: Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: The letter of March 25th, 1943.

MR. RICE: Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I have got it here.

MR. RICE: I will tender that as the next exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

20 MR. RICE: This letter refers in part as follows:

"Your 7 horsepower Easthope engine has now been moved to the Pacific Coast Cannery for safekeeping. We notice that there is no ignition thereon."

So that the engine was located all right.

MR. HUCKVALE: The engine was located because you sold it.

MR. RICE: Yes, we have a record of it. And continuing:

"We have already advised you that Mr. Lord believes that your tools were taken away by

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"your son or yourself on evacuation and that no tools or supplies such as putty, nails, etcl, of the kind you mention are now to be found. You declared these items to us on April 14th, 1942, and less than three weeks afterx when our agent made an inventory he could only find the articles set out in ours of March 12th, 1943. We find it difficult to believe that all these items would have been stolen in the short period that transpired between your registration of April 14th, 1942, when you were still in residence in Steveston, and our agent's inventory taken early in May, 1942."

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Now, these bolts and nails, putty, caulking cotton, etc., were valued at \$850.00.

MR. HUCKVALE: That includes the lumber, too.

MR. RICE: Oh, excuse me, lumber, too, yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: That is right.

20 MR. RICE: Q: Did your son take away some of the property?

A No, he was evacuated before me.

Q Pardon?

A: He was evacuated

before me.

Q He was evacuated before you?

A Yes.

Q Why would the manager of the cannery suggest that your son took part of these things away with him?

A No, that isn't true; he didn't take anything with him.

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- Q He didn't? A: He didn't take anything with him.
- Q The boy took nothing with him?
- A No.
- Q Then the cannery must have got away with these articles, is that it?
- A I don't know, because I just handed the keys over and what happened afterwards I have no knowledge of at all.
- 10 Q Or did you hide these things somewhere else and forget where you had hidden them?
- A No, everything was left in the boathouse.
- Q Was it not that some of the things were left in House No. 40? A: Only the kitchen stove.
- Q Nothing was left in House No. 40 except the stove?
- A No, only the stove was left in House No. 40. I left that because it was too heavy to move.
- Q Did you hide anything there?
- A No.
- 20 Q Everything was hidden in the boathouse?
- A Everything was locked in the boathouse.
- Q And hidden under the floor and the rafters?
- A The boathouse was quite filled with my chattels and therefore I had to put these items inside of the ceiling where there was only just room for them. There was no room elsewhere in the boathouse.
- Q No, but your own letter states that you hid some of these articles under the floor of the boathouse?
- 30 A The word "concealed" may have been written by the

person who wrote the letter for me in error; it wasn't my intention to put the word there.

Q If it wasn't your intention, why did you say it was under the floor?

A I had to place them under the floor and under the ceiling because there was absolutely no room in the house ~~it~~self.

Q Well if they were under the floor, what good would the lock do on the door?

10 A There was absolutely no room and so I had to leave everything wherever I could manage to find room.

Q There was no room on the floor or above the floor to put these articles, so that you put them under the floor? A: Yes.

Q Well, how did you move around to get them under the floor? A: After putting my things into the room and into the ceiling, I put the rest of my property under the house from outside.

20 Q You didn't give a key to that part of the house that you put the things under the house to the manager of the cannery?

A There was no key.

Q You are sure that your memory isn't slipping a bit on this, are you? A: No, I am quite certain.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: When ~~di~~ he put the stuff under the floor and the rafters?

MR. RICE: I beg your pardon?

30 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: When did he put the stuff under

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Cross-Exam.

the floor and the rafters? Can he give me any date when he put this stuff there? The thought that struck me, if he was hiding the stuff he might have done it before there was any question of evacuation.

MR. RICE: Well his statement was that he put the stuff in the house and there was no more room in the house so he put it under the floor.

MR. HUCKVALE: From the outside.

10 MR. RICE: It could be locked from the outside.

MR. HUCKVALE: You wouldn't do that in a boathouse.

MR. RICE: Q: You told me that when you left House No. 40 the only article left in there was a kitchen stove which was too heavy to move?

A Yes.

Q Why did you write the Custodian's office on August 6th, 1942, and say that you left one kitchen stove and cedar closet in the kitchen and some carpets on the floor were left in House No. 40?

20 MR. HUCKVALE: That is his son's inventory. Look at your inventory, your personal property analysis, and you will find that his son signed a J.P. form covering those things.

MR. RICE: I don't think it was his son; I think it was his wife.

Q I take it you didn't sign it; is that right?

A I believe that there were those articles left behind, but I am not sure.

Q You believe they were left in the house, but you aren't sure?

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 Re-Direct Exam.

A There were several carpets and other articles.

Q Left in the house? AP Yes.

Q Asao Murakami is your wife? AQ Yes.

Q That is all.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUCKVALE:

Q The only item left in the house on which you claim is a kitchen stove, is that right?

A I am claiming for the stove and the carpets.

10 Q Now did you take any of these tools away yourself?

A No, they were all left in the boathouse.

Q Now has the boathouse got a proper ceiling or not?

A It had no proper ceiling, just 2 x 6's.

Q The ceiling wasn't completely covered over?

A No, there was no ceiling.

Q Now when you used in that letter which Mr. Rice read to you the word "hid", I want you to explain what you mean. Did you mean that you were attempting to conceal things or not?

20 A No, I have no intention of doing anything like that, and I don't quite understand why that word was written because the letter wasn't written by myself.

Q Would those bandsaws and other articles in the ceiling be visible to anyone searching the boathouse?

A They wouldn't be visible to anyone just casually coming in, but if anyone were searching the place he would be able to find them.

MR. HUCKVALE: Thank you.

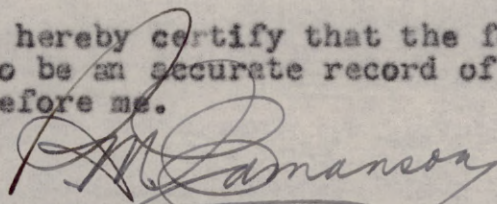
THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

30 MR. RICE: That is all.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)
 Certified a true and accurate transcript.
 "S.R. Howard" Court Reporter:

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



SUB-COMMISSIONER.

NOV 28 1947

Case No. 536.

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

[Signature]

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

(1) NAME Murakemi Otokichi (RCMP) Reg. No. 04140
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P.O. Box No. 90 Steveston B.C.

(3) Present Address Scandia, Alberta

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) Phoenix Cannery Steveston B.C.
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
Boat house next door to House No. 40 Phoenix Cannery
Steveston B.C.

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

- (i) ~~Farm~~ Fishing and Boat building
- (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.)..... Sole owner

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

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ - - - - -
- (ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ 500.00
- (iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ 3378.97
- (iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 3878.97
662.50
- (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) - - - \$ 3216.47

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Nets left at the net house of Phoenix Cannery Steveston B.C. Rest at Boat house in Steveston
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Net house and Boat house
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Left unpacked

(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. <u>House hold goods and furniture</u>	Estimated Value \$	<u>556.00</u>
2. <u>(see supplement)</u>	Estimated Value \$	
3. <u>Custodian's selling price</u>	Estimated Value \$	<u>none</u>
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 \$ 556.00

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) - - - - - \$ 3772.47

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

(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 Alberta)
TO WIT:)

I, Otokichi Murakami of the village
of Scandia in the Province of Alberta

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 Lethbridge)
in the Province of Alberta)
this 26 day of November)
A.D. 1947. W. H. Howditch)

O Murakami

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.

Supplementary Itemized list of Otokchi Murakami of Scandia Alta

House hold goods	Valued price
3 stoves	75.00
1 Sewing machine	25.00
15 Chairs	24.00
3 Chiffoniers	41.00
1 Ice box	35.00
7 Beds	87.00
1 Clock	10.00
3 Carpets	30.00
23 Picture frames	38.00
1 Gramophone	25.00
1 x Violin	30.00
Kitchen goods	50.00
Children's toys	43.00
1 Baby Carriage	15.00
4 Tables	9.00
1 Desk	3.00
1 Trunk	5.00
1 steam set	11.00

Total 556.00

Fishing and carpenter tools

5 nets	870.00
4 Lines	200.00
Easthope Gas engine	500.00
Carpenter tools	320.00
Lumber	
Putty	
Caulking cotton	
Paints	
Nails	
Bolts etc.	850.00
Winch cable and blocks	100.00
Rip saws band saw etc.	538.97
Purchasing bill enclosed	

Total 3378.97

TOTAL 3934.97
 BOAT HOUSE 500

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4434.97

CUSTODIANS PRICE 662.50

CLAIM 3772.47

(Claimant's Name)

(Business)

Reg. No.

Type of BUSINESS	Location	Gross Turnover 1941	Average Mark Up	Net Income 1941	Estimated Value of Goodwill
Boat Building and Fishing	Phoenix Company, Steveston, B. C.	\$3050.00		\$1800.00	

Description of Stock-in-trade at evacuation
(Attach inventory with cost prices)

Whether prices mentioned are wholesale or retail:

I PURCHASED THE BUSINESS

Date of Purchase	Price	Value Stock Date of Purchase	Value of Furniture equipment and Fix- tures at date of purchase	Value of Goodwill at date of purchase:

Furniture equipment and fixtures acquired after purchases:

Description	Date Acquired	New or Used at Date Acquired	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated:	Estimated value at date of Evacuation:
5 Nets	1941	New	\$870.00	Good	\$370.00
4 Lines	1940	"	200.00	"	100.00
Easthope Gas Engine	1941	"	500.00	Brand New	500.00
Carpenters Tools	1941	"	320.00	"	320.00
Lumber etc.		"	850.00	"	850.00
Cable and Blocks	1941	"	100.00	"	100.00

List of Accounts Receivable and Accounts collected by Custodian Attached:

Method of Storage and Arrangements Made at Time of Evacuation:

All left in Boat House. List given to Custodian

Additional comments, if any:

The Boat House where I carried on my business was built by me and was worth easily \$500.00. It was built on Company land but I considered it to be mine.

It is clear from Custodian's file that most of the articles were stolen.

I advised Custodian by telegram in Dec. 1942 that I was dissatisfied with the price for which he sold my Gas Engine and lumber.

All my nets and lines were properly cleaned and stored before evacuation.

EXHIBIT No. 586-1

DATE Aug 5/48

FILLED BY

W. S. Huchvald

C. Murakami

Signature

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 3911

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

February 16th, 1943

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P. O. Box 276,
Letellier, Manitoba.

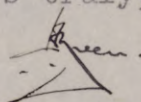
Dear Sir:-

Further to our exchange of correspondence ending with yours of December 22nd, Mr. Lord of the Phoenix Cannery, in whose care you left your lumber, has found it impossible to prevent it from being stolen. It was being carried away piece-meal night after night. Our agent at Steveston has now inventoried what remains and we append particulars herewith.

1800 ft. 1 x 8, 10 & 12 inch, 12, 14, & 16 ft. Red Cedar.
870 ft. 2 x 8, 4 x 6, 3 x 5, 14 ft. Yellow Cedar.
400 ft. 2 x 12, 3 x 6, 6 x 12, 14 ft. Fir Dimension and
Timber.
250 ft. Cedar V joint.
325 ft. 1 x 2, 1 x 4, 2 x 10, 6 x 6, 12 ft. Oak.
1 Boat keel 24 ft. complete.
6 Lengths Galv. Round Iron.
1 " " " " " "

The B. C. Packers have offered \$230.00 for this and in order to protect your interests, we have accepted this offer and will credit your account with the money when it is received.

Yours truly,


H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

EXHIBIT No. 536-2
DATE Aug. 5/48
FILLED BY W. H. Hachvale

(Claimant's Name)

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
3 Stores	1941	Used	\$75.00	Good	\$75.00
1 Sewing Machine	"	"	25.00	"	25.00
7 Beds	"	New	87.00	"	87.00
Ice Box	"	"	35.00	"	35.00

Description of Storage of Goods:

Left in Boat House. List given to Custodian.

EXHIBIT No. 536-3DATE Aug 5/48FILLED BY W. R. MurakamiGeneral Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

In my J.P. Form I listed all the chattels claimed by me with the exception of the Baby carriage which I neglected to mention.

Additional Comments, if any:

My chattels were all recently purchased and were in good condition and my claim is based on the actual prices paid by me. I am advised that I should have allowed for depreciation and am willing to accept whatever depreciation the Commissioner considers fair.

W. R. Murakami

Signature

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE NO. 3911

EXHIBIT No.

NAME Otokiohi MURAKAMI

REG. No. 01140

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
DECLARATION <u>Apr. 14/42</u>	TAKEN BY <u>J.D. Mather</u>					
EVACUATION <u>Apr. 23/42</u>	DATE <u>May 7, 1942.</u>					
<u>Located in Net House, Phoenix Cannery, c/o Mr. Lord, manager:</u>	<u>Personal effects:</u>	<u>Household goods:</u>				
5 gill nets \$1000.	1 Kitchen Range	3 stoves \$75.				(1) 25.00
4 pairs cork and line \$250.	3 Beds complete	1 Sewing Machine 25.				25.00
	1 Heating Stove	15 chairs 24.				(9) 14.00
	6 chairs	3 chiffoniers 41.				41.00
	1 table	1 Ice box 35.				35.00
	Sundry junk partly packed up					
<u>Located at boat house, Phoenix Cannery, Stev.</u>	<u>Lumber:</u>	7 beds 87.				(4) 50.00
1 gas engine 7 HP "East Hope"	About 1000' Boat Fir	1 clock 10.				10.00
band saw	" 2250' Red Cedar	3 carpets 30.				30.00
ripsaw	" 2000' Yellow Cedar	23 picture frames 38.				38.00
winch with block and cable	" 300' Gum Wood	1 gramophone 25.				25.00
red cedar - 2,550 board feet	" 350' Oak	1 violin 30.				30.00
yellow cedar - 2000 B.F.	" 50' Mahogany	kitchen goods 50.				50.00
gum wood - 300 B.F.	<u>Nets:</u>	children's toys 43.				43.00
oak - 400 B.C.	1 net 10/40, 42 M.D. x 9" Mesh x 160 Fa. - \$200.	1 baby carriage 15.				
mahogany - 100 B.F.	1 net 5/60 x 50 x 6" x 200 fa. \$220.	4 tables 9.				(3) 6 75
fir - 1200 B.F.	1 net 6/60 & 5/40 x 45 x 7" x 200 fa. \$150.	1 desk 3.				3 00
putty 60 lb.	1 net 5/50 x 45 x 6 1/2" x 200 fa. \$150.	1 trunk 5.				5 00
cotton caulking 60 lb.	1 net 4/40 x 52 x 5 1/2" x 200 fa. \$180.	1 steam set 11.				11 00
paints - 1 1/2 gal blocks (24)	4 cork and lead lines for the above first four nets worth \$180.	<u>Total</u> 556 00				
carpenter tools	Values as above set by Murakami are much too high.	<u>Fishing and carpenter tools:</u>				
nails 300 lb.		5 nets \$870.				
bolts 3/8" 100 pc.		4 lines 200.				
clamps boat 23 pc.		Easthope Gas engine 500.	(2) - - - 180 00			(3) 370 00
bolts 1/2" 5/8" 1 bar 5/8" 1/2" 3/8" - 8 lb.		Carpenter tools 320.	(3) - - - 52 50			(1) 50 00
1 galvanized iron rod.		Lumber 230 00				320 00
		Putty				x
		Caulking cotton				x
		Paints				x
		Nails				x
		Bolts Etc 850.				x
		Winch cable & blocks 100.				100 00
		Rip saws, band saws etc. 538.97				538 97
		<u>Total</u> 3378.97				
<i>wife</i> <u>Asayo MURAKAMI's JP. Apr. 4/42, evacuated April 23/42.</u>		Boat House 500.00				
<u>stored in house #40, Phoenix Cannery, Stev.</u>		<u>TOTAL</u> 4434.97				
		Less Cust. Selling Price 662.50		662.50		1820 72
		<u>Claim</u> 3772.47				
3 stoves		Items claimed for value of 1850 00	Sold by tender, etc. for 662.50			
1 sewing machine		" " " " " 1820 72	Declared not found			
15 K. chairs		" " " " " 15 00	No record at any time			
3 chiffoniers		" " " " " 249 25	No account, theft, etc.			
1 desk		" " " " " 500 00	Reverted to Cannery			
4 tables		<u>Total Claim</u> 4434 97	<u>Total Sales</u> 662.50			
1 icebox						
7 beds						
1 clock						
23 picture frames						
1 trunk						
childrens toys						
3 carpets						
1 violin						
1 gramophone						
1 steam set						
kitchen goods.						

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
DESCRIPTION	TENDER &c							
			(1) 25.00			(2) 50 00		May 7, 1942 J.D. Mather, investigating for the Custodian took an inventory of goods left in boat house and house #40 Phoenix Cannery - see 2nd column. Many of the goods declared left by the Japanese in JP were not found by Mr. Mather 2 weeks after their evacuation.
			25.00					
			(9) 14.00			(6) 10 00		
			11.00					
			35.00					
			(4) 50.00			(3) 37 00		
			10.00					
			30.00					
			38.00					
			25.00					
			30.00					
			50.00					
			43.00					
				15 00				
			(3) 6 75			(1) 2 25		
			3 00					
			5 00					
			11 00					
- - -	180 00		(3) 370 00					
- - -	52 50		(1) 50 00					
	200 00							
			320 00					
	230 00							
			x				The claim of \$850. for lumber, putty, etc. has been added into the total covering claim for goods sold for the RECAP. as it could not be determined the amount of the claim for goods sold, and for those that were declared not found.	
			x					
			x					
			x					
			x					
			100 00					
			538 97					
						500 00	Reverted to Cannery. See memo June 4/48 or file.	
						500 00		
	662.50		1820 72	15 00		249 25		

B. Macaskill

by tender, etc. for 662.50
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Total Sales 662.50

EXHIBIT No. 536-4.
 DATE Aug. 5/48.
 FILLED BY E. L. Rice

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EXHIBIT No. _____
DATE Aug. 5/48
FILED BY
G.E.A. Rice

P. O. Box 276
Letellier, Man.,
Feb. 11, 1946.

The Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir;

The following are the Materials we wish you would kindly look for at the described places.

On top of the ceiling joists of our Boat house, we had concealed (~~rip-saw-je~~) 1 band saw, and 1 rip-saw-planer combination in many seperated pieces, also one each of 1 H.P. and $\frac{3}{4}$ H.P. Motors.

And under the same house between the floor and the ground, we also hid one piece 1 x 8 - 26' ironbark and 120 pieces 1 x 2 - 14' oak.

We wish you to investigate the said places to see if they could be discovered.

And upon discovery, please let us know soon.

Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours truly,

O. Murakami.

File Number 3911
Reg. No. 04140.

House Number is No. 40 Phoenix
Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

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

September 13th 1948

C. McLaughan
M.A.

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EXHIBIT No. _____
DATE Aug. 5/48
FILED BY
G.E.A. Rice

March 13, 1946.

Mr. O. Murakami,
P.O. Box 276,
Letellier, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th, with reference to certain equipment that you concealed in House #40 and the Boat House on the Phoenix Cannery property at Steveston.

The writer has made a personal inspection and has found the house partially demolished and can find no trace of the chattels which you mentioned.

No responsibility will be taken by the Custodian as you did not declare these chattels when leaving the Protected Area.

Yours very truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

GP/ac

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

September 13th 1948

C. Mc Cleghen
M.D.

DATE Aug. 5/48
FILED BY

G.E.A. Rice

P.O. Box 276 Letellier Man.
March 18th 1943.Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir;

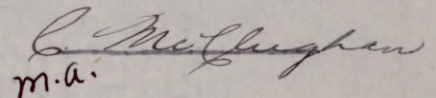
Referring to file no. 3911, I have noticed according to the letter Dated March 12th/43 that you have listed the articles which your agent has reported on May 7th, and in that list there are certain number of articles not listed, for instance the 7 H.P. Easthope gas engine which should be in the list according to the letter received from the Office of the Custodian dated Dec.17/42 file no. 3911, I would like a reply if the 7 H.P. Easthope engine is still there, and also the following articles Band Saw, Rip Saw, Winch with Blocks and Cable, Putty, Caulking Cotton, Nails and Bolts sizes as follows $\frac{3}{8}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{5}{8}$ " length ranging from $5\frac{1}{2}$ " to 17".

Yours Truly

Otokichi Murakami
Reg. No. 04140.

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

September 13th 1948


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EXHIBIT No. _____
DATE Aug. 5/48
FILED BY
G.E.A. Rice

March 25th, 1943.

Mr. Otokichi MURAKAMI,
Registration No. 04140,
P.O. Box 276,
Letellier, Man.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your letter
of March 18th.

Your seven H. P. Easthope engine has
now been moved to the Pacific Coast Cannery for
safekeeping. We notice that there is no ignition
thereon.

We have already advised you that Mr.
Lord believes that your tools were taken away by
your son or yourself on evacuation and that no tools
or supplies such as putty, nails, etc., of the kind
you mention, are now to be found. You declared
these items to us on April 14th, 1942, and less than
three weeks after, when our agent made an inventory,
he could only find the items set out in ours of March
12th, 1943. We find it difficult to believe that
all these items would have been stolen in the
short period that transpired between your registration
of April 14th, 1942 (when you were still in residence
at Steveston) and our agent's inventory taken
early in May, 1942.

Yours truly,

H.F. Green
Protection Department

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September 13th 1948

E. Mc Cleghon
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