

Name of Claimant **MATSUMURA, Seitaro**
 Shizuko
 Custodian File **6544, 6554 & 6545**
 Mrs. Ume

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<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>											
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	
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>											
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			
<u>NETS</u>											
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	
							840.00 75.00		640.50	\$452.00	188.50
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>											
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				
							% of Total	Amount			
241.25	101.00	30.30	41.86%	64.95	27.18					57.48	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										245.98	

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

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B E F O R E
(HIS HONOUR JUDGE L.H. STACK, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the
Dominion Government.

L.S. TURCOTTE, Esq., appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS, Secretary.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq., Official Interpreter.
S.R. HOWARD, Esq., Official Reporter.

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S; Matsumura,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 623, Seitaro Matsumura.

MR. RICE: Your Honour, for the purposes of the record, may I state that there are four people in the Matsumura family. Mrs. Ume, the mother of this claimant, and there are two sons, the claimant here is one of them, and the claimant's wife. They were all living in the one house and I think there is a mixture or a mix-up in the chattels and in the claims. I submit that with much respect.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are there four separate claims, or is this man claiming for all?

MR. TURCOTTE: No, Mr. Matsumura is claiming for himself, but it also includes his wife's claim.

MR. RICE: Mr. Virtue is acting, I believe, for Mrs. Ume Matsumura, and this claimant's brother.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

SEITARO MATSUMURA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as
follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q Has your brother made a claim, do you know?

A Yes, he has.

Q He has?

A: Yes.

Q So that Mr. Virtue is acting for your brother and your mother?

A: Yes.

MR. RICE: It appears, as if to help one another out, they claim the same things.

MR. TURCOTTE: I think we might be able to straighten
30 this thingx out.

S. Matsumura,
In Chief.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I hope so.

MR. RICE: I wish my learned friend luck.

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Well, dealing with the nets first, as there is no dispute as to that, as to who owns those, Mr. Matsumura, you are claiming for the loss arising out of the sale of your nets, fishing nets?

A Yes.

Q Is that correct? A: Yes.

Q And I am showing you a form setting out a description of your nets?
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A Yes.

Q Well, now, can you speak English fairly well?

A Not very much.

Q Well can you follow me while I tell you about this?

A Yes.

Q This form was prepared by Mr. Huckvale, wasn't it?

A Yes, correct.

Q And he included five nets?

A Yes.

Q Now I had in my file two more nets, is that right?
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A Yes.

Q So that you had 7 nets that you are claiming for?

A Yes.

Q And I have added them on to your form, and is that all right?

A Yes, sure, that is all right.

Q I added them on after you signed this form so that I don't want you to be saying that this is correct without understanding what is in it.

30 A All right.

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In Chief.

Q You are claiming for 7 nets, are you, now?

A Yes, that is right.

Q Now I am showing you that form (indicating).

Does that contain information which you gave to me
and which you say is correct?

A Yes, it is correct.

Q That is correct?

A: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I will file that as an exhibit.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

10 MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Now where did you store those nets,

Mr. Matsumura?

A: In the C.P.

warehouse.

Q In the C.P. warehouse?

A: C.P. nethouse.

Q In the C.P. nethouse?

A Yes.

Q At Steveston?

A: At Steveston.

Q And was the Custodian told about it?

A Beg pardon?

Q Was the Custodian told about it? Did you tell
20 the Custodian that you put the nets there?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: Now will my learned friend file the
analysis of personal property at the present moment?

MR. RICE: Yes.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: I am showing you what is apparently
a copy of a letter written by the office of the
Custodian to Mr. Brown of the B.C. Security Commission
relating to your nets.

30 A Yes.

S. Matsumura,
In Chief.

Q Where did you get that from?

A This was sent to me by the Custodian.

Q I see. I would like to have that marked, your Honour, as an exhibit.

MR. RICE: That is a copy of the letter?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, a copy of a letter.

MR. RICE: I must take an objection here, your Honour.

I do not have the original of that on file and the Custodian should not be bound by it; It is not signed by the Custodian and I think it should be marked for identification rather than go in as an exhibit. Certainly we shouldn't be bound by the contents of it. There is a letter accompanying that that could go in, perhaps, but all that is is a copy of a letter and I can't understand why the Custodian would mail out a letter of that nature, or his office.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: How did the witness get it?

MR. TURCOTTE: He said that the Custodian sent it to him.

I think what actually happened was that he got it from the B.C. Security Commission and they wrote to the Custodian on his behalf.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I think we will let it go in as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. TURCOTTE: The reason that I am filing that, your Honour, is this, that I wish to settle it, because if you will refer to the analysis of personal property form you will see there Net No. 6 and the remarks with regard to it are, "No record

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of sale 'not removed to storage in final inventory'".
You will notice that, your Honour, on Exhibit 2.
Now on this exhibit 3 you will notice at the bottom
of the letter that Net No. 6, I just forget the
wording, was still to be sold.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: "Yet to be sold are two skiffs and
his Net No. 6".

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

MR. RICE: Who was it signed by, the purported copy of
10 the letter?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: . H.F. Green, Protection Department.

MR. RICE: I don't know that the Custodian is responsible
for his acts.

MR. TURCOTTE: Mr. Green is a well known representative
of the Custodian.

MR. RICE: I don't know him.

MR. TURCOTTE: You will find his name on many a letter.

MR. RICE: I haven't found any.

MR. TURCOTTE: Well, here is a letter from Mr. Green,
20 (indicating), Office of the Secretary of State,
and of the Custodian.

MR. RICE: We do not know that it is the same Mr. Green,
do we?

MR. TURCOTTE: It is H.F. Green.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well we will take it for granted
that it is.

MR. RICE: There might be two or three of them.

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Now did you make a list of your
nets that you put in the cannery?

30 A Yes.

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In Chief.

- Q Have you got a copy of that list at all?
- A Yes, I have.
- Q Pardon? A: Yes, I have.
- Q What is it? A: A copy.
- Q Who has that? A: I have and
the cannery has.
- Q What did you do with your copy?
- A I left it at my home.
- Q I beg your pardon? A: Left it at
10 home.
- Q Oh, you should have brought it, Mr. Matsumura.
- A It is at home. I have a copy of the list at home.
- Q Is it signed by the cannery?
- A Not my copy.
- MR. TURCOTTE: Well I don't know, your Honour. Possibly
at some later date, if it is necessary to do so,
I will ask this man to bring it in, and if it is
of any importance I will recall him and have him
file it.
- 20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: If necessary, that can be done.
- MR. TURCOTTE: Pardon?
- THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, I think that should be done.
- MR. TURCOTTE: Q: This green sheet ---
- MR. RICE: --Blue, isn't it?
- MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Or blue; that isn't the copy that you
are talking about, is it?
- A Yes, this is the list.
- Q Yes, I know, but that is not the list that you
made out at the cannery, is it?
- 30 A No.

S. Matsumura,
In Chief.

Q Well now, have you got a list that you made out at the cannery?

A No, I do not have it.

Q I see, all right. How old were these nets, Mr. Matsumura, on the average? Were they very odd?

A An average of a year to a year and a half.

Q An average of a year to a year and a half?

A Yes.

Q And did you buy them new or secondhand?

10 A New.

Q New?

A: Yes.

Q I see. I presume you paid the new prices then of nets of that description?

A That is correct.

Q And in the claim you have reduced the value on the net that was a year old, you have reduced it from \$200.00 to \$150.00; the one two years old, \$125.00 to \$75.00; another one from \$270.00 to \$150.00; how did you arrive at that reduction in
20 these values?

A Well according to the length of time that I had them, I reduced the prices for depreciation.

Q Now when I filled in these last two nets in your form, I did not have the ages of them, or the new prices, and I note that in the list you have given me the sixth net which is $5/40 \times 7\frac{1}{4} \times 45$, 200 fathoms long, you show it on that list as ~~the~~ a year and a half old, and the new price as \$290.00?

A: Correct.

30 Q Is that correct?

A: Yes.

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In Chief.

- Q And the last net also 5/40 x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 45 x 200 ---
I am sorry, I have those two allmixed up. Well,
it is the same price. I am getting all mixed up
myself here. Now then, the sixth net which is
5/40 x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 45 x 200, that is this one (indicating),
isn't it?
- A Yes.
- MR. RICE: How old is that?
- MR. TURCOTTE: That is two years old; and you say, Mr.
10 Matsumura, that the new price of that was \$290.00,
is that correct?
- A Correct.
- Q Now then, the last one is 4/40 x 6, 55-mesh,
200 fathoms, and you show that as four years old,
is that right?
- A Yes.
- Q And the new price, \$290.00, and you are claiming
\$100.00 for that? A: Yes.
- Q And the one that was two years old, you are
20 claiming \$190.00, is that right?
- A Yes.
- Q I mean they were both the same price new, but
one is four years old and the other is two years
old, so that you have reduced the one price to
\$100.00 and the other to \$190.00?
- A Yes.
- Q So that you are claiming about two-thirds on one
and one-third on the other of the new price?
- A Yes.
- 30 Q Now, Mr. Matsumura, you are also claiming for

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In Chief.

some chattels, household furniture?

A Yes.

Q Owned by you and your wife?

A Correct.

Q Is that correct? A: Yes.

Q And if necessary you are asking that your wife
be added as a claimant?

A Yes.

Q And her name is? A: Shizuko.

10 Q S-h-i-z-u-ke? A: -k-o.

Q -k-o? A: -k-o, yes,
that is right.

Q And her registration number for the matter of
record is 03425. Do you know whether that is
correct or not? A: Yes.

Q I am showing you a statement of chattels (indicating);
is the information on that true to the best of
your memory and belief?

20 A Yes, that is correct. The first item is my wife's,
the rest are mine.

Q The four piece bedroom suite is your wife's, and
the rest are yours?

A Correct.

Q Well now, can you tell me, Mr. Matsumura, why
you didn't give a description of those chattels in
the J.P. form which you signed just before you
left the Coast? Do you know what a J.P. form is?

It is one of these (indicating). You signed one
of these, did you?

30 A Yes.

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In Chief.

- Q Why didn't you put in your furniture in that, your clock, and chesterfield and bed? You see all you put in there, this is just a copy I have here, but I think it is correct, all you put in there was gillnets and lines, and you didn't say anything about your other property.
- A They were in the warehouse and I thought they would be quite safe there and I did not include them.
- Q Well didn't you understand that you were supposed to put all your property in that form?
- 10 A No, I didn't.
- Q Do you know what your wife paid for the bedroom suite?
- A: 160 yen, I believe.
- Q 160 what?
- A: \$160.00, I believe.
- Q Do you know when she bought it?
- A In 1941.
- Q Now you are claiming for quite a few articles here which you say you bought in 1941; a mantle clock, ash tray stand, smoker's cabinet, chesterfield, crib, breakfast set china, boudoir lamp, Carlton chinaware. How is it that you came to buy all these articles in 1941?
- 20 A I was married in 1941.
- Q That is, you just set up housekeeping then?
- A Yes, but I was living with my mother so that many of the things, many of the new things were not used.
- 30 Q Were not used?
- A: Yes.

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In Chief.

Q I see. Now did any of the articles that you
are claiming here belong to your mother?

A No, they are not included.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are you filing that statement,
Mr. Turcotte?

MR. TURCOTTE: Oh, I am sorry, yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. TURCOTTE: What I was going to say in referenceto
this chesterfield, your Honour, is that there is
10 on Ume Matsumura's file in the analysis of personal
property claim, it says "add to this list one
chesterfield found on list No. 27 on Gengi Mori
file", and it goes on to say that he says it is
not his in a letter of December 5th, 1942, but
Ume Matsumura does not claim that chesterfield in
her claim and it would appear to me that instead
of that notation being on the Ume Matsumura file,
it should be on this file because this man is
claiming it.

20 Q Now I presume that your mother had beds and
dressers in her house?

A Correct.

Q Besides your four piece bedroom suite?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: For the purposes of record, your Honour,
I have looked over that analysis of the personal
property form on the Ume Matsumura file and apart
from that notation regarding the chesterfield
there is nothing that she is claiming that is
30 repeated in this claim that I can see.

S. Matsumura,
In Chief.

MR. RICE: I have a raft of correspondence here, your Honour, which we can go over, if you would like to take an adjournment now.

MR. TURCOTTE: I think we can finish it all right, and get it straightened out. There is a Singer sewing machine, too, but somebody got it and there are several other items which are not in dispute now.

MR. RICE: I think they were sent on to them.

MR. TURCOTTE: They have got them so that neither one of
10 them is claiming for those things now. There was a White Electric Sewing Machine, 1 trunk, a box of tools and a gramophone that were shipped. Now there is no claim on our part for those articles.

Q Now you are claiming for a mantle clock, \$25.00?

Why are you asking \$25.00 for that? What did it cost you?

A: It cost about \$30.00 and it was only used for about six months so that I had marked it down for \$25.00.

Q And I notice that you say that the chesterfield
20 cost you \$75.00 and you are claiming \$65.00?

A Yes.

Q Was that new? A: Yes.

Q Was it a new chesterfield?

A Yes.

Q Was it bought new; it wasn't second hand?

A No, it was new.

Q And was it one piece or two pieces?

A One piece.

Q Just the long wide chesterfield?

30 A Yes.

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In Chief.

Cross-Exam.

Q No chairs with it? A: No.

Q And your chinaware, you are asking \$15.00, and you say that you paid \$15.00 for it. Are you asking the full price for it?

A It was still in the box as it was purchased. It had never been used.

Q It had never been opened?

A No.

Q And the breakfast set china?

10 A That was the same.

Q In a box never used? A: In a box, never used.

Q I think that is all.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the nets were sold for their fair market value, and that if the Custodian is responsible for the net lost or mislaid, the price claimed for the same is exorbitant.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q The net that there has been no account rendered to you for, that was valued by you at \$75.00, is that right? A: What is that?

MR. RICE: There has been no account rendered to you for a net that was valued by you at \$75.00 and that is the net 6/50, 7 x 45, 100 fathoms?

A That is \$75.00.

Q And that net was two years old?

A Correct.

30 Q Aren't you a little heavy on your value for a two

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year old net that only cost \$125.00 new?

A Even though that one was two years old, I hadn't used it very much.

Q I notice where another net that was two years old sold for less than half or rather it sold for \$80.00 and the original cost of it was \$290.00.

A I think that was one sold by the Custodian, was it?

Q Yes. In other words, it would be sold for only a quarter of its original value. I take it my learned friend has dropped the claim for the rowboats.

MR. TURCOTTE: No, I had forgotten about the rowboats.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: They are on the list, are they not?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, it is only ten dollars. As I say, I had overlooked that. It was down on the list.

MR. RICE: Well I don't want my learned friend to overlook anything.

20 MR. TURCOTTE: What I was wondering, could my learned friend give me an explanation of what this is? "Sold to T. Ralton". Is that sold by the Custodian, the two rowboats?

MR. RICE: I take it it was, yes.

Q Did you sell the rowboat yourself to Ralton or did the Custodian sell it?

A I sold that myself.

Q You sold it yourself? A: Yes.

Q So that your claim to the rowboats is dropped?

30 A I am sorry, I was mistaken. I thought you were

talking of the fishing boat. I didn't sell the rowboat.

Q You didn't sell the rowboat?

A No.

Q Did you authorize the Custodian to sell them for \$20.00 to Mr. Ralton? A: No, I did not.

10 MR. RICE: With respect to the rest of the chattels, your Honour, I wish to submit that the same were sold at their fair market value. There were some chattels that were reported but not found, and there were some~~x~~ chattels that there was no record of at any time which the Custodian is not responsible for, and I submit that any chattels that the Custodian is responsible for, the claim for the same is excessive or exorbitant.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Do you wish to refer to the boats again, Mr. Turcotte?

MR. TURCOTTE: Yes.

20 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q How old were the two boats? A: Two years old.

Q Do you know how much you paid for them?

A \$25.00.

Q For what? A: Each.

Q Each? A: Yes.

Q And the Custodian sold them for \$20.00?

A That would be \$10.00 each.

Q \$10.00 each? A: Yes.

30 Q I see. Let's see, you paid how much?

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Re-Direct Exam.

A \$ 25.00.

Q For each? A: Yes.

Q That is \$50.00? A: Yes.

Q And you are making a claim for \$30.00?

A Yes.

Q So that you have depreciated them from \$50.00 to \$30.00 for the two years they were used?

A Yes, although they are two years old, they were only used for a period of 3 months each in those
10 years, or six months altogether.

Q I see, but for something that cost you \$50.00 you are claiming \$30.00?

A Yes.

Q And you sold them for \$20.00, I mean the Custodian sold them for \$20.00?

A Yes, I guess so.

Q All right.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Anything further, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: Yes, I have, although I think it has been
20 explained.

RE-CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q You kept all your property with your mother?

A Yes.

Q And when you left, you left your property in your mother's care?

A My mother's property and my property was left together with about 12 people's property all in one place in the cannery.

30 Q Was your mother evacuated the same day that you

were?

A: Yes.

Q When you filed your declaration, all you claimed that you had in the way of personal property was gill nets and lines of the value of \$1643.50?

A Yes.

Q And all your wife claimed in her declaration was a four piece bedroom suite costing about \$125.00?

A Correct.

Q And that is all she claimed?

10 A Yes.

Q Or declared, that is, at least?

A Yes.

Q That is all either of you declared?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: Perhaps, your Honour, I had better file the memorandum dealing with these various claims, if I may.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right, that will be Exhibit No. 5.

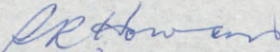
20 (MEMORANDUM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: That is all, thank you, your Honour.

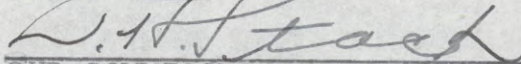
(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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


"S.R." HOWARD
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

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


SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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Case No. 623

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.

File 6544

ACKNOWLEDGED

[Signature]

[Signature]

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

(1) NAME MATSUMURA SEITARO (RCMP) Reg. No. 03457

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

(3) Present Address P. O. Box 53, Coaldale, Alberta.

(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

G.P.C. Net House, C. P. C. Warehouse #1.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

some packed, some loose

(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 custody of Custodian

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

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| 1. Nets and lines - see supplement attached | Estimated Value \$ | 453.00 |
| 2. Furniture - see supplement attached | Estimated Value \$ | 256.20 |
| 3. Row Boat - see supplement attached | Estimated Value \$ | 10.00 |
| 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 \$ 719.20

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) - - - - - \$ 719.20

- (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.)

Lethbridge

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)
 of)
 TO WIT:)

I, ~~Matsumura~~ Matsumura Seitaro of the District
 of Coaldale 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 Village
 of Coaldale
 in the Province of Alberta
 this 18th day of November
 A.D. 1947.

Seitaro Matsumura
 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.

My commission expires December 31st, 1947.

MATSUMURA, SEITARO

(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Fishing Vessels, gear and equipment)

03457

Reg. No.

NETS:

Type	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Age at Evacuation	Original Value	Estimated value at Evacuation	Sold for
Barbour	9/40	9" x 42	150	1 year	\$ 200.	\$ 150.	\$110.00
Barbour	4/40	5 ³ / ₄ x 50	150	1 ¹ / ₂ years	150.	75.	10.00
Barbout	6/50	7 x 45	100	2 years	125.	75.	
Barbour	4/40-5/40	x 7 1/4 - 7 1/2 x 60	150	1 year	270.	150.	85.00
Barbour	5/40	x 7 1/4 x 60 x 150		1 ¹ / ₂ years	265.	135.	115.00
VESELS SOLD BY CUSTODIAN	5/40x7 ¹ / ₄ x45		200			190.	80.00
	4/40x6	55	200			100.	32.00
							<u>432.00</u>

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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Improvements to Vessel since date of purchase:	Type	Date	Cost
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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:

Stored at Canadian Pacific Net House. Custodian advised.

Additional Comments, if any:

Nets were bluestoned, dried before evacuation.
 They were all tagged with my name.
 I will submit a complete list of the nets for which I am claiming.

EXHIBIT No. 623-1
 DATE August 27/48
 FILED BY R.S. Lucotte

S. Matsumura
 Signature

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 6544

EXHIBIT No. _____

NAME Seitaro MATSUMURA, Reg. No. 03457

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~~REG.~~ No. 6553

and Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA, Reg. No. 03425

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		Reported DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c	
File <u>6544</u> DECLARATION <u>Apr. 27/42</u> EVACUATION <u>May 15/42</u>	Warehouse #35 TAKEN BY <u>Custodian</u> DATE <u>July 23/42</u>				
"Gill nets and lines valued at \$1643.50 stored in the Canadian Pacific Cannery Net House, Canadian Pacific Cannery, Steveston, B.C. and will be kept in present location for the duration of the War".	From - Can. Pac #1 to Warehouse #2- Steveston, B.C.	File No. #6544 Seitaro MATSUMURA Reg. No. 03457- List of Chattels - <u>Nets and Lines -</u>			
	1 Basket clothes, 1 Mirror 2 Cartons chinaware 1 Wash board 2 boxes kit. utensils 1 Carton wooden plates 1 Box 2 cartons 3 small bdles 1 Hat box 1 Cigarette stand 3 Cartons dishes 4 Cartons 1 Gas lantern 1 Carton miscell. 1 Carton trays & dishes 1 Edle blind 2 cartons decorations 1 box 1 Edle 2 boxes dishes 1 Carton 1 Mattress 1 Box K. utensils 1 Tin box 1 Mattress 1 Edle wall paper 3 Bdles oil cloth 1 Edle paper 1 Box tools 1 Trunk dishes 1 Gramophone 3 Bdles pails 1 Galv. boiler 1 Ironing board 3 window screens	No. 1- " 5- " 6- " 8- " 12- " 18- " 23- <u>Total Nets & Lines</u> <u>Furniture</u> 4 pc. bedroom suite 1 Mantel clock 1 Ash tray stand 1 Smoker's cabinet 1 Shoe cabinet 1 Chesterfield 3 pc. steel bed outfit 1 Steel crib 32 pc. breakfast set 1 Boudoir lamp 1 Carton chinaware 1 Heater <u>Total Furniture</u>	150.00 75.00 75.00 150.00 135.00 190.00 110.00 885.00	110.00 10.00 85.00 115.00 80.00 32.00 432.00	
File No. 6553- Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA, Reg. No. 03425. Declaration Apr. 27/42 Evacuation May 15/42					
" 4 piece Bedroom suite value about \$125.00 to be stored in house No. 1. Canadian Pacific Cannery, Steveston, B.C." Reported in letter 16-12-42 as follows:- 1 Sofa 1 Table 5 Carpet 4 Stove 1 Bedroom suite 4 Bed 2 Cupboard 1 Dresser 1 Sewing machine (elec) 1 Trunk 1 Bookstand 1 Baby bed 2 Saws (Cross cut) 1 Gas lantern 14 Chairs					
	Dec. 16/42 - all of the above, except 3 window screens signed for, as all her chattels in the protected area of British Columbia by Shizuko MATSUMURA, File No. 6553				
		<u>Miscellaneous</u> 2 Row Boats	30.00	20.00 x	
		<u>Gross chattels - nets & lines</u>	885.00		
		<u>Furniture</u>	321.20		
		<u>Boats</u>	30.00		
		<u>Grand Gross total claim</u>	<u>\$ 1236.20</u>		
		<u>RECAP:</u> Japanese claim	810.00	Sold for -	432.00 on appraisal
		" "	75.00	not accounted for -	except as shown above
		" "	266.25	Sold for -	101.00 at Auction as shown a

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FILE No. 6514

EXHIBIT No. _____

CASE No. _____

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REC. No. 6553

VENUE LETHBRIDGE

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	Reported DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT & C	UN SOLD	REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER & C							
						except *		* left at B.C. Packers who assumed no responsibility for Nets and lines. No later record of disposition.
	110.00							Custodian No. 1164
	10.00							1150
						75.00		1149 No record of sale "not removed + storage in final inventory."
	85.00							1151
	115.00							1155
	80.00							1146
	32.00							1161
	<u>432.00</u>							
33.00 13.00 2.25	3 pos.			10.00 5.00				Shipped 1 White Electric Sewing Mach 1 Trunk, box of tools and 1 gramophone
30.00 10.50			17.00 1 baby bed 10.95 possibly in cartons and sold					
1.25 11.00								
			<u>12.00</u>					
<u>101.00</u>			<u>39.95</u>	<u>15.00</u>		<u>75.00</u>		
	20.00 x							x Sold to T. Ralton Oct. 27/43 #3419 and 3420.

EXHIBIT No. 623-2
 DATE August 27/48
 FILED BY Elaine Rice

Sold for - 432.00 on appraisal
 Not accounted for - except as shown above
 Sold for - 101.00 at Auction as shown above

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ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 6544
6553

EXHIBIT No. _____

NAME Seitaro MATSUMURA, Reg. No. 03457
and Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA, Reg. No. 03425

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REG. No. _____

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
<p>File <u>6544</u> DECLARATION <u>Apr. 27/42</u> EVACUATION <u>May 15/42</u></p>	<p>TAKEN BY _____ DATE _____</p>					
<p>No Furniture was declared by Seitaro MATSUMURA, File <u>6544</u> but he has made claim as shown hereon:-</p> <hr/> <p>Furniture as noted above is declared by Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA but no claim is filed by her at this time.</p> <hr/> <p>Files #<u>6544</u> and <u>6553</u>- husband and wife - are therefore considered together -</p> <hr/>		<p><u>Recap: continued</u></p> <p>Japanese claim 30.00 Sold for - 20.00 at private sale as sh</p> <p>" " 39.95 Reported not found</p> <p>" " 15.00 no record at any time</p> <p>Grand gross total claimed <u>\$1236.20</u></p>				

FILE No. 6544
6553

EXHIBIT No. _____

CASE No. _____

REG. No. _____

VENUE LETHBRIDGE

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT & C	UNSOLD	REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER & C							
								<p>old for - 20.00 at private sale as shown above</p> <p>reported not found</p> <p>no record at any time</p> <p><u>NOTE: 6544 is Seitaro MATSUMURA</u> 6553 " Shizuke (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA 6545 " Ume MATSUMURA (widow)</p> <p><u>NOTE: No. 6553 is the daughter-in-law of 6545 and they both appear to have listed similar items thereby duplicating the record.</u></p> <p>The proceeds of all items identified as belonging to either were credited to #6553, the daughter-in-law and remitted to #6553 or to #6553 and 6545 jointly in case of uncertainty of ownership as between them. A cheque to them for \$36.71 jointly was returned and recredited #6553.</p>

File No. 6544.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

July 20, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown,
B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

EXHIBIT No. 623-3

DATE Aug. 27/48

FILLED BY R. J. Turcotte

Dear Sir: Re: Seitaro MATSUMURA, #03457.

In reply to your letter dated July 6th from your Alberta representative re the above named, we would advise you as follows:

The present credit balance of the above named with the Custodian is \$38.00 comprised of the following sales of fishing nets and gear:-

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>His No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1164	1	9/40 x 9 x 42 - 150	\$110.00
1150	5	4/40 x 5 ³ / ₄ x 50 - 150	10.00
1151	8	7 ¹ / ₂ x 7 ¹ / ₄ x 60 - 150	85.00
1155	12	5/40 x 7 ¹ / ₄ x 60 - 150	115.00
1146	18	5/40 x 7 ¹ / ₄ x 45 - 200	80.00
1161	23	4/40 x 6 x 55 - 200 (64#)	32.00
1154		box lead line	4.00
1178		cork & lead line	10.00
Sold	(17)	5/40 x 6 ¹ / ₄ x 60 - 150	150.00
direct	(7)	4/40 x 6 x 55 - 200	125.00
to	(9)	150 fa. cork line	25.00
Cannery	(14)	150 fa. cork line	25.00
	(13)	150 fa. lead line	15.00
	(4 pcs. net rope	4.00
	(20)	4/40 x 5 ³ / ₄ x 50 - 200 rope and anchor	160.00 3.00

Yet to be sold are two skiffs and his Net No. 6.

Trusting the above is the information you require, we remain,

H. F. Green
Protection Department.

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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
Four piece Bedroom suite	1940	new	\$ 158.	good	\$ 125
Mantle clock	1941	new	25.	excellent	25
Ash tray stand	1941	new	8.	never used	8
Smokers cabinet	1941	new	wedding present	excellent	10
Shoe cabinet	1939	used	10.	good	5
Chesterfield	1941	new	75.	used very little	65
Steel bed with spring and mattress	1940	new	35.	excellent	25
Steel crib	1941	new	22.	good	17
Breakfast set China	1941	new	10.95	never used	10.95
Boudoir lamp	1941	new	3.25	never used	3.25
Carlton china ware	1941	new	15.	never used	15
Heater	1938	new	25.	good	12

Description of Storage of Goods:General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Stored in C.P.C. warehouse No. 1, Custodian later moved goods
to No. 4 warehouse.

Additional Comments, if any:

Breakfast set and carton of Chine ware were in their original packages. Balance of
chattels were properly stored and marked with my name. Apparently when my
chattels were moved they were mixed up with other peoples.

EXHIBIT No. 623-14
DATE August 27/48
FILED BY R. A. Turcotte

S. Matsumura
Signature

June 1st, 1948
PERSONAL PROPERTY
SECTION

File No.	<u>MEMORANDUM</u>
6544 -	<u>Seitaro MATSUMURA</u> <u>Reg. No. 03457</u>
6553 -	<u>Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA,</u> <u>Reg. No. 03425</u>
6545	<u>Ume MATSUMURA (widow)</u> <u>Reg. No. 03435</u>
6548	<u>Toshio SAMESHIMA,</u> <u>Reg. No. 03403</u>

Re: Household effects

The Household effects of the above 4 persons became all mixed at the Steveston address where they were left when these people were evacuated.

No. 6544 did not declare any Household effects but is now claiming for same as enumerated in his claim as filed.

No. 6553 declared Household Effects as shown on J.P. Form and reported others as shown on Analysis of Personal Property Claim but has not filed any claim. No. 6544 and 6553 are husband and wife and their files have been combined for analysis.

No. 6545 declared some Household effects and has filed a claim. She is the mother of Seitaro MATSUMURA and was living with her son and daughter-in-law.

No. 6548 did not declare any Household effects but later it developed that he claimed a large assortment of them and has signed a lengthy inventory dated Dec. 7/42 that was forwarded to him by the Custodian.

The (a) Chattel Schedule of #6553 - 2 pages - of Dec. 23/46 defines the situation as then appearing. The (b) Memo of Nov. 22/46 gives other details of #6553. The (c) Chattel Summary of Dec. 20/46 re #6553 and #6545 expresses the confusion in respect to the Household Effects of daughter-in-law and Mother-in-law on account of duplication by them in their lists of items.

The items identified as belonging to #6553 and #6545 were sold at Auction and credited to the account of #6553. On account of the uncertainty in respect to certain of them, the proceeds amounting to \$36.71 were forwarded to them in a cheque drawn in their names. This cheque was returned by them as Feb. 14/47 and the amount is presently to the account of #6553. A Statement of Auction Sales credited to #6553 is in the Index of claim file showing a gross total of Auctions as \$165.90.

The Analysis of Personal Property re Household Effects of #6544/6553 deals only with the items claimed and does not include other items auctioned and credited to #6553, or otherwise disposed of.

Certain Household effects that were sold and the proceeds credited to #6548 were later transferred to a chattels Suspense account on the books of the Custodian pending clarification of ownership involving #6544, #6553, #6545, #6548 and any other persons whose Household Effects may have been placed at this location in Steveston, B. C.
BRD/DD.

"B.R.D."

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

Sept. 30/48

M. Abbott bld.