

<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		% 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
<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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
							% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount
985.00	150.00	45.00	46%	560.00	257.60					302.60
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										302.60



CASE NO: 668.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alberta,  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
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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.

A.G. VIRTUE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the  
 Claimant.

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MISS LILLIE THOMAS, Secretary.  
 MRS. LUCIE HANDFORD, Official Interpreter.  
 S.R. HOWARD, Esq., Official Reporter.

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T. Hirose,  
In Chief,  
Discussion.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 668, Tanejiro Hirose.

MR. RICE: I am going to ask your Honour if you will try Cases V-27 and V-28, that is the Hirose, Tanejiro, and Hirose, Toku as one case.

MR. VIRTUE: I would like to make a statement with regard to that now, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Pardon?

MR. VIRTUE: I would like to make a statement now that will save considerable confusion. Tanejiro Hirose, 10 the present claimant, and Toku Hirose are husband and wife. They are living together and to all intents and purposes are one, and it won't matter to them whether one receives an award, or the other one, or both receive the award, because the results will be the same, anyway, and for that reason I am quite agreeable that the evidence should apply in both cases. In fact, it is much more convenient all around to have it apply that way.

20 THE SECRETARY: Shall I just give the cases the one number, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You have two files, haven't you?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, there are two files, but the evidence can apply to both.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There is no objection on your part?

MR. VIRTUE: No.

MR. RICE: I have only one property analysis, your Honour, and I would like to have it filed and 30 applied to both cases.



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Discussion,  
In Chief.

MR. VIRTUE: I am quite agreeable that the analysis  
apply to both cases.

MR. RICE: I would like to have them both tried as  
the one case, and I will file the analysis as  
one exhibit applying to each case.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, we will have two numbers  
and two cases, and the man will give evidence  
and his evidence will apply to both.

MR. VIRTUE: And the wife will later give evidence  
10 also, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. VIRTUE: My learned friend wants the evidence to  
apply to both.

MR. RICE: Yes, that is agreed.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. RICE: They are both rather mixed up together.

MR. VIRTUE: Yes.

THE SECRETARY: Then this will be Case No. 668, and  
I will give the other case<sup>a</sup>/number.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

TANEJIRO HIROSE, the claimant herein,  
being first duly sworn, testified  
through the Interpreter as  
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. VIRTUE:

Q Before you were evacuated, Mr. Hirose, you  
lived in Steveston which is a suburb of  
Vancouver? A: Yes.

Q What was your business there?

A I was a shoemaker.

30 Q How long had you been in that business, about how



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In Chief.

long?  
25 years.

A: Approximately 24 or

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: This claimant is a very old man  
and if he would like to sit down, he can.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now in connection with that business,  
you owned your own shoemaking machinery, did you  
not?

A: Yes, I had two  
lots of machinery; one I was using and the other  
I was keeping aside.

10 Q And you carried on business in a shop that was  
owned by your wife?

A Yes.

Q I believe that was on Moncton Street, wasn't it?  
What was the name of the street?

A Moncton Street, yes.

Q Now your personal property, that is your house-  
hold furniture and everything, except your shoe-  
making equipment, was in the name of your wife  
and she is making a claim for that, I believe?

20 A Yes.

Q So that all you are making a claim for is your  
shoe making machine?

A Yes.

Q Now you are still living with your wife?

A Yes.

Q And her property and your property, and her claim  
and your claim are the same as one?

A Yes.

30 Q Now, this is your form, proof of claim, prepared in  
my office with the help of an Interpreter, isn't it?



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A Yes.

Q And you show here your shoe making machinery, the year you bought it, the price you paid for it, and the price you put on it now, the value you put on it now?

A Yes.

Q And you claim that the shoe making machinery when you were evacuated was worth \$2495.00?

A Yes.

10 Q And the Custodian sold it for \$744.00; the stitching machine for \$400.00, and the other stuff for \$344.00. The Custodian sold it for that.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I suppose he doesn't know about that unless he has been advised by the Custodian.

MR. VIRTUE: Well if he knows, it is all right; if he doesn't know, it is all right.

Q If you don't know what the Custodian sold it for, why, that is all right; just say so.

A Yes.

20 Q It is all right? A: Yes.

Q Now, is this your signature (indicating)?

A Yes.

Q And is the information you have given in this claim true?

A Yes, it is correct.

Q It is correct? A: Yes.

Q And are the values you have put on your shoe making equipment fair values?

A Yes.

30 MR. VIRTUE: I will offer that as an exhibit.



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(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Now I understand what when you were evacuated, you didn't tell the Custodian about this machinery?

A When I evacuated I thought I would return fairly soon, and so I left it in care of a farmer named Johnny.

Q You left it in a farmer's care?

A Yes.

10 MR. RICE: What is his name?

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Do you remember his name? We will give you his name later on.

A Johnny, I don't remember.

Q You don't remember it. What is his name, George Featherstone?

A: I think

John Featherstone.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It says here on your proof of claim Frank Featherstone, Rural Route No. 4.

MR. VIRTUE: Frank Featherstone?

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It does not make much difference, anyway.

MR. VIRTUE: No.

Q There was a big stitching machine. Where did you leave the stitching machine?

A With Denby.

MR. RICE: Denby had a claim on the machine?

A I left it with Denby Brothers.

MR. VIRTUE: Q: Was it the Denby Brothers you had bought the machine from?

30 A Yes.



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Q And you still owed the Denby Brothers quite a bit of money?

A Yes, there was about \$100.00 owing.

Q \$100.00? AF Yes.

Q And that is why you left the machine there?

A I also owed him another \$100.00 or so for some stock.

Q For some stock? A: Yes.

Q That is why you left the big stitching machine with Denby Brothers?

10 A Yes.

Q Now, do you know that the Custodian, or don't you know that the Custodian sold the stitching machine that you paid \$1000.00 for, he sold it for \$400.00; do you know that?

A Yes, I understand they had sold it very cheaply.

Q They had sold it very cheaply?

A Yes.

Q And your other stuff he sold very cheaply, too?

20 A Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: Now I want to make a suggestion to my learned friend. He may see fit to follow it, or he may not. I am going to call next the wife with regard to the real estate and the other personal chattels, so that if my learned friend wishes to confine his cross-examination now to the matter of the shoe making business, I can assure him that the wife will be called on the other matters, and then if he wishes me to recall this man later I will be pleased to recall him.

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MR. RICE: There are certain things I want the record clear on, your Honour, and one is that all exhibits that are filed in this case will apply equally in both cases.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Quite so.

MR. RICE: As well as the evidence.

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, I am agreeable.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is agreeable?

MR. VIRTUE: Yes, that is agreeable.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There was one thing I was going to mention, and that is this, Mr. Virtue; I understand that a lot of these shoemakers have machinery under licence. I think one firm is the United Machinery Company, for example, and they only pay a certain amount a year and the shoemakers never acquire ownership of the machinery. I wonder if in this case with regard to the machinery here that was the way it was handled.

20 MR. VIRTUE: No, your Honour, everything except the stitching machine he had owned outright.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. VIRTUE: And the stitching machine, he had bought it, I presume, the same as anybody buys any of these goods on the installment plan and was paying for it on the installment plan.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I suppose there will be some record as to that, and perhaps that can be followed up.

30 MR. RICE: I believe the machine is about fifteen



years old. The record is clear on that.

MR. VIRTUE: The age is given on the form. Most of these goods run all the way from 1920 to 1939.

MR. RICE: So far as the defence is concerned in both of the ~~sex~~ claims, your Honour, I am submitting that the chattels were sold for their fair market value; other chattels were declared and not found; other chattels there is no record of at any time, and others were abandoned. I am submitting that  
10 the Custodian is not responsible for the chattels that were not declared nor found, nor no record of at any time, and, if the Custodian is in any way responsible for any chattels, the claim made to the same by this claimant or his wife is excessive or exorbitant. I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate which apparently belonged to the wife was sold --

MR. VIRTUE: Don't you think it would be-- well, go ahead and make your submissions. I will bring  
20 the wife later regarding the real estate.

MR. RICE: Well, I am submitting that the real estate was sold for its fair market value.

As I say, I am asking that the exhibits apply equally in both claims.

I wish to submit, your Honour, as an exhibit an analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that in this man's case?

MR. RICE: It deals with both, your Honour.

30 MR. VIRTUE: That is what I want to find out.



THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Deals with both?

MR. RICE: Yes. That is why I asked for the combination of the two claims, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q I show you a card. Is that your signature? Have you got glasses; do you need them? Ask him if that is his signature.

10 A Yes.

Q That is your signature to that card?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: I wish to tender this card as an exhibit, your Honour. It is a form that is completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area and is dated September 29th, 1943, and has a witness' signature and the claimant's signature, and it says: "I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia."

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(CARD MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: Q I show you a letter (indicating). Is that your signature, or did you have that letter written for you? A: This is written by my son and signed by me.

Q Y our son wrote this letter that you addressed to Mr. Peters of the Custodian's office on September 24th, 1947? A: Yes.

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MR. RICE: I will read this.

"I am asking these matter about the machinery which I left behind at the Featherstone Brothers, Steveston, B.C. I wanted to know what kind of machinery did the Custodian claimed. All the household utensils is belong to my wife, Cabinet, Mantle Clock, some chesterfield, mirror, dresser set, chiffonier, etc. And some of the faming tools as scale and hoe and some more or less. I wanted to know what become of it. I'm hoping to hear from you. Thanking you."

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I wish to tender that as an exhibit. That letter is dated February 24th, 1947, not September 24th, as I stated previously.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: Q: I show you another letter dated April 30th, 1946, apparently written by the same person that wrote that last letter, either for you or your wife, and it is not signed, but do you know anything about that letter?

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He doesn't claim anything on the farm at all, does he, Mr. Virtue?

MR. VIRTUE: All he claims is the shoe making equipment.

A Yes, I understand.

MR. RICE: Q: Did you write that letter or have it written for you?

A I think it is my wife wrote that, but it amounts to the same thing whether it was written by me

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Cross-Exam.

or by her. It applies to the same thing.

Q You think that your wife wrote it, but you don't know?

MR. VIRTUE: Let me see it for a minute, Mr. Rice, and I will ask her if she wrote it and save time.

MR. RICE: It isn't signed.

MR. VIRTUE: The son wrote it on their behalf.

MR. RICE: Q: Your son wrote this letter for you and your wife? A: Yes.

10 MR. RICE: I will tender it as an exhibit. It is a letter dated April 30th, 1946, unsigned, and there is a typewritten copy and I will read from that, if I may.

"Regarding to Mr. George Peters.

Dear Sirs:

Receiving your letter some time ago.

I heard that one of the Custodian agent found all the shoe making machinery and other odd thing at Mr. J. Featherston Brothers R.R.

20 No. 4 Road, Steveston, B.C. Just all the shoemaking equipment is belong to my husband. The rest of all the thing is rented to Mr. J. Featherston. For my husband have some debts for Mr. F & F Henderson, amount \$1172.28. They says I don't know nothing about it. If the F & F Henderson wanted some claim I think it better for them to take all the shoe making machinery out of Mr. J. Featherston place. And I think that my

30 husband store some of the new stocks shoe



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10 "at family home ~~and~~ locate 84 Moncton St. Steveston, B.C. There nothing that F & F Henderson got against my house because I got no debts to pay for. Last December 1945 I received the cheque amount five hundred dollars. I sure need some money badly for my living at the present. I'm asking you to send me that some balance of the house which Custodian sold last 2 years ago. I guess you could understand these matter clear about the situation now. Hoping to hear from Custodian soon. Thank you."

There is the letter and the typewritten copy of the same is attached, and I tender them both as one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: Q: What is your occupation?

A I was a shoe maker.

Q Did you farm before you were evacuated?

20 A I was working in the beet fields until two years ago.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What does he mean now, working in the beet fields until two years ago?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: Q: But at the time that you were evacuated, what work were you doing?

A I was working as a shoemaker then.

Q You were evacuated before your sons were, were you not?

A: Yes.

30 Q And you left your two sons in charge of your shoe



making shop? A: Yes.

Q And the machinery was left with them?

A Yes.

Q Do you know what they did with the machinery when they left? Did they move it to McPherson's barn, on No. 2 Road?

10 MR. VIRTUE: I may give you the truth of that. My guess is that the Custodian got the name McPherson mixed up with Featherstone, and I think you will find that what happened was that the machinery was put in Featherstone's barn, not McPherson's.

A It was left in care of Mr. Featherstone.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: McPherson's barn is supposed to be, according to this, on No. 2 Road, and Featherstone's on No. 4 Highway.

MR. RICE: I think that is it. My contention is that the property was left at both places.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Oh, I see.

20 MR. RICE: Q: Featherstone ran a shoe making shop, did he not? A: He was a farmer.

Q Featherstone was a farmer?

A Yes.

Q Did he have a store? XA: No, he was just a farmer and had no shop.

Q Well, do you know whether any of your property was put in McPherson's barn, or do you know a place called McPherson's barn on No. 2 Road?

30 A I don't recall the name.



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Cross-Exam.

Q All right. The stitching machine, did you not buy that from Denby Brothers in February, 1907, for \$808.60?

MR. VIRTUE: Did you say in February, 1907?

MR. RICE: Q: In February, 1927.

A Yes.

Q And today you are claiming \$900.00 for it; and you still owe Denby on account of it?

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: \$1000.00 the stitching machine, isn't it? Yes, valued at \$900.00; pardon me.

A Yes.

MR. RICE: Q: After using the machine 15 years, you say it is worth nearly \$100.00 more than you paid for it?

A: I estimate that it is worth that much more now than it was before.

Q All right.

MR. VIRTUE: All right, thank you.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Just a minute, please.. I notice, according to your Exhibit 3, no, Exhibit 2, Mr. Rice, that there is some mention of the wife claiming two sewing machines and shoe shine machines, two leather cutters, and chattels and personal property that belong to a shop of this kind.

MR. RICE: I intend to file, your Honour, the J.P. form. I think that what happened, sir, she filled in the J.P. form when she left as owning these things.

30 MR. VIRTUE: Yes, she filled in the J.P. form when she



left as owning these things, but I don't think anything turns on it, but for the purpose of these two claims, now that they are being heard jointly, it doesn't matter whether it turns out that these goods were hers or were his.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The only question is now that he is here, would it be well to have some admission or statement by him that she has no ownership in any of these machines.

10 MR. VIRTUE: I would rather put it this way; we will admit on her behalf, as far as the shoe making machinery is concerned, it is his.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: So that she hasn't any interest in anything of that nature at all?

MR. VIRTUE: No. As a matter of fact, I just want to ask him one question with regard to the machinery.

Q Did you have two sets of shoe making machinery, one for yourself and one for your sons?

20 A Yes.

Q But you claim to own them all?

A When we wrote in the claim, my middle son made a slight mistake and put it down as a separate property. Actually it just belongs to me.

Q It actually belongs to you?

A Yes.

Q Were the two sets of shoe making machinery right there in your store before you were evacuated?

A Yes.

30 MR. VIRTUE: All right, thanks.



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Discussion.

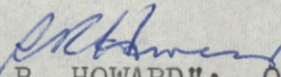
THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that all, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: That is all, your Honour.

(Witness aside)

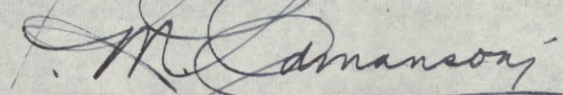
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

  
"S.R. HOWARD": Official Reporter.

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

  
SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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# Proof of Claim

IN THE MATTER OF Order-in-Council P.C. 1810, as amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 3737; and

IN THE MATTER OF "THE INQUIRIES ACT" being Chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, and

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of persons of the Japanese Race under said Orders-in-Council.

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1. Name of Claimant in full: TANEJIRO HIROSE

Registration No. 04399

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:  
Box 273, Steveston, B.C.

3. Claimant's present address:  
Taber, Alberta.

4. Claim relating to real property:  
(a) Street address of real property:  
(b) Legal description of property:



(c) Type of real property, i.e., farm, residence, commercial, etc., and short description of it:

(d) Title or interest held by Claimant in the real property:

(e) Fair market value of real property at date of sale:

(I) Land— \$

(II) Buildings— \$

(f) Amount of loss alleged to have been sustained by the Claimant under the terms of reference:

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5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

(a) Location at which property was left by Claimant at date of evacuation:

1. 84 Monkton Road, Steveston, B.C.
2. Frank Featherston, R.R. #4, Steveston, B.C.

(b) Type of premises in which property was left by Claimant and manner in which that property was stored or packed at time of evacuation:

1. Commercial premises previously occupied by the Claimant.
2. Stored in barn belonging to Frank Featherston--packed in boxes.



(c) In whose care was property left by the Claimant at date of evacuation?

1. The Custodian
2. Frank Featherston, R.R. #4, Steveston, B.C.

(d) Itemized and detailed description of the property which is the subject of the claim, and itemized value thereof at the time of sale, loss or destruction:

At the shop premises the following:-

- 1.. Leather cutters--\$80.00  
Shoemaker tools--\$250.00  
2 counters--\$50.00  
Leather, rubber and rubber heels--\$130.00  
Shoe stock--\$100.00  
Lumber and flooring--\$50.00

2. Frank Featherston:-

- Finishing machines (2)--\$650.00
- 1 Heavy sewing machine--\$250.00
- 1 Cash register--\$350.00

In addition:

1 stitching machine valued at \$1,000.00 was removed by Demby Brothers of Vancouver, B.C. and later seized by the Custodian.

(e) Amount of loss alleged to have been sustained by Claimant under the terms of reference:

One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-five-----66/100 Dollars  
(\$1,755.66).

6. I desire that my claim be heard at the City of Lethbridge in the Province of Alberta.

7. An Interpreter will.....be required.

DATED this

19<sup>th</sup>.

November  
day of October, A.D. 1947.

*Mary Okamoto*

Witness to Signature of Claimant.

*[Signature]*

Signature of Claimant.



STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, TANEJIRO HIROSE  
(Full Name of Claimant)

of TABER, Alberta Shoemaker  
(Present Address) (Occupation)

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. I am the above named Claimant.
2. I have a personal and full knowledge of the circumstances and facts relating to the Claim above referred to.
3. The above Claim is true and correct.
4. I have not received any payment upon the above Claim other than the following:

By Department of the Secretary of State--\$344.44.

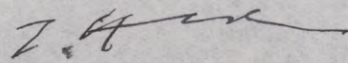
By Department of the Secretary of State, on account Tazo Hirose--\$400.00. This credit should have been in the name of the Claimant.

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED at Taber

in the Province of Alberta,

this 19th day of November.



A.D. 1947. by Tanejiro Hirose, having been first read over and explained in Japanese to him, who appeared to perfectly understand the same and made his signature in my presence.

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL  
Barristers & Solicitors  
Lethbridge, Alberta



STATUTORY DECLARATION

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## Proof of Claim

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And I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED at

in the Province of Alberta,

this 15th day of November,

A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL  
Barristers & Solicitors,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.



AFFIDAVIT

I, Mary Okamoto, of the Town of Taber, in the Province of Alberta, Stenographer, make oath and say:-

1. That I understand both the English and Japanese languages.
2. That I have carefully read over the attached Statutory Declaration to Tanejiro Hirose, the Deponent therein.
3. That the said Tanejiro Hirose advised me that he understood the same and that the facts contained therein are true.

SWORN at the Town of Taber,  
in the Province of Alberta,  
this 19th day of November,  
A.D. 1947, before me

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*Mary Okamoto*

*L. Richard*

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A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta.



JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claim No. 27

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

The Following are Particulars of the Claim:

1. Claimant's Name In Full: Tanejiro HIROSE. (Husband)

2. Registration Number: 04399

3. Present Address: TABER , Alberta.

4. Address Prior To Evacuation: Box 273, STEVSTON<sup>/E</sup>

EXHIBIT No. 668-1  
DATE Sept. 14/48  
FILED BY A. J. Virtue



PERSONAL PROPERTY:

ITEM	YEAR PURCHASED	PRICE PAID	VALUE	REMARKS
Leather cutters	1939	80.00	80.00	
shoe makers tools	1939	250.00	250.00	
Leather and rubber heels	unknown	130.00	130.00	
New shoe stock	unknown	100.00	100.00	
Lumber and flooring	1941	50.00	50.00	
Finishing machine	1939	325.00	325.00	
Finishing machine	1920	325.00	325.00	
Heavy sewing machine	1939	125.00	125.00	
heavy sewing machine	1920	125.00	125.00	
1 motor (1 h.p)	1936	<del>50.00</del> 65.00	50.00 8	
1 motor (1/2 h.p)	1920	45.00	35.00	
Stitching machine	1936	1000.00	900.00	(This machine was not completely paid for at the time of the evacuation, and was seized by Denby Bros. and later turned over to the Custodian. )
		TOTAL	<u>\$2,495.00</u>	

(ADD ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY)

(IF CLAIM FOR VESSEL DESCRIBE ON SEPARATE SHEET NUMBERED 6 A)



**PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN ON  
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Year:</u>	<u>Month:</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Stitching machine	1945	unknown	\$400.00
Miscellaneous articles			<u>\$344.44</u>
			<u>\$744.44.</u>

Total: \$ 744.44

Total Claim for Personal Property ..... \$2,495.00

Deduct Payments from Custodian ..... \$ 744.44

Net Loss on Personal Property ..... \$1,750.56

I Certify the above to be True and Correct.

*Arley Moore*  
Witness

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Claimant.



# ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 12973 & 1755  
04399  
REG. No. 04388

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Tanejiro HIROSE  
Toku HIROSE (Mrs. Tanejiro)

DECLARATION	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
DATE <u>Sept. 29/43 (Mr. Hirose)</u> <u>Apr. 28 &amp; Sept. 29/43 - Mrs. Hirose</u> EVACUATION <u>March 20/42 (Mr.)</u> <u>May 19/42 (Mrs.)</u>	TAKEN BY <u>Custodian</u> <u>January 26/44</u>					
<b>MR. HIROSE</b> signed a "NO PROPERTY" card Sept. 29/43 but reported in a letter (undated) to Mr. King at Steveston, 150 Gramophone Records in a paper box and "Stock" at 84 Moncton St., Steveston.	At 84 Moncton St., Steveston, B.C. Garden Hose, very poor 1 set bed ends 2 sets rails Carton Misc. China Wooden box Dishes Box Garden Hardware 1 carton Miscellaneous Scale Grass shears 2 bundles pictures 1 bucksaw Washboard Paper rack Old stove parts --all of the above very poor quality.	<b>CLAIM by Tanejiro HIROSE</b> 1. <u>At 84 Moncton Road, Steveston, B.C.</u> Leather cutters 80.00 Shoemaker Tools 250.00 2 counters 50.00 Leather, rubber & rubber heels 130.00 Shoe Stock 100.00 <i>Lumber &amp; Flooring</i> 50.00 2. <u>Care of Frank Featherstone, R. R. #4, Steveston, B.C.</u> Finishing Machines (2) 650.00 1 heavy sewing machine 250.00 1 cash Register 350.00 1 Stitching Machine 1000.00 <b>\$2910.00</b>				80.00 250.00 50.00 130.00 100.00
<b>MRS. HIROSE</b> declared following in JP Form of <u>Apr. 2/42 (Sgd. in Japanese)</u> Farm Implements \$231. 3 rooms furnishings 403. 2 sewing machines 221.00 Shoe store - 2 shoe shine machines 650. 2 leather cutters 80. Heavy duty sewing machines 250. Shoe repair tools 250. 1 Cash Register 350. 2 counters 50. Mixed new rubber heels 60. New slab leather 70. New shoes in stock 100. Radio taken over by R.C.M.P.	<u>Additional to above list, dated Feb. 9/44. At 84 Moncton St., Steveston, B.C.</u> 1 high chair 7 kitchen chairs 3 hoes 1 Kiddy Car 2 wash stand 1 desk 1 dresser 1 kitchen cabinet 1 6-gal. stone crock 1 heater stove  <u>No value -</u> 1 damaged bed 2 wooden home made tables 1 broken baby buggy					
<b>Second Registration</b> dated Sept. 29/43, signed "Tazo Hirose, per Toku HIROSE": Cooking heater range Cooking utensils Refrigerator 200 gramophone records 5 beds & springs <del>\$250</del> \$350. worth new shoes About 15 chairs 2 large cupboards Dolls Large Mirror Large clock 84 Moncton St., Steveston, B.C. - Show case, 3 extra doors and 3 cords of wood.	Goods reported by Featherstone Bros., Steveston, March 11, 1946, to be in their possession (Left with them by T. Hirose) 2 finishing machines 2 heavy sewing machines 1 cash register 2 electric motors 1 electric clock 1 mirror dresser 1 showcase 1 chest of drawers 1 set of scales 1 hand cultivator 1 hand sprayer 1 pail of tools 5 small hoes	<b>CLAIM by Mrs. Toku HIROSE</b> 1. <u>84 Moncton St., Steveston</u> 1 bedroom set - bed, mirror, chairs & dresser 140.00 1 chest drawers 15.00 9 festival dolls (boys) 55.00 7 festival dolls (girls) 30.00 1 kitchen stove 150.00 2 heaters 50.00 Chinaware 75.00 Kitchen equipment 100.00 2 cupboards 100.00 4 beds 55.00 16 overcoats 250.00 10 wool blankets 100.00 24 sheets, 9 pillow cases 45.00 6 suits 107.00 16 prs. shoes 35.00 6 prs. rubber boots 28.00 2 electric irons 16.00 1 lice box 40.00 1 showcase 7.00 2 counters 50.00 1 clock 15.00		115.00 35.00 (2) 35.00 400.00		55.00 30.00 13.75 35.00 7.00 50.00



SALES	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT & C	UNSOLD	REMARKS
		80.00					
		250.00					
		50.00					
		130.00					
		100.00	50.00				
15.00 35.00 (2) 35.00	400.00						Appraised at \$50.00 each. See Oct. 8/46 Appraised at \$15.00 each. " Appraised at \$25.00. See October 8/46 The Stitching Machine was not declared by the Japanese but was reported to the Custodian Dec. 23/42 by Denby Bros. to be stored with them. This machine was purchased by T. Hirose from Denby Bros. in February 1927 for \$808.60, thus making it fifteen years old at time of evacuation. Inadvertently correspondence relative to this machine was addressed to a son, Tazo, who lived at Taber, Alta. (According to correspondence on file the father lived at Taber, Alta. and also at Barnwell, Alta.) Numerous letters were written to Tazo relative to the Lien against this machine by Denby Bros. (June 29 & Nov. 15/43) but as no reply was received the Dept. of Labour was requested on Dec. 10/43 to get in touch with him. They reported on Mar. 8/44 that they were unable to get any cooperation. The Custodian therefore gave Denby Bros. authority to dispose of this machine (Mar. 16/44) and they advised on Oct. 27/44 it had been sold for \$400. After deducting their Lien, repairs and handling charges, they remitted the balance of \$113.84 for credit to the account of the Japanese. (The credit from this sale was transferred from the son's to father's account and the father so advised by the Custodian on February 8, 1946).
15.00 15.00		55.00 30.00					(For Dresser & Mirror) (Bed damaged, as per Inv. of Feb. 9/44)
				150.00 25.00	25.00		See J.D. Mather report of June 5, 1942. - do -
5.25			100.00				
12.75 (2)		13.75 (1)		27.50 (2)	13.75 (1)		- See J.D. Mather report June 5/42
		250.00 100.00 45.00 107.00					
		35.00					
		28.00 16.00 40.00					
		7.00 50.00					
			15.00				

EXHIBIT No. 668-2  
 DATE Sept. 14/48  
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# ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

12973  
FILE No. 1755

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Tanejiro HIROSE and Toku HIROSE (wife)

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DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
- continued from Page 1						
		<b>2. Care of Frank Featherstone</b> 1 electric clock 25.00 1 mirror & dresser 50.00 1 set of drawers 15.00 Living room furniture 100.00 (F) Kitchen Utensils 193.00 Bedroom furniture 109.00 (F) Wheelbarrow 5.00 <u>\$1960.00</u>				
		CLAIM: Mr. Hirose - \$2910. Mrs. Hirose - <u>1960.</u> Total claim - <u>\$4870.</u>				
		ALSO SOLD: Platform Scales 26.00 Tools (T) 11.70 Miscellaneous (M) 5.00				
			\$300.30	\$400.00		\$ 993.75

**RECAP. of Claims by Tanejiro and Toku HIROSE:**

Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 1879.00 - sold at auction for \$300.30  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 1000.00 - sold by tender, &c., for \$400.00  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 993.75 - declared but not found  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 756.00 - no record at any time  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 202.50 - abandoned  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$ 38.75 - Unaccounted for, theft, etc.  
\$4870.00

*Robertson*  
May 25/48



SALES	TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
.00 .50 .00			193.00	5.00				<p><u>GENERAL REMARKS:</u> No declaration of chattels was made by Mr. Hirose. Requests for completion of JP Registration Form made by Custodian on Dec. 20/42, Feb.17/43, Apr.1/43 and July 10/43. A "NO Property" card was filed September 29/43.</p> <p>Farm implements, Shoe Repair Machinery and Household Chattels were declared by his wife, Toku HIROSE, in her JP Registration of Apr.2/42. A second Registration was filed by Toku HIROSE on Sept.29/43 but this differed from that of Apr.2/42 and the Custodian advised Mrs. Hirose on Oct.26/43 that her two registrations gave an exaggerated picture of her belongings and were quite unreliable.</p> <p><u>Farm Tools:</u> In letters of July 24 &amp; July 28/44, Thomas C. King, Custodian representative at Steveston, B.C., stated that Mr. Thompson (Lessee to whom Mrs. Hirose leased Lot "A" of Sec. 4 on Apr.21/42) told him there was no farming equipment of any kind left on the premises or in his charge.</p>
.30	\$400.00		\$ 993.75	\$ 756.00	\$202.50	\$38.75		<p><u>Shoe Repair Machinery:</u> When Mr. Hirose was evacuated the shoe repair business was operated by his two sons and in his report of June 5/42, Mr. J.D.Mather (then agent for Custodian at Steveston, B.C.) advised that the sons had promised to hand the key to him at time of their evacuation, but had failed to do so. Mr. Mather stated that according to information he had received from others, the sons had moved the contents to "McPherson's Barn on No.2 Road". All efforts to locate this equipment were without success. On July 20/42, October 20/43 and July 9/43, Mrs. Hirose was requested to let us have information relative to the location of this equipment but no reply was received. On April 13, 1943, Mr. Hirose was requested to supply information as to its location, but did not reply. In an effort to gain such information, the Department of Labour was contacted and their Lethbridge representative reported on February 18, 1946 that "As USUAL" they were unable to get any information; that his family was very unruly and would not cooperate, and were acting in a very high-handed manner.</p> <p>Finally, in response to an advertisement in the newspaper, on March 11, 1946, Featherstone Bros. of Steveston, B.C., reported a list of chattels (including shoe repair machinery) which they had in their care belonging to T. Hirose of Taber, Alta. (Mar.21/46).</p> <p>On April 17/46 the Custodian advised Mrs. Hirose that certain goods had been located at Featherstone Bros., Steveston, and in her letter to the Custodian dated Apr.30/46 Mrs. Hirose stated all the shoe making equipment belonged to her husband but the remainder of the goods were rented to Mr. Featherstone. All goods left at Featherstone's and found by Custodian were sold at auction on November 7, 1946. For the equipment checked and appraised by Denby Bros. see letter of October 8/46.</p>
								<p>sold at auction for \$300.30 sold by tender, &amp;c., for \$400.00 declared but not found no record at any time abandoned Unaccounted for, theft, etc.</p>



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Japanese Section

EXHIBIT No. 668 - 3  
DATE Sept. 14/48  
FILED BY G.E.A.Rice

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

**EVACUATION SECTION**  
Rec'd *Oct 8 1943*  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
A.M. 04399 *D.M.C.*  
Referred *Chopel*

NAME: Tanejiro HIROSE

HOME ADDRESS: Box 505 Taber

REGISTRATION NO: 04399

SEX: Male

AGE: 60

MARRIED, yes

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Beet worker

Mr. Ivan E. Harris

NAME OF WIFE : Toku

ADDRESS: Box 505 Taber

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Tazo  
Hirozo  
Emiko  
Tashichi - 11990

ADDRESS: " " "  
" " "  
" " "

ADDRESS: % J.W. Fuller, Barnwell

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 29 day of September 1943.

(Signature) "T. Hirose"

WITNESS: "D.C. Archibald"

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF,

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy. Date: October 28, 1948.

*E. L. Base*  
*J.H.*



EXHIBIT No. 668 - 4  
DATE Sept. 14/48  
FILED BY G.E.A. Rice

Tanejiro Hirose  
Taber, Alberta.  
Feb. 24/47

EVAUATION SECTION  
Rec'd Feb 26 1947  
File No. 12973  
Ans.  
Referred Peters

Mr. George Peters.  
Office of the Custodian.

Dear Sirs:

I'm asking these matter. About the machinery which I left behind at The Featherstone Bros. Steveston, B. C. I wanted to know what kind of machinery did the Custodian claimed.

All the household utensil is belong to my wife. Cabinet, Mental clock, some chesterfield, Mirror dresser set, chiffonier, etc.

And some of the farming tool, as, scale and hoe and some more of hers. I wanted to know what become of is.

Im hoping to hear from you. Thanking you.

Yours truly,  
"T. Hirose"  
"Mr. Tanejiro Hirose"

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

Date: October 28, 1948.

E. Le Case  
J.F.



Mrs. Toku Hirise  
Taber, Alberta

EXHIBIT NO. 668 - 5  
DATE Sept. 14/48  
FILED BY G.E.A. Rice

April 30/46  
Taber, Alta.

Regarding to Mr. Geo Peters

Dear Sirs:

Receiving your letter some time ago. I heard that one of the Custodian agent found all the shoe making machinery and other odd thing at Mr. J. Featherston Bros. R.R. No. 4 Rd. Steveston, B. C. Just all the shoe making equipment is belong to my husband. The rest of all the thing is rented to Mr. J. Featherston. For my husband have some debts for Mr. F & F Henderson, amount \$1172.28. They says I don't know nothing about it. If the F & F Henderson wanted some claim I think it better for them to take all the shoe making machinery out of Mr. J. Featherston place. And I think that my husband storesome of the new stocks shoe at family home at locate 84 Moncton St. Steveston, B.C. There nothing that F& F Henderson got against my house because I got no debts to pay for. Last December 1945 I received the cheque amount five hundred dollars. I sure need some monéy badly for my living at the present. I'm asking you to send me that some balance of the house which Custodian sold last 2 year ago. I guess you could understand these matter clear about the situation now. Hoping to hear from Custodian soon. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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

Date: October 28, 1948.

E. LaSalle m.w.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	May 4 1946
File No.	1755
Ans.	
Referred	Peters



File # 1755

COPY

*of letter from Mrs Hirose*

Mrs. Toku HIROSE  
Taber, Alberta.

April 30/46  
Taber, Alta.

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Yours truly,

NO SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.  
Date: October 28, 1948.

*E. A. Cassey*



VIRTUE & RUSSELL

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS  
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A. GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C., K.C.  
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.

June 14, 1948.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212 - 34.

Miss Lillie Thomas,  
Secretary, Japanese Property Claims  
Sub-Commission (Lethbridge),  
15 Victoria Mansions,  
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

Dear Madam:

Re: HIROSE, Tanejiro  
HIROSE, Taku

Thank you for your letter, dated June 12th,  
in regards to the hearings of the above named  
Claimants.

Contents have been noted.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL

Per: 

CGV/s

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