Name of Claimant OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro Case 726

Custodian File 4968

REAL PROPERTY												Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)			V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% there-of	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:			
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount		
					409.00 214.00		275.63 117.28					275.63 117.28

PERSONAL PROPERTY								
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear						
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column	
		302.35		86.17				86.17

NETS						
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price	Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing	Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
			.00 345.00	241.50	.00	241.50

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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price	
147.00	35.00	10.50	46%	175.00	80.50			91.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	811.58

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20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
W.S. RUSSELL, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.

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

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THE SECRETARY: Case No. 726, Hatsutaro Okamoto.

HATSUTARO OKAMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Okamoto, this is a summary of evidence in support of claim I am showing you?

A Yes.

Q This was prepared under your own direction and from
10 information and figures supplied by yourself?

A Yes.

Q This is your signature, Mr. Okamoto, at the end of this document? A: Yes.

Q This is the basis of your claim to the Commission?

A Yes.

Q You believe the contents of this document to be true to the best of your knowledge, information and belief, is that right?

A Yes, it is all true.

20 MR. RUSSELL: I will put thatin as an exhibit.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. RUSSELL: I wonder if my learned friend would produce a net list made the 10th of July, 1942, and a letter dated the 3rd of March, 1945.

Q You are claiming for a fishing vessell, Mr. Okamoto, is that right? A: Yes.

Q Now, I am showing you a picture here (indicating), it is of a boat; is that boat in the foreground your boat? A; That is my boat.

30 Q And that is the boat for which you are claiming

$400.00, is that right? A: Yes.

Q It says on the back of this picture "taken March 1940"; do you know who wrote that on there?

A It was written by my son who has since died.

MR. RUSSELL: I will put that picture in.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: I don't appear to have the net list of July, 1942. I have another list here. Is that whatyou have reference to (indicating)?

10 MR. RUSSELL: Q: I am showing you a net list which is undated, but it has a receipt stamp on the top "April 30th, 1943"?

A Yes, that is my list.

Q That is your list, is it? A: Yes.

Q I notice that this doesn't correspond exactly with your summary of evidence; this document here (indicating). You show the value of this first net at $200.00, which is the same as your summary of evidence, but here in your summary of evidence you show it as 200

20 fathoms and in this net list you show 190 fathoms. Is that the same net? A: Yes, it is the same net.

Q Now, this second item, I can't see that this corresponds very closely. You show the estimated value here of $75.00, which would probably make it this third net here on your net list?

A The prices seem to be reversed. The 5-3/8 there should be $75.00 and the 5-3/4 should be $140.00.

Q Well, you made no claim for $140.00 in your summary

30 of evidence. How does that come about?

A There must be a mistake; I thought I had.

Q Well, which is the correct statement of your nets, the one on this summary of evidence, or this one here in your net statement?

A This list is the correct list, the one I have in my hand.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What he calls the net list.

MR. RUSSELL: The net list, the fishing net inventory.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are you going to file that now so that we will have it connected up with that statement?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, I will put it in.

(NET INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RUSSELL: Q: Well, do you wish to amend this statement of nets, cork lines and lead lines on page 9 of your summary of evidence to correspond with this net statement which you made sometime prior to 1943?

A Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, look, Mr. Russell, on Exhibit 3 have you or has he set forth there the net lines and the lead lines separately? If you will look at page 9 of Exhibit 1 you will find here a Cohoe, cork line, value $65.00, which goes with the Sockeye net of $75.00, making a total of $140.00, so that possibly you have got the correct values on Exhibit 1, except that they are divided.

MR. RUSSELL: That may be it, sir; that may be the explanation.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is the third net valued there on that list there?

MR. RUSSELL: $75.00. The descriptions actually are not quite the same.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: No, but the third net, what is that?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, that is $75.00.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Those two are valued at $75.00, are they?

10 MR. RUSSELL: Pardon me. Perhaps I can check it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You see, the $75.00 and the $65.00 makes your total $140.00. Now, here is a $40.00 which does not appear on this net list.

MR. RUSSELL: No, it doesn't appear on the net list at all.

Q You are claiming for some cork lines for your Cohoe net, $65.00. Now, in this net statement you are showing $140.00 for a 5-1/4 inch net, and what we are trying to do is to find out if this

20 $140.00 includes $65.00 worth of lines or not. Can you tell us that?

A This $65.00 for cork lines is included in the first item for $200.00; that is inclusive. These two following nets have no cork or lead lines and, therefore, this $65.00 is included in the $200.00.

Q Well, would the value of the net then without the lines be $135.00?

A No, it should be $95.00 instead of $200.00, because these two items, cork lines and lead lines should

30 be deducted from that $200.00 to get the total value

of the nets.

THE SUB/COMMISSIONER: Oh, I see. So that the $200.00 item includes the lines, one cork and the other lead which have each been used two weeks as in the case of the first net, so that the net value is $95.00, and the other lines are $65.00 and $40.00 respectively?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I see.

10 THE INTERPRETER: He says those lines are just a repetition; it should be all included in the $200.00.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: It should all be included inthe $200.00?

A Yes.

Q Then your total claim would not be $450.00 for these nets but would be $345.00? A: Yes.

Q I think that is all, sir.

MR. RICE: I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate, both parcels, were sold for their fair market value.

20 I am submitting that the nets were sold for their fair market value. I would point out that the nets were sold by tender for $302.35, and the claimant's amended claim now amounts to only $345.00.

I am submitting the other chattels were sold for their fair market value. Some chattels were declared and not found, others there is no record of at any time. The scale and the tools and other items again are abandoned. A few were lost or stolen. I am submitting if the Custodian is

30 responsible for any chattels that the claim made to

the same by this claimant is exorbitant.

I submit as an exhibit two farm appraisal reports, one respecting Lot "A", Block 5, and the other Lot 4, sub-division of a 14.4 acre parcel of the West Half of Section 18.

(APPRAISALS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: I submit two tax notices for the Corporation of the Township of Richmond, Brighouse, B.C., one respecting Lot 4 showing the land valued at $327.00 and the improvements at $50.00, total taxable value $352.00. The other is Lot "A", Block 5, value of land $437.00, improvements $20.00, taxable value $447.00.

(NOTICES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: I submit three summaries respecting the real estate and one summary respecting the personal estate.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Four altogether?

MR. RICE: Yes.

(SUMMARIES MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. RICE: I submit the report of J. D. Mather dated July 10th, 1942, showing a net statement and an inventory of household goods left at the Colonial Cannery.

(REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

MR. RICE: I tender an analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q I show you a J.P. form dated April 20th, 1942;

does that bear your signature?

A Yes.

MR. RICE: I tender his J.P. form as an exhibit.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

MR. RICE: I tender, your Honour, as an exhibit a summary takenfrom vessels records regarding the claim made by the claimant for a boat. Apparently this boat was damaged and sunk when in possession of the Navy. It was repaired at the Star Shipyard at a cost of $399.54, which was paid by the Navy. The boat was then valued or appraised by John Gould, that is, on October 20th, 1942, at $375.00. The boat did not sell, and later it was appraised again when some ofthe equipment had been taken off it at $250.00, and was finally sold at $250.00. Apparently, the Nelson Brothers Fisheries Limited made good to the Custodian for certain things taken off the boat, or presumably used by them, so that there was a refund of $52.35 that was paid by Nelson Brothers, and which the claimant here receives a credit for.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: $52.35?

MR. RICE: Yes, $52.35. There is a letter from Nelson Brothers Fisheries Limited enclosing the cheque for that amount, and I tender both documents as one exhibit.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

MR. RICE: I don't know whether I mentioned it before or not, but I am submitting that the boat or vessel was sold at its fair market value.

Q Where did you leave your household goods and farming equipment? There is no claim for farming equipment, is there? It has been dropped?

MR. RUSSELL: No, there is a claim there, page 11.

A They were left in two separate rooms at the cannery. The nets were left in an upstairs room in the cannery.

MR. RICE: Q: But your household goods and farming equipment, they were left in two separate rooms
10 at a cannery? A: They were left at house No. 19.

Q Whereabouts in house No. 19? A: My things were left there along with other people's.

Q Where is house No. 19? A: Around the middle of the block of cabins.

Q What place?

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is the name of the place or town?

MR. RICE: Q: Steveston, B.C.? A: Yes.

Q Why didn't you say so. Now, what was the number
20 of the house again that you left them at?

A I don't remember clearly, but I think it was No. 19.

Q I might point out to you that in your J.P. form you said, "Will leave wood at No. 12 cannery house and farm equipment in packing shed on No. 2 Road."

A Yes, I left my farming implements onNo. 2 Road, but I don't remember any wood.

Q You don't remember any wood? A: No. I had some but I sold it to a Chinaman.

Q Well, what about your household effects or chattels?

30 A They were all left at this same No. 19 house along

with chattels and belongings of several other people.

Q All left at house No. 19? A: I am not sure whether it was 19 or 12.

Q Along with several other evacuees' property, is that it? A: Yes.

Q And who owned house No. 19? A: It belonged to the cannery.

Q Well, what cannery? What was the name of the

10 cannery? A: Colonial Cannery.

Q Colonial CannerY? A: Yes.

Q It wasn't the Scottish CannerY? A: No.

Q Colonial Cannery? A: Yes.

Q I show you a letter dated May 10th, 1944, written from Taber, Alberta, to the Custodian. Is that your signature on that letter?

A Yes, that is my signature.

Q That is your signature? A: Yes.

MR. RICE: Well, this letter, your Honour, reads in

20 part, "On May 4th I received your letter stating that you have sold our land.

"I want to informed you that we have left our house goods and farming equipment in a small shack on the farm:

"Lot 4 of 14.4 acres portion of the West half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West Map 619" and I don't know whether it is "5" or "8", "District of New Westminster, Nunicipality of Richmond,

30 C. of E. 51324

in the care of Mr. Herbert A. Howse."

Now, does that refresh your mind at all about where you left your chattels? Now, is that letter right, or did you leave them at house 19 belonging to the cannery?

A These household goods are just odds and ends of furniture we had. The main part of those things we had we left at the cannery as I said just now, and these are just small articles of the farming equipment.

Q The farming equipment and small articles were left in the house or in the care of Mr. Howse on the farm?

A Yes, in the small shack on the farm.

MR. RICE: I will ask that to be marked as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

MR. RICE: Q: I show you a proof of claim form that you swore to on the 18th of November, 1947; is that your signature on that document?

A Yes.

Q That is your signature? A: Yes.

MR. RICE: I tender the proof of claim form filed by the claimant on November 18th, 1947.

(CLAIM FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 12).

MR. RICE: Q: In your proof of claim form you swore that your farming equipment -- oh, no, you have it here. The proof of claim form gave no itemized list of the farm equipment that was valued at $150.00. You leased your house and your farm to Mr. Howse, did you not? A: I leased the farm to a Mr. Howse through Mr. King; the house

didn't belong to me, it belonged to the cannery.

Q Well, you leased Lot "A" and Lot 4, described as Parcels 1 and 2 in your summary of evidence, respectively? A: The lots were on Moncton Street and on No. 2 Road.

Q Do you know what Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 of the summary of evidence that you have filed today mean? One is described as Lot "A" and the other as Lot 4? A: Yes, Parcels 1 and 2.

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Q Parcels 1 and 2? A: Yes.

Q Well, you leased both of those parcels to Mr. Howse for $100.00 for the first year, did you not?

A It was just for that one year.

Q You have a written lease with Mr. Howse, have you not? A: Yes.

Q Can you produce it? A: I haven't got it with me, but that $100.00 rent was just for that one year.

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Q Then Mr. King had nothing to do with the thing, you made a lease yourself for the house?

A For the following years they were just to pay the taxes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Have you got a lease, Mr. Russell?

MR. RUSSELL: I don't think we have, sir.

A I have the agreement at home.

MR. RICE: Q: Well, it is clear then that you leased your place to Mr. Howse for $100.00 for the first year and thereafter for the duration of the war he was to have it by paying the taxes and the water rates?

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A Yes, I believe that is so, but, in any case, if you see the agreement it will be there.

Q If you don't know, say so. I am asking you; you are on oath here, whether it means anything to you or not? A: Yes, that is correct.

Q Well, if you rented it to Mr. Howse for $100.00 a year and thereafter permitting him to use the place on the payment of the taxes and the water rent, why do you say that the rental value is $500.00 a year, or, to be exact, the rental of both places is $750.00 a year?

A Well, I think there is that much value inthe place because I planted loganberries, and the strawberries were just coming on inthe second year.

Q Well, what you are swearing to here, whether you know it or not, is that a place that you valued at $1600.00 has an annual rental value of $500.00, and another place that you swore to as having a value of $400.00, a fair market value of $400.00, has a rental value of $250.00 per year?

A May I have the question again?

BY THE REPORTER: "Well, what you are swearing to here, whether you know it or not, is that a place that you valued at $1600.00 has an annual rental value of $500.00, and another place that you swore to as having a value of $400.00, a fair market value of $400.00, has a rental value of $250.00 per year?"

A The one valued at $1600.00 I had planted loganberries and I consider that I could expect a rental

of $500.00. The $400.00 parcel was planted in strawberries and, therefore, I consider $250.00 a fair rental.

MR. RUSSELL: You will notice that is on a share crop basis. He is talking about the second parcel.

MR. RICE: Q: Well, after spending $300.00 or $400.00 you can get $250.00 rent?

A I had a letter from the Custodian asking me whether I would care to sell this parcel at $1600.00 because there was a buyer inthe market.

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Q And you agreed to sell for $1600.00?

A The letter should be on the file.

MR. RICE: I would point out, your Honour, that there was a buyer of this property for $1600.00, and he found out he had made a mistake in the property and he refused to go on with the purchase, and the place was eventually sold to the Director of the Veterans Land Act for $409.00. A person by the name of Stanley Sopel offered $1600.00, but made a mistake on the property that he thought that he was offering the money on and withdrew his offer.

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A There was a buyer for this parcel valued at $1600.00 by the Custodian and he asked me whether I would agree to sell because there was a cash purchaser for this piece of land.

Q Yes, but that was just a mistake he made in the description of your land.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Mr. Rice is just explaining that the man who made that offer made a mistake in the property for which he was making an offer, and it

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was not this man's property, it was somebody else's. You might explain that to him. What does he say now?

A I did receive a letter telling me that it was an offer for the wrong parcel, but on comparing the title deeds with the number of the parcels I think it was the same one. There was no mistake about it, it was my land. If you compare the title deeds with the letter from the Custodian you will see it for yourself.

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Q Yes, but the number of the parcel in the Custodian's letter might very well be the number of the property which this man had, but would not be the property which the man had in mind when he was making the offer, so that does not mean anything.

A I don't know about that, but the number mentioned in the Custodian's letter and my property were the same.

Q Yes, that is true, but the point is that the man who made the offer had some other property in mind.

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MR. RICE: I point out, your Honour, that according to the summary of evidence, Exhibit 1, the claimant swears that he purchased this property for $1300.00, and he planted loganberries and peas which he claims cost him $125.00, and built a packing house in 1928 at a cost of $150.00, making a total claim, with no write-off for the packing house at all, of $1575.00, and yetthe value of his claim on this parcel of land is $1600.00.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Not only that, but there is not

a word of evidence in here to whom he paid the $1300.00 to. I had that in mind to ask him whether there was a building burned, or something. You see, here is $1300.00 for two acres of land, and the purchase price of Parcel 2 is $340.00, and nothing is said as to who sold the property to him, or what they got or anything else, so that you cannot very well have the $1300.00, or take the $1300.00 as the basis for the claim, can you?

10 MR. RICE: Perhaps I had better ask him.

Q Who did you buy this land from? I mean Lot "A".

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q: Can you not tell the name of the person that you bought it from without going into a long conversation? A: No, I don't remember.

Q He does not know.

MR. RICE: He doesn't know.

Q How do you know that you paid $1300.00 then?

A Yes, I remember buying that and I have the receipt.

20 Q Well, where is the receipt then? All right. What was on the place when you bought it in the way of buildings? A: There was nothing apart from some loganberries about ten or twelve years old.

Q No other improvements at all? A: No.

Q And you paid $650.00 an acre for two acres?

A Yes, the total is $1300.00, so that it must have been so.

Q You haven't got the receipt on you that you paid

30 for the property? A: I haven't got it

with me, but I have it at home. If necessary, I shall post it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, it is no good at home, that is one thing sure. And they are certainly not going to take into consideration anything like that.

MR. RUSSELL: Well, your Honour, would you care to adjourn this and have him bring in his receipt and produce it to you.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, he has had every opportunity to have this stuff here, and he certainly has got the rental value high enough and everything, and that was not overlooked. Oh, we will let him file it if he wants to afterwards.

MR. RUSSELL: This brings up a matter, sir; we can't examine every witness on every one of these points in this summary of evidence.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: By jove, you just cannot take a statement and say "This is all true" because

20 it is quite evident that it is not all true in every case, because you are dealing with people who do not speak English very well, at least, and you have just simply got to go into this thing with some detail if you are going to succeed in some of this stuff, that is all.

MR. RICE: Well, you are claiming that you paid $100.00 for kitchen utensils. Have you any record of that? Oh, make him answer the question; he can say "Yes" he has or he hasn't.

30 A I can't remember in detail.

Q You can't remember in detail. How do you know that you paid $100.00 for kitchen utensils new and old as described in your summary of evidence?

A We had a new dinner set, among other things. I actually think we had more than $100.00 worth.

Q But you have no record of the $100.00? You are just guessing at it as to what the value of your kitchen utensils would amount to?

A No, I can't remember in detail.

10 Q Well, your logging equipment, you are swearing you paid $100.00 for logging equipment. There is no list of it. Have you got a list of it, your logging equipment? A: That must be a mistake, I think. I put down some $30.00 odd dollars.

Q No, you say that is what it is worth. Is $30.00 all you say that you paid? $100.00 is what you swore you paid for it?

A Yes, it must have cost about that.

20 Q Well, how do you know if you haven't got a list?

A It isn't my own; it belongs to my wife's younger brother.

Q This logging equipment is not yours at all then?

A And he left it in my care.

Q So that you don't know what it consists of?

A My wife's brother told me that he had bought it at that price and he valued it at what it is listed there.

Q Your wife's youngest brother told you that he

30 had bought logging equipment that cost him

$100.00. Did he give you a list of what it consisted of? A: No, he didn't tell me.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is there anything else that belongs to the wife's brother in this list, I wonder. Anything else belongs to the wife's brother?

A No, just the logging equipment.

MR. RICE: Q: What is the bath box, or is that meant for a bath tub? A: It should be

10 a bath tub.

Q It should be a bath tub? A: Yes, it is a Japanese wooden bath tub.

Q It is a Japanese wooden bath tub?

A Yes.

Q Well, you bought it for $37.00 in '41 and apparently used it for a year, but it would have no depreciation, is that it? A: That is just the amount I paid for it, the market value at the time I purchased it. I had it made for me. I

20 don't know what it cost or what it was worth when we left the Coast.

Q You don't know what it was worth when you left the Coast. All right.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Any questions, Mr. Russell?

MR. RUSSELL: No questions.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Show him that list there (indicating), and here are the values of all these articles there, and just ask him who gave him those values, or who gave those values and all that in here

30 to the man that prepared that Exhibit 1.

A I gave him the values.

Q You gave the values contained inthat Exhibit 1 that I have shown you?

A Yes, I gave the values.

Q I see. All right, that is all, thanks.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

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"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. 726.

H. Okamoto,
Discussion.

Lethbridge, Alberta,

October 12th, 1948.

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

MR. RUSSELL: Your Honour, in Case No. 726, Hatsutaro Okamoto, we endeavoured to secure a deed showing the sale of land, and the hearing was adjourned for us to secure a copy of the same. I have now a certified copy of the deed as filed in the Land Registry office, and I would like to put that on the file.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right, that is fine.

MR. RUSSELL: It will be put in as Exhibit 13.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The deed will be filed as Exhibit No. 13.

(DEED MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 13).

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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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.

1. Name of Claimant in full: Hatsutaro Okamoto

   Registration No. 03466

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:

   P O.Box 166 Steveston .B.C.

3. Claimant's present address:

   Box 388 Taber Alberta

4. Claim relating to real property:

   (a) Street address of real property: (i) Moncton Road (ii) No.2 Road

   (b) Legal description of property:

   (i) Lot "A" of Block Five (5) of Block Eight (8) of Section Eleven (11) Block Three (3) North Range Seven (7) West Map 4245 in the District of New Westminster in Municipality of Richmond

   (ii) Lot (4) of a Fourteen Decimal Four (14.4) acre portion of the West Half of section Eighteen (18) Block three (3) North Range Six (6) West Map Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety- five (69195) in the district of New Westminster in Municipality of Richmond.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

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

Mixed Farming Land

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

(i) Certificate of Indefeasible Title
Certificate No. 76578E and No/ 76616E

(ii) Certificate of Indefeasible Title
Certificate No. 132761E and No. 138728 E

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

(I) Land— $ (i) $1,600.00 & (ii) $400.00

(II) Buildings— $ ------- nil

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

$ (i) ~~$17.~~ $1,194.00 (ii) $186.00

5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

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

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:

Colonial Cannery Warehouse

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

Office of the Custodian

(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:

Fishing Boat		$650.00
Gill Nets		$450.00
Household Utensils		$250.00
Farm Equipment		$150.00
Tatal	--	$1500.00

Amount allowed for personal property

Fishing boat	$250.00	
Household	$ 30.85	Total
Farm Equipment	10.95	$291.80

Gill Nets -- (information received from Custodian stating that it was stolen)

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

$1,209.00

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

7. An Interpreter will not be required.

DATED this ~~12~~ 18th day of ~~October~~ November, A.D. 1947.

Samson Sanderson
Witness to Signature of Claimant.

Hakudaro Akamoto
Signature of Claimant.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Katsutaro Okamoto
(Full Name of Claimant)

of Box 388 Taber, Alta. Farming
(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:

$291.00 as mentioned above

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 18th day of November

A.D. 1947.

Katsutaro Okamoto

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

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

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 Chapted 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.

Proof of Claim

VIRTUE & RUSSELL
Barristers & Solicitors,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Compared by:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the paper writing hereto annexed is a true copy of an original document deposited and now in my custody in the Land Registry Office, in the City of New Westminster, B.C.

DATED this 7th day of October, 1948.

(A. A. Milledge)
Registrar.

EXHIBIT No. 726-13
DATE October 12/48
FILLED BY
W. S. Purvis

Form No. 2. Deed of Land. 3-48. Clarke & Stuart Co. Ltd., Law Printers and Stationers, Vancouver, B.C.

This Indenture,

Made the Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight

In Pursuance of the "Short form of Deeds Act"

Between WILLIAM H. MOFFATT? Plumber, and CHARLES MARTIN Tinsmith, both of Steveston, Province of British Columbia.

Insert full Name, Street Address and Occupation of Grantor and of Grantee.

(hereinafter called the "Grantor")

AND

HATSUTARO OKAMOTO of the same place, Fisherman. (hereinafter called the "Grantee")

Witnesseth, that, in consideration of Thirteen hundred----------

Dollars of the lawful money of Canada now paid by the said Grantee to the said Grantor (the receipt whereof is hereby by him acknowledged)

he, the said Grantor, **Doth Grant** unto the said Grantee, his heirs and assigns FOREVER :

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Municipality of Richmond, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as the West half of Lot 5 of Block 8 of Section 11- Block 3 North- Range 7 West in the District of New Westminster- Map No. 943, and as shown on the plan ~~attached hereto~~ "No. 4245" as Block "A"

Together with all buildings, fixtures, commons, ways, profits, privileges, rights, easements and appurtenances to the said hereditaments belonging, or with the same or any part thereof, held or enjoyed, or appurtenant thereto; and the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand of him, the said Grantor, in, to, or upon the said premises.

To have and to hold unto the said Grantee, his heirs and assigns, to and for his and their sole and only use forever; **Subject nevertheless** to the reservations, limitations, provisos and conditions expressed in the original grant thereof from the Crown.

The said Grantor Covenants with the said Grantee that he has the right to convey the said lands to the said Grantee, notwithstanding any act of the said Grantor and that the said Grantee shall have quiet possession of the said lands, free from all encumbrances, ~~save as aforesaid~~.

And the said Grantor Covenants with the said Grantee that he will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be requisite.

And the said Grantor Covenants with the said Grantee that he has done no acts to encumber the said lands, ~~save as aforesaid~~

And the said Grantor **Releases** to the said Grantee **All His Claims** upon the said lands.

Wherever the singular or masculine is used throughout this Indenture, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties hereto so require.

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In Witness Whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals on the date first above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
IN THE PRESENCE OF

Signature of Witness "Samuel Shepherd"

Street Address

City or Town Steveston B.C.

Occupation of Witness Notary Public

"Wm. H. Moffatt"

"Charles Martin"

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY

I, of the
of , in the Province of British Columbia,
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:—

1. That I am the attorney for
(Name of Donor)

2. That I am the person who subscribed the name of
(Name of Donor)
in the annexed instrument as the Maker thereof.

3. That at the time of the execution of the said instrument the power of attorney had not been revoked by or on behalf of , and I have not received any notice or information
(Name of Donor)
of the death, disability, or bankruptcy of
(Name of Donor)

[Or if the donor of the power is a corporation, substitute for 3 (ante)]—

3. That at the time of the execution of the said instrument the power of attorney had not been revoked by or on behalf of , and I had not received any notice or information
(Name of Donor)
of the bankruptcy or dissolution of
(Name of Donor)

4. That I know the contents of the said instrument and subscribed the name of the said
(Name of Donor)
thereto voluntarily as the free act and deed of the said
(Name of Donor)

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 ,
in the Province of ,
this day of , 19 .

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

STATUTORY DECLARATION WHERE ATTORNEY IS A CORPORATION

I, of the
of , in the Province of British Columbia,
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:—

1. THAT I am of the
(Office) (Name of Corporation)
the attorney of
(Name of Donor)

2. THAT being duly authorized by the to act
(Name of Corporation)
for in the execution of the power of attorney, I subscribed the
(Name of Corporation)
name of in the annexed instrument as the Maker thereof, and
(Name of Donor)
under the same authority affixed the seal of the thereto.
(Name of Corporation)

3. THAT I know the contents of the said instrument and subscribed the name of the said
(Name of Donor)
thereto voluntarily as the free act and deed of the said .
(Name of Donor)

4. THAT at the time of the execution of the said instrument the power of attorney had not been revoked by or on behalf of , and I am informed that the
(Name of Donor) (Name of Corporation)
had not received any notice or information of the death, disability, or bankruptcy of
(Name of Donor)

[Or if the donor of the power is a corporation, substitute for 4 (ante)]—

4. THAT at the time of the execution of the said instrument the power of attorney had not been revoked by or on behalf of , and I am informed that the
(Name of Donor) (Name of Corporation)
had not received any notice or information of the bankruptcy or dissolution of .
(Name of Donor)

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 ,
in the Province of ,
this day of 19 .

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OFFICER OF A CORPORATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on the day of , 19 , at , in the Province of British Columbia, (whose identity has been proved by the evidence on oath of , who is) personally known to me, appeared before me and acknowledged to me that he is the of , and that he is the person who subscribed his name to the annexed instrument as of the said and affixed the seal of the to the said Instrument, that he was first duly authorized to subscribe his name as aforesaid, and affix the said seal to the said Instrument, and that such corporation is legally entitled to hold and dispose of land in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of Office, at in the Province of British Columbia, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

NOTE.—Where the person making the acknowledgment is personally known to the officer taking the same, strike out the words in brackets.

DEPOSITED

NO. 76616E Dated February 11th 1928

W.H. Moffatt
and
C. Martin
—TO—
H. Okamoto

Bill of Sale

Clarke & Stuart Co. Ltd., Law Printers and Stationers Vancouver, B.C. Form No. 2

Block "A"
Lot 5 "Block 8"
Section 11
Block 3 N-Range 7W
N.W.D.

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No. 76616E Registered the 2 day of March 1928 in Index Registered Bills of Sale Vol. 1 Folio 76616E Date received the 29 day of February 1928 at the hour of 2:30 pm

Samuel Shepherd
REGISTRAR

FOR WITNESS

Province of British Columbia
To Wit:

I, of the of , in the Province of British Columbia, make oath and say:

1. I was personally present and did see the within instrument duly signed and executed by the part thereto, for the purposes named therein.
2. The said instrument was executed at
3. I know the said part , and that of the full age of twenty-one years.
4. I am the subscribing witness to the said instrument and am of the full age of sixteen years.

Sworn before me at
in the Province of British Columbia, this
day of , 19

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

FOR MAKER (INCLUDING MARRIED WOMEN)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on the 14th day of February , 1928 , at Steveston , in the Province of British Columbia, ~~(whose identity has been proved by the evidence on~~ oath of William H. Moffatt and Charles Martin ~~, who is)~~ personally known to me, appeared before me and acknowledged to me that they are the persons mentioned in the annexed instrument as the makers thereof, and whose names are subscribed thereto as parties , that they know the contents thereof, and that they executed the same voluntarily, and each is of the full age of twenty-one years.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of Office, at Steveston in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight

SEAL

Samuel Shepherd
Notary Public
British Columbia

"S. Shepherd"

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
~~A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.~~

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JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claim No. 89

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

The Following are Particulars of the Claim:

1. Claimant's Name In Full: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

2. Registration Number: 03466

EXHIBIT NO. 726-1
DATE Sept. 28 '48
FILED BY W. S. Russell

3. Present Address: Box 388, Taber Alta.

4. Address Prior To Evacuation: P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B. C.

5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel 1.

(If more than one parcel, list each separately, beginning as Parcel 1, Parcel 2, etc. with following particulars covering each parcel separately on individual sheets)

Lot A of Block five (5) of Block eight (8) of Section Eleven (11) Block three (3) North Range Seven (7) West Map 4245, in the District of New Westminster.

(a) Nearest Post Office adjacent to land. Steveston B. C.

(b) Number of acres: 2

(c) When purchased: February 1928

(d) Condition when purchased: (Give improvements and values in detail as of date of purchase)

Land all broken

No buildings

(e) Purchase Price ..... $ 1300.00

6. IMPROVEMENTS:

(a)	Clearing.....acres at $.....per acre	$		
(b)	Fencing	$		
(c)	Tillage	$		
(d)	Drainage	$		
(e)	Weed Eradication	$		
(f)	Planting 1 acre loganberries 1 acre peas	$	125.00	
(g)		$		
(h)		$		
	Total	$		$ 125.00
	Carried Forward	$		$ 1425.00

Brought forward $ 1425.00

(i) Buildings:

ITEM	SIZE	YEAR BUILT	MATERIAL COST	LABOR COST	COST (TOTAL)
			$	$	$
Packing house	10 x 12	1928	100.00	50.00	150.00

Total Cost of Buildings 150.00 150.00

Total Cost of Land and All Improvements ..... $ 1575.00

Fair Market Value ..... $ 1600.00

Sold by Custodian for ..... $ 409.00

Loss Claimed on Parcel 1 ..... $ 1191.00

8. Assessment for 1942:

Land ..... $ 437.00

Improvements .... $ 20.00

Total ..... $ 457.00

9. Appraisal or Valuation (by Custodian):

Lands ..... $ 417.00

Improvements ..... $ _____

Total $ 417.00

10. Rental Value per Year: $ 500.00

11. Fire Insurance on Buildings:

(List amount on each building):

..... $

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12. Documents in Support:

(a) Photographs:

(b) Deeds Certificate of Title # 176616 E and Map of Property

(c) Agreements to Purchase

(d) Leases

(e) Insurance Policies

(f) Correspondence

Statement of Sale price of Property from Custodian.

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5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel 1.

(If more than one parcel, list each separately, beginning as Parcel 1, Parcel 2, etc. with following particulars covering each parcel separately on individual sheets)

Lot Four (4) of a Fourteen point four acre portion of the West half of Section Eighteen (18) Block three (3) North Range Six (6) West Map Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-five (6195) in the District of New Westminster.

(a) Nearest Post Office adjacent to land. Steveston B. C.

(b) Number of acres: 1 acre

(c) When purchased: 1940

(d) Condition when purchased: (Give improvements and values in detail as of date of purchase)

Broken

No buildings

(e) Purchase Price ..... $ 340.00

6. IMPROVEMENTS:

(a)	Clearing.....acres at $.....per acre	$	
(b)	Fencing	$	
(c)	Tillage	$	
(d)	Drainage	$	
(e)	Weed Eradication	$	
(f)	Planting 1 acre strawberries	$	
(g)		$	
(h)		$	
	Total	$	$
	Carried Forward	$	$ 340.00

Brought forward $ 340.00

(i) Buildings:

ITEM	SIZE	YEAR BUILT	MATERIAL COST	LABOR COST	COST (TOTAL)
			$	$	$
Packing house	12 x 20	1940	100.00	50.00	150.00
Packing house	12 x 18	1940	100.00	50.00	150.00

Total Cost of Buildings 300.00 300.00

Total Cost of Land and All Improvements ..... $ 640.00

Fair Market Value ..... $ 400.00

Sold by Custodian for ..... $ 214.00

Loss Claimed on Parcel 1 ..... $ 186.00

8. Assessment for 1942:

Land ..... $

Improvements .... $

Total ..... $

9. Appraisal or Valuation (by Custodian):

Lands ..... $ 218.00

Improvements ..... $ _____

Total $ 218.00

10. Rental Value per Year: $ 250.00 (approx. on crop share)

11. Fire Insurance on Buildings:

(List amount on each building):

..... $

..... $

..... $

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12. Documents in Support:

(a) Photographs:

(b) Deeds Certificate ot Title # 138728 E with map attached

(c) Agreements to Purchase

(d) Leases

(e) Insurance Policies

(f) Correspondence

Statement from Custodian re sale price of property

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Parcel 2:- (Add additional sheets if necessary)

(Give exactly the same information as in paragraphs 5 to 12 above)

13. SUMMARY OF LOSSES ON REAL PROPERTY:

Parcel 1	$ 1191.00
Parcel 2	$ 186.00
Parcel 3	$
Parcel 4	$
TOTAL:	$ 1377.00

NETS, CORK LINES & LEAD LINES

TYPE	PLY	SIZE	MESH	FATHOMS	SEASONS USED	PRICE NEW	ESTIMATED VALUE	REMARKS
Nets								
Cohoe Net	6	7"	60	200	2 wks.	225.00	$ 200.00	
Sockeye Net	4	5 3/8	50	200	1 yr.	175.00	75.00	
Sockeye Net	4	5¾	50	150	2 yr.	125.00	70.00	
Cork Lines								
Cohoe Net				200	2 wks.	68.00	65.00	
Lead Lines								
Cohoe Net				200	2 wks.	42.00	40.00	
							$ 450.00	

Total Value	450.00	345.00 See Page 6 Transcript
Sold by Custodian for	NIL	
Claim	450.00	

Fishing Vessel

1 Name of Vessel T.O.

2 Registration No. N.W. 3071 N.W. 072E

3 Type Motor Vessel

4 Date Purchased 1935

5 Condition when Purchased New

6 Length 30' Bredth ' 2" Depth 3' 5"

7 Price Paid $1500.00

8 Maintanence & Improvements

a Re-ribbed vessel 1939 $100.00

b Installed New Ford Marine 1940 $250.00

9 Fair Market Value .....$ 650.00

250.00

10 Sold By Custodian for..... ~~302.35~~

Amount Loss.....$ ~~347.65~~

400.00

11 Remarks:

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

ITEM	YEAR PURCHASED	PRICE PAID	VALUE	REMARKS
Farm Equipment				
Cultivator	1940	$	$ 20.00	
Scale	1936	100.00	50.00	
Garden Hose (200 ft.)	1939	20.00	15.00	
8 Hoe (new & old mixed)		12.00	10.00	
2 Fork (hay) New	1939	3.00	2.50	
2 Fork (potato) New	1939	3.00	3.00	
2 Shovel New	1939	3.00	2.50	
60 Strawverry Box New	1935	24. 00	24.00	
50 Strawberry Crate Box	1941	12.00	12.00	
2 Rake New	1939	3.00	3.00	
30 Fence Post New	1941	3.00	3.00	
2 rolls. Fence Wire New	1940	7.00	6.00	$ 150.00
House hold				
4 Set Bed New	1940	100.00	60.00	
Old	1934			
96 pco. Dinner Set New	1940	36.00	36.00	
Bath Box	1941	37.00	37.00	
4 Linoleum New	1941	100.00	50.00	
Old	1935			
Kitchen Utensil New & Old		100.00	37.00	
Logging Equipment New & Old		100.00	30.00	$ 250.00
				$ 400.00

(ADD ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY)

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

PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

Item:	Year:	Month:	Amount.
Household goods			$ 30.55
Farm Equipment			4.45
		Total:	$ 35.00

Total Claim for Personal Property ..... $ 400.00

Deduct Payments from Custodian ..... $ 35.00

Net Loss on Personal Property ..... $ 365.00

I Certify the above to be True and Correct.

Chas. H. Veile
Witness

Hatutaro Okamato
Signature of Claimant.

Exhibit No. 726-2
DATE Sept 28 '48
FILLED BY W. S. Russell

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Name of Owner: H. Okamoto

Registration No.: 03466 c/o A.L. Chipman

Address: Welling, Alberta.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 30 1943
File No. 4968
Ans.
Referred 912

FISHING NET INVENTORY

1. Place of Storage Colonial Cannery Steveston

(a) In whose care B.C. Parker

(b) Whereabouts of key (if any) —

2. Description of nets as follows:

Type	Mesh	Ply	Meshes Depth	Fathom Length	Valuation	Any other marks of identification
Barbour	7 in.	40-5	60	190	$200.00	Custodian No. 730 - Unsold. Name & Prices on each of the nets, and the name signed S. Okamoto. Cork & lead lines on 7 inches net.
Barbour	5 1/4 in	60-5	55+60	55M-175F	140.00	
Barbour	5 17/16 in ~~2 cork green~~	40-5 2 cork green	50	60M-75F 150	75.00	

EXHIBIT No. 726-3.
DATE Sept. 28/48
FILED BY G. S. Russell

See Inv statement Feb. 1/44

N. B. Please do not exaggerate fathom length or valuation, as this will only make it harder to identify your nets, and to credit any money received from their sale to their rightful owners.

Noted - MS

BC-679-P
BC-2082-B

BC/679-P
BC/2082-B

S.S. Form No. 43
(Sheet 1)

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.535

Land Description Lot 4, Sub-div. of a 14.4 ac. part of W½ Sec.18, B. 3N., Rge.6W., Map 6195.

Containing 1.09 Acres

Owner's Name Hatsutaro OKAMOTO Post Office Address Steveston P.O., B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Steveston, B.C.E. Rly. Distance 1½ mls.

Market Town (Good local deliveries) Vancouver Distance 10 "

Church (give denomination) All within Distance 3 "

Nearest School Steveston Distance 1½ "

State how property was identified: Posts, Roads, Map.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Yes. Lulu Street is also the Dyke. Clay top, bad when wet.

Is this district a good one? Yes. Both large and small farms.

Employment opportunity Varied. Fishing, Canneries, Farms & Industrial.

Predominating Nationality and religion: British, Protestant.

Describe Fencing and its condition: C.N.R. Rly. fence only. Value $

Water supply: City Water installed on adjoining Lot B of 3. Value $

4968

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	x							
	x							
	x	NO BUILDINGS.						
BARN	x							
	x							
BARN	x							
	x							
GRANARY	x							
	x							
	x							
	x							
	x							

EXHIBIT No. T26-4
DATE Sept 28/48
FILED BY Graham

Electric Light available along #2 Road.

Total present day value $

Total Value Buildings add to farm $

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable?

$

Describe the basement and chimneys:

No. rooms downstairs? Upstairs? How finished

Are buildings painted? Condition of paint

Distance from nearest bush

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

Cultivated Land

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
1.09	Flat	Silty Clay 1' merging	Good Clay.	All planted to Potatoes. Good.	200.00	218.00

Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.

LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE

Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.

LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE

Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.

CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.	NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE

1.09

Total value of Land $ 218.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm $

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) $

Total value of farm $ 218.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:
Mr. H. A. Howse, good local farmer (S.S.) has the Lot in potatoes. Excellent , clean crop.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Just a home site.

Noxious weeds: Not in evidence.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities: Corporation of the Township of Richmond $8.39.
Subject to Lulu Island West Dyking Charges.

Date: 22nd July, 1942.
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 17th day of July, 19 42.

Inspector's Signature "T. GODFREY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: Mr. H. A. Howse has Lot 4 with 5 & 6 adjoining rented. He has put it all in Potatoes & has a good clean crop. Though Lulu Street is legal access, it is the Dyke top clay, good while dry, would be difficult when wet. Undoubtedly City water could be extended from Lot B of 3 on West, & possibly the electric light from same line.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUIITS, ETC. (Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

$

$

$

$

$

$

$

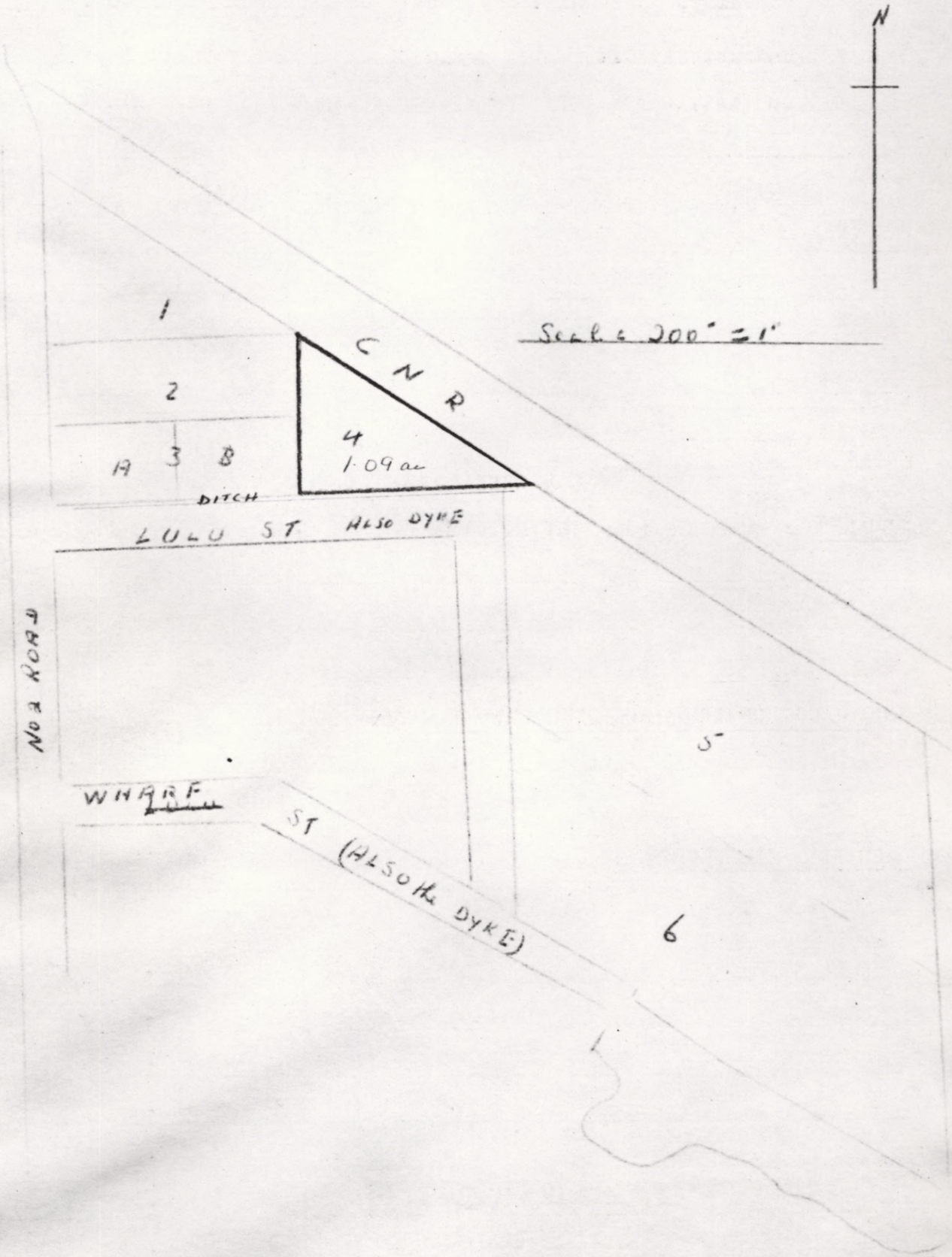
$

$

Total $

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm $

Diagram of Property



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is $ 200

Date 23rd July, 1942.

"I. T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.

BC-679-P
BC-2353-B

S.S. Form No. 43
(Sheet 1)

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. JL-535

Land Description Lot"A",Blk.5 of Blk.8, Sec.11, Blk.3,N.,R.7,W.,Map 4245.

Containing 1.67 Acres

Owner's Name OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro Post Office Address Steveston, B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Steveston, B.C. Distance ½ mile

Market Town Vancouver - 10 miles; New Westminster Distance 10 "

Church (give denomination) All denominations - Steveston Distance ½ "

Nearest School Steveston, B.C. Distance ½ "

State how property was identified: Map location and corner post.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Direct access to Moncton Road. Paved road, good.

Is this district a good one? Reasonably good.

Employment opportunity Fairly good - Steveston; fishing and industrial.

Predominating Nationality and religion: Orientals predominating in this area.

Describe Fencing and its condition: - Wire fenced North and South. Value $

Water supply: - Value $

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BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	x							
SHED	10 x 15	Frame	1 st.	Shgl.	20	Wood	Poor	-
	x							
BARN	x							
	x							
BARN	x							
	x							
GRANARY	x							
	x							
	x							
	x							
	x							

Total present day value $ -

Total Value Buildings add to farm $ -

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable?

Not applicable. $

Describe the basement and chimneys:

No. rooms downstairs? Upstairs? How finished

Are buildings painted? Condition of paint

Distance from nearst bush

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

Cultivated Land

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
1.67	Level	Clay loam, 10"to 15"	Clay	Loganberries & Peas	250.00	417.50

Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.

LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE

Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.

LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE

Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.

CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.	NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE

Total value of Land $ 417.50

Total added by buildings to value of farm $ -

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) $ -

Total value of farm $ 417.50

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

No dwelling on property. Land leased to H.A. Howse; property well operated and in good state of cultivation and fertility.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Cane fruit and truck farming.

Noxious weeds:

None of consequence.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities:

Assessed - Land - $437.00
Imp. - $ 20.00 - 1942 Tax - $10.84.
(Corporation of Richmond).

Date: July 16th,1942.
Place: New Westminster,B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 15 day of July 19 42

Inspector's Signature "H.L. SINCLAIR"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

S.S. Form No. 43
(*Sheet 2*)

J1-535 - H. OKAMOTO

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: This small property is situated close to Steveston. The soil is a good clay loam over clay and growing crops indicate a good state of soil fertility.

The only building on property is a small shed of no value.

Property is leased to H.A. Howse for $100.00 per year, plus taxes, for duration of War.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

Low lying land in Richmond dyking and drainage area.

Drainage is assisted by a pumping system when necessary.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

Dyking and drainage charges are included in the general tax.

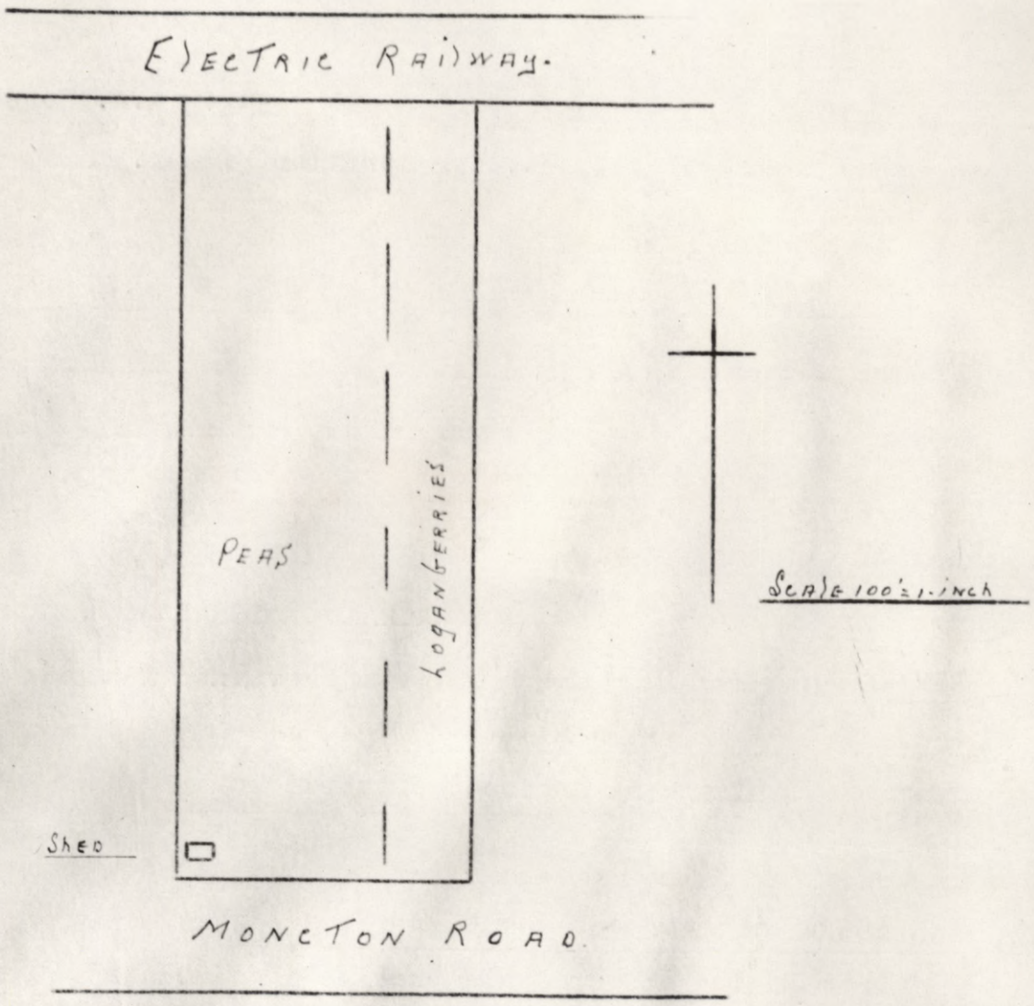
Pumping charges fluctuate from 15¢ an acre.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC. (Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

		Present Value
Loganberries - .51 acres - Good condition.		$
Peas - 1.16 " - Crop harvested		$
1.67 "		$
		$
		$
		$
		$
		$
		$
	Total	$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm $

Diagram of Property



LOT "A". BLOCK 5. of BLOCK 8. SECT 11. BLOCK 3N. R7W. MAP 4245

HATSUTARO - OKAMOTO.

1.673 ACS

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is $ 400

Date 18th July 1942

District Superintendent.

(In duplicate) -

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DATE Sept.28/48
FILED BY G.E.A. Rice

Taxpayers' Copy

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHMOND

Richmond Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

Tax Notice, 1942.

To: H. H. OKAMOTO, c/o H.A. Howse, Steveston

Take notice that the following lands in the Municipality of Richmond, for which you are liable for taxes for the year 1942 as follows:

Roll No.	Lot	Block		Sec.	Block North	Range West	Map	Value of land	Value of improvements	Taxable improvements
5966	a	5	8	11	3	7	4245	437	20	447

are subject to the following taxes which are due on and from 1st January 1942 and are now due and paybale at the Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

READ CAREFULLY

Cheques to be certified and payable at par at Vancouver or Steveston and to be drawn in favour of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond. Proper value of stamps must be attached (3c. on all cheques up to $100.00 and 6c on all cheques over $100.00). Both Notices to be returned when paying rates. DO NOT DETACH.

Penalty: Add 10% to total for 1942 if not paid on or before Nov.16th 1942. Interest: at the rate of 6% per annum from December 31st in the year of levy must be added when arrears and delinquent taxes are paid.

	Payments
1942 Rates Byelaw	9.84
Draining and dyking byelaws	
Sea Island Dyke	
Sea Island Drainage	
Lulu Island Dyke	
No.8 Road Drainage	
Amalgamated D.&.D. Dist.	1.
Steveston Local Local Improvement District No.	
Total for 1942	10.84
Penalty	
Arrears of Taxes for 1941	
" Water for 1941	
Interest	
Delinquent taxes for 1940	
" water for 1940	
Interest	

R.C.PALMER, Collector.

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

November 17th 1948. B. Plummer

16th

(in duplicate). (Attached to Exhibit 726 - 5)

Taxpayers' Copy

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHMOND

Richmond Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

Tax Notice, 1942.

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To: Hatsutaro Okamoto, Steveston

Take notice that the following lands in the Municipality of Richmond, for which you are liable for taxes in the year 1942 as follows:

Roll No.	Lot	Block	Sec.	Block North	Range West	Map	Value of land	Value of improvements	Taxable Value
6129	4		18	3	6	6195	327	50	352

are subject to the following taxes which are due on and from 1st January 1942 and are now due and payable at the Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

READ CAREFULLY

Cheques to be certified and payable at par at Vancouver or Steveston and to be drawn in favour of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond. Proper value of stamps must be attached (3c on all cheques up to $100.00 and 6c on all cheques over $100.00). Both Notices to be returned when paying rates. DO NOT DETACH.

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INTEREST: at the rate of 6% per annum from December 31st in the year of levy must be added when arrears and delinquent taxes are paid.

R.C. Palmer, Collector

		Payments
1942 Rates Byelaw	7.74	
Draining & dyking byelaws		
Sea Island dyke		
Sea Island Drainage		
Lulu Island Dyke		
No.8 Road Drainage		
Amalgamated D.&.D. district	65	
Steveston local Local Improvement district No.		
Total for 1942	8.39	
Penalty		
Arrears of Taxes for 1941		
" Water for 1941		
Interest		
Delinquent Taxes for 1940		
" Water for 1940		
Interest		
Total		

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17th November 1948.

B Plummer.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY (ii) January 21, 1947.

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DATE

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Parcel No.2

JAPANESE NAME: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO - Reg. No.03466 - File No.4968

CATALOGUE NO. Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Richmond, B.C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 4 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West Half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, Map 6195, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Small farm

ASSESSED VALUE: Land $327.00 Annual Taxes $8.75
Improvements $50.00

TITLE: Registered in the name of Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

ENCUMBRANCES: Registered Charges: Dyking charge
Certificate of vesting in the Custodian.
Filed No.25530
Unregistered Charge: No indication of any.

Vesting Order No.25530 - March 8, 1943 as to the interest of Hatsutaro Okamoto

In his declaration of April 20, 1943, Hatsutaro Okamoto declared this property to the Custodian.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: The Custodian's representative reported on July 10, 1942.

"Parcel No.2 consists of 1 acre, not yet sown to crop".

Before evacuation, Hatsutato Okamoto entered into a lease agreement with a Mr.Howse, consideration being $100.00 paid on the signing of the agreement and thereafter for the payment of taxes and water, term being from the 7th day of April 1942 for the duration of the war with Japan. This lease agreement includes the property known as Lot "A", which is dealt with on a separate summary known as Parcel #1.

The tenancy of this property was not interfered with by the Custodian. The taxes being paid by Mr.Howse.

Sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for the sum of $214.00 and adjustments were calculated as of January 1, 1943.

Funds were released to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto on January 12, 1944.

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~~G.E.A. Rice~~

Certificate of Title No.165934-E was delivered to the Director on January 17, 1944.

A complete statement of the transaction was forwarded to Hatsutaro Okamoto on April 18, 1944.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:

(Sgd.) GEO.PETERS
George Peters
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

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November 17th 1948. B Plummer

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(attached to Exhibit 726 - 6)

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY (i) January 21, 1947 6

Parcel No. 1

JAPANESE NAME: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO - Reg. No.03466 - File No.4968

CATALOGUE NO. Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Richmond, B.C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot "A" of Block 5 of Block 8 of Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 4245, Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Farm Land

ASSESSED VALUE: Land $437.00 Annual Taxes $10.84
Improvements $20.00

TITLE: Registered in the name of Hatsutaro OKAMOTO.

ENCUMBRANCES: Registered Charges: Dyking charge
Certificate of Vestingin the Custodian
Filed No.24658
Unregistered charge: No indication of any.

Vesting Order No.24658 - September 1942 as to the interest of Hatsutaro Okamoto.

In his declaration of April 20, 1942 Hatsutaro Okamoto declared this property to the Custodian.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: The Custodian's representative reported on July 10, 1942:

> "Parcel No.1 consists of 1.673 acres, of which approximately 1 acre is in peas, and the balance is in loganberries."

Before evacuation, Hatsutaro Okamoto entered into a lease agreement with a Mr.Howse, consideration being $100.00 paid on the signing of the agreement, and thereafter, for the payment of taxes and water, term being from the 7th day of April, 1942 for the duration of the war with Japan. This lease agreement includes the property known at Lot 4, which is dealt with on a separate summary known as Parcel 2.

The tenancy of this property was not interfered with by the Custodian. The taxes being paid direct by Mr.Howse.

A letter appears on file, dated January 12, 1943 addressed to Mr.S. Sopel of Steveston, B.C. from the Soldier Settlement of Canada, as follows:

> "We have received a letter from the above Japanese (Hatsutaro Okamoto) advising that he wants $1,600.00 cash for the above described property."

Written in pencil, on the bottom of this letter, is an offer from Stanley Sopel to purchase this property for this sum. This offer was submitted to Hatsutaro Okamoto by the Custodian, and accepted by him in his letter of March 4, 1943. However, this offer was withdrawn by Sopel on March 17, 1943, as he found he had made an offer on the wrong property.

> Sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for the sum of $409.00 and adjustments werecalculated as of January 1, 1943.

> Funds were released to the account of Hatsutaro Okamoto on January 12, 1944.

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17th November 1948. B Plummer

Certificate of title No.165935-E was delivered to the Director on January 17, 1944.

A complete statement of this transaction was forwarded to Hatsutaro Okamoto on April 18, 1944.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:

(Sgd.) GEO. PETERS
George Peters
Office of the Custodian.

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16th November 1948. B Plummer

(attached to Exhibit 726 - 6)

21 July 1948.

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

CLAIMANT: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO Regn. No.03466

PROPERTY SUBJECT OF CLAIM: (i) Lot "A" of Blk.5 of Blk.8 of Sec.11 B3N/7W, Map 4245, Mun. of Richmond, D.N.W.

and

(ii) Lot 4 of a 14.4 ac ptn of W½ of Sec 18 B3N/6W, Map 6195, Mun. of Richmond, D.N.W.

CLAIM	Est.value:	Land (i)	1600.	
		Land (ii)	400.	
		Improvements	nil	
				$2000.
		ALLEGED LOSS (i)		1194.
		(ii)		186.

REFERENCES	HISTORY
RP.1	J.D. Mather reported on both parties and chattels 10 Jul.42.
RP.2	(1) C/E #50148 d/1 Oct.42 notes: Regd. Dyking Charge Vesting in Custodian Title in name of Claimant.
RP.3	Assessed 1942: Land 437. Improvements 20. $457. Taxes: General 9.84 Dyking 1.00 $10.84
RP.4	Appraised by VLA 18 Jul 42 $400.
RP.5	Sold to VLA as at 1 Jan 43 $409.00
RP.6	Summary of Administration completed 21 Jan.47.

RP.7 ~~RP.7~~	(ii) C/E $51324 d/8 Mar 43 notes: Regd. Dyking Charge Vesting in Custodian Title in name of Claimant
RP.8	Assessed 1942: Land 327. Improvements 50. $377 Taxes: General 7.74 Dyking .65 $ 8.39
RP.9	Appraised by V.L.A 23 Jul 42 $200.
RP.10	Sold to VLA as at 1 Jan 43 $214.
RP.11	Summary of Administration completed 21 Jan 47.

JC.	Offer of S. Sopel to purchase property (i) -- Lot "A" of Blk.5 etc on 12 Jan 43 caused a certain amount of correspondence. The offer of $1600 was withdrawn when Sopel found that he was mistaken in the land. Correspondence under dates of: 12 Jan 43 4 Mar. 43 26 Jan 43 17 Mar.43 22 Feb 43

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

17th November 1948. B. Plummer

(Attached to Exhibit 726 - 6)

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM 20 July 1948.

CLAIMANT: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO Regn.No. 03466

REFERENCES	HISTORY
PP.1	Cstdn acknowledges receipt of report on property and chattels as listed by J.D. Mather and NOTES DISCREPANCIES EXIST BETWEEN MATHER'S INVENTORY AND CLAIMANT'S DECLARATION ON FORM JP. (Mather's report is Ref. RP.1 on Real Property Section of Claim File).
PP.2	Memo 15 Jan 43 notes chattels moved by Cannery people or Japanese into other houses. Items not tagged or segregated.
PP.3	Claimant supplied Cstdn with Net List (received) 30 Apr.43. See Analysis.
PP.4	Claimant at time of registering stated all chattels to be left in Cannery House #12. Letter of 10 May 1944 notes 'House goods' and 'Farming Equipments' left in a small shack on property owned by Claimant.
PP.5	Cstnd to Claimant 1 June 44 notes Cstnd collected all goods to be found and removed same to auction. Cstdn agent reported this shack ransacked. (If Claimant had advised Cstdn of existence of chattels prior to two years after evacuation, it is possible that all items would have been found. In re 'Farm Equipment' - no itemized list ever received by Custodian until Claim received). NOTE: It should be noted that the Farm Equipment claim totals $150 and that the H'hold goods amount to $250.00. This might (?) be mere coincidence, but it would appear that the Claimant et al considered firstly the amount which could be reasonably acquired by claim and then devised items to suit - particularly so in view of the fact that he has been previously in receipt of copies of auction sheets, and items appearing on those sheets are not claimed on. Also note that the fishing gear has improved $35.00 worththrough age.
PP.6	Covers appraisal, tender and sale of Palmer engine (not claimed on).
~~PP.7~~	~~Covers appraisal, tender and sale of Palmer engine (not claimed on)~~
PP.7	Covers radio (not claimed on)
PP.8	Claimant's letter 3 Mar 45 to Cstdn notes chattels unaccounted for. Most of thesehad been sold at auction, some were undeclared previously and never found. NOTE that Claimant speaks of 2 nets - 12 declared on JP 2 ONLY inventoried by our Steveston representative Mr.Robinson, 3 declared by Claimant on net list (PP.3) 30 Apr 43. Possibly only two left and subsequently lost.
PP.9	Cstdn advised Claimant 16 Mar 45 re items not found (incl.nets)
PP.10	Auction Sheets herewith. (Claimant supplied with copies 9/2/45)
PP.11	The matter of the claim in re fishing boat is a bit too complicated to give a short summary and it is suggested that Counsel read all correspondence.

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

17th November 1948.

B Plummer.

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EXHIBIT No.

Sept.28/48

DATE

FILED BY

G.E.A. Rice

RP1

Registration Number 03466

OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B.C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Parcel #1 - Lot "A" of Block 5, Block 8 of Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 4245, Dist. of New Westminster C of T. #76616E.

Parcel #2 - Lot 4 of a 14.4 acre portion of the West half of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 6195, Dist. of New Westminster, C of T #138728.

OWNERSHIP

My Agent has examined the Titles of the above properties, which are in the name of Hatsutaro Okamoto.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Parcel #1 consists of 1.673 acres, of which approximately 1 acre is in peas and the balance is in loganberries.

Parcel #2 consists of 1 acre not yet sown to crop.

This man also has 1 acre leased from the River Fish Company adjoining, which has been sown to strawberries.

The only buildings on this property are 3 small packing sheds, which are in poor condition.

TAXES

The taxes are paid to December 31, 1941 on property owned.

INSURANCE

There is no fire insurance on this property.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventories of effects and nets attached hereto.

REMARKS

The above property has been leased to Mr.Howse who has paid $50 for the strawberry crop this year and an additional $50 for the other properties 1 and 2. Howse has paid the money direct to Okamoto, prior to his evacuation and my Agent has examined the receipts.

This man has been living in a house owned by the Colonial Cannery, where his effects as per inventory have been stored.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the arrangement arrived at with Mr.Howse be approved and that Mr.T.C. King be appointed Agent to act for the Custodian in the matter. I would further recommend that the nets as per inventory be sold.

July 10, 1942. (Sgd.) J.D. MATHER

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

17th November 1948. B Hunter

Registration Number 03466

OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

INVENTORY OF NETS STORED IN THE

COLONIAL NET HOUSE

1 net 5/40 x 7" x 60 x 175 fath. with lines	$200.00
1 net 5/60 x 6" x 50 x 150 " " "	125.00
1 net 5/50 x $5\frac{3}{8}$ x 50 x 150 " " "	75.00

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17th Nov.1948 B Plummer

Registration Number 03466

OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro

INVENTORY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

LEFT AT COLONIAL CANNERY

Sundry Crockerware

Sundry Kitchenware

1 Wardrobe

4 beds complete

1 linoleum rug

8 chairs

200' water hose

1 7 h.p. Palmer engine in shed at #2 Rd. with sundry farm equipment

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17th November 1948. B Plummer

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 4968 EXHIBIT No.

NAME Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

REG. No. 03466

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES: AUCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION 20 Apr 42	TAKEN BY J.D. Mather						
EVACUATION 17 May 42	DATE 10 Jul 42						
AT COLONIAL CANNERY	Sundry crockeryware	FARM EQUIPMENT:					
HOUSE #12:	Sundry kitchenware	Cultivator	20				20
2 stoves	1 Wardrobe	Scale	50				
dinner set	4 beds complete	200' water hose	15				
kitchenware	1 linoleum rug	8 Hoes	10				
pottery	8 chairs	2 Hay forks	2 50				
knives	200' water hose	2 potato forks	3		When registering, the Claimar		
dishes	7 HP Palmer Engine in	2 Shovels	2 50				
2 chests of drawers	shed at #2 Rd with	60 strawberry boxes	24	4 45	at Colonial Cannery House #1		
wardrobe	Sundry farm equipment	Sprayer	5				
6 beds		50 Strawberry crate boxes	12		and stated that "we have lef		
carpet	5/40x7x60x175 w.l.$200	2 rakes	3				
3 bookcases	5/60x6x50x150 " 125	30 fence posts	3		Items as found were auctione		
sofa	5/50x5⅜x50x150 " 75		150				
2 tables							
8 chairs	~~$000000000000~~	HOUSEHOLD		F 15 90	Misc. furniture sold		
desk		4 Beds	60	17 15			15
Singer Sewing machine		96 pc Dinner Set	36	D ~~[illegible]~~			
Radio (handed over to		Bath box	37				
Military Police)		2 Linoleum	50	6 50			
gramaphone		Kitchen utensils	37	K 6 90			
water hose		Tools	30				
bicycle			250		25	Palmer Engine, appr	
school text books	NET STATEMENT SUBMITTED			M 4 30	Misc. items sold at auction		
World books	BY CLAIMANT 30/4/43:	Nets			4	Boat stove & lante	
Palmer Engine in packing	40/5x7x60x190 $200.	7x60x200 used 2 wks	230				
shed at #2 road	60/5x5¼x55-60/200 $140.	5x50x200 4 wks	150				
farm equipment	5 13/16x50x150 $ 75.	5x50x140 1½ wks	70				
bath tub	$415.		450				
4 cords wood							
AT SCOTTISH CANADIAN		FISHING BOAT	650		302.35		
CANNERY, STEVESTON:							
Gas engine (Ford) for		TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	1500	55 20	331 35		35
fishing vessel. Used							
by navy and so damaged	ITEMS DECLARED 3/3/45	Less Custodian credits:					
could not be taken to	BY CLAIMANT (NOT PRE-	Fishing boat	250				
New Westmins ter	VIOUSLY DECLARED)	Household	30 85				
AT COLONIAL CANNERY,	1 Cultivator	Farm equipment	10 95				
STEVESTON:	Logging equipment		291				
12 fishing nets	1 box Records						
6 lines (lead & cork)							
		ALLEGED LOSS	1209				

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FARM EQUIPMENT to est. clai
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MISC. ARTICLES not claimed

NETS to est. cla

FISHING BOAT do

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G. No. 03466 VENUE _____

SALES ction	SALES Tender &c	Sold with real prop.	Decl. not found	No record at anytime	Abandoned	Not accounted for theft &c	Unsold	Remarks
			20					Undeclared until 3/3/45
				50				
						15.~~200~~		

When registering, the Claimant merely noted these items as "Farm Equipment" and declared that they would be left

4 45 at Colonial Cannery House #12. On 10 May 1944 -- 2 years after evacuation -- the Claimant wrote to the Cstdn

and stated that "we have left our house goods and FARMING EQUIPMENT in a small shack on the farm".

Items as found were auctioned for a total of $4.45. Impossible to state that Claimant actually had all these items.

15 90	Misc. furniture sold				
17 15 ~~16 75~~		15 (1)	45	(3)	Three found & removed for auction -- not sold. (Usually abandoned)
			37		Impossible to sell, usually rough boards and tin lining.
6 50					
6 90					
			30		
	25 Palmer Engine, appraised and sold at appraised price after tenders called.				
4 30	Misc. items sold at auction				
	4 Boat stove & lanterns				
				230)	
				150)	Note prices as submitted by Claimant 30/4/43 in Inventory Col
				70)	
	302.35				
55 20	331 35	35	80	82	465

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ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

FARM EQUIPMENT	to est. claim value	$ 65.00	Sold at auction	4 45 (portion as found)
	do	20.00	Declared not found	
	do	50.00	No record at anytime	
	do	15.00	Unaccounted for	
		150.00		
H'HOLD CHATTELS	do	123.00	Sold at auction	30 55
	not claimed on	---	do	20 20
	to est. claim value	15.00	Declared not found	
	do	30.00	No record at anytime	
	do	82.00	Abandoned	
		250.00		
MISC. ARTICLES	not claimed on	----	Sold	29
NETS	to est. claim value	450.00	Not accounted for	
FISHING BOAT	do	650.00	Sold	302 35
		1500.00		386 55

FORM "JP"

FILE No. 4968

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

726-9

JAPANESE SECTION

Sept.28/48

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form. G.A. Rice

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: OKAMOTO Hatsutaro

HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B.C. (Colonial Cannery House No.12)

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03466 SEX: Male AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Fisherman

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Chikuwo

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Tamiko (F) Seichi (M) Tadaharu (M) Yoshiko (F) Sachio (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Tamiko, Mrs.Katai, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: Other children with parents, address as above, 23, 20, 18, 18, 12

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: (1) Moncton Road, Steveston, B.C. Municipality of Richmond, Lot A of Block 5 of Block 8 of Section 11 Block 3 North Range 7 West Map 4245. Cert.Title No.76616 E.
(2) No.2 Road, Steveston, B.C. Lot 4 of 14.4 acre portion of the West Half of Section 18 Block 3 North Range 6 West Map 6195. Cert.Title No.138728 E. in the District of New Westminster, B.C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:
Moncton Road 1 Packing Shed (crop of peas and loganberries)
No.2 Road 2 Packing Sheds

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) About $11.00 and $6.00 paid in 1941 at Richmond Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Farmed by owner

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EXHIBIT No.
Sept.28/48
DATE
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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: August 31, 1944.

Name: OKAMOTO, Hatsutaro Reg.No.03466 File 4968

Boat File No. Custodian 4968

Name of Vessel: "H.O."/"T.O." - 30' x 7' x 3' (1930) Ford Car Engine (1931)

Lic.or Reg.No. New Westminster 3071

Naval No. N.W. 072-E.

Owner's Valuation: $850.00

JFVDC Valuation None

Custodian Valuation: Oct.20, 1942 - $375.00 Feb.1943 - $250.00

Date of Sale: February 23, 1943.

Purchaser: British Columbia Packers Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Custodian

Selling Price: $250.00

Paid to Custodian: $250.00

Supervision Costs: 33.35

Balance due Owner: 216.65

Paid to: Cr. account of Hatsutaro Okamoto

Locationof Boat at Sale: Foot of Byrne Rd., New Westminster (ex New Westminster)

Claims against Canadian Govt:

Repairs: Star Shipyard Job 159 - $399.54 (paid)

Claim #354 - Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. $31.45 (paid)

Additional Information: The owner has objected to the sale price of his boat. There may be some justificiation for his objection. This matter is not closed. Claim of $52.35 has been filed with Nelson Bros.Fisheries to cover loss of equipment. We understand that this claim will be settled when that Company receive settlement of the claims they have filed in connection with vessels purchased by the Company. (Paid: F.Mathison, Feb.5, 1947)

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

17th November 1948. B Plummer. Ltd.

NELSON BROS.FISHERIES LTD.

Vancouver, B.C.

May 21st, 1945.

Miss Matheson,
Specified Articles Department,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Miss Matheson,

We have finally dug up all the papers in connection with the boat "T.O.". and are pleased to now enclose cheque in the amount of $52.35 in full settlement of your claim for missing equipment.

Yours very truly,

NELSON BROS.FISHERIES LTD.

A.H. Newcombe

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

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EXHIBIT No.
DATE Sept.28/48
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G.E.A. Rice

P.O. Box 136,
Taber Alberta.

May 10/44.

Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

On May 4, I received your letter stating that you have sold our land.

I want to informed you that we have left our house goods and farming equipment in a small shack on the farm.

Lot 4 of 14.4 acres portion of the west half of
Section 18 Block 3 north Range 6 west Map 6195
District of New Westminster, Mun. of Richmond
C. of E.51324

in the care of Mr.Herbert A. Howse, Steveston, B.C.

Since the farm is sold I want to turn our properties in the shack to the Custodian.

Another things regarding my fishing nets and Palmer engine the is left at the Colonial Cannery in Steveston B.C. I want to know what you have done with it.

The list of nets are as followed:

	Brand	Inches	Meshes	Fathoms	Ply	Price
1.	Barbour	7"	60	169	5/40	$200.00
2.	"	$5\frac{3}{8}$	55	200	5/60	$140.00
3.	"	5.13/16	50	150	5/40	$100.00

The first net on the list (7") has cork and lead lines with it

4. 7 h.p. Palmer engine.

I trust that you, as one of the staff of the custodian to check the matter of the nets and engine and send me a reply as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

HATSUTARO OKAMOTO

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.
17th November 1948.

B. Plummer G.H.

726-12

EXHIBIT No.

DATE Sept.28/48

FILED BY

G.E.A. Rice

PROOF OF CLAIM

In the Matter of Order-in-Council P.C. 1810 as amended by Order-in-Council PC.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 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: Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

   Registration No. 03466

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:

   P.O. Box 166, Steveston, B.C.

3. Claimant's present address:

   Box 388, Taber, Alberta.

4. Claim relating to real property:

   (a) Street address of real property: (1) Moncton Road (11) No.2 Road

   (b) Legal Description of property:

   (1) Lot "A" of Block 5 (5) of Block eight (8) of Section eleven (11) Block three (3) North Range seven (7) West Map 4245 in the District of New Westminster in Municipality of Richmond.

   (11) Lot (4) of a fourteen decimal point four (14.4) acre portion of the west half of section eighteen (18 Block three (3) north range six (6) west map six thousand one hundred and ninety-five (69195) in the district of New Westminster in Municipality of Richmond.

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

   Mixed farming land.

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

   (1) Certificate of indefeasible title certificate No.76578E and 76616E.

   (11) Certificate of Indefeasible Title certificate No.132781E and No. 138728 E.

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

(1) Land $1,600.00 & (11) $400.00

(11) Buildings

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

(1) $1,194.00 (11) $186.00

5. Claims relating to personal property etc.

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

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:

Colonial Cannery Warehouse

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

Office of Custodian

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

Fishing Boat	$650.00
Gill nets	$450.00
Household utensils	$250.00
Farm equipment	$150.00
Total	$1500.00

Amount allowed for personal property

Fishing boat	$250.00	
Household	30.85	Total $291.80
Farm equipment	10.95	

Gill nets (information received from Custodian stating that it was stolen)

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

$1209.00

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

(7) An Interpreter will not be required.

Dated this 18th day of November, A.D. 1947

SAMSON SANDERSON
Witness to signature of Claimant

HATSUTARO OKAMOTO
Signature of Claimant

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, HATSTUARO OKAMOTO (full name of Claimant)

of Box 388, Taber Alta — Farming

(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:

$291.00 asmentioned above

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) HATSUTARO OKAMOTO
this 18th day of November)
A.D. 1947)

SAMSON SANDERSON

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

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

November 17, 1948. B Plummer.

Virtue and Russell, Barristers, Lethbridge.

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28th June 1948.

Messrs.Virtue & Russell,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sirs,

Re:	Hatsutaro Okamoto	Regn.No.03466
	Senzo Yamamoto	05157
	Kinzaemon Taniguchi	13506
	Kumataro Sakiyama	05043
	Fuku Sakiyama	05257

On reviewing the files allotted to the undersigned it was noted that Claims of the above Japanese were incomplete in view of the fact that their chattels had not been itemized.

In response to your previous offer, may this Office be supplied please with itemized chattel statements.

Receipt of same is acknowledged in advance and it is considered that all claims submitted by your firm should now be in order.

Yours truly,

J. CUMING
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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November 17th 1948. B Plummer.

Hatsutaro Okamoto File 117

List rec'd from. V+R 5 Jul 48

List of Personal Property

Description	Date purchased	New or used at purchase	Price paid	Est.value	
Farm Equipment					
Cultivator				$20.00	
Scale				50.00	
2008 ft. long water hose				15.00	
8 hoes				10.00	
2 hay forks				2.50	
2 pototoe forks				3.00	
2 shovels				2.50	
60 strawberry boxes				24.00	
(sprayer)				(5.00)	
50 strawberry crate boxes				12.00	
2 rakes				3.00	
30 fence posts				3.00	150.00
Household					
4 beds				60.00	
piece Dinner Set				36.00	
Bath box				37.00	
2 Linoleum				50.00	
Kitchen utensils				37.00	
Tools				30.00	250.00
					$400.00

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17th November 1948. B P Hummer. bH

Hatsutaro OKAMOTO

Nets, Cork Lines and Lead Lines

Type	Ply	Size	Mesh	Fathoms	Seasons used	Price new	Estimated value
Nets							
Cohoe		7"	60	200	2 wks.	$350.00	$230.00
Sockeye		5"	50	200	4 wks.	200.00	150.00
"		5"	50	140	1½ wks	200.00	70.00
							450.00
Fishing boat							$650.00

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17th November 1948. B. Plummer. 6/1