Name of Claimant YAMAMURA, Suteo Case 782

Custodian File 3933

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	
		875.	87.50	43.75 12.50							143.75

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	

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	

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	
48.00	17.95	5.38	37.39%	219.25	81.97			87.35

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	231.10

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

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B E F O R E

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

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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.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,	Official Reporter.

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THE SECRETARY: Case No. 782, Suteo Yamamura.

SUTEO YAMAMURA, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Yamamura, you speak English?

A Yes.

Q This is your summary of evidence in support of claim? A: Yes.

10 Q It was prepared under your direction and instruction?

A Yes.

Q This is your signature at the end?

A Yes.

Q This is true to the best of your knowledge, information and belief? A: Yes.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. RUSSELL: I would point out that the claim for the fishing boat has been abandoned in this case.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right.

20 MR. RUSSELL: Q: You paid $700.00 for the piece of land that you are claiming for, Mr. Yamamura?

A Yes, I did.

Q There was a 6-room dwelling house on the place, and it was cleared and in fairly good condition?

A The land is, but not the buildings.

Q The building, what kind of shape was it in?

A At the time I bought it it was looks kind of dirty and the roof not in such good condition, when it rains she leaks.

Q Could you speak up a little louder, please?

A Yes. When it rains the roof leaks.

Q What sort of a fence was this that you placed on it? A: Well, they used to have a web wire fence all round.

Q A which? A: A web wire.

Q A woven wire fence, is that what you mean?

A Yes, used for pig fence up here.

Q Is that the fence you bought? Or that you put on?

A No, it was on there, and I fixed after.

10 Q What did you do with it? A: It was put down, and I put new fence posts around there and put a board fence around it, like you see around here.

Q A high board? A: No, it isn't so high, about four feet high, and the sides all about a couple of inches between every board.

Q A sort of a picket fence? A: Yes, with a space.

Q A space between the boards, is that what you mean?

A Yes.

Q I guess this word is "re-shingling"; you re-shingled

20 the roof, did you? A: Yes, after I bought it.

Q When was that done? A: Well, it was around '39.

Q 1939? A: Yes.

Q When did you put this new foundation in?

A About the same year when I re-shingling.

Q What sort of foundation did you put in the building?

A Well, I didn't do the work so that I just looked at it, but they put in the every corner, and more

30 or less like that, not the one post, but it was

piece by piece.

Q Was this building set up on wooden posts?

A It was up.

Q It was up? A: Yes.

Q What did they put under it? A : Cement block and put timbers on top of the cement.

Q Oh, I see.

MR. RUSSELL: I draw your Honour's attention to the fact that in typing the personal property the two claims were transposed, the two columns, I mean, were transposed, so that the value column is on the left and the purchase price is on the right.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, I see.

MR. RUSSELL: Q: What kind of a kitchen stove was this that you bought in 1941?

A Well, it is a bigger kind.

Q It is which? A: What you call, like we used to see around here now; it is enamel front and side.

Q Yes? A: And the shelf on it, and what you call it, where the water jacket is for heating the hot water.

Q There was a hot water jacket on it?

A Yes.

Q What colour was the stove? A: Ivory and dark trim.

Q Ivory and dark trim? A: Yes.

Q Did you buy it new? A: Yes.

Q Where did you buy it? A: In New Westminster.

Q Do you remember the name of the store?

A Yes.

Q What store? A: Cunningham's store; it used to be Marshall-Wells wholesale store.

Q Do you know the make of that stove?

A Yes.

Q What kind? A: The name is Pontiac.

Q Pontiac? A: Yes.

Q And this linoleum you say that you bought in 1939 for $50.00? A: Yes.

Q Was that being used? A: Yes, I laid it on the floor.

Q Was it tacked down or anything, or was it loose?

A I don't remember quite good whether it tacked down or maybe some place.

Q What kind of linoleum was it?

A It was inlaid linoleum.

Q It was inlaid linoleum? A: Yes.

Q How much of it was in use? A: You mean how long?

Q How many feet? How long and how wide?

A Well, it is one room, I don't know how big the room is, it is about 15 x 16, one piece is, and another piece is about I think 8 x 10 or 12, I am not sure.

Q Well, this price that you paid of $50.00, how do you know what the price was? Do you remember or did you keep a record? A: Well, I remember that price because I paid in cash at that time.

Q Did you pay exactly $50.00? A: Yes.

Q Did you pay it in cash or by cheque?

A By cash.

Q By cash? A: Yes.

Q What is this wagon you bought in 1938 for $5.00?

A That is the kiddie's toy.

Q A kiddie's toy wagon? A: Yes.

Q There is four bedsteads and springs which you say cost you $54.00? A: Yes.

Q And you now value it at $50.00?

A Yes.

Q When were they bought? A: Well, it is bought in 1939, some was, and some was in the '40.

10 Q How did you happen to buy so many beds just at the one time in 1939 or '40?

A Because I had some old ones so that I bought them little by little.

Q You which? A: Little by little.

Q Little by little? A: Yes, because I have old ones before, so that I have to change there; the old ones, to change over.

Q Why did you happen to change over in those two years? Did you just move in at that time?

20 A No, I moved in 1930.

Q Yes? A: But we have old ones.

Q Yes? A: And use it so many years and getting old so we decided to change it to better ones,and that is how we bought it in two times.

Q I see. This crosscut saw that you say cost $12.00, what was it like? A: It was a Chinook saw, using for cutting big logs and trees.

Q How long would that be? A: Eight feet long.

30 Q Eight feet long? A: Yes.

Q One of these big wide ones with big teeth?

A Yes, with the big teeth.

Q For felling trees and sawing them?

A Yes.

Q What condition was this electric iron in when you left? A: It was still using; we still could use it.

Q And you had been using it for twelve years, is that right? You say you bought that iron in1930; you had been using it for twelv e years?

A Yes, I think so.

Q And it only cost you $7.00? A: Well, it is still in good condition so that I asked that much value for it.

Q Could you sell it for $5.50 in 1942?

A I believe I sell it.

MR. RICE: What was that answer?

BY THE REPORTER: "I believe I sell it".

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is the iron, is it?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, the iron.

Q What would you use two water cans for?

A That is the special built can for fit to the fishing boat.

Q Oh, I see. What were they, fresh water cans?

A Yes. I have to carry drinking water in them.

Q Where did you have those made?

A In the Westminster tinsmith's, in tin shop or tinsmith.

Q In New Westminster? A: Yes.

Q You say one was new; how old was the other one?

A The other was three years, and one was just built.

Q How much did the one that was just built cost you?

A $5.00.

Q And the other one cost you then $4.00, is that right? A: Yes.

Q You are claiming for two picture frames, which you say cost you $25.00, and which you value at $25.00? A: Yes.

Q What sort of picture frames were those?

10 A One is my father's and mother's pictures, and the only picture, and it was painted, and I would liked to keep it, but can't get it no more so that I demand that price on it.

Q I can understand that, but, unfortunately, we are going by the value of the thing, and you have got to show what the value is, therefore, it would be interesting to know the price, or the particulars, rather, the size of the frame, and whether it had glass in it and what it was made out of?

20 A This one picture was my father's and mother's and was paid $17.00 or $18.00 when they make it.

Q For the frame alone? A: No, the picture, painted and everything.

Q It was a painted picture, was it?

A Yes; and the other is an enlargement of a snapshot of my boy and glass on it.

Q Was it in a glass frame? A: One has a glass framewith the glass on it and the other one is wood frame and glass on it.

30 Q All right.

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

I am submitting that the claimant's chattels were turned over to persons other than the Custodian and the Custodian is not responsible for the same. I am submitting if the Custodian is responsible for any part of the claim for chattels the claim made to the same is exorbitant.

I wish to tender as exhibits the following documents: An appraisal made on the land by Coulthard, Sutherland & Company Limited, wherein the improvements are valued at $532.00 and the land or lot $300.00, totalling $832.00.

(APPRAISAL MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. RICE: An assessment notice for the year 1944 of the City of New Westminster, assessing the land at $300.00 and the improvements at $600.00.

(ASSESSMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: And a real property memorandum, showing the property was sold for $875.00, and this memorandum also sets forth the assessment and also four other bids made for the same property, no, five other bids, I should say.

(MEMORANDUM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICE: An analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICE: A chattel summary.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

MR. RICE: A statement of William Wills, dated April 9th, 1947, of articles that were abandoned as

being worthless.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7).

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q I show you a J.P. form dated the 10th of April, 1942 (indicating); will you look at that document and tell me if you completed it and signed it?

A Yes, I did.

MR. RICE: I tender the J.P. form.

10 (J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8).

MR. RICE: Q: I show you a proof of claim form, dated the 11th of November, 1947; will you look at that document and tell me if you completed it and signed it? A: Yes, I did.

Q You did? A: Yes.

MR. RICE: I tender his proof of claim form as an exhibit.

(CLAIM FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 9).

MR. RICE: Q: Before you were evacuated you leased your property to Joe Kukuska? A: Yes.

20 Q And you turned over your chattels to him?

A Well, he is supposed to use the tables and chairs and things, not everything.

Q Not everything? A: No.

Q Just what did you do with your chattels when you left, did you leave them in your house?

A Yes, packed them in the rooms and registered through the Custodians and left them.

Q And you rented your house to Joe Kukuska?

A Yes.

30 Q Were these rooms locked where your chattels were?

A Yes, locked.

Q What did you with the keys to the locked rooms?

A I don't know because my wife did all the work at that time.

Q You don't know what you did with them?

A No.

Q Do you know whether she locked the rooms or not?

A That is what she told me.

Q I show you a letter dated June 21st, 1945, which you apparently wrote the Custodian from Picture Butte, Alberta? A: Yes, there was.

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Q Is that your signature (indicating) and is that your letter? A: Yes.

Q It reads,

> "To reply your letter which we received couple week ago, we find this delaying in receiving the letter in incorrect address, cause we are now staying at different farmer we did notify to B.C. Security Commission here, but seems to be somehow they didn't notify to your department. "According to your copy of letter we found Mr. Joe Kukuscka has been moved out from 609 Ewen Avenue,"

that was the address of your house, 609 Ewen Avenue?

A Yes.

Q I will read on,

> "Sometime ago and same time seems to be Mr. Kukuscka has took some of our things as you mentioned in letter, but if you

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don't mind will you let us know or described to us the things I'm going to mentioned. We like to know what kind of clothests chests and gramaphone this machine we have two up there, one is ours and other is for fellow named Mr. Yoshino, I believed he is staying in Pop-off Slocan B.C. the our gramaphone is 'Columbia' made the other I happen to be don't know what make. This bed things, if its painted white we did gave to Mr. Kukuscka, but if it is painted brown with new spring we sure like to have them in my possession. And water can he can have the water can, but send up to us the child's tricycle, doesn't matter the wagon. "And further more will you please check up and let us know what your department do to the things we store up in upstair of 609 Ewen Avenue between the chimney and west side of the wall, the time they store up there I happen to be at road camp in Taft and only women left there, and they are in hurry and just boarded up from outside and forgot to go through your department, these things in this said place if it is still there will you kindly send us everything what in there, specially there is a box containing Bible and other religious books (Japanese edition) we sure need them badly at present. Please check up carefully."

Mr. Yoshino you refer to in this letter as owing one of the gramaphones, did he have property stored in your house? A: Yes.

Q Other property than the gramaphone?

A Pardon?

Q Yoshino had other property in your house than the gramaphone? A : Besides the gramaphone, you mean?

Q Yes, besides the gramaphone? A: Yes, he did.

10 Q This letter suggests that you gave the beds to Joe Kuskuska? A: Just one old bed, painted white; it wasn't the brown.

Q Yes, you say it was painted white "we did gave to Mr. Kuxkuschka, but if it is painted brown with new spring, we sure like to have them." And the water can, you gave that to Kukuska?

A Not every one of them.

Q Pardon? A: I didn't give every one of them. I don't give anything; I was on the

20 road camp at the time, and the wife arranged him to look after the things.

Q Yes; but you gave the water can to Joe, did you not? A: She must be give it away.

Q It couldn't be worth much. You say, "but send up to us the child's tricycle, doesn't matter the wagon"; the wagon was no good, I take it, worn out? A: No, because no use in Alberta here because too bumpy and the

30 kiddies can't play good, but I want the tricycle

so the kiddie play in the house.

Q You had better think of what you are saying. You can't play with the wagon because it is too bumpy and you can with the tricycle; that is your evidence? A: Yes, this places where stay out at the farmers.

Q How is it you can play with the tricycle and not the wagon? A: Play with the tricycle inside, because the wagon takes too much room in the house; at the time I write the letter I have that on my mind.

MR.RICE: I tender that letter as an exhibit.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 10).

MR. RICE: Q: You were notified, I believe, that Kukuska left your place and had taken a lot of your chattels with him to Osoyoos? A: That is what the Custodian notified me after I write the letter to them.

Q And the Custodian also notified you that they had the police check up on the things he had taken, the Mounted Police? A: Yes.

Q And the Mounted Police reported to the Custodian that the things that had been taken in his estimation only amounted to about $15.00 or $20.00 in value? A: That is what they gave me in the letter.

Q That is what they gave you in the letter?

A Yes.

Q And listed in the letter were the things that were taken by Kukuska, two clothes chests, one

gramaphone, two bed springs, two bed rails, two bed ends, a water can, a tricycle and a child's wagon; that is right, is it?

A Yes, I think so.

Q Were any goods ever shipped to you?

A Yes.

Q The gramaphone? A: Yes.

Q A suitcase? A: Yes.

Q Tool box? A: Yes.

10 Q Four wooden boxes? A: I believe, so, yes.

Q One cheese box? A: What box is it?

Q Cheese box; I suppose it would be a round box?

A Oh, yes.

Q And a bundle of buckets, wooden buckets?

A Yes.

Q And a wood bucket? A: Yes.

Q And then there were five crates of miscellaneous effects? A: I don't remember that part.

20 Q Here is a shipping bill of the C.P.R.?

A Yes, I received quite a few things at that time, because I wrote the Custodian to send me what he can send up to my place in Alberta, and they did send to me , but it was years past and I have forgotten about how many crates.

Q And you have forgotten how many crates?

A Yes.

Q There were five crates according to this shipping bill of miscellaneous effects, and two cartons

30 of effects; would that be right?

A I believe that is right.

Q You never did get the tricycle?

A No.

Q According to your claim. But in your estimate of value you say this tricycle had cost $12.00 in 1940 and was used by youngsters two years and had only depreciated 50¢ in value?

A Because the kiddies can't ride very well at that time, so small was they.

10 Q The kiddies only wore 50¢ off the tricycle in two years? A: Well, never been ride outside of the house, always stay in the house, so that it isn't so bad shape.

Q I suppose the electric train which cost $3.00, it isn't an electric train, but a train that cost $3.00, it only depreciated 50¢ in value after being used by youngsters for two years?

A He can't wind itanything because spring strong, and I have to wind it and don't let the kiddies

20 play alone, always grown up people help play.

Q And the speed car, used three years, cost $8.00 and only depreciated $2.00 in value, is that right? A: Yes.

Q And these beds that have been used for two or three years had only depreciated $1.00 apiece in value, four beds? A: Yes.

Q Didn't you give the tables to the tenant?

A No; my wife told me she gave permission to use them.

Q Your wife gave permission to use them?

30 A Yes.

Q All right.

RE DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. RUSSELL:

Q Mr. Yamamura, how many of these water cans did you have altogether? A: I have two square ones and one is a regular five gallon round can, one that you carry the gasoline in, and I use all these for the water can; this round one too.

Q In that letter you mentioned or you say that your tenant could have the can. Now, did you mean which can, did you mean these that you are claiming for? A: It must be the round can, the five gallon cans.

Q What shape are these cans here?

A That is the square cans.

Q Square cans? A: Yes.

MR. RUSSELL: Your Honour, I would just draw your attention to a letter to the Manager of the Office of the Custodian from the Westminster Trust Company, written on the 29th of June, 1942, and it reads,

"Since making our report to you on this Japanese, the family has been evacuated and the Scow house, on the river, was sold before evacuation. I don't know to whom nor for how much.

"I have checked the furniture left in the house, and have attached the list to this letter.

"Two tables have been left with the tenant Joe Kukueske.

"Trusting you will find this in order,

we are."

And then there is an enclosure of a list of chattels,

" 3 Bedstead,

3 Spring,

9 Chair,

4 Table,

1 Dresser,

1 Baby Carriage,

10 1 Baby bike,

1 Wagon,

1 Speeder,

1 Baby rocker,

1 Gas lamp,

1 Water tank,

1 Old suitcase,

1 Gramaphone,

1 Dozen articles in boxes, and few small articles."

20 I simply mention that because in the analysis of personal property the Custodian says he has no record of some of these articles at any time, and I submit he has a record of them.

THE SUB_COMMISSIONER: Do you want to file that?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, please.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 11).

MR. RICE: That is from the Custodian's file.

MR. RUSSELL: Yes. I would also like to file an appraisal from the Custodian's file dated the

30 24th of April, 1942, dealing with this claim, and

among other things it states that it "would rent for $10.00 per month easily. Occupied by wife and children at present."

(DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 12)

MR. RUSSELL: That is all.

THE SUB_COMMISSIONER: That is all, thanks.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing transcript is true and accurate record 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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On June 24th and June 30th, 1942, ont the date of my evacuation. I was charged $42.60 for freight.

I also would like to check up concerning the Life Insurance Policy (endowment System) due to evacuation force to abandon unable to continue.

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ACKNOWLEDGED
Re. Case No. 782
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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: Suteo Yamamura

   Registration No. 08214

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:
   609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C..

3. Claimant's present address:
   Diamond City, Alta.

4. Claim relating to real property:
   609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

   (a) Street address of real property:

   (b) Legal description of property:

   12/27/757/2620.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

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

Residence

6 room house.

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

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

(I) Land— $

(II) Buildings— $1,000.00

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

$1,000.00

5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

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

609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster 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:

Some packed and others as is in the house.

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

In care 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:

Kitchen stove	$75.00
Heater	10.00
Linoluem	50.00
Wagon	5.00
Speed Car	8.00
Train	3.00
Tricycle	12.00
Locking horse	3.00
4 Bed stead and Spring	54.00
Tables and Chair	15.00
Gas Lampand Lantern	15.00
Gas stove 2	17.00
Electric Iron	7.00
Cross cut Saw 8 ft.	12.00
Book Case	5.00
2 Clothes Chest	10.00
2 Water Can	9.00
Picture Frame 2	25.00
Boat and Engine Complete	1,250.00
	$1,585.00

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

$1,585.00

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 11th day of ~~October~~ November, A.D. 1947.

M. Hikida
Witness to Signature of Claimant.

S. Yamamura
Signature of Claimant.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Suteo Yamamura
(Full Name of Claimant)

of Diamond City, Alta. Beet worker
(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:

$1,389.60

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 Picture Butte

in the Province of Alberta,

this 13th day of November

A.D. 1947.

Roma D. Webb

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

S. Yamamura

VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Barristers, Lethbridge.

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Barristers & Solicitors,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claim No. 150

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

The Following are Particulars of the Claim:

1. Claimant's Name In Full: Suteo YAMAMURA

EXHIBIT No. 782-1
DATE October 12/48
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2. Registration Number: 08214

3. Present Address: Diamond City, Alberta

4. Address Prior To Evacuation: 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, 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 Twelve (12) Block Twenty-Seven (27) of Lot Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven (757) Group One (1) Map Two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty (2620)

(a) Nearest Post Office adjacent to land. **New Westminster**

(b) Number of acres: **40' x 120'**

(c) When purchased: **1930**

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

Land cleared and in good condition
6 room dwelling house in fairly poor condition 36x16
woodshed 10 x 14

(e) Purchase Price ...**for building & lot only**.....$ **700.00**

6. IMPROVEMENTS:

(a)	Clearing.....acres at $.....per acre $		
(b)	Fencing **front & side**	$ **75.00**	
(d)	Drainage)	$	
(c)	Tillage	$	
(e)	Weed Eradication	$	
(f)	Planting **10 fruit trees all bearing by time evacuation**	$ **75.00**	
(g)		$	
(h)		$	
	Total	$ **150.00**	$ **150.00**
	Carried Forward	$	$ **850.00**

Brought forward $ 850.00

(i) Buildings:

ITEM	SIZE	YEAR BUILT	MATERIAL COST	LABOR COST	COST (TOTAL)
			$	$	$
Reshinglin & painting roof & building			75.00	75.00	150.00
New foundation & board sidewalk			75.00	75.00	150.00

Total Cost of Buildings $ 300.00 300.00

Total Cost of Land and All Improvements ..... $ 1150.00

Fair Market Value Land $450.00 Buildings $ 700.00 ..... $ 1150.00

Sold by Custodian for ..... $ 875.00

Loss Claimed on Parcel 1 ..... $ 275.00

8. Assessment for 1942:

Land ..... $ 300.00

Improvements .... $ 600.00

Total ..... $ 900.00

9. Appraisal or Valuation (by Custodian):

Lands	$	300.00
Improvements	$	532.00
Total	$	832.00

10. Rental Value per Year: $ 120.00 (see appraisal)

11. Fire Insurance on Buildings:
(List amount on each building):

on dwelling $ 1000.00 Phoenis Insurance Co.

$

$

$

12. Documents in Support:

(a) Photographs:

(b) Deeds

(c) Agreements to Purchase

(d) Leases

(e) Insurance Policies

(f) Correspondence

(g) Certification of Title # 102964 E

(h) Assessment City of New Westminster

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 .....$ 275.00

Parcel 2 .....$

Parcel 3 .....$

Parcel 4 .....$

TOTAL: $ 275.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Item	Year Purchased	~~Price Paid~~ value	~~Value~~ Price paid	Remarks
kitchen stove	1941	$ 50.00	75.00	
heater	1938	7.00	10.00	
Linoluem	1939	35.00	50.00	
Wagon	1938	3.00	5.00	
Speed Car	1939	6.00	8.00	
Train	1940	2.50	3.00	
Tricycle	1940	11.50	12.00	
rocking horse	1940	2.75	3.00	
4 bed stead and spring		50.00	54.00	
tables and chair	1938	13.00	15.00	
gas lampand lantern		14.00	15.00	
gas stove 2		15.00	17.00	
electric iron	1930	~~3x50~~ 5.50	7.00	
cross cut saw 8 ft.	1938	9.00	12.00	
book case	1932	2.50	5.00	
2 clothes chest	1932	7.50	10.00	home-made
2 water can		8.00	9.00	1 new (both specially built)
2 picture frame		25.00	25.00	
		267.25	$ 335.00	

(Add additional page if necessary)
(If claim for vessel describe on separate sheet numbered 6A)

PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

Item:	Year:	Month:	Amount.

Total: $ 18.45

Total Claim for Personal Property ..... $ 267.25 ~~335.00~~

Deduct Payments from Custodian ..... $ 18.45

Net Loss on Personal Property ..... $ 248.80 ~~316.55~~

I Certify the above to be True and Correct.

S. Yamamura

Witness

Signature of Claimant.

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COULTHARD SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.,
609 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

May 8, 1944.

Catalogue #662.
File: 3933

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

RE: Lot 12, Block 27, Section 757,
Map 2620, New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This property is located at 609 Ewen Avenue and is rented to Mr. Dukacs for $10.00 per month. The exterior is drop siding painted cream and the foundation is stringers on cement blocks which have gone down. The roof is fair. The interior is "V" joint and paper which is loose and cracked. Floors are badly sagged. Plumbing consists of a sink only with outside toilet. Heat is provided by stove. The house is badly laid out and in poor condition. Measures 36' x 16'. Woodshed measures 10' x 14'.

The lot is 40' x 120' all under cultivation with eight fruit trees. Location is good considering the district.

VALUATION:

Improvements.....	$532.00	
Lot.....	300.00	
		$832.00

Yours very truly,

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.,

"F. H. Coulthard"

F. H. Coulthard.

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

Nov. 30, 1948

E. McGlughan

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"3933"

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT, 1944

City of New Westminster, B. C.

Block	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Assessed Value of Land	Assessed Value of Improvements
"Gp. 1"	757	27	12			300	600

TAKE NOTICE that the above property is assessed as above for the year 1944. The first sitting of the Court of Revision will be held in the City Hall, New Westminster, B. C., on the 8th day of Feb. 1944 at 10.00 a.m. Sec . 234 of the Municipal Act reads as follows:

234 (1) If any person is of the opinion that an error or omission exists in or upon the assessment roll as prepared by the assessor, in that the name of any person has been wrongfully INSERTED IN OR OMITTED FROM THE ROLL, OR THAT ANY LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY HAS entered upon or omitted from the roll or that any land or improvements has or have been valued at OR HAVE BEEN WRONGFULLY too high or too low an amount, or that any land has been improperly classified, he may, personally, or by means of a written communication over his signature, or by a solicitor, or by an agent authorized by him in writing to appear on his behalf, come before the Court of Revision, and make complaint of such error or omission, and may in general terms state his ground of complaint, and the Court shall either confirm the assessment or direct the alteration thereof.

(2) The Municipal Council may, by its clerk, solicitor, or otherwise, make complaint against the said roll or any individual entry therein, and upon any ground whatever, and the Court of Revision shall deal with the matter of such complaint, and either confirm the assessment or direct the alteration thereof.

(3) Every complaint shall be made in writing and shall be delivered to the assessor at least ten days prior to the first annual meeting of the Court of Revision.

(40 Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, no complaint to the Court of Revision as in this section provided, and no appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court or to a County Court Judge as hereinafter provided, shall be sustained or allowed on the ground that any land has been valued at toohigh an amount in any case if the assessment of land complained of or appealed against is ten per centum or more less than the assessed value of the same land in and according to the revised assessment roll for the year immediately preceding, or on the ground that any improvements have been valued at too high an amount in any case if the assessment of improvements complained of or appealed against is five per centum or more less than the assessment of the same improvements in and according to the revised assessment roll for the year immediately preceding.

C. P. C. HOBKIRK,
Assessor.

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E. McLaughlan

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DATE October 12/48

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File No. 3933

July 7, 1948

REAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

Re: (Mr.) Suteo Yamamura
Reg. No. 08214

Catalogue No. 662.

One Real Property only included, being:

Lot 12, Block 27 of Lot 757, Group 1, Map 2620,
City of New Westminster.

Location: 609 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster, B. C.

(Notice of Encroachment of this Property on Ewen Avenue, attached to Claim File.)

Assessment: (1944)

Land	$300.00
Improvements	$600.00
TOTAL -	$900.00

Note: Vacant land in New Westminster may be purchased from the City for approximately one-half its assessed value. There is no tax on improvements and land values are accordingly high.

Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd's. Valuation:

Land	$300.00
Improvements	$532.00
TOTAL-	$832.00

Claimant's Valuation:

Land and Buildings.....$1000.00

Sold to Mr. Martin Toth for.....$875.00.

Other Offers Received:

April 25, 1944 - Joseph Lukacs	-	$650.00
April 26, 1944 - Mr. Harry Smorodel	-	720.00
April 28, 1944 - Mrs. Alex Kosty	-	700.00
April 29, 1944 - Mr. Martin Toth	-	700.00
June 3, 1944 - Mrs. Alex Kosty	-	850.00

Relative documents attached to Claim File.

WJJ/HMS

"W. J. Johnston"
"per H.S."

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Nov. 30, 1948

N. C. McGlughan

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 3933 EXHIBIT No.

NAME (Mr.) Sutee YAMAMURA

REG. No. 08214

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION April 10/42	TAKEN BY			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
EVACUATION April 11/42	DATE						
Living equipment and personal effects of 6 room dwelling in owners possession at 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B.C. 1 box carpenters tools marked with owners name at above address.		Kitchen stove	$75.00				
		Heater	10.00				
		Lineluem	50.00				
		Wagon	5.00				
		Speed Car	8.00	5.50			
		Train	3.00				
		Tricycle	12.00	Spec. 11.00			
		Locking horse	3.00				
		4 Bed stead and spring	54.00				
		Tables and chair	15.00				
		Gas Lamp and Lantern	15.00				
		Gas stove 2	17.00				
		Electric Iron	7.00	.40			
		Cross cut saw 8ft.	12.00				
		Book Case	5.00				
		2 Clothes Chest	10.00				
		2 Water Can	9.00	(1) .50			
		Picture Frame 2	25.00	Misc. 1.05			
		Boat and Engine Complete	1,250.00		400.00		
			$1,585.00	$18.45	$400.00		
		Other miscellaneous items returned by Mr. J. Kukuska sold at Auction for.....		12.65			
			TOTAL SALES	$31.10			

Note: Some other items were abandoned.
See list dated April 9, 1947.

RECAP:
Goods valued by Claimant at $
Goods valued by Claimant at 1
Goods valued by Claimant at
Goods valued by Claimant at
Total Claim For Chattels & Effects-$3

E No. 3933 EXHIBIT No. _____ II CASE No. _____

G. No. 08214 VENUE Lethbridge, ALBERTA.

SALES: UCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
				x				
				x				
						x		Appears taken by Kukuska & not returned or fixture.
				x				(Only record of one wagon or
5.50								(speed car
				x				
11.00								
						x		Appears taken by Kukuska and not returned.
					x			Tried to sell at 3 different Auctions.
						x		Appears taken by Kukuska and not returned.
				Lantern		x		Appears gas lamp taken by Kukuska and not returned.
				x				
.40								Electric curling iron-no record of any other.
				x				
				x				
					x			Falling apart, no use or value - just junk.
) .50				(1) x				
1.05							abandoned	Only one recorded.
	400.00							Sold by Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee on
$18.45	$400.00			$139.00	$64.00	$75.50		May 4, 1942.
12.65								
$31.10								

Note: Several Crates and boxes of personal effects were shipped to Mr. Yamamura by Dove Messenger and Delivery System, New Westminster. See Bill of Lading dated September 17/45.

RECAP:

Goods valued by Claimant at $ 56.50 were sold at Auction for $18.45.
Goods valued by Claimant at 139.00 were not recorded at any time.
Goods valued by Claimant at 64.00 were abandoned as valueless.
Goods valued by Claimant at 75.50 were not accounted for, theft etc.
Total Claim For Chattels & Effects-$335.00

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Note: In a letter dated May 2, 1945, Mr. A. B. Kennedy of Westminster Trust Company intimated that Mrs. YAMAMURA informed him that she had rented the house to Mr.Kukuscka who was a friend, and who would look after the place.

Mr. Kukuscka left the property at the end of August, 1944, and removed the chattels without our knowledge or consent, to the Interior. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police finally located him near Osoyoos, B. C. Constable Newington of the R.C.M.P. stated in his letter dated March 22, 1945, that in his opinion the total value of the articles would not exceed $25.00.

See Mr. Yamamura's letter dated June 21, 1945, where he states he gave some things to Mr. Kukuscka, and advised some things hidden behind wall. The hidden things were removed and subsequently forwarded to him. In letter dated September 9, 1946, Mr. Yamamura intimated he did not want the goods found with Mr. Kukuscka, forwarded to him

Note - Government Counsel:
Possible Agency - Mr. J. Kukuscka.

W. J. Johnston.

EXHIBIT No. 782 - 6

DATE Oct. 12/48

FILED BY G. E. A. Rice

File 3933

CHATTEL SUMMARY

February 4th, 1946

Re: Suteo YAMAMURA, Reg. No. 08214

The above Japanese made his declaration to the Custodian on April 10th, 1942 and was evacuated on April 11th, 1942.

On April 10th, 1942 the declarant stated in general terms that he left "living equipment and personal effect of 6 room dwelling in owner's possession at 609 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster and 1 box carpenter's tools at same address."

On June 29th, 1942 Westminster Trust Company checked the furniture and prepared the list of effects shown on the Chattel Schedule. Two tables were left with the tenant Joe Kukuska. On August 19th, 1944 the Westminster Trust Co. were advised that no Japanese effects were found at 609 Ewen Avenue and that Martin Toth, then the tenant, stated Kukuska had left New Westminster and had taken all effects in the house with him. Kukuska was alleged to have stated that the Westminster Trust Company gave him permission to remove YAMAMURA'S things but this was denied by them on May 2nd, 1945.

Subsequently, R. C. M. P. located Kukuska at Osoyoos in possession of several items belonging to YAMAMURA and acknowledged by him. These are shown on the Chattel Schedule.

On June 21st, 1945 YAMAMURA admitted having given beds to Kukuska and on January 25th, 1945 we advised and told him to take up the matter of his chattels direct with this man. This was done in view of the vagueness of this letter and the possibility that an arrangement may have been made between them.

This view is borne out by YAMAMURA'S request of June 21st, 1945 asking for his effects that were stored in a concealed part of 609 Ewen Avenue. These, he said were put there in a hurry by women.

YAMAMURA'S wife, Chiyoko YAMAMURA, File 7766 was evacuated on June 24th, 1942 and the tenant had been secured on May 22nd, 1942. The concealed goods were recovered and shipped on September 17th, 1945, the forwarding charges being paid by YAMAMURA.

There is a possibility that some of these goods may have belonged to Kyutaro YOSHINO. "File 7746"

This summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

WJI/DP

"W. J. Iverson"

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

Nov. 30, 1948

G. McGlughan

Attached to 782 - 6

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File 3933 February 4th, 1946.

Re: Suteo YAMAMURA, Reg. No. 08214

DECLARED	INVENTORIED	SOLD	OTHER DISPOSITION
Living equipment and personal effects of 6 room dwelling in owner's possession at 609 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster. 1 box carpenter's tools marked with owner's name at above address			
	June 29/42		
	3 bedsteads		2 beds & springs in possession of J. Kukuska, Osoyoos
	3 springs		
	9 chairs		Missing
	4 tables		2 tables left with J. Kukuska
	1 dresser		Missing
	1 baby carriage		Missing
	1 baby bike		In possession of Kukuska
	1 wagon		In possession of Kukuska
	1 speeder		Missing
	1 baby rocker		Missing
	1 gas lamp		Missing
	1 water tank		In possession Kukuska
	1 old suit case		Missing
	1 gramaphone		In possession of Kukuska
	1 doz. articles in boxes & few small articles		Missing
			2 clothes chests in possession of Kukuska (this was not declared or inventoried)

GOODS FOUND IN CONCEALED PLACE, 609 EWEN AVENUE

Shipped Sept. 17/45

4 Japanese tubs	Child's sleigh	1 pig
1 lantern	gramaphone	4 cartons
8 cans of paint	1 carton	2 boxes personal things
1 carton	1 box chisels	1 lunch box
2 cans	1 box crockery	6 boxes sundries
1 grip	3 crocks	
Quantity Japanese checkers	1 bundle pictures	
3 cans	1 package (unopened)	
1 box oddments	4 boxes dishes	
1 piece stove pipe	1 carton	
1 roll tar paper	1 box records	

This schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

"W. J. Iverson"

WJI:DP

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Nov. 30, 1948

EXHIBIT No. 782 - 7

DATE Oct. 12/48

FILED BY G. E. A. Rice

~~Warehouse~~ "Auction Room, 771 E. Hastings"

Date Ap. 9th/47.

FILE NO. "3933"

NAME "Suteo Yamamura"

ADDRESS

I have examined the undermentioned articles and consider that they have no value.

2	Sandwich Plates	(Broken)
2	Packets of Dishes	(Broken)
1	Cream Jug	(Broken)
1	Laquerware Stand	(Broken)
1	Mirror	(Broken)
2	Brass Bed Ends	(No value)
2	Dressers	(1 Broken, no value)
1	Gramophone	(Works & Cabinet Broken N.V.)

~~Auctioneer~~.....

The above mentioned articles have been abandoned

"Wm. Wills"

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Nov. 30, 1948

E. McGloughan

FORM "JP"

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

FILE No. 782 - 8

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

EXHIBIT No.

DATE Oct. 12/48

JAPANESE SECTION

FILED BY G. E. A. Rice

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.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: YAMAMURA Suteo

HOME ADDRESS: 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 08214 SEX: (M) AGE: 28

OCCUPATION: Fisherman (ships carpenter)

(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: unemployed

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Chiyoko "7776" "(yellow card)"

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Eddy (M) Michael (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 6, 1

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: RN 8152 Blk 757 Lot 27 Sub D 12 Certificate of title #102964E City of New Westminster, BC "609 Ewen Ave., Lot 12 Bk. 27, Lot 757, Group 1, Map 2620, C. T. No.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 6 room frame dwellin on above property lwoodshed

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) $1000 Phoenix Insurance Co., Policy #924699 Expires Dec. 31/44 on person

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) $21 per annumpaid ~~to~~ 1941, New Westminster

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Owner's possession

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 6 room frame dwelling at 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Self

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Living equipment and personal affects of 6 room dwelling in owners possession at 609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C. 1 box carpenters tools marked with owners name at above address.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

FORM "JP

FILE No.

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)

None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: $1500 Prudential Life Policy #9463867 Premium $11.63 quarterly Beneficiary Wife Chiyoko owners possession

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 10th day of April 1942

(Signature) "S. Yamamura"

"E. D. Milsom"
Witness

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

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE Nov. 30, 1948

C. McGeughan

EXHIBIT No. 782 - 9

DATE Oct. 12/48

FILED BY G. E. A. Rice

"CAT. #662."

NOV 27 1947

"3933"

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: Suteo Yamamura

   Registration No. 08214

2. Claimant's address at the time of his evacuation from the protected area:
   609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

3. Claimant's present address:
   Diamond City, Alta.

4. Claim relating to real property:
   609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, B.C.

   (a) Street address of real property:

   (b) Legal description of property:

   12/27/757/2620.

The following notation was attached on a slip of paper:

"On June 24th and June 30th, 1942, ont the date of my evacuation, I was charged $42.60for freight.

I also would like to check up concerning the Life Insurance Policy (endowment System) due to evacuation force to abandon unable to continue."

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

Residence
6 room house.

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

#102964E

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

(I) Land - - $
(II) Buildings - - $ 1,000.00

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

$1,000.00

5. Claims relating to personal property, etc.

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

609 Ewen Ave., New Westminster, 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:

Some packed and others as is in the house.

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

In care 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:

Kitchen stove	$ 75.00
Heater	10.00
Linoluem	50.00
Wagon	5.00
Speed Car	8.00
Train	3.00
Tricycle	12.00
Locking horse	3.00
4 Bed stead and spring	54.00
Tables and Chair	15.00
Gas Lamp and Lantern	15.00
Gas stove 2	17.00
Electric Iron	7.00
Cross cut Saw 8 ft.	12.00
Book Case	5.00
2 Clothes Chest	10.00
2 Water Can	9.00
Picture Frame 2	25.00
Boat and Engine Complete	1250.00
	$1585.00
	"1250"
	"335.00"

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

$1585.00

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 11th day of ~~October~~ November, A. D. 1947.

"M. Hikida"
Witness to Signature of Claimant

"S. Yamamura"
Signature of Claimant

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Suteo Yamamura
(Full Name of Claimant)

of Diamond City. Alta. Beet worker
(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:

$1,389.60

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 Picture Butte)
in the Province of Alberta,)
this 13th day of November) "S. Yamamura"
A. D. 1947.)
Roscoe D Webb ?)
A Commissioner for Oaths in and)
for the Province of Alberta.)

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

Nov. 30, 1948 E. McLaughlan

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.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 23 1945
File No. 3933
Ans.
Referred Johnson Swanson

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EXHIBIT No.

DATE Oct. 12/48

FILED BY G. E. A. Rice

P. O. Box 73,
Picture Butte, Alta.,
June 21st, 1945.

Dear Sirs:

To reply your letter which we have received couple week ago, we find this delaying in receiving the letter in incorrect address, cause we are now staying at different farmer we did notify to B. C. Security Commission here, but seems to be somehow they didn't notify to your department.

According to your copy of letter we found Mr. Joe Kukuscka has been moved out from 609 Ewen Ave. sometime ago and same time seems to be Mr. Kukuscka has took some of our things as you mentioned in letter, but if you don't mind will you let us know or described to us the things I'm going to mentioned. We like to know what kind of clothes chests and gramaphone, this machine we have 2 up there 1 is our's and other is for fellow named Mr. Yoshino, I believed he is staying in Pop-off Slocan B. C. the our gramaphone is "Columbia" made the other I happen to be don't know what make. this bed things, it its painted white we did gave to Mr. Kukuscka, but if it is painted brown with new spring, we sure like to have them in my possession. and water can he can have the water can. but sent up to us the child's trycycle, doesn't matter the wagon.

And further more will you please check up and let us know what your department do to the things we store up in up stair of 609 Ewen Ave. between the chimney and west side of the wall, - the time they store up there I happen to be at road camp in Taft and only women left there, and they are in hurry and just boarded up from outside and forgot to go through your department. these things in this said place if it is still there will you kindly send us everything what in there, specially there is a box containing Bible and other religious books (Japanese edition) we sure need them badly at present. please check up carefully.

I remain,

Sincerely

"S. Yamamura"

Reg. No. 08214
"Suteo Yamamura"

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

Nov. 30, 1948

E. McCleughan

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W. D. BOWDEN
MANAGER

TELEPHONES: 771 AND 772
CODES: BENTLEY'S

WESTMINSTER TRUST COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE MANAGER

June 29th, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
JUN 30 1942

EXHIBIT No. 782-11
DATE October 12/48
FILED BY W. S. Runnell

The Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Suteo Yamamura - #08214
609 Ewan Avenue
Your file No. 3933

Dear Sir:

Since making our report to you on this Japanese, the family has been evacuated and the Scow house, on the river, was sold before evacuation. I don't know to whom nor for how much.

I have checked the furniture left in the house, and have attached the list to this letter.

Two tables have been left with the tenant Joe Kukueske.

Trusting you will find this in order, we are

Yours very truly,
WESTMINSTER TRUST COMPANY

W.D. Bowden

Manager.
Per. ak

ABK/W
Encl.

Re: Suteo Yamamura #08214

3 Bedstead
3 Spring
9 Chair
4 Table
1 Dresser
1 Baby Carriage
1 Baby Bike
1 Wagon
1 Speeder
1 Baby Rocker
1 Gas Lamp
1 Water Tank
1 Old Suit Case
1 Gramaphone
1 Dozen Articles in Boxes, and few small articles.

Westminster Trust Company

See Agents letter w/f.

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WESTMINSTER TRUST COMPANY

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

SUTEO YAMAMURA- Your No. 8214: April 24,1942.

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LOCATION: 609 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster,B.C.

OWNERSHIP: Certificate of Title No.102964E in the name of Suteo Yamamura.

EXHIBIT No. 782-12
DATE October 12/48
FILED BY W. S. Russell

DESCRIPTION: Lot 12 of Block 27 of Lot 757 Group 1 Map 2620. known as 609 Ew

40 x 120.

6 room two storey house, one room upstairs not finished. Lumber construction and painted outside. Shingle Roof, Brick Chimney to the ground. Lumber construction inside. Four rooms downstairs and pantry. Outside toilet, no bath. Sink in kitchen cold water only. No basement Foundation wooden posts on cement blocks. Outside in fair condition. Inside poor. Woodshed and old chicken house on lot. Rest in garden.

FIRE INSURANCE: Phoenix Insurance Company, Policy #924699 for $1000. Expires Dec.31/44

LIABILITIES: None

RECOMMENDATIONS: Would rent for $10.00 per month easily. Occupied by wife and children at present. A desirable tenant is available when family is evacuated.

ALSO OWNS

House 40 x 20 on logs on river bank moored to land on South Dyke Road New Westminster, in good shape. Painted inside. The outside is partly shingled on walls.

This has been sold by owner since expiration

Full Ownership

1 old couch and one camp stove

No Insurance

Would sell for $50.00.

Westminster Trust Company
Archie B Kennedy