

Name of Claimant **YAMAMOTO, Iwao**

Case **1169**

Custodian File **9086**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										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% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
		425		00				SPECIAL \$50.		50.00
			42.50	12.50						55.00
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles			Boats and Boat Gear							
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
69.95	35.00	10.50	50%	175.00	87.50	5.00	.60	98.60		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION									203.60	



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

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HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M. A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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October 25, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
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PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

APPEARANCES:

K. A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C. appearing for the
Dominion Government.

R. A. BEST, ESQ., appearing for the
Claimant.

A. SMITH, ESQ., Secretary.
D. J. HANDFORD, ESQ., Official Interpreter.
A. G. VEITCH, ESQ., Official Reporter.



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Dir.ex.

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IWAO YAMAMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Mr. Yamamoto, is that your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. And was that form prepared upon your instructions? A. Yes.

Q. And do you swear the contents of that are true? A. Yes.

MR. BEST: I am submitting as Exhibit 1, Real Estate Other than Farm.

(PARTICULARS OF REAL ESTATE OTHER THAN FARM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.1)

Q. I understand prior to evacuation that you lived in what is known as the township of Richmond, out on the west coast?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was the closest town?

A. Steveston.

Q. Were you right in the town of Steveston?

A. Yes, right in the town.

Q. And this house for which you are claiming was right in the town? A. Yes.

Q. And you bought this house for \$1,010. on November 10, 1940. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And from whom did you buy it?

A. From my father.

Q. From your father? A. Yes. He is



1 intending to go to Japan, so they want to sell the
2 house, so I bought it.

3 Q. That was the reason your father sold it to
4 you? A. Yes.

5 Q. And was there some other person who
6 apparently offered your father \$850. for it in 1940?
7 Is that what you mean by this note on your claim that
8 "offered to purchase from my father in 1940 for \$850"?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. That was another person who offered your
11 father \$850.?

12 A. No. I offered.

13 Q. You have down here your cost price from
14 your father \$1,010.?

15 A. No. \$850. I pay.

16 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What does he say?

17 MR. BEST: Apparently there is an error on the
18 claim form, because ---

19 THE WITNESS: That was my estimated value.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It is \$850. and his
21 improvements added come to that.

22 MR. BEST: That is correct.

23 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: His cost price was \$850.?

24 MR. BEST: Yes. So that would be changed on
25 Exhibit 1, and his estimated value has been changed to
26 \$900.

27 Q. This was a four-room house, frame house?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. And, did you live in it ---?

30 A. With bathroom.

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Q. It has an extra bathroom?

A. It has a bath.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: He means four rooms and bath?

MR. BEST: Q. Did you, yourself, live in it?

A. And it has a woodshed.

Q. Did you, yourself, live in it prior to evacuation? A. Yes. But, after I evacuated Mr.

Yashita Tokuzo rented it. That is when I was in Hastings Park.

Q. With respect to these repairs, roof re-shingled and house repainted and interior redecorated and plumbing and new bath, total \$150, did you do all that work, yourself?

A. No. I hired carpenters when I shingled the roof.

Q. And do you know how much you paid him?

A. Oh, I think about \$5. He just helped me, you know.

Q. How much did you pay for the shingles if the whole job cost you \$50.? A. About \$35.

Q. Was this an occidental type of bath or a Japanese bath?

A. A Japanese bath. I bought it for \$25.

Q. I take it the plumbing cost \$15?

A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the appraisal of Coulthard, Sutherland & Company, Limited.



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(APPRAISAL, APRIL 24, 1944, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.2)

The appraisal is dated April 24, 1944. The appraised value of the house is \$250., the lot \$75., making a total of \$325.

Perhaps at this time I could put in as Exhibit 3 the Certificate of Encumbrance, and as Exhibit 4 the Tax Notice for the year 1944. The total assessed value is \$1,450.

(CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

(TAX NOTICE, 1944, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.4)

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: \$1,450.?

MR. BEST: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is that?

MR. BEST: The total assessed value on the Tax Notice; land \$450., value of improvements, \$1,000., making \$1,450. That is the assessment on the Tax Notice.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: The assessment apparently was considerably higher than the appraised value.

MR. BEST: And higher than the claim.

Q. There is a remark here about your house in the Coulthard, Sutherland appraisal. Some of the rooms have building paper which has been nailed on and which is coming off. I take it that would be inside the house. Did you put that paper on?

A. What kind of paper, the wall paper?

A. Building paper is usually heavy sort of cardboard, a tar-paper type of thing?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you put that paper on the inside of
3 the house? A. Yes.

4 Q. Over the walls of the whole house, or just
5 part of it? A. Just part of it.

6 Q. How many of the four rooms had that paper?

7 A. I put that new paper in the living room.

8 Q. Any other room? A. The wallpaper, you
9 mean?

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: No; building paper;
11 heavy, thick paper they put on to keep the wind out.

12 THE WITNESS: I think most of our rooms has
13 wallpaper.

14 MR. BEST: Q. Is there any building paper on
15 the inside of the house?

16 A. Just the livingroom.

17 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. What did you put
18 it on for, referring to the building paper?

19 A. Just before I put the wallpaper on I put
20 the thick paper under the wallpaper.

21 Q. You put the thick paper on first and then
22 the wallpaper?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. BEST: Q. Do you know how old the house was
25 when you bought it? A. I do not know.

26 Q. Do you know how long your father had had it?

27 A. Oh, five years.

28 Q. There is an estimate here that the house
29 is probably 40 to 50 years old. What would you say

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1 about that? A. I think that is too many years.

2 Q. You, yourself, would not care to say
3 how old you think it was?

4 A. Oh, about 30 years.

5 Q. I see. What was the condition of the
6 foundation of the house?

7 A. Very good.

8 Q. There is a remark in this appraisal about
9 this open ditch in front of the house into which sewage
10 is discharging. I understand that prevails throughout
11 the whole town of Steveston? We had that come up
12 before. Is that the way the sewage was disposed of
13 in Steveston? A. Yes.

14 Q. I see. Is that your signature? (Indica-
15 ting)? A. Yes.

16 Q. And was that form prepared upon your
17 instructions? A. Yes.

18 Q. And do you swear the contents of it are
19 true? A. Yes.

20 MR. BEST: I am submitting as Exhibit 5 the
21 Personal Chattels Claim form.

22 (PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS,
23 MARKED EXHIBIT NO.5)

24 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 6 the
25 Analysis of Personal Property.

26 (ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, MARKED
27 EXHIBIT NO.6)

28 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What do they mean out
29 there when they say the value of the land is \$450.,
30 and the value of the improvements is \$1,000, which



1 comes to \$1,450., and they say a taxable value of
2 \$1,150.? Is the value of land and improvements
3 supposed to be the actual value and the taxable value
4 is a percentage of that?

5 MR. BEST: I think that is the answer. In
6 Toronto I know if a house is assessed at less than
7 \$4,000. there is a certain discount which comes off of
8 it.

9 MR. CHRISTIE: Exemption.

10 MR. BEST: Yes.

11 Q. Perhaps, to clear up one point, your fishing
12 vessel was sold by the J.F.V.D.C.?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that is the reason you are not claiming
15 for it? A. Yes.

16 Q. It does not come within the terms of reference.
17 It is shown on the Analysis.

18 Were all these goods left in your house at
19 Steveston when you were evacuated?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I understand that you sent a letter or a
22 list of these goods to the Custodian dated May 14,
23 1942. Is that correct? "Claim is for the list of
24 articles sent to the Custodian by letter May 14, 1942."
25 There does not seem to be any date on this but did you
26 prepare this?

27 MR. CHRISTIE: What date is that?

28 MR. BEST: May 14, 1942.

29 MR. CHRISTIE: This is 1948, "I hereby enclose
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1 my claims"; but I think he is referring to your
2 claims.

3 MR. BEST: Q. Did you prepare that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You did? A. Yes.

6 Q. And that was the claim for the chattels
7 to which you had reference?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When did you make that out - just in the
10 last year or two since these claims have come up for
11 hearing or shortly after you were evacuated?

12 A. In 1944, I think.

13 Q. In 1944. Where were you then?

14 A. I was in Toronto.

15 Q. I see. Mr. Yamamoto, at the time you were
16 evacuated did you make up a list of articles and give
17 it to the Custodian?

18 A. Yes. The Custodian asked me to make a list,
19 you know, so I roughly picked the main articles and
20 I wrote down and sent it to the Custodian.

21 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. Where were you when
22 you made up that list? A. About May I was in
23 Hastings Park.

24 MR. BEST: Q. In May 1942 you were in Hastings
25 Park? A. Yes.

26 MR. CHRISTIE: Are you not referring to his
27 J.P. Declaration, May 14, 1942?

28 MR. BEST: I have it as a letter, not the J.P.
29 Form. There are one or two items. Apparently Mather
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1 itemized all these things, but there are a couple
2 which are not on here.

3 Q. In respect of this diningroom table,
4 was it left in the house? A. Yes, sir, left in
5 the house.

6 Q. And how about this hardwood and fir?
7 Is that wood or does that refer to the two studying
8 tables? A. Yes.

9 Q. Does that refer to the tables or did you
10 have some hardwood ---? A. Just lying loose.

11 Q. That is, the table? A. Yes.

12 Q. Apparently it was not found by the Custodian.
13 Do you know any reason for that? A. I do not
14 know. Before I came to Slocan I went to my house and
15 the tenant used my suites. And, I left 100 pounds of
16 sugar and seven gallons of Japanese shoyu sause but
17 they are all broke, the barrels. The barrels were
18 broken and I could not find the 100 pounds of sugar.
19 As soon as I came to Toronto I went to Mr. King. He
20 looked after all Japanese property and I told him about
21 that.

22 Q. With respect to these two beds with an
23 air-cushion mattress, and a bed spring, and a frame,
24 were they in the house, too?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. And let me ask you, what were these
27 kitchen utensils you have estimated at a value of
28 \$65.? A. That is lacquerware and chinaware
29 and everything that the customers use and for our own.
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1 Q. What customers were those? You were in the
2 fishing business? A. Yes.

3 Q. You mean guests? A. Yes.

4 Q. How big family did you have?

5 A. Five.

6 Q. All right; that is all, thank you.
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8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

9 Q. I produce a J.P. Form, May 14, 1942. Is
10 that your signature? A. Yes.

11 Q. And at that time those were all the articles
12 which you declared as being your personal property?

13 A. Yes.

14 (J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.7)

15 Q. Well, now, did you tell my friend that you
16 sent a list at a later date than this to the Custodian?

17 A. I sent one list from Toronto, the list that
18 I saw a few moments ago.

19 Q. My friend showed a list to you. I suggest
20 that this is the list which was attached to your claim
21 which you sent. Take a look at that. We want to get
22 that cleared up, if we can?

23 A. This may be the list I prepared for Mr.
24 Brewin, I do not know.

25 Q. Is that the list to which you have reference?

26 MR. BEST: It was not the list but apparently
27 if it is not available I think it is practically one
28 and the same list.

29 MR. CHRISTIE: There is a list made out in the
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1 J.P. Form, May 14, 1942, on which certain articles are
2 inventoried and there is a list made by one of the
3 Custodian's officers, J.D. Mathers, on June 22, 1942.
4 I am trying to ascertain was there any other list.
5 I am suggesting this list which you sent with that
6 claim, which has the same details here, is the other
7 list to which my friend has reference.

8 MR. BEST: I thought not at first, but I think
9 perhaps that is correct.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It is the same as
11 appears in the J.P. Form?

12 THE CHRISTIE: No;. the same as appears in Mathers
13 I
14 list. I think will file that anyway, as Exhibit 8,
15 in case there is any doubt.

16 (LIST SIGNED BY CLAIMANT, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.8)

17 Q. You say on this, with reference to the real
18 property: "Custodian sold above without any notice
19 or approval of the owner on June 30, 1944"?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I think you had some correspondence with the
22 Custodian about the Real Estate?

23 A. Yes. I wrote to the Custodian.

24 Q. You wrote to him? A. I received from
25 the Custodian many letters.

26 Q. I am producing a picture. Is that a photo
27 of your property? A. Yes.

28 MR. CHRISTIE: I will file this as Exhibit 9.

29 (PHOTOGRAPH OF CLAIMANT'S PROPERTY, MARKED
30 EXHIBIT NO.9)

Q. What do you say about what the appraiser



1 says: "The floors are bulging and sagged"? What do
2 you say about that? A. It was not like that when
3 I left.

4 Q. He says: "The house is in terrible condition,
5 should be demolished." Have you any comment on that?

6 A. No. I think that is wrong. That is more
7 or less nonsense.

8 Q. Did you rent this place after your evacua-
9 tion or before? A. Before I evacuated.

10 Q. To Mr. Merriman? A. That is after
11 I was evacuated and it was handled by the Custodian
12 to Merriman.

13 Q. That was rented, I believe, for \$7. a month.
14 Is that right? A. Yes.

15 Q. At what would you value the furniture in
16 your house? A. All the furniture?

17 Q. I mean all the furniture in your house?

18 A. About \$500.

19 Q. Well, now, I am showing you a letter dated
20 April 3, 1943, and it is received by the evacuation
21 section. He does not seem to have addressed it to any-
22 one. Is that your signature (Indicating)?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I call your attention to the last paragraph.
25 This is April 3, 1943. Was that 1943, when you wrote
26 that? A. Yes.

27 Q. It says: "Dear sir: I have received
28 your favour of 22nd ult, in which I leanned
29 that you have received an offer for my property

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1 "in an amount of \$400.00 cash, but I
2 can not accept the offer because I paid the
3 tax for it \$22.00 annually by the assessment
4 notice issued at Richmond Town Hall in 1941
5 (\$1,000.00 improvement, and \$400.00 land).
6 Moreover I didn't sold out the furniture before
7 I evacuate to Slocan."

8 And you go on, but the important part is the last
9 paragraph.

10 "Should you have been received an offer
11 of \$800.00 (including furniture) I will sell my
12 property."

13 Now, that is why I ask you what your furniture is.
14 Did you put the value at \$500., when you meant you
15 would sell the house and furniture for \$800.?

16 A. At the time I wrote this I had heard that
17 some of my furniture had been stolen, there was not
18 much left and I was not considering the furniture very
19 much when I mentioned that price. I wanted to get it
20 sold as soon as possible because the longer it was
21 left the more it depreciated and the windows would
22 get broken and so on and so forth.

23 Q. I am going to show you another letter dated
24 June 22, 1944, addressed to Mr. George Peter, Admin-
25 istration Department of the Custodian. Is that your
26 signature? A. Yes.

27 Q. I would like to read this into the record.
28 "---and for instance, would have my property
29 been sold including furniture less than \$700.00,
30 I would suffer a great loss, because my



1 "house and land cost me more than \$600.00"

2 Do you remember writing that? A. Yes.

3 MR. CHRISTIE: I will put all these letters in
4 together, your honour.

5 And, there is a letter of October 6, 1944,
6 addressed to the Custodian, and signed by yourself?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 MR. CHRISTIE: And it says:

9 "I hereby wish your kind assistance to arrange
10 the sale of my property as taking into consider-
11 ation my present difficulties."

12 I will file these three letters of the claimant to
13 Custodian, dated April 3, 1943, June 2, 1944, and
14 October 6, 1944, re sale of real property, as
15 Exhibit 10.

16 (THREE LETTERS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.10)

17 THE WITNESS: In regard to that sum of \$600.
18 which was mentioned just the Custodian wrote to me and
19 told me that he was going to sell it for \$400. I refused
20 that offer.

21 Q. I think you said in your letter that you had
22 refused it. I understand that some of the property
23 left in your house was left by Sannosuke Nokata. Is
24 that right? A. I had no house of my own and
25 I was afraid that if I left it in a rented place his
26 chattels might get broken or stolen ---

27 Q. You are referring to Nokata?

28 A. Yes. These things were left in my house
29 after I evacuated and I do not know just what was left
30 there.



1 Q. In respect of this kitchen gas stove which
2 you estimate was worth \$15., and sold for \$3., how
3 old was it? A. I used it about five years.

4 Q. And in respect of this heater stove which you
5 valued at \$6., and which sold for \$1.00, how old was
6 it? A. That was about 10 years old.

7 Q. I understand that this chesterfield was made
8 by yourself. Is that right? A. Yes.

9 Q. Where was it left? A. That was in
10 the living room.

11 Q. In respect of this bathtub, of what was it
12 made? A. That was made of wood.

13 Q. And, anything else?

14 A. The both, itself, was about four feet by
15 seven feet and then there was also some tin used in
16 the construction of it.

17 Q. Now, in respect of this three and one-half
18 cords of wood, do you know whether or not the tenants
19 used that wood?
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21 A. I do not know.

22 Q. You did not list that wood in your J.P.
23 Form?

24 A. No, that was not included in that list.

25 Q. I understand you received some compensation
26 for some of the sugar which was used?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. How much? A. Seven dollars.

29 Q. That was from Mr. Merriman? A. Yes.

30 Q. Did you receive anything for this Japanese



1 sauce? A. No. When I was staying in Hastings
2 Park some of the Japanese people in the park were
3 offering as much as \$10. a bottle for shoyu sauce
4 if it could be obtained. I thought I had seven
5 gallons in Staveston and got a permit to go there
6 and when I reached Steveston I found it was gone.

7 Q. This sauce was not intoxicating?

8 A. No.

9 Q. I wondered about the marketability.

10 A. It was in very short supply. Although
11 it cost about \$5. at the start after they had been
12 in there for sometime and it was in short supply they
13 were offering as much as \$10.

14 Q. That is all.

15 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Anything further, Mr.
16 Best?

17 MR. BEST: No, your honour.

19 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Mr. Christie?

20 MR. CHRISTIE: There were offers of different
21 amounts submitted by the Canadian Fishing Company
22 Limited for the property and I think I can well put
23 this in as one exhibit. The first offer appears as
24 being \$400. The second offer is for \$425. It is the
25 Canadian Fishing Company Limited; offers to purchase
26 by Canadian Fishing Company Limited.

27 (OFFERS TO PURCHASE, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.11)

28 I will tender the Real Property Claim and the
29 Personal Property Claim in the nature of summaries as
30 Exhibit 12.



I. Yamamoto,
Re.ex. - Re.cr.ex.
PROPERTY CLAIM,

(PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM, REAL
MARKED EXHIBIT NO.12)

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3 MR. BEST: The claimant tell me he mis-understood
4 Mr.Christie's question about this 100 pounds of sugar
5 and said he got \$7. for it and he now tell us he did
6 not get anything for it. It was a small matter, but I
7 do not wish the record to be incorrect.

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9 I. YAMAMOTO, resumed,

10 RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

11 Q. About this sugar, did Mr. Merriman pay you
12 anything for the sugar? A. No.

13 Q. I understood you to tell Mr.Christie that you
14 got \$7. for it. A. I understand it is valued at
15 \$7.

16 Q. That is, on your claim you estimated it to be
17 worth \$7.50. Is that what you are saying you meant
18 now, that you did not get anything for it?

19 A. No.

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21 RE-CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CHRISTIE:

22 Q. When Mr. Merriman was there did you come back
23 to the house? A. Yes.

24 Q. You came back again? A. Yes.

25 Q. I understand the Custodian took this up with
26 Mr. Merriman? A. But I did not rent it
27 at that time.

28 MR. BEST: Just about the sugar.

29 MR. CHRISTIE: Q. I understand the Custodian took
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1 it up with Mr. Merriman and that he made compensation for
2 this sugar. Have you any knowledge of that? He may
3 not have got the money. A. When I was at Hasting's
4 Park I got a permit to go to Steveston thinking my
5 house was all nailed up as I left it. When I got there
6 I found somebody was evidently living in there. I
7 knocked at the door and nobody replied. I went around
8 to the back and I still could not make anybody hear
9 and I entered, went in, anyway.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. And what happened?

11 A. I looked around and I found my suits were
12 missing, my clothing. The sugar had gone, the
13 shoyu sauce was gone and some of the firewood had been
14 used.

15 MR. BEST: We do not want any more evidence at
16 this stage. I do not think it is necessary. I just
17 wanted to correct that impression, that is all,
18 about this compensation for the sugar.

19 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That is all you want?

20 MR. BEST: Yes.

21 THE WITNESS: There may have been some credit
22 when the Custodian sold the house but as far as I know
23 I never received any cash actually for that sugar.

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26 MR. CHRISTIE: Your honour, I submit that the
27 real property was sold at its fair market value.

28 I submit that those articles of personal
29 property which were sold at auction were sold at their
30 fair market value.



1 I submit that the value of the other articles
2 which were not found is exorbitant.

3 That concludes the defence.
4

5
6 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

A.G. Veitch
10 "A.G. VEITCH"
11 Official Reporter.

12 I, M.A. Miller, Deputy Commissioner, appointed
13 to hear a Commission to investigate claims of
14 Japanese Canadians for property loss, do
15 certify the foregoing is a true copy of the
16 evidence heard on the within claim.

M.A. Miller
17 M.A. Miller,
18 Deputy Commissioner.

DEC - 3 1947

base 1169

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

[Signature]

9086
Toronto

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

(1) NAME YAMAMOTO IWAO (RCMP) Reg. No. 01733
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Cor. Chatham St & 13th Ave. Steveston B.C.

(3) Present Address 225 Russholme Road Toronto

(4) REAL ESTATE
(a) Street Address (if any) Richmond BC Province British Columbia
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
Lot 8 Block 8 Sec 10 Block 3 N. Range 7. West May 249
in district of New Westminster

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):
(i) ~~Farm~~
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business _____
(iii) ~~Business~~
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) sole owner

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):
(i) Land - - - - - \$ _____
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ _____
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ _____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 900.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ ✓ 425.00 ✓ F.M.
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ ✓ 475.00 ✓ F.M.

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY
(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation at above home
(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) _____
(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation _____

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

in women's care

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

1.	<i>sent to custodian May 14, 1942</i>	Estimated Value \$	<i>200.00</i>
2.	<i>sold by custodian for</i>	Estimated Value \$	<i>56.45</i>
3.		Estimated Value \$	
4.		Estimated Value \$	
5.		Estimated Value \$	
6.		Estimated Value \$	
7.		Estimated Value \$	
8.		Estimated Value \$	
9.		Estimated Value \$	
10.		Estimated Value \$	

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ *143.55*

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - - - - \$ *618.59*

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no *no*
 (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

Toronto

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA)
 of)
 TO WIT:)

I, *I. Yamamoto* of the *City*
 of *Toronto* in the *County of York*
 DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the *City*)
 of *Toronto*)
 in the *County* of *York*)
 this *26th* day of *November*)
 A.D. 1947. *J. Brewster*)

Iwas Yamamoto

A Commissioner &c.

N.B.— THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C.. BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

YAMAMOTO, Iwao
(Claimant's Name)

REAL ESTATE
(Other than farm)

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01733
Reg. No.

<u>Type of Premises</u> (e.g. House, Store, etc.)	<u>No. of Rooms</u>	<u>Type of Finish</u>	<u>Use of Premises</u>	<u>Size of Lot</u>	<u>When Purchased</u>	<u>Date of Purchase</u>
House	4	Frame	Residence	35' x 100	1940	Nov. 10th

<u>Type of Locality</u>	<u>Cost Price</u>	<u>Improvements made by Claimant</u>	<u>Estimated Value Date of Sale</u>
Residential	\$1,010.00 ^{850.00}	1940 Roof resingled \$ 50.00 House repainted and 70.00 " interior redecorated " Plumbing and new bath 40.00	\$ 1,010.00 ^{900.}

Comments re upkeep of premises:

Home in good state of repair at time of evacuation

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered above:

- (1) Offered to purchase from my father, Hisakichi Yamamoto in 1940 for \$ 850.00
- (2) Assessment, 1942
Land, \$ 450.00
Improve. 1000.00
\$1450.00

Summary

Estimated value	\$ 1,010.00 ^{900.00}
Original Claim	\$900.00
Sold by Custodian:	425.00
	<u>\$475.00</u>

Iwao Yamamoto
Signature

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO., LTD.,
Estate and Insurance Agents
Car Financing

EXHIBIT No. 1169 - 2
DATE Oct. 25/48
FILED BY K.A.Christie

609 Columbia Street,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Catalogue #854.
File: 9086.

April 24, 1944.

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

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APPRAISAL.
RE: Lot 8, Block 8, Section 10, B3N/7W, Map 249,
Steveston Townsite.

Dear Sir:

This house which consists of four rooms is rented to Mr. Merriman for \$7.00 per month. The floor space is 44' X 24' and it is heated by stoves. The only plumbing is a kitchen sink there being an outside toilet. The property is served by city light and water.

The interior is shiplap papered over and the paper is loose and falling. Floors are bulging and sagged. The kitchen is finished with "V" joint which has been painted. Some of the rooms have building paper which has been nailed on and is coming off. There is an open foundation which is rotten. House is probably 40-50 years old and is in terrible condition - should be demolished. Construction is cheap and poor.

The lot is 44' X 120' with an open ditch across the front into which sewerage is discharging causing an offensive odour.

VALUATION:

House.....	\$250.00
Lot.....	75.00
	<u>\$325.00</u>

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.

February 23, 1949.

C. M. [Signature]

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DATE Oct. 25/48

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CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE

No. 50120

Your file No. 9086

Land Registry Office

"Iwao Yamamoto" "Cat. 854"

"File 9086"

New Westminster, B. C.

- - - minutes 8 o'clock 1st day of October, 1942.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is the state of the title to ---
Lot 8 Block 8 of Section 10 Block 3 North Range 7 West Map 249
Municipality of Richmond in the District of New Westminster

Registered Owner: IWAO YAMAMOTO "01733" viz.:

Register of Indefeasible Fees No. 148605E

Registered Charges: Certificate of Vesting in the Custodian Filed No. 24668

Applications for Registration None

Receiving Order or authorized Assignment under the "Bankruptcy Act": None

Assignment for benefit of Creditors: None

Judgments: None

Mechanics' Liens: None

"E. S. Stokes"
Registrar.

To Office of the Custodian

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

February 23, 1949.

E. S. Stokes

E. S. Stokes

Cash Register Figures Below Constitute Official Receipt.

EXHIBIT No. 1169-4 Taxpayers' Copy
 DATE OCT 25 1948
 FILLED BY H. A. Christie

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PAID The Corporation of the Township of Richmond
 Richmond Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

TAX NOTICE, 1944

TO Iwas yamamoto

Custodian

EVACUATION SECTION
 Rec'd NOV 9 1944
 File No. 9086
 Ans. _____

Take notice that the following lands in the Municipality of Richmond, for which you are liable for taxes for the year 1944 as follows:

Roll No.	Lot	Block	Sec.	Block North	Range West	Map	Value of Land	Value of Improve'mts	Taxable Value
<u>11</u> <u>213</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1150</u>

are subject to the following taxes which are due on and from 1st January, 1944, and are now due and payable at the Town Hall, Brighouse, B.C.

PAYMENTS

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.**

TAXES IN ARREARS
 This property will be sold for Taxes on **SEPTEMBER 30th**, IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THIS NOTICE, unless the taxes are sooner paid.

1944 Rates Bylaw.....	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>		
DRAINING and DYKING BYLAWS				
Sea Island Dyke				
Sea Island Drainage.....				
Lulu Island Dyke.....				
Amalgamated D. & D. Dist.				
Steveston Local	<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>		
Local Improvement District No.				
TOTAL for 1944	<u>26</u>	<u>60</u>		
Penalty				
Arrears of Taxes for 1943	<u>10</u>	<u>00</u>		
" Water for 1943				
Interest				
Delinquent Taxes for 1942				
" Water for 1942				
Interest				
TOTAL				

PENALTY: Add 10% to total for 1944 if not paid on or before Nov. 15th, 1944.

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.

As a measure of war economy we request you to help us save your time and ours by remembering to bring or send the bill when paying this account.

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Cash Register Figures Below Constitute Official Receipts
EXHIBIT NO. 1160-14
TAXPAYERS
OCT 2 1948
NOV 8 - 44
FILLED BY
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PAID
The Corporation of the Township of Richmond
Richmond Town Hall, Bighouse, B.C.
TAX NOTICE, 1944

Take notice that the following lands in the Township of Richmond for which you are liable for taxes for the year 1944 are as follows:

Block	Lot	Value of Land	Value of Improvements	Taxable Value
			70%	
RATES BYLAW, 1944				
			Municipal GENERAL Purposes.....	3.2864 mills
			Municipal Loans	9.1054 "
			School Loans and for School General Purposes.....	9.6082 "
				<u>22.0000</u>

are now due and payable at the Town Hall, Bighouse, B.C.
PAYMENTS

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS	
District No. 24	Schedule Rates
" No. 52	" "
" No. 56	" "
" No. 57	" "
" No. 58	" "
" No. 59	" "
" No. 60	" "

READ CAREFULLY
Charges to be certified and paid at part of Assessment or Stove-ton and to be drawn in favour of the Corporation of the Township of Richmond. Proper value of stamps must be attached (for all charges up to \$100.00 and all charges over \$100.00).

DRAINING AND DYKING DISTRICTS	
Sea Island Dyking Bylaw No. 185 and 226	
Loan	78c per acre
Maintenance	30c " "
Sea Island Drainage Bylaw No. 903.....	50c " "
Lulu Island Dyking Bylaw No. 186	
Loan	69c " "
Lulu Island Drainage and Dyking Maintenance.....	60c " "
Steveston Local Improvement Bylaw 1891 No. 27A	
Maintenance	full schedule

TAXES IN ARREARS	
This property will be sold for Taxes on SEPTEMBER 30th IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THIS NOTICE, unless the taxes are sooner paid.	
TOTAL	

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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.

As a measure of war economy we request you to help us save your time and ours by returning this bill with a payment to bring or send the bill when you pay the tax account.

YAMAMOTO, Iwao
 (Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT No. 1169-5
 DATE OCT 25 1948
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Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
1 Dining Table	1939	Used	\$ 8.00	---	\$ 5.00
1 " " (extention hardwood)	1939	"	16.00	---	13.00
2 Desks	1940	New	10.00	---	9.00
2 Beds (complete)	1940	1 Used & 1 New	80.00	---	70.00 65.00
1 Bureau	1940	New	25.00		15.00
1 Heater Stove	1938	Used	8.00		6.00
1 Kitchen Gas Stove (2 burners)	1938	New	20.00		15.00
9 Chairs	1938	Used	9.00		7.00 9
1 Chesterfield	Self-made		20.00		10.00
1 Bath Tub	1941	New	20.00	All good	15.00
Kit chen Utensils	1939	New and Used	80.00		65.00
1 Electric Iron	1940	New	8.00		7.00
3 Flat Irons	1940	New Used	2.00		1.00 4
2 Garden Hoses	1940	New	15.00		10.00
1 Coleman Gas Stove	1938	New	12.00		10.00
1 Corner Bamboo Stand	1938	New	7.00		5.00
1 Cupboard	1938	Used	10.00		8.00 10.00
1 5-gallon jar	1939	New	3.00		3.00
1 Washing board, hand basin, knife,	---	New	---		10.00

Description of Storage of Goods: sharpening
 steel, etc.

Claim is for list of articles sent to Custodian
 by letter - May 14, 1942.

Stolen

\$ 284.00
 31.00
 \$ 315.00

Estimated value \$ 315.00
 Sold by Custodian 43.25
 \$ 271.75

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Old blanket, shoes, rubber boots, washing
 tubs, cotton beedings, cushions, books

Additional Comments, if any:

Stolen or destroyed
 3 1/2 cord wood @ \$5.00 cord \$17.50
 100 lbs. sugar 7.50
 5 gal. Japanese sauce 6.00
 \$31.00

Iwao Yamamoto
 Signature

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

 FILE No 9086

EXHIBIT No. _____

 NAME Iwao YAMAMOTO

 REG. No. 01733

DATE		INVENTORY		SALES		DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION		TAKEN BY		AUCTION		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.
EVACUATION		DATE		TENDER &c		
	14 May 42	J.B. Mather		DETAILS OF CLAIM		
	22 Aug 42	22 Jun 42				
(1 dining table		3 Oil stoves	1 dining table	5	} 25 (H.M.)	One table noted as for sale at auction
(1 dining table extension		1 corner Bamboo stand	1 dining table (extension)	13		
2 studying tables		Sundry books	2 studying table:			
2 beds complete		1 Table lamp	(Hardwood \$5	9		
1 bureau		2 quilts	(Fir 4			
1 heating stove		6 Jap. chair cushions	2 beds complete:			
1 kitchen stove		3 Kitchen cabinets	(1 Air cushion matt. 25.			
1 chesterfield		Sundry dishes	(1 bed spring 15.			
1 Jap. bath tub		1 Ele c iron	(frame 10.	50		
4 pcs linoleum @ 12' x 16'		1 Cupboard	1 bed complete	15		
Kitchen utensils for 4 people		1 bed and spring	1 bureau	15		
		2 x 50' garden hose	1 heater stove	6		
		1 carton dishes	1 kitchen gas stove	15		
		1 suitcase	9 chairs @ \$1	9		
LEFT AT NAMU CANNERY, NAME, BC		1 wash tub, galv'd	1 chesterfield (self made)	10		
1 Cohoe net 250 fthms \$140.00		1 wash board, glass	1 bath tub	15		
		1 wash basin	Kitchen utensils:			
		1 5gal crock	ordinary use 15.	65		
		1 5gal oil can	custom use 50.			
		1 boat oilstove	1 elec iron	7		
		1 small galv'd washtub	3 heating irons	4		
		1 dining table	2 garden horse (hose ??)	10		
		1 table	1 Coleman gas stove	10		
		2 beds complete	1 cupboard	10		
		1 bureau	1 washing board 70¢			
		1 heating stove	1 hand basin 25¢	95		
		4 chairs	1 bamboo stand	5		
		4 linoleum rugs on floor	FUEL wood 3 1/2 cords	17		
		sundry kitchen utensils	Sugar 100#	7 50		
			Shoyu (Jap sauce)	5		
			<u>303 45</u>			
		Yamamoto letter 14 Mar 1945 admits that Sannosuke NAKATA left the following articles in his home:	FISHING VESSEL CLAIM	758	M	85 (1 suitcase)
		1 dble bed with mattress				This vessel sold 30 Mar 42 by
		1 glass cupboard				
JC/..		3 1/2 beds with mattresses				Chattels to claim value of \$76.9
		1 kitchen stove				do 18.0
		20 yds linoleum				do 7.5
		1 two plate gas stove				do 19.0
		1 bureau				do 30.0
		2 7'5" cross cut saws				do 152.0
		dishes				<u>303.4</u>
						Vessel claim is outside terms of

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EXHIBIT No. _____

EXHIBIT No. 1169-6DATE OCT 25 1948

CASE No. _____

G. No. 01733

FILLED BY

VENUE _____

K. A. Christie

SALES	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT &c	UN SOLD	REMARKS
25 (H.M.)							One table noted as having been sold, and Auction Removal List notes one as having been presented for sale at auction without bids having been received.
		9					
				15	50		
					15		
11 75 (4 sold with 2 Kitch. cupboards)							
		10					Not inventoried by Mather on 22 Jun 42 -- never found
				15			Made of wood and tin -- never saleable to Occidentals.
					65		
1 75							
65 (Incl. 1 hand basin)							
7 25							
7 25							
2 cupboards sold with chairs -- se above							
35							
and basin sold with 3 irons							
2					17		Tenants used wood
	5				5		Cstdn agent stated only 70# left
85 (1 suitcase)							

This vessel sold 30 Mar 42 by JFVDC, proceeds to Claimant's attorney 2 Apr 42.

ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

Chattels to claim value of	\$76.95	Sold at auction for	\$ 35.85	
do	18.00	Part sold at auction for	.25	balance unsaleable
do	7.50	Sold	5.00	
do	19.00	Declared - not found		
do	30.00	Abandoned		
do	152.00	Not accounted for		
	<u>303.45</u>			

Vessel claim is outside terms of reference.

REAL ESTATE

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

DATE Oct. 25/48

FILED BY K.A.Christie

JAPANESE SECTION

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: YAMAMOTO, Iwao.

HOME ADDRESS: Steveston, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 01733

SEX: Male

AGE: 28

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: None

MARRIED? No.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Chatham St., & 3rd. Ave., Steveston, B.C.

Lot 8, Blk. 8, of Section 10, Blk. 3, North Range 7, West Map 249.

In the District of New Westminster, B.C. Building lot about 25' x

120', with truck-garden. Title No. 148605E. Valued at \$400.00

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Wooden framed four roomed bungalow
lean-to bathroom. Wood-shed.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$22.70 p.a. 1941 paid. Municipality of
Richmond, B.C.

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

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

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9. LIFE

10. INTE

11. SAFE

LIABILIT

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7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: No. 148605E in 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:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

Left at Declarant's house:- 1 dining table, 1 dining table extention, 2 studying tables, 2 beds complete, 1 bureau, 1 heating stove, 1 kitchen stove, 9 chairs, 1 chesterfield, 1 Japanese bath tub, 4 pieces linoleum each 12' x 16' kitchen utensils for four people.

Left at Namu Cannery, Namu, B.C. - 1 Coho Net 250 fathoms, \$140.00.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

ssion.

FORM "JP

FILE No.....

- 4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY:
- 5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS:
- 6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
- 7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
- 8. BANK ACCOUNTS:
- 9. LIFE INSURANCE:
- 10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS
- 11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

LIABILITIES:

- 1. PERSONAL DEBTS:
- 2. TRADE DEBTS:

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 14th day of May 1942

(Signature) "I. Yamamoto"

"Geo. F. Arab"
Witness

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

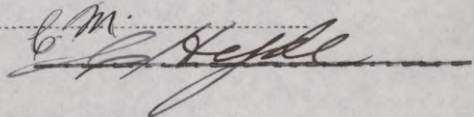
February 23, 1949. 

EXHIBIT No. Oct. 25/48

DATE.....

FILED BY K.A.Christie

No. 9086

ESTIMATE MARKET VALUE OF EVACUATION

RE: REAL ESTATE

Title No. 148605E

Roll No.	Lot	Block	Sec.	Block North	Range West
4908	8	8	10	3	7

Map	Value of Land	Value of Improvements	Taxable Value	Tax
249	\$450.00	\$1000.00	\$950.00	\$22.00

According by the tax Notice Nov. 11th/1941

wrong

Custodian sold the above without any notice or approval of the owner in June 30 1944.

CLAIM	\$200.00	- - -	Land
	<u>700.00</u>	- - -	Building
	\$900.00	- - -	Total

"Iwao Yamamoto"

ESTIMATE MARKET VALUE AT THE TIME OF EVACUATION

RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY (1)

BOAT	REGISTER NO. 3988	VANCOUVER		
	LENGTH	26 feet		
WIDTH	WIDTH	7½ feet		
	ENGINE	5 Horse Power Vivian	Boat -	\$700.00

CONTENTS	Machine Tools		15.00	
	Anchore		7.00	
	Compass		5.00	
	Cotton & Manila Ropes		10.00	
	Pumps		3.00	
	Coleman Gas Stoves		5.00	
	Hooks		1.00	
	Batterys		5.00	
	Water Tanks	2 of 5 gals	2.00	
	Gas Tanks	30 gals.	7.00	
	Net Guards		5.00	
	Oars		3.00	
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			\$58.00	58.00
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		TOTAL		\$758.00
SOLD	\$300.00	Without Owner's Approval		
CLAIM	\$758.00			

RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY (2) A

1 Dining Table	\$ 5.00
1 " " (Extentionable) Hardwood	13.00
2 Studing Table (1)Hardwood 5.00 (2)Douglas Fir 4.00	9.00
2 Beds Complet (1) Air Cushion Matress Bed Spring Frame (2) Complete	25.00 15.00 10.00 15.00
1 Bureau	15.00
1 Heater Stove	6.00
1 Kitchen Gas Stove	15.00
9 Chairs @ \$1.00	9.00
1 Chesterfield (Self made)	10.00
1 Bath Tub	15.00
Ketchin Utensils (China ware) Lacquer for ordinary use for custom use	15.00 50.00
1 Electric Iron	7.00
3 Heating Iron	4.00
2 Garden Horse	<u>10.00</u>
Continue	\$ 248.00

RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY (2) B

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\$248.00 ✓

1 Coleman Gas Stove Double Plate	10.00
1 Cupboard	10.00
1 Washing Board .70 Hand Basin .25	.95
1 Bamboo Stand	5.00
Fuel Wood 3½ Cords	17.00
Sugar 100 lbs	7.50
Shoyu 1 Barrel (Japanese Sauce)	5.00

\$54.95

\$54.95

58.45

\$ 302.95

303.45

CUSTODIAN SOLD \$43.25

CLAIM ~~\$302.95~~

"Iwao Yamamoto"

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

February 23, 1949.

C. M. Hyde

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DATE OCT 25 1948

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R. & B. Christie

YAMAMOTO, Iwao
3rd & Chatham, Steveston, B.C.
Evac. File 9086



Picture Taken April 13, 1943

(Stamp
(Evacuation Section)
(Rec'd APR 9 1943)
(Referred Russell)

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EXHIBIT No. _____
Oct. 25/48

DATE _____
FILED BY K.A.Christie

Your File No. 9086

April 3/1943

Iwao Yamamoto 01733
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B.C.

Re: Property (Lot 8, Block 8, Steveston)

Dear Sir:

I have received your favour of 22nd ult. in which I learned that you have received an offer for my property in an amount of \$400.00 cash, but I can not accept the offer because I paid the tax for it \$22.00 annually by the assessment notice issued at Richmond Town Hall in 1941 (\$1000.00 improvements \$400.00 land) moreover I didn't sold out the furniture before I evacuate to Slocan. When I was a committee at Hastings Park, I like to dispose of them but B.C.Security Commission wouldn't allow me even the 2 days delay for the matter.

Should you have been received an offer of \$800.00 (including furniture) I will sell my property.

Thanking for your favour to the above.

Yours truly,

"Iwao Yamamoto"

*Tell him about his
relationship to release*

(Stamp
(Evacuation Section)
(Rec'd JUN 28 1944)
(File No. 9086)
(Referred Peters)

(Part of Exhibit 1169 - 10)

Iwao Yamamoto Reg.No.
Coleman 01733
P.O.Box 27,
Toronto, Ontario.

June 22nd/1944

Dear Sir:

Re: Catalogue No. 854
Chatham St. & 3rd Avenue
8/8/10/B3N/R7W/249

I have duly received your letter dated June 13/44, to which I regret to say that I can not accept your request of sending my title No. 148605-E.

The reasons are as follow:

1. I doubt why the Custodian is arranging to sale my property without the presentation of your assessment on my property and my consent.
2. And in exchequer court at Ottawa, Justice Thorson declared to reserve the verdict of the sale of Canadian Born Japanese property.

I believe that it wouldn't be out of place to refering the words of which Mr. MacLennan declared in the said court that "The sales might be justified as a protective measure if owners would otherwise suffer loss, but not in the case of property supporting itself and liquidated without the owner's consent.

The above is the sound argument by the law of Canada I believe, and for instance, the above is the sound argument by the law of Canada I believe, and for instance, would have my property been sold including furnitures less than \$700.00 I would suffer a great loss because my house and land cost me more than \$600.00.

But the Custodian are going to sale my property by the power of Crown or the so-called War Measure Act, I hope you will ^{send} send me the assessment of it and in that case, you will pay the special attention to my furniture which Mr. Merriman using them nearly 2 years.

Then I will reconsider about the sale of my property, and your request of sending my title to your office.

In the letter, I received I felt something like a "veil threat of Democracy" especially in dealing of my property.

Thank you very much for your information and ask for the continuance of your assistance on the matter of my property.

Looking forward with keen interest hearing from you re above in your earliest convenience.

Yours remain,

"Iwao Yamamoto"

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(Evacuation Section)
(Rec'd OCT 10 1944)
(File No. 9086)
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(Part of Exhibit 1169 - 10)

Iwao Yamamoto
P.O.Box 27,
Coleman P.O.
Toronto, Ontario

Mr. G. D. Milsom,
and
Mr. George Peter,
Administration Dept.,
Custodian, Van. B.C.

Oct. 6/44.

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Dear Sir:

File No. 9086

I have duly received your letter dated 21st ult. and your cheque for \$15.00 from my balance from Custodian for which I am very much obliged. And you wrote to me that "the money is represented a portion of the rentals received in connection with your Steveston property and also from the sale of chattels" but regret to say, you are not mentioned in details of what kind of chattels of my properties you sold and what is the price of them and that is first thing what I want to know please give me a full information for the above in your earliest convenience.

In regard to my properties, I am now intending to accept an offer for the sale of my property but for the reasonable price with my approval. If you should have received an offer hereafter for my property, please let me know the amount of it and would it be agreeable to me, I will send you my title to your office as soon as possible.

As I am going to marry about the end of this year and need some amount of money for it, I hereby wish your kind assistance to arrange the sale of my property as taking into consideration of my present difficulties.

Thank you very much for your best effort you show me in the past and ask for the continuance of your coporation in future.

Sincerely yours,

"Iwao Yamamoto"

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

February 23, 1949.

C. M. Hyde

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(Evacuation Section)
(Rec'd MAR 20 1943)
(Referred Russell)

EXHIBIT No. 1169 - 11
DATE Oct. 25/48
FILED BY K.A.Christie

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD.

Foot of Gore Avenue
VANCOUVER, B.C.
Canada

Gulf of Georgia Cannery,
Steveston, B.C.
March 19th, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

File No. 9086 - I. Yamamoto.

In reply to your letter of March 9th in regard to the property of the above I Yamamoto in Steveston, B.C. The Canadian Fishing Company Limited wish to make the following offer for the purchase of this property:

Lot 8 - Block 8\$400.00

Yours very truly,

"J.R.Townsend"

Manager - Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

JRT:T

CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD

Foot of Gore Avenue
VANCOUVER, B.C.
Canada

April 20, 1943

Your File 9081

Mr. P. H. Russell,
Administration Department,
Office of the Japanese Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: I. Yamamoto

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 15th advising that Mr. Yamamoto has declined to accept our offer of \$400.00 for the lot he owns at Steveston adjacent to our property.

We referred your letter to our Manager at Steveston and he made another Survey and re-check of this property with Mr. Sterling your representative at Steveston. The furniture mentioned in your letter is merely a miscellaneous assortment of goods which have practically no value and which Mr. Sterling figured might be sold for \$75.00 to \$100.00 and which he would remove from the property and sell for the account of Mr. Yamamoto as we are not interested in the furniture.

A re-appraisal of the property results in the fact that our offer of \$400.00 is all the property is worth especially in view of the fact that the house on the property is of no value whatever and would be demolished immediately if the property passed into our possession.

We would appreciate very much indeed having your office review this situation and if you feel that our offer is fair we hope there is some way you can so advise Mr. Yamamoto and arrange to have him sell at this price. Surely our company or anyone else should not be held up by this Japanese simply because he thinks we might be willing to pay twice what the property is worth.

We would therefore appreciate hearing from you again at an early date.

Yours very truly,

THE CANADIAN FISHING CO. LTD.

"Jas. S. Eckman"

Vice-President.

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(Part of Exhibit 1169 - 11)

CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LTD.

Foot of Gore Avenue
VANCOUVER, B.C.
Canada

April 29, 1944

Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: I. Yamamoto - Steveston
Your No. 854

This lot, also the one adjoining is right alongside of our Gulf of Georgia Cannery property and about a year ago we made an offer of \$400.00 for same. This was after having an appraisal made covering the value.

We need this lot also the adjoining one to protect our women's bunkhouse, housing about 65 white women. There is an old shack on the property which we would tear down and we would clear the property so that it would look more attractive.

We are now prepared to offer \$425.00 cash for same and are enclosing herewith cheque for \$42.50 covering a 10% deposit.

Here again we are trying to purchase a lot to round out our cannery plant at Steveston and we would appreciate your consideration of our offer.

Yours very truly,

THE CANADIAN FISHING CO. LTD.

"Jas. S. Eckman"

Vice-President.

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HOWARD SMITH
GENOA BOND

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

February 23, 1949.

S.M.
E. M. Hyde

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REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

EXHIBIT No. _____
Oct. 25/48DATE _____
FILED BY K.A.Christie

CLAIMANT Iwao YAMAMOTO Regn No 01733

PROPERTY SUB- Lot 8 Block 8 of Sec 10, B3N/7W, Map 249,
JECT OF CLAIM Mun. of Richmond, D.N.W.Located at

On Chatham St. at 3rd Ave., Steveston, B.C.

CLAIM	Est. value as per claim:	Land	200.	
		Improvements	<u>700.</u>	\$900.
		Custodian credit		<u>425.</u> (Correct)
		ALLEGED LOSS		<u>\$475.</u>

REFERENCESHISTORY

- RP.1 J.D.Mather's report d/22 Jun 42 describes property. Notes garden overgrown with weeds while Claimant on Form JP notes garden as 'Truck garden'.
- RP.2 C/E #50120 d/1 Oct 42 notes Vesting in Custodian otherwise clear title in name of Claimant.
- RP.3 Property photographed 13 Apr 43
- RP.4 Assessed 1944:
- | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Land | \$ 450. | |
| Improvements | <u>1000.</u> | \$1450. |
| TAXES: General | 25.30 | |
| Dyking | <u>1.30</u> | 26.60 |
- RP.5 Cdn Fishing Co. offer to purchase \$400.00 19 Mar 43.
- RP.6 Cdn Fishing Co. offer submitted to Claimant and his reply 3 Apr 43 rejects same. Claimant from this period on continuously values his property on the basis of the Municipal assessment instead of current market price — this is even quoted on his claim form. He does states in this letter "...Should you have been received an offer of \$800.00 (including furniture) I will sell my property..."
- RP.7 Claimant's rejection of CFC offer of 19 Mar 43 (RP.5) forwarded to Cdn Fishing Co. and they re-appraise and notify Cstdn 20 Apr 43 that the house is of no value etc. Cstdn reply 24 Apr 43 attached.
- RP.8 Appraised 24 Apr 44 Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. \$325.00
- RP.9 Cdn Fishing Co. offer 29 Apr 44 \$425.00
- RP.10 Advisory Committee Approval of CFC offer 29 Apr 44 \$425. given 7 Jun 44.
- RP.11 Sold to CFC \$425.00 cash as at 12 Jun 44.
- RP.12 Claimant's letter 22 Jun 44 disapproves of sale and states "...and for instance, would have my property been sold including furnitures less than \$700.00 I would suffer a great loss because my house and land cost me more than \$600.00..."
- RP.13 Claimant's letter of 6 Oct 44 (evidently he didn't understand that the Custodian had sold his property) requests the Custodian to sell his property as he needed the funds to marry on. Claim now states property sold by the Custodian without approval of the owner.

JC/..

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

31 July, 1948

CLAIMANT Iwao YAMAMOTO Regn No 01733

CLAIM Original claim for personal property was in a general form. Claimant was written to by this office and submitted an itemized list under date of Apr 24-48 which he pencilled out and re-dated 11 May 48.

REFERENCESHISTORY

- JP Items as declared when registering are noted on Analysis.
- PP.1 Cstdn letter to Claimant 3 Sep 42 notes tenant in Claimant's house using 3 cords of Wood and 50# of sugar.
- PP.2 T.C.King's letter to Cstdn 29 Oct 42 notes only $\frac{1}{4}$ cord Wood and 70# sugar.
Claimant claiming on 100# sugar and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood.
NOTE: Neither wood nor sugar declared by Claimant when registering, and correspondence on file does not decide quantity.
- PP.3 J.D. Mather 14 Dec 42 encloses copy of Namu Cannery letter of 8 Dec 42 noting valuation of a net to be \$25.00 This not claimed on. Cstdn 15 Mar 43 advises Claimant re net (which he valued at \$140.) and asks for comments. None received.
BC Packers 9 Apr 43 note that Claimant's net valueless.
- PP.4 Cstdn on 8 Jun 44 notes that tenant had not been requested to sign for Yamamoto's chattels.
- PP.5 Cstdn memo in answer to PP.4 supplies list of items removed to storage on 27 Jun 44.
- PP.6 Cstdn on 6 Feb 45 to Claimant itemizes chattels left by Samnosuke NAKATA in Claimant's house. Claimant confirms list on 14 Mar 45.
- PP.7 Claimant requested shipment of books left at house. Cstdn letter to claimant 12 Mar 45 notes that books partially destroyed by rats and in such a condition that Cstdn disposed of same.
- PP.8 Brown-edged summary of Vessel Records d/31 Dec 43 notes vessel sold by JFVDC 30 Mar 42 -- proceeds to Claimant's attorney 2 Apr 42. This vessel claimed on. Outside terms of reference.
- PP.9 Original copy of auction sheet supplied Claimant 11 Dec 44. However, since Claimant acknowledged chattels of Nakata's to be in the house, transfers of proceeds had to be made. Auction sheet as included herewith covers only items credited to Claimant.

JC/..

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February 23, 1949.

C. M. O'Keefe