Name of Claimant MATSUSAKI, Hajime Case 1274

Custodian File 3745

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	

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	
153	24.65	7.39	16.11%	90.00	14.50			21.89

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	21.89

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CASE NO; 1274

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Toronto, Ontario,

November 19, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

HAJIME MATSUSAKI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

Original.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J. A. McGIBBON, SUB-COMMISSIONER

Toronto, Ontario,

November 19, 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
G. M. R. UPTON, ESQ.,	Official Interpreter
J. B. McGREGOR, ESQ.,	Official Reporter.

CASE NO: 1274

HAJIME MATSUSAKI, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Is that your signature? A. Yes.

Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you swear the contents of it are true?

A. Yes.

(PERSONAL CHATTELS CLAIM FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q. I understand that you lived on Franklin Street in Vancouver before the evacuation?

A. Yes.

Q. At the time of the evacuation you lived there with your parents? A. Yes.

Q. And you had certain furniture and goods and chattels which you left in the house there?

A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the analysis of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. BEST: These chattels of yours, were they left separately from your parents' or were they stored together with your parents'?

A. Together.

Q. Were you all evacuated at the same time?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, first of all, about this General Electric radio, console model, bought in 1935 for $275. Had you used the radio constantly from the time you bought

it? A. Yes.

Q. And had there been any extensive repairs made to it from the time you purchased it?

A. Minor but not extensive.

Q. I suppose tubes were replaced and that sort of thing? A. Yes.

Q. Now, you had two cameras, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. The first one was a Kodak and case and the serial number is given here as 51476, and you valued that camera at $35. That is the one you purchased in 1934 for $40? A. Yes.

Q. What do you say about the condition of it at the time of evacuation? A. Very good.

Q. Are you interested in photography, you take a lot of pictures? A. Yes.

Q. Then the second one was a Kodak apparently No. 620 size, and apparently they both had leather cases? A. Yes.

Q. And you valued that second camera at $55. You say you bought it for $60 in 1940? A. Yes.

Q. Was it in good condition?

A. Excellent condition.

Q. This extension table you have valued at $50 but apparently the Custodian sold it for $2.50. What sort of a table was it?

A. It was an oak dining-room table with leaves to put in the centre.

Q. And you say you paid $65 for it in 1936?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you just buy the table alone or did you buy a whole dining-room suite?

A. The table alone.

Q. Now, I understand you wrote to the R.C.M.P. about your camera, about having it returned some time in 1944? A. Yes.

Q. I am showing you a letter on the letterhead of the R.C.M.P. dated November 2nd, 1944, addressed to yourself. Did you receive that letter?

A. Yes.

Q. And was that inventory attached to the letter at that time? A. Yes.

Q. I take it after receipt of that letter you wrote to the Custodian about the matter?

A. Yes.

Q. I am showing you now a letter from the Custodian, Japanese Evacuation Section, dated May 2nd, 1946, addressed to yourself. Did you receive that letter? A. Yes.

Q. Perhaps as part of the same exhibit I might file this letter to the claimant from the Custodian in which he says with regard to the two cameras he regrets to inform you that they cannot be located.

(TWO LETTERS ABOVE REFERRED TO MARKED EXHIBIT 3)

Q. I think the balance of the matter is just a question of valuation, your honour.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I am showing you a J.P. form dated the 7th of April, 1942; is that your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. You must have been in error when you signed that. Can you read that small print there, that was correct, was it? You did have these articles which were sold at auction? A. Yes.

(J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

3 Q. Where did you buy this radio?

A. From a radio agent, Mr. Shiga.

Q. That is in Vancouver? A. Yes.

Q. You bought this in 1935 and you were evacuated in 1942, and I think you told my friend that you used this radio constantly. You paid $275 for it and you put a value on it of $225. Do you not feel the radio would have depreciated more than that in 7 years?

A. I liked the radio very much and it was in good condition.

Q. If you had sold this radio at that time do you think you could have obtained $225 for it in Vancouver? A. No, sir.

Q. You don't think you could have? A. No.

Q. What do you think you could have got for it?

A. I don't know, sir.

Q. I am filing as Exhibit 5 a memorandum; they do not indicate who the appraiser is but he says the appraised value of the radio is $20 and one Kodak is $4.50 and the other $27.50.

As a matter of fact, you left more chattels in the care of the minister, the Rev. B. W. Hodson?

A. Yes.

Q. You had a rather unfortunate experience with

this gentleman? A. Yes.

(AUCTIONEER'S SHEETS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted, your honour, that these articles of personal property were sold at their fair market value.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

"J.B. McGREGOR"
Official Reporter.

I, John A. McGibbon, Deputy Commissioner, appointed to hear a Commission to investigate claims of Japanese Canadians for property loss, do certify the foregoing is a true copy of the evidence heard on the within claim.

"JOHN A. McGIBBON",
Deputy Commissioner.

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Book 1274

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

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

(1) NAME MATSUSAKI HAJIME (RCMP) Reg. No. 01562
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 1603 FRANKLIN ST., VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) Present Address 106 WELLINGTON, N. HAMILTON, ONT.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

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

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

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):
(i) Land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $_____
(ii) Buildings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $_____
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $_____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $_____
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $_____

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $_____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation In care of the Custodian.

(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 _____

(over)

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care") Left in care of R.C.M.P.; later transferred to the CUSTODIAN (1,243). (4-11) Reported to the CUSTODIAN and sold at will by them.

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

			Prewar Price
1.	1 Consol Radio "General Electric" Serial #0529 (Sold for $12.01)	Estimated Value $	225.00
2.	1 Camera "Kodak" Autographic Serial #51476 1A & Case	Estimated Value $	35.00
3.	1 Camera "Kodak" Vigilant Six 20 & Case	Estimated Value $	55.00
4.	Small table Sold for $1.45	Estimated Value $	15.00
5.	Kithen table " " $0.10	Estimated Value $	10.00
6.	2 Kithen chairs " " $0.35	Estimated Value $	3.00
7.	7 Folding chairs " " $4.00	Estimated Value $	17.50
8.	Dresser " " $12.00	Estimated Value $	35.00
9.	Extension table " " $2.50	Estimated Value $	50.00
10.	Bench " " $0.25	Estimated Value $	2.50
11.	Chest drawers " " $4.00		20.00
		TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $	468.00

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) - $

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

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, (Jim) Hajime Matsusaki of the City of Hamilton in the County of Wentworth

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 Hamilton in the County of Wentworth this 13th day of January A.D. 1948.

(Jim) Hajime Matsusaki

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.

Matsusaki, Hajime
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT No. 1274-1
DATE NOV 1 8 1948
FILLED BY R. A. Bell

01562
Reg. No.

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
Console Radio, General Electric	1935	New	$275.00	Good	$225.00
#1 Kodak Camera & Case	1934	Used	45.00	Good	35.00
#2 Kodak Camera & Case	1940	New	60.00	Good	55.00
Extension Table	1936	Used	65.00	Good	50.00
Chest of drawers	1936	Used	35.00	Good	20.00

Total claim $468.00 on goods listed in column 3, analysis of personal property claim.

Description of Storage of Goods:

All chattels claimed for stored in claimant's home.
Two Kodak cameras reported lost by custodian.
Handed over to RCMP on March 10, 1942.
Exhibit report on file.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

SUMMARY:

Estimated value	$468.00
Sold by custodian	39.65
Claim	$428.35

Additional Comments, if any:

Hajime Matsusaki
Signature

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HOWARD SMITH

BELL-FAST BOND

MADE IN CANADA

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 3745 EXHIBIT No.

NAME MATSUSAKI, Hajime

REG. No. 01562

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL NOT FOUN
DECLARATION April 7/42 EVACUATION June 26/42	TAKEN BY DATE			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
His declaration stated that he owned no property.		1. Consol Radio "General Electric" Serial #0529	225.00	15.00			
		2. Camera "Kodak" Autographic Serial #51476 1A and case	35.00				
		3. 1 Camera "Kodak" Vigilant Six 20 & case	55.00				
		4. Small table	15.00	1.45			
		5. Kitchen table	10.00	.10			
		6. 2 Kitchen chairs	3.00	.35			
		7. 7 folding chairs	17.50	4.00			
		8. Dresser	35.00	12.00			
		9. Extension table	50.00	2.50			
		10. Bench	2.50	.25			
		11. Chest of drawers	20.00	4.00			
			468.00	39.65			

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FILE No. 3745

REG. No. 01562

EXHIBIT No. _____

EXHIBIT No. 1274-2
DATE NOV 1 8 1948
FILLED BY K A Christie

CASE No. TORONTO

VENUE

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT &C	UNSOLD	REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER &c							
15.00								#1 Auction - Sept. 13/44
								#2
						35.00		Dunne & Rundell Valuation 1942 - $4.50
								#3
						55.00		Dunne & Rundell Valuation 1942 - $27.50
1.45								Items #4 to 11 were identified as being
.10								the property of claimant's father, Mr.
.35								Sanjiro Matsusaki, who was credited with
4.00								proceeds of sale. See Auction Nov.2/44
12.00								
2.50								
.25								
4.00								
39.65						90.00		

SUMMARY OF CLAIM

Goods for which Japanese claims $378.00 sold at auction for $39.65
" " " " " 90.00 lost through theft, etc.
$ 468.00

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Aug 10/48

EXHIBIT No. 1274 - 3
DATE Nov.19/48
FILED BY K.A.Christie

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"E" DIVISION
JAPANESE REGISTRATION

In reply please quote
Our File No. JR/01562

Div. File No._____

H.Q. File No._____

Vancouver, B. C.,
November 2nd, 1944.

Mr. Hajime Matsusaki - #01562,
Edwards Hall (South House),
McMaster University,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 23rd, 1944, regarding return of your camera, please be advised that all goods were turned over to the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Please contact them if you desire any further information regarding your camera.

Yours truly,

"R. A. Davidson" Cst.
(R.A.Davidson) i/c Japanese
Registration

ENCL.

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COPY OF SURRENDER

F.112

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

01562

Vancouver, B. C.
March 10, 1942

Received from Mr. Hajime Matsusaki

1603 Franklin Street

Vancouver, B. C.

Serial No. 51476, I A
Autographic Kodak and Case

Serial No. 12680
Vigilant Six 20 Kodak and Case

Signature

(F.R.Jefferson Cst.)

Note: # is wanted.

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

April 7, 1949.

G. Hyde

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No. 3745

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B. C.

May 2, 1946.

Mr. Hajime MATSUSAKI,
Reg. No. 01562,
52 Kinrade Ave.,
HAMILTON, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo in reply to which we would inform you that your radio has been sold at auction for the net sum of $12.01. With regard to the two cameras we regret to inform you that we are not able to comply with your request as the articles required cannot at present be located.

We have taken all reasonable measures for protection of personal goods, involving considerable expense in the employment of caretakers, watchmen and night patrol, but in spite of this a certain amount of breaking-in and vandalism has occurred in our storage from time to time resulting in some items being stolen. It would appear that your two cameras might have been taken under such circumstances.

Burglary and theft are, of course, circumstances which sometimes happen to the most careful property owners even when the owner is in residence and after taking every precaution against such possibilities.

The police have been made aware of this situation and if the missing articles should be recovered you will of course be advised.

Your request and a copy of this letter will remain on our files indicating the facts regarding this matter and be available for review at any future time.

Yours truly,

"Geo. B. Spain"

G. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS:LBM

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

April 7, 1949. B. Hyde

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HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
Japanese Section

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

NAME: MATSUSAKI, Hajime

HOME ADDRESS: 1603 Franklin St., Vancouver, B.C. REGISTRATION NO. 01562

SEX: Male AGE: 24 MARRIED? No

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Student at Duffus Business College, Vancouver, B.C.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None ADDRESS:

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN:- - - - - ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

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

Dated this 7th day of April 1942.

(Signature) "H. Matsusaki"

WITNESS: "J.M.F.Brandon"

(on other side)----

LIST OF LIABILITIES: None

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE:

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

April 7, 1949. A B Hyde

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DATE
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MEMORANDUM

June 30th, 1943.

To: File 3745

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MATSUSAKI, Hajime - Reg. 01562

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	APPRAISED VALUE
RADIO	✓ General Electric Console, Serial #0529.	$ 20.00
CAMERA	x Autographic Kodak and case #51476 1A.	4.50
	x Vigilant 6-20 Kodak and case #12680.	27.50

✓ - Sold by Auction 13/9/44 - Vancouver 31

x x Both cameras arriving from warehouse 15/3/46

(✓) Transferred to Suspense on 23/7/47
R.C.M.P. Exhibit Report 251 is on B/181.
C.G.

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

April 7, 1949.

A. Hyde

EXHIBIT No. 1274 - 6

NAME MATSUSAKI, Hajime DATE Nov.19/48

FILED BY K.A.Christie

REGISTRATION NO. 01562 FILE NO. 3745

The following chattels were sold by public auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on September 13, 1944.

G.E.Consol $ 15.00

Transferred to Chattel Reserve Account - MATSUZAKI, Hajime
R.C.M.P. 251
23/7/47
C.S.

Total			$ 15.00
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee:	$1.50	
	(Advertising:	0.32	
	(Moving:	0.17	
	(Storage:	1.00	$ 2.99
Net Proceeds Credited:			$ 12.01

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 31

Remarks:

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

April 7, 1949.

B. Hyde