

61 Avenue Road,
Toronto 5, Ontario,

June 4, 1948.

Mr. E. G. Adams,
Consulting Engineer & Economist,
c-o Banff Springs Hotel,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Eric:

Mr. T. Maikawa of T. Maikawa Stores Ltd. asked me to make some enquiries about the disposal of assets of the company now in the hands of the Custodian. Of the 1500 shares he holds 81, ^{now held} the rest are in the name of his father, Tomekichi Maikawa, who has been in Japan for about the past 10 years or more. Soon after the war with Japan started, the store was taken over by the Custodian and operated as enemy alien property through a controller, in this case, P. S. Ross & Sons.

I advised Mr. Maikawa to have you make a full study of all information with the Custodian and to have you make a check of the present condition of the store property. I believe the government has not yet made its policy on this class of property and a report with recommendations may help in setting policy and accrue to his advantage.

As I understand it, you are given a fairly free hand as to the scope of the investigation, and the exact extent will depend on the data available.

We would both like to discuss the whole matter with you on your return. You are to bill Mr. Maikawa for the work - I said your fees were similar to those of lawyers, engineers and other professional people - which he was willing to pay.

Should you need further instructions, please let us know.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kunio Hidaka.