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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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: SHENMOTO (SHINMOTO) Mrs. Kiyoshi, (Yukiko).HOME ADDRESS: Campbell River, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER: 96577 SEX: Female AGE: 35.OCCUPATION: Housewife.

(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? Yes.NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Campbell River, B.C. Kiyoshi.ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Campbell River, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Seiji (M)Narumi (M)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: as above.AGE OF CHILDREN: 7, 3.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Campbell River, B.C.

Dwelling House, with Laundry attached.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mrs. Charles Thulin, Campbell River, B.C.

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

\$20.00. per month paid up to date.

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:

In the house at Campbell River, B.C.

1 Chesgerfield \$195.00. 3 Beds \$200.00. Kitchen Utensils

packed in Boxes, \$200.00. 1 Trunk containing Clothing and Personal Effects.

Also Husband's Laundry Equipment as per attached list.

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

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)

\$40.00 Mr. C. Ferguson, Campbell River, B.C.

60.00 Mr. H. Walters, Campbell River, B.C.

\$100.00 Mr. J. Forbes, Forbes Hotel, Campbell, B.C. 85.00

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

\$5.00 War Savings Certificate in the name of Seiji (child).

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None.

Fifteen Year Endowment.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$500.00 in the name of Seiji (child). Imperial

Life Insurance Co. Vancouver, B.C.

Policy Number unknown. Policy in the possession of declarant.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS:

2. TRADE DEBTS:

REMARKS:

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 4th day of April

1942

(Signature)

Yukio Shimamoto

Dorothy M. Chase

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

SHINMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi (Yukiko).

No. 06577.

Campbell River, B.C.

Property belonging to SHINMOTO Kiyoshi, left with his wife to be registered in her name.

Water Pump and Engine ✓	\$100.00.
Pump Well ✓	75.00 x
2 Water Tanks ✓	275.00 x
2 Boilers ✓	1037.00
Hot Water Tank ✓	75.00
Extractor ✓	400.00
Electric Motor ✓	575.00
1 large Washer ✓	647.00
1 small Washer ✓	400.00
1 Roll Mangle ✓	825.00
2 Sleeve Stretchers ✓	17.50.
Steam Pipes ✓	114.00
1 Iron Stove ✓	30.00
Cost of fixing Machines ✓	160.00 x
1 Steam Presser ✓	650.00.
2 Drying Rooms ✓	60.00 y
Brick Chimney ✓	170.00 x
Electric Light Fixtures ✓	50.00
Wash Tub ✓	58.00
Wooden Wash Tub ✓	35.00
Galvanized Buckets ✓	8.50.
Rubber Hose ✓	18.50.
Pipe Poles ✓	20.25. x
Laundry Box ✓	120.25
Iron ✓	78.00
Electric Iron ✓	40.00
Steam Electric Iron ✓	25.00
Plumbing Tools ✓	156.00 x
Logging Jack ✓	100.00
Drag Saw ✓	200.00
Hand Saw ✓	6.00
Tools (Carpenter's) ✓	50.00
Suit Boxes ✓	8.00 x
Wrapping Paper ✓	22.00 x
Coat Hangers ✓	6.00
Suit Bags ✓	40.00
Counter Cheek Books ✓	60.00
Laundry Slips ✓	40.00
Soap ✓	50.00
Soda ✓	30.00
Starch ✓	25.00
Bleaching Powder ✓	16.50
Spotting Chemicals ✓	60.00 x
Sover ✓	10.00 x
Spear's Blue ✓	9.00 x
Laundry Pins ✓	10.00
Laundry Chemicals ✓	50.00 x
Cost of building three Rooms ✓	337.00 x

x In report of agent 25/4/42 it is stated that these items
constitute immovable improvements to building, apparently
made without consent of landlord. D.M.

x disposed of by owner prior to expropriation

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE August 19, 1943

Cur File No. 593

Full Name SHIMOTO, (Yukiko) Mrs. Kiyoshi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06577

Male - Female ☒
(Check)

Age Mar. 15, 1907

Former Address Campbell River, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 4 or 5, 1942

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(Check)

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S. S. GENERAL MEIGS
2nd AUGUST, 1946

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

Married - Single ☒
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband Kiyoshi

Name of Mother ABE, Kimi (Japan)

Name of Father _____

Names of Children under 16 _____

See husbands' sheet.

Requested by E.G.T.

Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information _____

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 593

Re: Mrs. Yukiko SHINMOTO

Reg.No. 06577.

This woman declared a quantity of Laundry equipment and some tools belonging to her husband. She also declared two accounts receivable covering laundry bills.

Although Mrs. SHINMOTO valued the equipment at over \$8,000.00, the best price this office could obtain was \$520.00. Expenses in connection with the storage and sale of this equipment were \$144.78. Taxes of \$18.84, covering School Assessment on Personal Property, for the years 1942 and 1943, were paid.

The two accounts receivable declared by Mrs. SHINMOTO, in connection with the Laundry, were C. Ferguson - \$40.00. This man joined the Air Force and the account could not be collected. (H. J. Walters - \$60.00. Mr. F. E. McCarthy of Campbell River, placed this account in small debts court and \$15.00 was paid in to the Custodian from small debts court in connection with this claim.

H. J. Walters account has been paid in full 4/4/46

Some of the tools, declared by Mrs. SHINMOTO, were shipped, while others apparently were sold by her or her husband, prior to their evacuation.

The sum of \$85.00 was paid to this office on December 1st, 1943, in payment of a logging jack and drag saw, belonging to Mr. SHINMOTO.

On February 1st, 1946, the sum of \$362.12, which was the balance remaining from the sale of laundry equipment and tools, and the collection of laundry debts, after payment of charges in connection with the laundry equipment and settlement of the claim of Campbell River Garage, was transferred to a Joint Account in the names of Yukiko SHINMOTO and Kiyoshi SHINMOTO. This transfer of funds left, in the account of Mrs. Yukiko SHINMOTO, the sum of \$80.00. This money had been paid into this office on October 7th, 1942, and represented the purchase price of a three piece chesterfield. This chesterfield was the only property identified as belonging to Mrs. SHINMOTO.

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

G. Matison

February 12th, 1946.

FM:JS

STATE OF NEW YORK

FILE NO. 1972 & 1973

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND
THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

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Capital River Bridge.....\$10.24. The sum of \$10.24 was paid
in full settlement of this claim.

Claim against, File No. 1972-1973. This claim was against
Mr. WILSON and on December 1, 1973, Mr. WILSON, in whose name
all the funds from the sale of the property were deposited, instructed the
office to pay said money to certain claimants. On February 22, 1974, the claim-
ants who are the owners of the property, File No. 1972, from the joint
account of the WILSONS.

H. Louis Company.....	\$10.02
William J. Kelly & Peter Ltd.....	\$10.23
Small Credit Union's Ass'n.....	\$10.00
T. William Jones Ltd.....	\$10.24

These claims have been referred to both Mr. and Mrs. WILSON and
neither of them has replied to our letters.

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

Matthew

February 12th, 1974.

POLICY NO. 06577		NAME SHIMOTO, Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi)			FILE NO. 593	
COMPANY	POLICY NO.	AMOUNT	EXPIRATION			PROPERTY
			MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
Nichigan Fire & Marine Ins. Co.	6012727	\$1000.	Feb.	3	1944	Lot 69, Island Highway, Bayward Dist., Campbell River, B. C.

This policy was not renewed as the property was sold.

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

February 13, 1946.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUL 14 1949
File No. 593
Att.
Referred

404 FEDERAL BLDG.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
July 13th, 1949

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$

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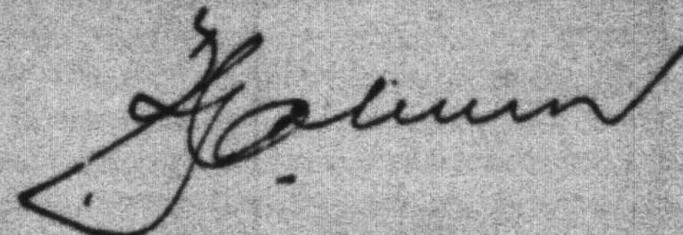
Dear Sir:

Re: SHINMOTO, Yukiko - Reg. # 06577

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 25.00
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No. 2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,



F. G. COBURN,
Regional Administrator.

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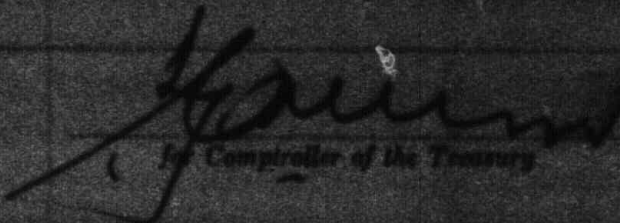
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DOMINION OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Issued at: Washburn, B.C.
Date: July 25th, 1942

The Government of Canada acknowledges that RECEIVED, Tokyo
has surrendered property situated in Canada as described herein and agrees to remit the yen equivalent of the net proceeds
of such property immediately, or upon liquidation if such action is required, to Japan under arrangements made with,
and approved by, the United States Government and the Military Authorities in Japan; Provided that from the proceeds
of such property there shall be retained such amounts as are required to repay advances made by the Government of Ca-
nada by way of Repatriation Grant.

NOT NEGOTIABLE
Custodian's Balance - - - - - \$100.00 ✓

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Controller of the Treasury

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711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
Oct. 22/46

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 100

Dear Sir:

Re: SHINMOTO, Yukiko ⁵⁹³ #06577

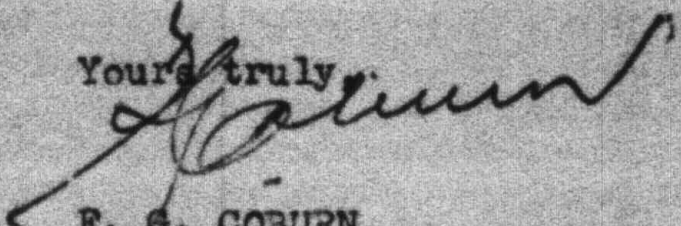
Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ 100.00 ✓

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 200.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 100.00 . Therefore should you receive further funds on this account such funds should be turned into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the Japanese in question.

Yours truly,


F. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

MR. KIYOSHI SHINMOTO.....06578.....Formerly pro-
 priator of the laundry at Camp-
 bell River.

Water Pump and Engine	100.00	
2 Water Tank	275.00	see 20/1/42
Pump Well	75.00	see 20/4/42
2 Boiler 1037.	1037.00	
Hot Water Tank	75.00	
Extractor	400.00	
Electric Motor	575.00	
1 Washer (large)	647.00	
1 Washer (small)	400.00	
1 Roll Mangle	825.00	
2 Sleeves Stretcher	17.50	
Steam Pipes	114.00	
1 Iron Steve	30.00	
Engine	160.00	

Cost of fixing machine

1 Steam Preserver	650.00	
2 Dry Rooms	60.00	see 20/4/42
Brick Chimney	170.00	see 20/4/42
Electric Light Fixture	50.00	
Wash Tubs	58.00	
Wooden Wash Tubs	35.00	
Galvanized Buckets	8.50	
Rubber Hose	18.50	
Laundry Box	120.25	
Iron	78.00	
Electric Iron	40.00	
Steam Electric Iron	25.00	
Plumbing Tools	156.00	
Suit Boxes	8.00	
Coat Hangers	6.00	
Counter Check Books	60.00	
Laundry Slips	40.00	
Soaps	50.00	
Sodas	30.00	
Starch	25.00	
Bleaching Powder	16.50	
Spotting Chemical	60.00	
Sower	10.00	
Spears Blue	9.00	
Laundry Chemicals	50.00	

Mr Shinmoto is now at
 Work Camp at Hope B.C.
 Box No 3.

MAR 21 1942

PROPERTY DISPOSAL SECTION
JAPANESE LIAISON COMMITTEE

OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

139 Dunlevy Ave.,

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

Mr. G. W. McPherson,
Authorized Deputy of Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re deserted property of
Kiyoshi Shinmoto, Campbell River, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to call your attention to the above mentioned case which came to my notice a little while ago.

Mr. Kiyoshi Shinmoto of Campbell River B.C., a proprietor of laundry and dry cleaning plant, came to Vancouver on a business trip a few days ago. On reporting to the Mounted Police, he had been ordered to proceed to the work camp immediately and he had no choice but to obey the order.

A few days after the departure of Mr. Shinmoto to the camp, Mrs Yukiko Shinmoto had been ordered to leave Campbell River without any preparation whatsoever. She is now taken care at the Hastings Park Manning Pool and although she is trying hard to obtain permit to leave Manning Pool to report to the Custodian re deserted property of her husband, but to this date the permit is not granted.

Would you kindly give this matter your kind co-operation and take necessary step to look after the aforesaid property.

Thank you.

Yours obedient servant

S. Furukawa
.....
S. Furukawa, committee in charge

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March 24, 1942.

Copy.
Mr. Russell Richardson,
Campbell River, B.C.

Dear Russell:

Kirk has given me a letter regarding laundry equipment the Japs had at Campbell River. I believe that it is possible that we could use this, when we get back to our Main Camp, but we have no place at the present time and also have no one that we could send up to look over the equipment and make a deal with the owner. I presume that he is in no position to wait while we make up our minds. However, if he has done nothing with his equipment and is passing through Vancouver, on his way East, you might ask him to come in and give us a list of it and what he thinks the price should be, and we might be able to make a deal.

Thanks ever so much for thinking of us in this regard. Sincerely hope you and Grace are enjoying good health and we would very much like to see you some time soon. If you are in Vancouver at all, be sure and let us know.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. B. Brown.

*Canadian Forest Products Ltd.,
Standard Bank Building
Vancouver.*

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25th April 1942

TO: THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN (JAPANESE SECTION)

Custodian's File No. not shown

Re: SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi (Yukiko)

Campbell River, B. C.

Reg. no. : 6577

1. Location and nature of property. Property consists of laundry equipment and some items of personal property, nearly all at present stored in a building owned by Mrs. Charles Thulin at Campbell River, B. C.

2. Land and buildings. While these are not owned by the enemy alien in question the condition of the buildings is pertinent to this report. Condition may be described as deplorable. Buildings cannot be made safe from entry by any reasonable outlay. The fire risk is considerable, even though they are untenanted. Buildings are not weatherproof and property stored in them must inevitably deteriorate rapidly.

3. Inventory of contents. A check made 23rd April 1942 disclosed the following:

(a) Personal effects.

One chesterfield \$195.00. I understand this has already been sold, as requested by declarant, for \$80.00 At present stored at Forbes Landing Hotel, money to be paid on removal. 3 beds, declared at \$200.00. Found 3 beds, one cot, one crib. The total value could not be much more than \$20.00 One trunk containing clothing and personal effects. Found this and did not open it. 6 boxes containing kitchen utensils and personal effects, possibly also some of equipment listed separately under "Husband's laundry equipment."

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(b) Husband's laundry equipment.

Most of the items on the attached list were found and identified, though nearly all appear to be considerably overvalued in the list. Actually a proper appraisal could only be made by a man experienced in laundry equipment. I suggest, however, that the items might be segregated into the following categories.

(i) Items which should not have been listed.

Pump well	\$75.00
2 water tanks	275.00
Cost of fixing machines	160.00
2 drying rooms	60.00
Brick chimney	170.00
Cost of building 3 rooms	337.00

All these constitute immovable improvements to building apparently made without consent of landlord.

(ii) Items already disposed of by declarant and not to be found on premises.

Pike poles	20.25	Sold to S. Masters, agreement uncertain
Plumbing tools	150.00	
Logging jack	100.00	Sold to J. Forbes for \$75, to be paid for in late summer
Drag saw	200.00	
Suit Boxes	8.00	Returned to Columbia paper Co. 988 Homer St.
Wrapping paper	22.00	Returned to J. C. Wilson 1068 Homer
Spotting chemicals	60.00	
Laundry chemicals	30.00	
Sewer?		
Sears blue?		Apparently sold or returned to dealers.

(iii) Items not readily movable either because built in or because value might not warrant cost of removal. Note that all machinery runs off single electric motor listed under iv.

2 boilers	1537.00	--one probably worth moving
Hot water tank	75.00	
1 large washer	847.00	These might be worth moving.
1 small washer	200.00	
Wooden wash tub	35.00	

(iv) Movable items in good or fair condition which should have separate sale value.

Water pump and engine ✓	100.00	
Another small gas engine	Not listed	
Extractor ✓	400.00	
Electric motor ✓	575.00	
Roll mangle ✓	825.00	
Iron stove (and irons) ✓	30.00	
Steam presser ✓	650.00	
Gal. wash tubs (24) ✓	58.00	
Steam pipes ✓	114.00	
Rubber hose ✓	18.50	
Coat hangers ✓	6.00	
Suit bags ✓	40.00	These items do not appear to be nearly in the quantities suggested by these prices.
Counter check books ✓	60.00	
Laundry slips ✓	40.00	
Soap	50.00	very small quantities
Soda	30.00	
Starch	25.00	
Items not found or not identified.		
2 sleeve stretchers ✓	17.50	
Electric light fixtures ✓	50.00	
galvanised buckets	6.50	
Laundry box ✓	120.25	
Iron ✓	75.00	Reason to believe any or all of these items may have been stolen. Police are checking.
Electric iron ✓	40.00	
Steam electric iron ✓	25.00	
Hand saw	6.00	
Carpenter's tools	50.00	Possibly in boxes of effects.
Bleaching powder ✓	16.50	
Laundry pins. ✓	10.00	

4. Particulars of insurance in force. Buildings insured in name of landlord. There appears to be no insurance on property of declarant or her husband. Fire hazard considerable, as stated above.

5. Particulars of liabilities and moneys owing to declarant: Declarant lists the following moneys owed to her:--

(a) H. C. Ferguson	40.00
(b) H. Walters	60.00
(c) J. Forbes	100.00

Declarant left accounts (a) and (b) in hands of F. E. McCarthy, Campbell River, B. C., asking him to collect these and meet declarant's liability in the amount of about \$104.00 at Campbell River Garage.

Account (c) apparently should be \$85.00, not \$100.00, and covers price of dragsaw, logging jack and linoleum sold to Mr. J. Forbes on the understanding that he would pay at his convenience, probably not before late summer of this year.

Other accounts owing to declarant apparently total not more than a few dollars (\$10.00 or less). I know of no other liabilities at present.

6. Recommendations.

(1) Disposal It is quite clear that the only possibility of realising a reasonable return on most of the property listed above is by sale or lease of the business as a going concern. This possibility is seriously affected by

- (a) the wretched condition of the buildings
- (b) the rapid deterioration of much of the machinery and equipment through disuse.

It might be possible to find a Chinese who would take over opera-

tion under present conditions, probably not a white man. A white laundry might consider setting up some of the machinery in other buildings locally and this could probably be done. There are four hotels and 3 large logging camps besides a good local population to provide business, and at present the community is being served from Nanaimo by the Imperial Laundry Co. There has been one enquiry for the business, which I am trying to check. Failing this it is unlikely that more than a few items could be sold separately, and in many instances the cost of removal would swallow most of the proceeds.

(ii) Protection pending disposal. Padlocks have been placed on some doors and others have been boarded up. But the buildings cannot be made secure from entry at any reasonable cost. The following items could be shipped to the declarant in Vancouver:--

6 boxes containing personal effects, kitchen utensils etc.

1 trunk containing clothing and personal effects

3 canvas bags containing blankets and miscellaneous effects.

Failing this they should be removed for safe storage elsewhere, though cost of long-term storage would probably not be justified by contents.

Some insurance should be carried on property not removed. Insurance to more than a small proportion of the values set by declarant would not be good business.

If the property is not removed from present buildings, the question of rent must arise sooner or later. For the time being the landlord appears hopeful that the business will be taken over as a going concern. Certainly the buildings would be hard to rent otherwise.

If it is desired that justice be done to these people it is important to recognise that the property listed by them was the product of much hard work. It had for them a very real value in providing a livelihood. It is entirely unlikely that any sale can come close to providing a just compensation for their real loss.

Roderick L. Haig-Brown

Roderick L. Haig-Brown.

Since writing the above report I have heard that there is a possibility the Canadian Forest Products operation at Englewood may be interested in some or all of the laundry equipment. I understand that Mr. Fred Brown, Director, Canadian Forest Products, Standard Bank Bldg., Vancouver has been approached on the matter and is willing to consider the equipment when the time comes. Possibly it might be as well for someone from the custodian's office to get in touch with him,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown

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CAMPBELL RIVER B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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C. L. Drewry, Esq.
Manager, Japanese Evacuation Section
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B. C.

RE: SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi (Yukiko) -- 06577 Campbell River, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find report on the above. While I am very much concerned that these people, and all other Japanese evacuated by the recent order, shall not suffer injustice, I doubt if I can give the matter the time and thought it should have. This particular case promises to be an involved and difficult one with no simple solution offering itself except the sale or lease of the business as a going concern. If this is not possible there will certainly be an extremely heavy loss, for the reasons shown in my report. And there can be no doubt that I am not qualified to appraise the value of such specialised equipment.

Pending another appointment I shall be glad to continue in nominal charge of the property, but I can undertake no further steps for its protection without specific advice from yourself. Anything that I might do beyond what I have already done seems likely to be disproportionate in cost to the amount that would be realised by an immediate sale. A delayed sale would mean serious depreciation and so would probably bring no higher values. Depreciation has already taken place, so far as I can judge,

Yours very truly,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown
Roderick L. Haig-Brown

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April 26, 1942.

Imperial Laundry
35 Ganox Road
Mansino, B. C.

Dear Sirs,

I wonder if you would be interested in setting up a branch laundry at Campbell River. As you no doubt know there is a good deal of business up here--three large logging camps and several smaller ones centre on Campbell River, three or four hotels and a good local population.

If by any chance you are considering such a move you might like to look over the laundry equipment of Kiyoshi Shimoto, a Japanese recently evacuated from the district. This equipment is in charge of the Custodian of Enemy Property and I am at present acting as his agent in the matter,

Yours very truly

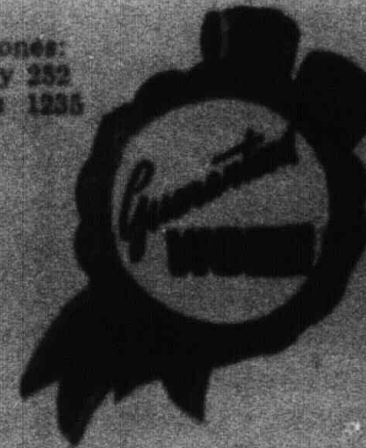
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The Imperial Laundry
City Cleaners and Dyers
David Cook and John Cook, Props.

Telephones:
Laundry 252
Cleaners 1235



35 Comox Road,
NANAIMO, B.C.

May 4th, 1942.

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Mr. Roderick L. Haig-Brown
Campbell River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of April 25th. In reply we wish to say we do not think it possible to give the services or the class of work required in Laundry and Dry Cleaning service to-day unless the plant is modern in every respect. We question if the volume of work possible would warrant the investment, which we believe would have to be much more than is at present tied up in the Campbell River Laundry.

Moreover, we have many other problems to face in the immediate future relating to conservation of equipment, etc., which are going to be dictated by government policy, this makes it necessary for us to be very cautious about everything in the nature of starting a plant in Campbell River. We may not even be able to get equipment if we wanted it, and our total overall business might not even warrant it. We can handle a great deal of work from our main plant which is of course the most economical policy anyway.

May we thank you very much for your letter and for the first hand information you have given us.

Yours very truly

John K. Cook

Mr. J. K. Cook
IMPERIAL LAUNDRY &
CITY CLEANERS.

JKG/RC

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*Shimamoto was
at 70ft. B. L.
Woh bank.*

*Mr. 63-4
72-1*

May 15, 1942.

Canadian Forest Products,
Standard Bank Building,
510 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: SHINMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi.
Attention Mr. Fred Brown.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation today in regard to a laundry operated by Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto at Campbell River, we attach a copy of inventory supplied us by the above party. If you are interested in either buying this laundry or leasing it as a going concern, please advise us.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

GDW:PL
Encl.

*1946 - I have
had Brown
He advised
they were
not suitable
in purchasing
the
equipment*

May 15, 1942.

List of the property belonging to-
 SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi, Campbell River, B. C.

Water pump & engine	100.00
Pump well	75.00
2 Water tanks	275.00
2 Boilers	1,037.00
Hot water tank	75.00
Extractor	400.00
Electric motor	575.00
1 Large washer	647.00
1 Small washer	400.00
1 Roll mangle	825.00
2 Sleeve stretchers	17.50
Steam pipes	114.00
1 Iron stove	30.00
Cost of fixing machines	160.00
1 Steam presser	650.00
2 Drying rooms	60.00
Brick chimney	170.00
Electric light fixtures	50.00
Wash tub	48.00
Wooden wash tub	35.00
Galvanized buckets	8.50
Rubber hose	18.50
Iron	78.00
Laundry box	120.25
Electric iron	40.00
Steam electric iron	25.00
Plumbing tools	156.00
Suit boxes	8.00
Wrapping paper	22.00
Coat hangers	6.00
Suit bags	40.00
Counter check books	60.00
Laundry slips	40.00
Soap	50.00
Soda	25.00
Starch	30.00
Bleaching powder	16.50
Spotting chemicals	60.00
Sower	10.00
Spear's blue	9.00
Laundry pins	10.00
Laundry chemicals	50.00

GDM:PL

May 20, 1942

Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto,
Work Camp,
Taft, B. C.

Dear Madam:

We are advised that an electric iron and an iron is missing from your laundry at Campbell River.

The latter has been referred to the B. C. Police, who have asked us to obtain from you a full description of these irons for identification purposes should they be located.

Will you please forward this to us as soon as possible?

Yours truly,

GDM/GH

R. P. Alexander
Assistant Manager

May 20, 1942

Mr. Roderick L. Haig-Brown,
Above Tide,
Campbell River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto

We are in receipt of your report of April 13,
for which we thank you.

We have submitted to Mr. Fred Brown of the
Canadian Forest Products, an inventory of this par-
ty's laundry at Campbell River and will advise you
immediately if he is interested in buying or leasing
this property.

We note that the building is in such poor con-
dition that the equipment is not adequately protec-
ted. It will therefore be necessary to send all
movable property to safe storage and the building
will have to be securely boarded up to protect the
remainder.

Will you please advise us if you have any hope
of leasing this property as a going concern?

We are advised that the Shinmotos are now at
a work camp at Taft, B. C. and we are writing them
for a description of the stolen irons.

In regard to the personal effects, you sugges-
ted sending them to Vancouver. It will be in order
to ship them to the Shinmotos at Taft, B. C., at
their expense, if you have their written authority
to do so.

Will you please place adequate fire insurance
on the laundry equipment and personal property?

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Shear
ABOVE TIDE
CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

May 23, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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MAY 28 1942

File No. 593

R. P. Alexander,
Office of Custodian
505 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver,
Re: Mrs. Kiyochi (Yukiko) SHIMOTO #437

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 20th 1942 and have to advise you as follows:--

(1) I have no reasonable hope of being able to lease the property as a going concern. It is impossible to tell what may turn up, but no prospect is in sight at the present time. I enclose correspondence between myself and Imperial Laundry, Nanaimo, on the matter.

(2) I have already shipped personal effects as follows:

6 boxes
1 trunk
3 bundles
2 large mattresses
1 small " , 1 child's mattress
2 pickle barrels

to Mrs. Kiyochi Shimoto, Hastings Park, Vancouver, acting on instructions from J. B. Fisher, Transportation, B. C. Security Commission, Marine Bldg.

(3) I have today placed fire insurance in the amount of \$3000 on the laundry equipment and other effects remaining in the building through Mr. Oscar W. Thulin, Milwaukee Mechanics Insurance (Persons, Brown Ltd., Vancouver) for one month. [payable to office of Custodian]

(4) With regard to accounts receivable, arrangements made re Walters and Ferguson accounts and Campbell River Garage are not satisfactory to the latter. I have instructed them to submit a bill. Mr. Forbes has been advised to ~~submit~~ the \$95.00 due Shimoto to your office.

Would you please note that this is the last action I can take in this matter. I stated quite clearly in my letter of April 26th to Mr. Drewry that I could only continue in nominal charge of the property pending another appointment. I have never accepted the official authorisation of my own appointment in the case and cannot now do so because I simply have not time to attend to the detail.

For our information I would state that the police have advised me that another Japanese, Charlie Adachi, has property at Hoedel B. C. for which no one appears to be responsible,

Yours very truly,

Robert L. Haig-Brown
Frederick L. Haig-Brown.

RHB/ae
Enc. 2

File on
File #593

June 17, 1942.

MEMO TO: MR. ALEXANDER
FROM: MR. DOUET

Re: SHINMOTO. Mrs. Kiyoshi--Laundry

Regarding above, briefly, the position is as follows:-

- ✓* (1) The personal effects mentioned have already been dispatched to Hastings Park.
- ✓* (2) Insurance on the laundry equipment has been taken care of and the policy passed on to Mr. Noble.
- (3) Mr. Haig-Brown, due to pressure of work, is unable to handle this matter any further. In the circumstances should we request Mr. Matt Brown, Cumberland, B. C. to handle the matter from there onwards; he is the nearest agent to this property.
- (4) All efforts, so far, to rent the laundry as a going concern or to dispose of the equipment having proved fruitless, should the removable equipment be safely stored or should such equipment be reported to the B. C. Security Commission for possible use in connection with their scheme for Self-supporting Community Centers?

Please do this!
Agree
MA

In due course, I will deal with the accounts receivable and the money owed by Shinmoto to the Campbell River Garage, also with the irons reported to be stolen.

It occurs to me that possibly one of the laundries in town here might be interested in purchasing some of this equipment or that it might be advertised for sale, in the event that no other means of disposal is successful.

PD:MA

if BCSC not interested, perhaps Brown could arrange, for nominal rent, to store in situ?

June 23, 1942.

Mr. Matt Brown,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

A Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto of Campbell River, B. C. operated a laundry at Campbell River until they were evacuated two or three months ago.

They rented the building from a Mrs. C. Thulin of Campbell River and a report on this laundry was obtained for us by Mr. R. L. Haig-Brown, Above Tide, Campbell River, B. C. This gentleman advises that, due to pressure of work, it is impossible for him to handle this matter any longer, and we shall be glad to know if you are prepared to handle this property on our behalf.

Briefly, the position is that it has been impossible to rent the laundry as a going concern, neither has anything developed with regard to efforts made to sell the laundry equipment, only a portion of which is movable. The building was rented to the Shinmoto's for \$20 per month, and we understand that the condition of the building is very bad and it is almost impossible to make same safe from entry by any reasonable outlay.

There is a possibility that we may be able to dispose of the movable equipment to the B. C. Security Commission, and we will advise you on this point a little later on. In the meantime, we do not consider it necessary for you to make a detailed report on this matter as we already have such report from Mr. Haig-Brown. If, however, you can see your way to handle this from now onwards, kindly advise when we will send you our formal letter of authority.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

PD:MA

P. S. We would mention that fire insurance in the amount of \$3000 has recently been placed on the laundry equipment and other effects at present in the building.

June 23, 1942.

Mr. F. E. McCarthy,
Campbell River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO,
Campbell River, B. C.

We understand the above left in your hands
the collection of the following accounts due to her:

Mr. H. C. Ferguson, Campbell River	\$40.00
Mr. H. Walters, Campbell River	\$60.00

We believe the arrangement was that when these
two amounts were collected, you would remit the \$100 to
the Campbell River Garage as Mrs. Shinmote owed the
garage \$104. We learn this arrangement is not satis-
factory to the Campbell River Garage and we shall be
glad, therefore, if you will collect the amount due
from Messrs. Ferguson and Walters and remit same to
this office in due course.

Your early attention to this matter will be
appreciated.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

PD:MA

June 23, 1942.

Mr. J. Forbes,
Forbes Hotel,
Campbell River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the logging jack and drag saw sold to you for \$85 by Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto of Campbell River, we understand from Mr. R. L. Haig-Brown that he advised you to remit the above amount to this office. Up to the time of writing we cannot trace having received your cheque, and shall be glad if you will forward same at your early convenience. Your cheque should be made out to G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian.

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Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPD:MA
[Handwritten signature]

June 24, 1942.

The Commissioner,
British Columbia Provincial Police,
Criminal Investigation Department,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi.

Referring to our letter of May 20 in connection with the theft of laundry irons from the laundry operated, until recently, by the above at Campbell River, we have only just received a reply from Mrs. Shimoto to our inquiry for a description of the missing property.

We are afraid that what information we have obtained will not be of much help to you as the only description of the electric iron is that it weighted 15 lbs. The other iron is described as "steam electric iron" purchased from Shiosaki, a jeweler of Cumberland, B. C.

Since we last wrote you on this matter, we do not know if you have been able to trace these goods at all, but if you have any news, please inform us accordingly.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

Has 4 mattresses in suit of the same effect as the
one of 1911/12/13 from May 1911

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JUN 24 1942

June 21 1942
Hastings Park
Yamaguchi
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Dear Sir - I thank you so much
for looking for my iron. I was left such
in hurry on March 18th that I had no
time to pack these things. I have left it
on the shelf in the dressing room on the
left hand side near to the chimney.
I cannot tell definitely the name of
my iron but it was Electric Iron 15 lb.
Wright. And the one was Steam Electric
Iron. As he can I bag at this from
Mr. Shozaki Jeweller at Cambridge
Cam. Single mattress for dressing from
which I asked the Custodian to send
for me. I have one here. as he can
I would have send it for me.
The mattress I am looking for I left
on table dressing room. A single mattress
had. I have also with flower patterns
which I did not receive. You have
send me 4 mattresses all together but
no small Baby Crib. mattress. I did not
asked. Came. Instead of 1 single mattress.
I left at the house I want of you
Koddy, but for it please.
Yours Sincerely
(Mr.) J. Shimada

White Court, out -> Bond
Campbell House St.
Jan 25/42

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Dept. of the Secretary of State
506 Royal St. Bldg.
Vancouver B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Re. Plannett Reg. No. 6577
The Miyoshi Campbell House St.

Dear Sir:-

• I wish to enquire if arrangements
have been made to move laundry equipment
as it is now I am unable to make use
of that part of the building. I have another
• purpose for the building, - unless
you are desirous of paying rent for
same, - which would be the same
per month.

• I would appreciate an immediate
reply re your intention.

Thanking you, I remain,
Yours truly,
[Signature] George
[Signature] [Signature]
[Signature] [Signature]
[Signature] [Signature]

• I am sorry
but was when
920 place
occupied

June 15, 1947.

Mrs. Charles Thulin,
Campbell River, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant respecting the laundry equipment of the above on your premises at Campbell River, and would advise that we hope, in the very near future, to be able to give you something definite as to whether we shall be moving this equipment to storage or make arrangements with you to store same at the charge you mentioned of \$10 per month.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RD:MA

FORBES LANDING HOTEL

JAMES FORBES, Proprietor

Boats and Guides
SuppliedCAMPBELL RIVER P.O.
BRITISH COLUMBIA

out → Dorel 593

To

Mr. R. P. Alexander.

506 Royal Bank Bldg.

Hastings and Granville St.
Vancouver B. C.OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Dear Sir.

Received your letter of June 23rd 1942.
Re. the drag saw. and logging jack that
Mr. Kiyoshi Shinmoto sold to us. for 85⁰⁰
the above was sold to us. with the understanding
that we would not have to pay for same
until our season permitted us as we did.
not have the money to pay for same when
we got it.

and I am sorry to say owing to trim and
gas. restrictions our business is not
and we cannot pay for it at this date
but are hoping for pay today
only it looks like travel is very uncertain
and we wonder what is the best
thing to do.

We need the drag saw. it will
take twenty five dollars. to get it
in working condition
would it be possible to get this
cheaper or give it up or wait till we can
pay the 85⁰⁰ please let us know. what can be done
Yours Truly, James Forbes



C O P Y

Above Tide
Campbell River, B. C.

June 30, 1942.

Mrs. K. Shinmoto,
Hastings Park Clearing Pool,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shinmoto,

I have your card of June 18th. So far as I know Mr. Hough has brought your chesterfield for \$80.00. He was hoping to get it for a little less, but is prepared to pay that price as soon as you advise him that you will not consent to any reduction. The sale was made between Mrs. Forbes and Mr. Hough, as I understand it, with your approval. Since the chesterfield was listed with the Custodian I have advised Mrs. Forbes to hand Mr. Hough's payment to him.

I have told the Custodian that I simply haven't time to do a proper job of looking after your property and asked him from the first to appoint someone else. So far as I know he has not done so, so I still do what little I can. There has been an inquiry for the laundry recently and if it comes to anything I will, of course, advise the Custodian.

Hope things are going well with you and Seiji and Narumi.

Sincerely yours,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown.

RHB/ae

Donet
out -> Alexander
P.O. Box 431,

Cumberland, B.C.

July 4 / 42.

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Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Attention Mr. R.P. Alexander.

Dear Sir:-

Re: your letter of June 23/42 File No. 593. as
to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Shimoto of Campbell River, B.C.

As to handling the above party's Laundry effects at
Campbell River. I will take care of same. Kindly advise
if necessary to go to Campbell River and survey the
Laundry Equipment etc. whereby I could check up on
same. Hoping to hear from you in this matter.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Agent.

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HASTINGS PARK
Vancouver, B. C.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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File No. 593.

July 9, 1942.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto No. 06577

I have had an interview with Mrs. Shinmoto regarding your letter addressed to her dated the 7th instant, copy of which was sent to me.

Mrs. Shinmoto states that her husband was paid in cash for the Pike Poles and Plumbing Tools sold to Mr. R. Masters. The attached is a copy of letter received by Mrs. Shinmoto regarding the disposal of some of her furniture which you may find enlightening.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain
Geo. B. Spain.

Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Encl.
GBS/AW

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July 11, 1942.

Mr. James Forbes,
Forbes Landing Hotel,
Campbell River, B. C.

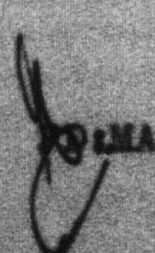
Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO.

We duly received your letter of June 27 regarding the drag saw and logging jack sold to you by Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto, and in view of what you say, we must leave it to you to remit the \$85 just as soon as you are in a position to do so.

We understand that recently a chesterfield belonging to the Shinmoto's was sold to a Mr. Hough, the sale being made by Mrs. Forbes on behalf of Mrs. Shinmoto. We understand the price of this Chesterfield was \$80. As this piece of furniture was listed with the Custodian, will you please request Mr. Hough to send a cheque made payable to Mr. G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian, or his successors, on behalf of Mr. Kiyoshi Shinmoto, to this office at an early opportunity.

Yours truly,

 R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

July 11, 1942.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHIMOTO.

We thank you for your letter of July 4 and note that you are prepared to look after the laundry effects at Campbell River owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Shimoto.

At some convenient time, we shall be glad if you will go over to Campbell River and report to us on the present condition of this equipment. As already advised you, it is possible that in the not distant future we may be able to dispose of most of this equipment, but if in the meantime you could rent this laundry as a going concern or find a purchaser for the equipment, please advise us. The rent of the building is \$20 per month and same is owned by Mrs. C. Thulin of Campbell River.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

PD:MA

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File No. 593

Hastings Park,
July 17, 1942.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto No. 06577

With further reference to your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the above lady, she has since been in communication with her husband from who she has just received a letter requesting her to have the Plumbing Tools sent to her at Hastings Park, and then when she is evacuated, and joins her husband at Hope, the tools are to accompany her. It is evident therefore that she has made a mistake in stating that the Tools had been delivered to Mr. R. Masters, and paid for by him. The Pike Poles are to remain stored in Campbell River awaiting further instructions regarding disposal.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain

Geo. B. Spain,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

GBS/ECT

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Green
From Mr. Dewet

21st July, 1942.

Re file ref. 4593 - SHIMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi

With reference to letter dated 17th July from Mr. Spain re the above, we were advised by Mr. Spain's letter of 9th July that the plumbing tools mentioned were sold, but apparently this was not so in view of the request that they now be sent to Hastings Park.

Mr. Matt. Brown of Cumberland is now handling this matter and doubtless you will be giving him instructions to have these tools forwarded as requested.

If you wish, we will write Mrs. Shimoto, who is now in the Vancouver General Hospital, to advise us exactly where these plumbing tools are, as Mr. Matt. Brown may have some difficulty in tracing same among all the odd gear lying at the disused laundry at Campbell River.

[Handwritten signature]

Personal Enquiry:-

*{ Tools all trace
Christenfeld sold - see ans of 11-7
Other effects shipped to him*

July 23rd, 1942

Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinmoto, Reg. #06577,
Vancouver General Hospital,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

We hear from Mr. Spain, our representative at Hastings Park, that your husband has asked you to have your plumbing tools sent to you at Hastings Park. While we understood that these tools had been sold, we will write to our agent and ask him to look into this matter if you will describe the tools exactly and tell us how they are packed and where they are located.

In your registration form of April 4th, you declared the following items:

1 Chesterfield: We understand that this was sold on your behalf by Mrs. A. Forbes for \$80.00 and we expect to receive the money shortly. ✓

Three Beds: Mr. Haig-Brown reports these are still there. ✓

Kitchen Utensils packed in boxes, 1 Trunk containing clothing and personal effects. ✓

Mr. Haig-Brown tells us that he shipped the following to you on May 24th by the S. S. Venture:

7 boxes household goods,
7 rolls bedding,
2 tubs.

We heard recently from the Union Steamship Company that these goods were at their wharf. Please let us know, if you have not yet taken delivery of them, what you wish done. We will arrange with the Security

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✓ still there
15-9-42

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Box 373, Alberni, B.C.,

August 20, 1942.

Custodian's Office
Dept. of Secy of State of Canada,
Vancouver, B.C.

await
reply from
Mr. McCarthy

Dear Sir;

re file no. 593.

Please excuse my not replying
to your letter of August 6, sooner, as I
have been absent.

Referring to my account with Mrs.
Shimoto, in May of this year I received
a summons from Magistrate Pidcock of the
Small Debts Court in Courtenay with a
note enclosed stating that F.E. McCarthy
of Campbell River had purchased our
account from Mr. Shimoto. This statement
was signed by Mr. Shimoto. Mr. McCarthy
then put the matter immediately into
Small Debts Court without even notifying
us first. We have since been

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making payments to Magistrate
Pidcock to the best of our ability on
this account.

If Mr. McCarthy has acted
beyond his authority in this matter
I shall be grateful to receive your
opinion of the legality of his method.
Both my wife and I feel that we
have been the victims of a smart
piece of business coming at a time
when our financial affairs due to
sickness have caused us much worry.

Yours very truly,
H. J. Walters.

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6121
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 593

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

August 24, 1942.

Mr. F. E. McCarthy,
Campbell River,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO,
Campbell River, B. C.

Referring to our letter of the 6th of July, copy of which is attached, as you returned the original to us with a note on same, we would advise that Mr. Walters informs us that in May of this year he received a summons from Magistrate Pidcock, of the Small Debts Court in Courtenay, with a note enclosed stating that you had purchased their account from Mr. Shinmoto, and that they have since been making payments to the above Court to the best of their ability.

We shall be glad if you will kindly advise us exactly what is the position with regard to the payment of this debt, and also if anything has transpired respecting the debt of Mr. H. C. Ferguson, mentioned in the attached copy of letter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Assistant Manager.

PD:BT

Enclosure.

If Mr. Pidcock ^{collected} has or will collect any of this I hereby give you authority to collect it from him and apply it as you wish. Mr. Ferguson has joined the Air Force so there will be nothing coming from that source.

F. E. McCarthy

September 1, 1942.

Mrs. Kiyoshi Shinoto,
Registration # 06577,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

On the 14th of August we wrote to you at the Vancouver General Hospital as follows:

"Please let us have an answer to our letter of July 3rd, the main points of which we repeat for your convenience.
(1) Where exactly are the plumbing tools which your husband needs sent to him at Hastings Park? (2) Please confirm that you have all your personal property declared to the Custodian except the chesterfield which was sold by Mrs. Forbes and three beds still at Campbell River. Please be sure to let us have an answer."

Up to the time of writing, we have received no reply from you, and shall be glad if you will give the above your immediate attention.

Respecting the amount of \$60.00 which you advised us was owed you by Mr. H. Walters of Campbell River, for laundry work, we learn that Mr. F. E. McCarthy, with your agreement, placed this in the hands of the Small Debts Court, Courtenay. Mr. Walters advises that he has been making payments to the above Court, and we shall be glad to know if you have received any of this money.

Regarding the amount of \$40.00 owed you for laundry work by Mr. H. C. Ferguson, Campbell River, Mr. McCarthy informs us that as Mr. Ferguson has joined the Air Force, there will be nothing coming from him.

Your early reply to this letter is requested please.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Assistant Manager.

PD:ET

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Gibson
ABOVE TIDE
CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

Sept. 10, 1942.

Office of Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B. C.

Reference Form Letters #68 and 69

Dear Sir,

Re: Insurance on Japanese Property.

I would advise you that I have placed insurance on only one Japanese property, that of SHINMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoshi 06577. This policy was cancelled recently by order of your office. I have taken no further action.

Would you please note that I have several times advised the office of the Custodian that I cannot handle this matter. I have at no time accepted appointment as agent for the Custodian, and do not intend to do so,

Yours very truly,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown

Roderick L. Haig-Brown.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Department of Secretary of State.
Office of the Custodian

Dear Sir - Sorry for delaying your

Answers. Concern to the Plumbing for tools.
I have received it, at Hastings Park. Sent to

Mr. R. Martens from Campbell Road.

3 Beds are still at, Campbell Road.

Cheston will call by Mrs. D. Tombs. ✓
Mr. Money. have come from Mrs. H. Waller
space for by Mrs. Kiyoshi. She must

↓ advised not to take any Cheston field but will send
to him. He has them - agreed price of \$10 and the part to

September 22, 1942.

Magistrate Pidcock,
Small Debts Court,
Courtenay, B. C.

Dear Sir:

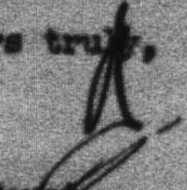
Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO,
Campbell River, B. C.

We understand that a debt of \$60.00, owed by a Mr. H. Waters of Campbell River to the above, was placed in your hands, and we have received a communication from a Mr. F. E. McCarthy who was originally to have collected this debt on behalf of Mrs. Shinmoto, that any payments that may have been made to you should be paid into this office.

We do not know what payments, if any, Mr. Waters has made to you, but should he have remitted, will you kindly have such funds sent to this office--the remittance to be made to Mr. G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

Yours truly,


P. Douglass,
Administration Department.

PD:BT

(copy)

Salmon Arm, B. C.
September 29, 1942.

R. L. Haig-Brown, Esq.
Custodian of Alien Enemy Property,
Campbell River, V. I. B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Dear Sir:--

Mr. Ho Yan Too, a Chinese resident of the City of Salmon Arm has requested me to write you on his behalf in regard to a laundry which the Japs had rented from a Mrs. Chas. Thulin the building belonging to her and I understand the machinery in your care as Custodian of enemy Property.

Mr. Ho Yan Too would be pleased if you would advise him through the undersigned what terms could be had on this laundry machinery, if for rent how much? if for sale how much? This Chinaman appears to be a decent Chinese and in view of this and him not be able to write or understand English very well I have written on his behalf. Also the particulars of the machinery.

Yours truly

(Signed) Thos. Moore, Constable
i/c Salmon Arm Detachment BCPP

Courtenay B.C.
Oct. 3/42

Mr. C. W. McPherson.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
JAPANESE SECTION

Deputy Custodian
Vancouver

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find
a cheque for eighty dollars (\$80.00)
being payment in full for
three-piece chesterfield suite
purchased from Mr. Kiyoshi
Shinomoto of Campbell River,
through Mr. Forbes.

I regret the delay but had
hoped for different arrangements.

Reg 06577
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Yours truly,

Mary B. Hough.

Mr. J. W. Hough
P. B. & Tel. Co.
Courtenay, B.C.

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ABOVE TIDE
CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

Oct. 13, 1942.

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

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Re: SHINMOTO, ~~Mrs.~~ Kiyoshi (Yukiko) 06577

Dear Sirs,

I have received the enclosed letter, which offers some hope of sale or rental of the laundry equipment held in the above name at Campbell River. I understand from Mrs. Chas. Thulin, owner of the building, that this could still be rented for laundry purposes with living quarters upstairs, though there are two families already living in the better part of the building, one at each end. My own opinion is that no part of the building is really fit for human habitation, but this presumably would be the concern of the Chinese himself if he decided to take it over.

I would suggest that for purposes of a sale or rental the Japanese concerned must be prepared to offer a more realistic valuation of the property than the one on hand at present.

Yours truly,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown

Roderick L. Haig-Brown.

THB/ae
Enc.

October 19, 1942.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO

With reference to our letter of the 8th of October, we attach copy of letter dated the 3rd of October just to hand from Mr. Roderick L. Haig-Brown, together with enclosure mentioned, and shall be glad if you will please look into this proposition immediately and advise us what rental per month Mr. Ho Yan Too is prepared to pay for the use of this equipment, or what price he will give if same is bought outright. In the event of the equipment being leased, we presume Mr. Too would pay rent to Mrs. Thulin as was done by the Shinmotos. We believe the rent was \$20.00 per month.

In Mr. Haig-Brown's letter reference is made that two families are already living in the better part of this building—presumably they are paying rent to Mrs. Thulin. We do not know, of course, whether Mr. Too would wish to get rid of these tenants if he took the place over, but this requires investigating.

It may be that to sell the equipment outright would be the best way of dealing with this matter, and we would of course have to get Shinmotos's approval of this.

As this matter has been hanging fire for several months, will you please make a special effort to investigate the Chinaman's proposals without delay and report to us at the earliest opportunity.

Yours truly,

P. Douet,
Administration Department.

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Mr. R.P. Alexander, Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.
Dear Sir:-

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.
Oct. 20 1942.
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Re. SHINMOTO Mrs. Kiyoshi (Kikiko) Reg. # 06577
Laundry.

On my visit to Campbell River, B.C. Interviewing Mrs.
Chas Thulin proprietress of property. Checking the laundry
and equipment etc.

1. All equipment is in tack, some in poor condition,
some in good condition. Mostly immovable and the only way
out will be to rent same, meantime as a going concern.

Mrs. Thulin is willing to rent at a lower rent as I have
suggested to her that this building is very old and no one
but a Chinese would be interested in such a place as this.

2. I have contacted a Chinese at Salmon Arm through
their Constable Thos. Moore of B.C. Police who has asked
for particulars on same to which I am enclosing copy of my
letter to him for your comments.

3. On interviewing Mr. R.L. Haig-Brown on this matter,
he has passed Mrs. SHINMOTO'S J P Form and all particulars
regarding same on to me, stating he has not the time to
handle same. I found him very fair giving me all he has
done so far on this party's affairs. I would appreciate
it if you wrote and thanked him for his services to date
and also his past efforts.

4. As you are aware this Laundry is a mess and if
handled in the meantime as I have suggested, will save
a lot of trouble trying to salvage, move any of the equipment.

Mrs. Thulin knows that the building is a white elephant
and is willing to come to any reasonable terms regarding
rentals etc.

Hoping to have more details and results at an early date.
Anything you may suggest kindly let me hear from you.

NOTE I will contact local Chinese if this man at Salmon
Arm is not interested.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

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Copy,

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.
Oct. 20/42.

Constable Thomas Moore
B.C. Provincial Police
Salmon Arm, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re. Mr. Ho Yan Too Chinese. Prospect for
Campbell River Laundry.

On my visit to Campbell River I received your letter and answer to same from Mr. N.L. Haig-Brown Agent for that area.

As you are aware this laundry was closed up in a hurry owing to evacuation of the Japanese who operated same. This left him very little time to make any arrangements, leaving his wife who left everything as it was.

The equipment is in fair condition, as for the time it has been left in tack. The prices his wife has put on this equipment is out of all reason, but that is neither here nor there.

This laundry can be made a going concern if this Chinese understands the laundry and dry cleaning business etc. We will give him a very reasonable deal on same if he is interested.

In taking up the matter with Mrs. Chas. Thulin proprietress of the buildings, she will rent same very reasonably. She had rented this building previously at \$20.00 per month, I have been able to arrange with her to cut the rent to \$15.00 on a lease if this party takes on same. She will also be willing to give him his first months rent free, giving him time to clean up the place and get started.

In checking up on the prospects of dry cleaning and laundry business in this area, I find that they are badly in need of such a business in this village and logging camps surrounding this area, as they have to send it some 110 miles south to Nanaimo, B.C.

I would suggest to him to make an early visit and look over this place for himself. Having had dealings with Chinese for some time I will give him all particulars etc. If he will care to make the trip, it may be well worth his while. He can come direct to Cumberland, B.C. and I will take him to Campbell River which is 35 miles north of here.

To be fair with this man I would suggest him to rent the equipment until such time he knows what he may want to use, as there is considerable equipment in tack and as you are aware the Chinese have their own way in Laundrying etc.

Thanking you in advance for your letter on same. You may rest assured that this man will be given every chance to make a go of this business.

This will give you details to date. Hoping you will give this your kind attention, and let me know at your earliest convenience if this man is still interested.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown,

Custodian Agent

October 23, 1942.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO

We thank you for your letter of the 20th instant, and are much obliged for the information you give us regarding the laundry equipment of the above.

We think with you that the best way of handling this matter is to rent the laundry equipment just as it is at a reasonable rental per month, and as you have been successful in getting Mrs. Thulin to reduce the rent of the building from \$20.00 to \$15.00 per month, this should assist in procuring a tenant.

We will, therefore, leave this matter in your hands to do the best you can with one or the other of the Chinese you are contacting and await your further news on this matter in due course.

We note what you say regarding the valuable assistance given by Mr. R. L. Haig-Brown in connection with this matter, and although we did thank him for his services in a recent letter, we are writing him today, expressing our appreciation.

Yours truly,

P. Doust,
Administration Department.

PD:BT

P. S. Should the proposed tenant wish to purchase the entire equipment, we would be glad to submit any offer received to Mrs. Shinmote.

Your letter of 21st also to hand. Many thanks.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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DOUGET
ABOVE TIDE
CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

Oct. 30, 1942.

Mr. P. Douet,
Administration Dept.
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B. C.

File No. 593
Re: Mrs. Miyoshi SHINMOTO

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of Oct. 23rd. I am very glad indeed that the material I was able to hand over to Mr. Matt Brown was of some value to him.

It is rather difficult for me to judge just how to submit an account for what work I have done, because I have no idea of the normal rate of payment. The following is an outline of my activities in the matter:

(1) Making inspection and report took one full day.
(2) I visited the property a good many times for such purposes as the following:

- (a) Shipment of personal effects to Mrs. Shinmoto
- (b) Checking the safety of goods stored.
- (c) To show articles to prospective purchasers.

(3) I dealt with a number of inquiries about the property, arranged for insurance, kept the landlord advised of progress of negotiations, endeavoured to check on disappearance of certain articles and to smooth out difficulties connected with sale and other disposition of property made by Mrs. Shinmoto before she left here.

(4) I made some effort to find a tenant or purchaser for the property and closely checked all inquiries.

Possibly \$20.00 would be a fair figure. I have no wish to burden the property with unnecessary expense, since I believe it will be difficult for the owners to realise anything approaching its real value to themselves. Any variation you care to make on the above figure will be acceptable to me,

Yours very truly,

Roderick L. Haig-Brown
Roderick L. Haig-Brown

RHB/ae

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland B.C.
Dec. 17/42.

Mr. G.H. Peers,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO File # 593a

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 21 1942
File No.	593
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Chas. Thulin</i>

In reply to your letter of Dec. 12/42. regarding rental or possible sale of laundry equipment etc. I have contacted several parties to date, but without much results. Their trouble I find is getting help to run same.

I am enclosing a copy of letter sent to Constable Thos. Moore, Salmon Arm B.C. RE: Ho Yan Too Chinese who was a prospect. I am awaiting a reply. As soon as I receive word from him I will write you. If they are not interested in this laundry I would suggest advertising same in the Chinese News Paper Vancouver B.C. for sale or rental to reliable party. The only way to benefit by same would be to sell or rent as is because if the equipment were to be broken up and sold piece by piece the break up value would be considerably depreciated as to the value of the laundry as it stands. There are also several pieces immovable.

Hoping this will keep you to date on same.

NOTE: Re. rental charges by Mrs. Chas. Thulin, this is a fair rental as the costs of moving ~~as~~ storage on same would be considerable as to the actual value as it stands today.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.



OSCAR F. THULIN
SALES AGENT IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED
Campbell River, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Phone 39 R DEC 23 1942

File No.

Ans.

Referred

39.M'

Campbell River
Dec. 18/42

M^r Matt Brown.
Cumberland B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re our telephone conversation of the 17th.
The Insurance rate on the previous Insurance
taken out on the laundry equipment was \$1.75
since then this has been put in the fire
district covered by the fire dept bringing
the rate down 10%.

Hoping this meets with your requirements.

Return
For Matt Brown
File please
Agent Milwaukee Machine Drs. Co.

Yours Sincerely
Oscar F. Thulin

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland B.C.
Dec. 19/42.

Mr. S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO File # 593.

Kindly find enclosed quotation received from Mr. Oscar
F. Thulin, Insurance Agent for Campbell River as per letter
enclosed.

In reply to your letter of Dec. 16th on SHINMOTO Laundry
Equipment etc.

I would suggest \$2,000. an approx. amount to be carried on
the mentioned Laundry.

Hoping to have your instructions on placing the Insurance,
either by your offices in Vancouver or advise me to insure same
with Mr. Thulin of Campbell River B.C.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEC 23 1942

File No. 593

Ans.

Referred

W. H. Brown

CONFIDENTIAL

January 9, 1945

To: Mr. Egan.

From: G. E. Peers.

Re: Mrs. Thulin, Chinese.

The books on this file consist for the most part of a statement submitted at Campbell River, B.C. The statement was removed from the original premises and the books, Mrs. Thulin, has reduced the rent from \$10.00 to \$5.00 monthly which the agent, Matt Brown, states is cheaper than the equipment to storage. We have not paid Mrs. Thulin the rental to date and she urgently asks for a payment. Should we make her payment on account from the funds on hand amounting to \$75.00? \$10.00 rent is now owing. Should the \$10.00 rental of \$10.00 be paid to Mrs. Thulin and charged to the Japanese when funds of the Japanese are exhausted?

Matt Brown suggests that we should advertise this property business for rent in local Chinese papers. Should we do so?

The U. S. Security Commission want to have part of the equipment but this should not be done unless they can pay the balance and payment of rentals for

G. E. Peers.

February 3, 1943.

Mrs. B. A. Clarke,
Port Hardy, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Shinjeto laundry equipment.

Your letter of the 28th ult. addressed to Mr. Green has been handed on to the writer for attention.

We would advise that in the very near future we shall know definitely whether we shall be in a position to rent this equipment as is, but if not, we will get in touch with you, in view of your anxiety to purchase some of the equipment immediately.

We do not know if you are familiar with this equipment, but if so, will you kindly give us some idea of the equipment you wish to purchase and the price you are willing to pay, as this will expedite the matter.

Yours truly,

P. Fouet
Administration Department

PD:EDP

→ Mr. Matt Brown
Custodian Agent
P. O. Box No. 431
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This is sent you for your information. We feel that unless this plant is rented in the near future, we shall be forced to remove some or all of the equipment, so we shall appreciate your giving the ~~whole~~ matter your prompt attention. You are

Mr P Donet

Administration Dept-

Office of the Custodians

Vancouver B.C.

Fort Hardy B.C.

Feb 10th 1943

CORRUPTION SECTION	
Date	FEB 13 1943
File No.	593
Ans.	
Referred	Donet

Dear Sir

Re: Shimamoto Laundry Equipment.

With further reference to the above equipment I have been forced to enlarge my laundry on acc of National defence work. Therefore I would need the entire equipment of the Shimamoto laundry. It is not possible for me set a price on this equipment - as I have not seen same. I think that you should be able to find someone who knows what secondhand equipment of this kind should be and then you could give me a price on the whole

Set up.

We have prices from Stanley Brock Ltd and The T. Common Ltd on certain types of equipment, but could not compare these as we do not know the capacity of the Shimizu equipment. You possibly may have some equipment in line which is in good condition to offer from some of these Japanese laundries. When replying please let me know what terms you would require. I may be in town within the next two weeks when and will take the matter up then.

Yours Truly

Mr B. A. Clarke

File 593.

E. KELLAR,
904 Granville St. or Box 478
Courtenay, B.C.

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

Attention: Mr. Doust

Re: Bid on Campbell River Laundry Equipment

Dear Sirs:

Herewith is tendered the writer's bid for the equipment of the Campbell River Laundry, "as is", i.e., with no warranty or guarantee as to the condition or workability of this equipment and removable by the bidder at his risk.

I hereby offer the sum of Two Hundred Dollars Cash (200.00) for this equipment.

By way of explanation, while the price offered for this equipment might seem ridiculously low when one considers the values set by the former Japanese owner, may I point out several pertinent facts and the reasons for the low figure. In the first place the value set by the Japanese is entirely fictitious, even for modern equipment, as in the case of the boiler for instance. Inventory value of this item is set at approximately \$1000.00. This boiler is badly rusted and probably not worth removing, certainly not worth 2% of the inventory price. Another example, the two tower water tanks no doubt cost what the Japanese says they did, but to remove them would be far in excess of their salvage value. The mangle or ironing machine is of the obsolete type and would be worth scrap value only. It is noted that the value of the electric motor (there is only one) is quoted at \$575.00. This is one of the more than so ridiculous figures, as it only about two H.P. and the new price is about half of this price. Incidentally, this is a 25 cycle type, absolutely useless outside of this area as all other power in Canada (except Toronto) is 60 cycle. These facts can be verified by your agent at Cumberland B.C., Mr. Matt Brown.

While it is not the intention to disparage and devalue the equipment, however the above is a realistic view and figure of the worth of this equipment and on the open market possibly could not even bring any kind of a bid considering the expense of removal, dismantling, shipping and so on. The building in which this equipment is housed is in the worst of repair, consequently rain, snow and changes in the temperature have rusted and affected it in a very great degree. Also all the portable items and all the small ones have been removed or stolen by persons unknown. In effect, most of this equipment is suitable only for repairs and it is for this reason that this bid is offered.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

E. Kellar

E. Kellar

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Mr. P. Douet,
Administration Dept.,

Dear Sir:-

RE: Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO File # 593.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 23 1943
File #	593
Referred to	<i>[Signature]</i>

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland B.C.
Feb. 20/43.

[Signature]
[Signature]

In reply to your letter of Feb 19/43. For your information we have advertised this laundry for rent or sale for the past month without any worthwhile results to date.

Mr. Kewler, General Sales Agency 904 Granville St. Vancouver B.C. called on Feb. 18/43 regarding laundry equipment, at which time I gave him list of main articles etc. and asked him to call on you personally and take the matter up with you as to what he will offer on this equipment. He will be calling on you in a day or two.

Re: your letter from Mrs. Clark of Port Hardy B.C. She does not mention whether she would like to purchase the laundry complete or parts of same. I would suggest you get in touch with her and if possible for her to come to Campbell River and inspect this laundry equipment and make an offer on what equipment she would like to purchase, as this laundry has been hanging fire for some time without results to date.

I have the following suggestions to make.

- (1) This laundry equipment etc. should be advertised for bids lock stock and barrel.
- (2) Contact Mrs. SHINMOTO as per B.C. Security Commission Release asking for certain articles to be shipped to her at Tashme B.C. We would ship this if Mrs. SHINMOTO takes full responsibility of expenses of dismantling, crating and shipping the articles mentioned in B.C. Security Commission release. But as you are aware this would only jeopardize the value of the laundry equipment left.
- (3) There were two local contacts which proved fruitless.
- (4) The value placed by SHINMOTO on this laundry equipment is out of all reasoning and condition of machinery will deteriorate while not in use and the longer it is left the worse it will be.

Certain articles are immovable and are worth no actual value. See Report Dated April 25/42 for further particulars on equipment etc.

Considering the situation as a whole as far as renting same it seems to be hopeless at present owing to getting help to run this laundry. The only way out would be to liquidate either by shipping same out to SHINMOTO or sell same complete to the best offer received.

NOTE: I hope to be going to Campbell River in a few days at which time I will take along Mr. Aitkinson a Laundry man

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Feb. 26, 1943.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi) SHIMOTO. #06577.

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter of the 20th regarding the Laundry Equipment belonging to the above Evacuee at Campbell River.

Mr. Keeler called yesterday and stated that his personal inspection of the property showed much of the listed equipment to be valueless but that he was prepared to make a lump sum offer for the purpose of securing such items as would justify cost of transportation to Vancouver.

We have requested that a formal bid be submitted and we are to-day writing Mrs. Clarke, the only other party showing any interest, giving her the opportunity to make a similar *bid*.

We will advise you of the result in due course.

Yours truly,

R. G. Ball.
Administration Department.

RGB/CD

March 1, 1943.

Mrs. B. A. Clarke,
Port Hardy, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Tubing (Mrs. Kinsch) BUSHNORTON, 834777.

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter of the 10th regarding the Laundry Equipment belonging to the above Evacuee at Campbell River.

The only practical way in which to handle the sale of this equipment would appear to be for the prospective buyer to inspect it personally and make a lump-sum bid for the whole property "as is".

Many of the items listed will be found to be practically valueless, as for instance two elevated wooden tanks, where the cost of dismantling alone would probably be prohibitive; but there is no prospect of leasing or selling for use on present site, and we have agreed to receive and consider a bid on the lines outlined above and desire to offer you the same privilege.

The Custodian can accept no responsibility for the description or condition of any part of the equipment, making it essential for any prudent buyer to make a personal inspection before submitting a bid, and while we cannot hold up matters indefinitely we are prepared to allow a reasonable time for you to make such inspection if you will reply by return mail stating, if you are interested in doing so, by what date your bid would be submitted.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell.
Administration Department.

RGH/CD

March 10th, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
Department of Secretary of State,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Shinmoto - Your File #593

With regard to your letter to me of the 1st instant herein may say I have looked over this laundry plant. I am informed that the boiler has not been inspected for at least seven years and is probably rusty and useless. The pressing machine is an old fashioned cumbersome affair which would be useless to anyone. There is not much there of any account and what is there is not in good condition through being idle so long. I am informed also that considerable damage would be done in removing any of the parts. Cost of removal would be at least \$100.00.

I therefore submit through you an offer to the owner to purchase all the equipment of this plant owned by Shinmoto at Campbell River for the sum of \$200.00 cash, my offer to stand good until the 20th day of March, 1943. Will you please endeavour to let me know as soon as possible, as I reside at Port Hardy, and do not wish to lose too much time from my other business there.

Yours truly,

(M-) B. A. Clarke

Port Hardy.

(Mr. A. N. Clarke - Angeles Hotel)
10 St. - 135)

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10TH MARCH 1943

File 593

HATT BROWN
CUMBERLAND V I

TWO INDEPENDENT BIDS RECEIVED FOR SHIMOTO LAUNDRY EACH TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ONLY FOR
COMPLETE EQUIPMENT STOP DOES YOUR RECENT INSPECTION JUSTIFY SUBMITTING THIS PRICE TO
OWNER STOP THESE OFFERS AFFECT INSURANCE VALUE

CUSTODIAN OFFICE
VANCOUVER

11th March, 1943.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P.O. Box 431,
CUMBERLAND, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Kiyoshi SHIMIZU

Further to our letter of March 3rd, I notice that this office wired you yesterday in connection with two offers made for the laundry equipment belonging to the above named and that these offers were each for \$200.00. If this amount is in line with the present value of this equipment, then insurance should cover for present value and not for \$2000.00 as formerly suggested.

The office of Parsons, Brown Limited called this morning to ask for instructions concerning insurance on this equipment because, as you know, they had issued a Cover Note to the extent of \$2000.00 for thirty days and expired March 3rd. I asked them today to extend, if possible, this temporary Cover pending definite instructions from you concerning writing this insurance. It is possible, of course, that you may be disposing of the equipment immediately, in which event it would not be necessary for us to keep this equipment covered.

Kindly advise the local insurance representative for Parsons, Brown concerning this matter as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:FM

RE: Japanese Laundry, Campbell River B.C.

Premises Totally unsuitable, are so divided that machinery belts, steam connections, and the like could not be set up to comply with "Accident - Preventions of the Workmens's Compension Act".

Motive Power Steam is a vital neccessity in the operation of a commercial laundry.-- A steam boiler small enough to evade the regulations requiring a certificated engineer, would be useless in any lanudry however small its trade, therefore installing an electric motor for driving purposes would increase the costs of operations without benifit therefrom, moreover a steam engine would be less costly in the first purchasing, and more reliable in operation, besides the exhaust steam returning to the boiler or through the coils of the drying room and then to the Hot water tank and used in the Washing machines would be a material saving in fuel and labor.

Steam Boiler Vertical -- 6'3"x2'6" apr. 10. H.P. -- the outside shell shows considerable corrosion, its actual condition could only be ascertained by test.

There does not appear any record that it has ever been inspected by the B.C. Boiler and Machinery Inspection Dept.

Line Shafting 16'0"x1" -- 3 Rigid Blocks -- 2 collars--the shafting is too light & should be 1 1/2" or 2") is carried on 4x3 wooden supports, an altogether insecure and dangerous erection.

Hot Water Heater. No value except as scrap, weight apr. 300lbs. boiler plate.

Electric Motor 3. phase, 220 Rev, 17 Amp, 1/2 3 H.P.

Washers 1. washer, single cage, 4'x3' in good condition wooden construction.
1. washer, single cage 3'6" x 2'6" been repaired in poor condition, wooden construction.

Mangle 1. one hot roll, heated by stove burning coal or coke the stove usually adapted for heating sad irons
Three padded rolls 60" long, condition good.

Extractor 1. 18" cage, no cover, condition good.

Steam Press. By Forse Equipment Co. Anderson Ind. U.S.A.
Size of Buck 3'6" , Condition good.

2 gasoline engines. Both by Fairbanks Morse, 3 H.P: Serial #'s 605654 and 17689 each 3 H.P. 475 and 800 rev.

Pump 1. Deep Well

Mangle Apr. Shipping Weight 3,000 lbs.
Though this machine is as good as new, the method of heating the ironing roll, with a coal burning stove with its attendant soot and dust, together with its neccessary smoke stack would prohibit its sale to any practical laundryman. Its the most costly machine in the plant, in a matter of time alone there would be a loss of I should think of not less than ten percent of the operators time in keeping clear of the stove on one end, and the smoke stack on the other. I should not care to place any sale value on it.

Water & Steam
Pipe Service

These connections are in such short lengths owing to the laundry space being so divided, that they could not be considered as being of more than scrap value when dismantled.

Wooden Water
Supply Tanks.

If dismantled would not be worth than their value as lumber, but shipped out intact, should be worth shipping at car rate to equal labor plus freight at any point they could be used, they would lend themselves to packing, piping valves, belts etc. etc. saving time and labor at both ends.

APPROXIMATE Market value of Jap Laundry Plant etc.

Electric Motor	say \$50.00
Steam boiler	no value until inspected and certificate obtained apr. weight 1500 lbs. 1 1/2 tons @ \$7.00 per ton. \$10.00 gross. Scrap value.
Line shafting	1" dia. 3 lbs. to the ft. @ 6¢ per lb. 16ft. @ 18¢ = \$2.88
2 Collars	1.20
3. Rigid Blocks	4.80 - \$8.88 (Total cost of shafting etc.)
Hot Water Heater	no value except as scrap, apr. 250 lbs. \$7.00 ton.
Washers	1. 4' in good condition \$150.00 1. 3'26" poor " 10.00
Extractor	1. 18" cage in good condition \$150.00
Steam Press	1. Buck 3'6" in good condition \$200.00
Mangle	1. Hot roll - 3 padded rolls. Heated by coal or coke stove. Condition good, this type unsaleable in B.C. \$300.00
2 gasoling Eng. 3. H.P.	These will require stripping. Cylinders, Pistons Bearings etc. Gauged and examined to ascertain their condition, there is a surplus of these small engines on the market, the average price asked by machinery dealers, as second hand engines would be around \$30 - 40 each, in good working order.
Pump	The above also applies in all respects to the pump.

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P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland B.C.
March 12/43.

Mr. R.G. Bell,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 15 1943
File No.	598
Referred	Bell

Dear Sir:-

RE: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi) SHINMOTO # 06577
File # 593

In reply to your telegram referring to two independant bids received for \$200.00 on SHINMOTO Laundry, equipment complete. This offer to my estimation is ridiculous, as one or more of the main items are worth more than the offer for the complete equipment.

For your information I had Mr. Joseph Aitchison of Courtenay B.C. who is a laundry engineer of many years experience inspect this equipment as to actual value and shipping same out.

We are enclosing his remarks as to condition and actual values etc. He states that the equipment is worth at least \$500.00 to any party to salvage and sell the main items and junk the balance.

Referring back to B.C. Security Commission Release of Dec. 16/43. on shipping main items to Tashme B.C. as asked for by SHINMOTO. I would be in favor of shipping this equipment out to clean up this affair providing SHINMOTO will ~~pay~~ cost of packing and shipping same. or probably the B.C. Security Commission may have a use for this equipment in the area of Tashme B.C. and SHINMOTO run same or probably could be used in their hospital at Tashme. This is only a suggestion of mine as to safeguard any sacrifice on the value of the equipment. You may contact the B.C. Security Commission on this matter.

As you are aware the main items are in good condition. especially the Steam press, extractor, mangle 60", 1 H.P. electric motor, 2 gasoline engines, 2 washers and several galv. tubs.

There is \$1,000.00 Insurance placed on this equipment which is a fair value as it stands in tack.

Awaiting your further comments and instructions.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

MB/MAB
Encs.

Strand Hotel
Vancouver, B.C.
March 17/43

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 22 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Beck</i>

The Custodian,
Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: Mr. Doust.

The writer has just returned from a trip on the Island and in course came across the Campbell River Laundry which your agent Mr. Brown informed me is for disposal through your office.

This equipment is in rather in fact very poor repair and no where near the valuation set upon it by the former owner. In fact much of it is useful only as scrap, some of it being very obsolete and only useful for a few repair parts as may be salvaged from it.

If this is of any good to you I hereby offer you the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) Cash for the total equipment of this concern "as is" and believe I am making you a good offer, as your Mr. Brown will no doubt inform you.

Awaiting your reply to this offer,

I am, yours very truly,

E. McCauley
E. McCauley

Tort Hardy B.C.
March 24 '43

Mr Bell
Custodian's office
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 26 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	Bell

Dear Sir Re Shimamoto Laundry C.R.(B.C.)

Have you had any reply to my bid
re the above equipment as I had to
leave on the 13th inst. I did not have enough
of time to spare to look in to the equipment
thoroughly. as I am not well enough
acquainted with second hand machinery of
this type to give a proper estimate on same.
If at any time you have anything in line I
would appreciate you giving me a little help
and writing me as it is not very convenient
to get away from here besides it costs plenty
travelling by boat. Thanking you

Yours Truly

A. H. Clarke

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.
March 25/43.

Mr. R.G. Bell,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 27 1943
File No.	
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Referred	<i>Bell</i>

Dear Sir:-

RE: Y. SHINMOTO File # 593.

Further to our letter of March 12/43 on the above partys' Laundry Equipment. Mr. J. Aitchinson of Courtenay, B.C. has approached me regarding purchasing this equipment if not to be shipped out or already sold. He will bid at least \$300.00 for this equipment.

Kindly let me hear from you at an early date as to your intentions.

Yours truly

Matt. Brown.

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

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OSCAR F. THULIN — EINAR ANDERSEN

Garage

CAMPBELL RIVER B.C.

Phone 38-R

April 22nd. 1943

O. F. Thulin

Dept. of the Secr. of State
Office of Custodian
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We have had a change over of office staff and on checking over we find a letter from you dated June 22nd. 1942. According to our records this was never answered. Enclosed you will find copies of the accounts in question.

If you are selling the equipment we are interested in the following.

1 H. P. Electric Motor	\$40.00
1 Pump Engine	\$50.00
1 Stationary engine	\$25.00

Yours sincerely,
Campbell River Garage

O. F. Thulin

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.
April 30/43.

Mr. R.G. Bell
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Shinmoto Laundry File # 593.

Kindly find enclosed letter received from Mr. O.F.
Thulin of Campbell River, B.C.

- x (1) Shinmoto Laundry Account.
- (2) Also bid on the items mentioned in his letter.
We are sending same forward to your dept.,
Awaiting further advise.

NOTE: We have had another offer of \$400.00 on laundry
equipment complete. If this equipment is not to be
shipped out kindly instruct us accordingly.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

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x Nov. bal. 14.85

Dec. 44.11

Jan. 8.15

Feb. 27.41

94.26 total 114.26

(New bal. 66.81 carried forward as 86.81)

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 3 1943
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November 20th, 1943

The Oak Bay Beach Hotel,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi) SHINMOTO

Confirming the telephone conversation you had with the writer this morning, we enclose particulars of the laundry equipment at Campbell River. We should mention that this equipment is as reported on by a Mr. Joseph Aitchison of Courtenay, B. C. a laundry engineer of many years experience who accompanied our Cumberland agent, Mr. Matt Brown, to Campbell River. For your further information, our advertisement stipulates the following.

"1. A certified cheque payable to the Custodian for ten per cent. (10%) of the amount offered must accompany each tender.

"2. Each tender must be in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Custodian" 506 Royal Bank Building, 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B. C., and each envelope must be marked "Tender."

"3. The assets are offered for sale without any warranty whatsoever by the Custodian as to quantity, condition or state of repair of such assets.

"Cheques in respect of unaccepted bids will be returned in due course. Neither the highest nor any tender will necessarily be accepted.

"Arrangements will be made to inspect the assets on application to Mr. Matt Brown, Cumberland, B. C.

"Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Noon, Daylight Saving Time, on the 4th day of December, 1943.

"DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 13th day of November, 1943."

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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RE: Japanese Laundry, Campbell River, B. C.

Steam Boiler	Vertical -- 6'3" x 2'6" apr. 10 H.P. -- the outside shell shows considerable corrosion, its actual condition could only be ascertained by test. There does not appear any record that it has ever been inspected by the B. C. Boiler and Machinery Inspection Dept.
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Extractor	1 18" cage, no cover, condition good.
Steam Press	By Forse Equipment Co. Anderson Ind. U. S. A. Size of Buck 3'6", condition good.
2 Gasoline Engines	Both by Fairbanks Morse, 3 H.P., Serial Nos. 605654 and 17689 each 3 H.P. 475 and 800 rev.
Pump	1 Deep Well

Box 478,
Courtenay, B.C.

Dec. 1st, 1943.

The Guardian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

"TENDER"

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby offers the sum of Three
Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the dry cleaning and laundry
plant located at Campbell River, B.C.

Enclosed find certified cheque for Thirty Dollars
(\$30.00) being ten percent of the above offer.

Yours truly,

Jessie Walters
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Jessie Walters.

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P.O. Box 8.

COURTENAY, B.C. V.I.

3rd. Dec. 1943

"The Custodian"
506 Royal Bank Building
575 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Tender for equipment, etc. Campbell River Laundry
Campbell River, V.I. B.C.

Sir:

I herewith enclose certified cheque being \$400.00 on \$400.00 (Four hundred and ten dollars) for the assets of the above laundry.

Yours truly

Joseph Cuthbertson

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 593

Dec. 6th, 1943

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi) SHINMOTO

In the presence of Messrs. Shears and Green, the following tenders were opened on the morning of Monday, December 6th, at 9:00 a.m.

(1) Tender from Mr. D. B. Wollesen -- \$520.00. Deposit enclosed - \$52.00.

(2) Tender from Jessie Walters, Courtney -- \$300.00. Deposit enclosed - \$30.00.

It was decided to reject the second tender and hold the first for further consideration.

HFG:IF

P.S. Since writing the above and subsequent to the closing date, being December 4th, Mr. Joseph Aitchison's bid of December 3rd for \$410.00 has been received. This would, in any case, have been rejected as being too low.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

The Government of the State of Canada, acting in its capacity as Custodian, pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Regulations Respecting the Transfer of the Public Assets, hereby offers for sale by public tender the assets consisting of the following items listed as the "Assets for Sale" located at Campbell River, B.C.

The assets include: Electric Motor, Steam Boiler, Hot Water Heater, and Oil Burner, Radiator, Steam Press, Machine, Pump, etc.

Tenders for the purchase of such assets will be received subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. A certified cheque payable to the Custodian for ten per cent. (10%) of the amount offered must accompany each tender.
2. Each tender must be in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Custodian," 401 Royal Bank Building, 475 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., and each envelope must be marked "Tender."
3. The assets are offered for sale without any warranty whatsoever by the Custodian as to quantity, condition or state of repair of such assets.

Offers in respect of unaccepted bids will be returned in due course. Unless the highest bid tender will necessarily be accepted.

Arrangements will be made to inspect the assets on application to Mr. Matt Brown, Cumberland, B.C.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Noon, Daylight Saving Time, on the 4th day of December, 1944.

At Vancouver, British Columbia, this 12th day of November, 1944.

The Custodian,
401 Royal Bank Building,
475 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

D.B. Wollesen.
Belmont Hotel
Vancouver B.C.

December 3' 1943.

The Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
675 W. Hastings St.
Vancouver B.C.

7/12/

Dear Sir:-

I hereby offer to buy the laundry equipment and dry
cleaning plant, as advertised, and known as the Campbell
River Laundry, located at Campbell River B.C. , for the
sum of \$ 520.00 (five hundred & twenty.)

Inclosed please find certified check for \$ 52.00
(fiftytwo) being 10% of amount offered.

D.B. Wollesen

p.t. Belmont Hotel

1332 Robson Street
Va 4806

December 7th, 1943

Mr. D. B. Wollesen,
Belmont Hotel,
1332 Robson Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi) SHIMOTO
Campbell River Laundry

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of December 3rd and enclosed cheque for \$52.00 being 10% of your offer of \$520.00 on the laundry equipment belonging to the above Japanese. Since then, we have advised you verbally that your offer has been accepted and have received from you the balance of \$468.00. We enclose our receipt for \$520.00 in full payment of the laundry equipment referred to above.

Our records show that there are a few personal effects consisting of three beds, one cot, and one crib at Campbell River which are not included in the sale and which we request you to put aside for the time being.

We are enclosing a list of the main pieces of equipment at this laundry now covered by the offer we have accepted. Additionally, any small tools or equipment on the premises are included in the sale. The premises, of course, as you know, are rented and not included.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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HFG:IF

December 14th, 1943

Mrs. Yukiko SHINMOTO,
Registration No. 06577,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Ever since your evacuation from the Coast, we have been trying to come to some satisfactory arrangement for the operation of your laundry at Campbell River. We are sorry to say that this has proved quite impossible. As you are aware, the building is rented and we have, therefore, had to continue to pay rent for the storage of your equipment. To date, this has cost this office no less than \$180.00.

As we felt that this could not go on indefinitely, we have made several attempts to sell the business. However, you will remember that much of your equipment is obsolete and we have had great difficulty in receiving any good offers. Till quite recently, we were unable to get any offer higher than \$400.00 and several offers were much lower than this.

We have now been able to secure \$520.00 for the sale of the equipment complete and have closed the deal for this sum which we have credited to your account.

Our records show that there are no personal effects left at Campbell River other than three beds, one cot and one crib which have been put aside and which can be shipped to you at your expense should you wish.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

January 28th, 1944

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Yukiko (Mrs. Kiyoshi.) SHINMOTO

Thank you for yours of January 21st and enclosure. We are sorry that we have not more promptly advised you that the Campbell River Laundry equipment has at last been disposed of to Mr. D. W. Wollesen. Everything was included except a few personal effects which he has been requested to care for until we hear from the owner.

We are today sending to Mrs. Thulin our cheque for arrears of rent and shall advise her that her account rendered of \$104.26 is being considered for payment and that she should hear shortly from our Claims Department.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF P.S.

Claims Dept.

With reference to the above account of \$104.26. From the accounts already rendered and on file it would appear that this amount should be \$94.26. We are taking this up with the Campbell River Garage.

Tashme, B.C.
February 2, 1944

Mr. H. F. Green
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 5 1944
File No.	593
Ans.	7/2/44
Referred	2/2/44

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14th. Ultimo in which you state that the Laundry Complete has been disposed for \$520.00, I think it was a poor price of sale as the Estimate valuation of the Equipment is rated at \$8500.00. The Steam Presser alone brand new one which was installed just before evacuation. I wish to inquire if this was sold along with the Equipment. If not I wish to ask you to send to me. To think of the price of sale on the Laundry Equipment. I am quite positive that the Presser has been sold separately.

When I was at Hastings Park. I have wrote and Mentioned to you two(2) Electric Irons, one(1) Pressing Iron, fifteen(15) Pounds, one(1) Steam Pressing Iron new to be sent. I had responent of this iron missing. Has anything been done to as certain the where abouts of same and if not, what about the indemnity for same? I wish to get it back soon.

I wish to complain that I should have been consulted prior to the sale of said Laundry Equipment instead of having sold it without notifying me. Contrary as I am to the sale of the equipment at such a ridiculously low price. Hopin you will send me a reply and also about the irons that are missing and whom you have sold the Laundry to. Please let me know what above goods have been sold at price \$520.00.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. Shinmatsu
Reg. No. 06577

Also (checked at 11:00)

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*Everything
sent to J. Shinmatsu*

February 8th, 1944

Mrs. Yukiko SHIMOTO,
Registration No. 06577,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Thank you for yours of February 2nd, the contents of which we have noted. There is really very little more we can add to our letter of December 14th. The steam presser and all other equipment was included in the sale and as then pointed out, this was the very best offer that could be obtained.

We still have on hand for you the beds, cot, and crib mentioned in ours of December 14th.

This only leaves outstanding, the question of missing irons. Our records indicate that these consisted of one iron, one electric iron, and one steam electric iron. They were reported missing by Mr. Haig-Brown in April 1942 and while we have kept the Police advised, they have not been able to trace them. We are unable at this time to say what, if anything, can be done about this but we have on file the record that these articles are missing.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Wright

September 22nd, 1944

From: Mr. Green

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd SEP 25 1944

File No.

Ans'd

Refer'd

Re: Campbell River Laundry

You will recall that this laundry was sold by Mr. W. D. McWilliam on December 7th, 1943. Efforts were made to sell this equipment, the estimated value of which added up to \$125.00, but no one was able to obtain a reasonable offer. It was at last decided to sell for \$125.00 being the highest tender received. The equipment was situated on rented premises and had not been insured all the time.

I regret that at the time the sale was completed, I overlooked the rental agreement on personal property and this has now been brought to my notice by letter of September 21st. We are, of course, not liable for the 1944 agreement and as the property was sold on December 7th, 1943, the adjustment due from Mr. McWilliam will be so small that it can probably be ignored.

The purpose of this memorandum is to ask whether we should be justified in requesting the Cumberland River Collection to reduce the agreement on this equipment. The equipment was placed at \$125.00 (see assignment agreement dated January 1944) which appears to have been a reasonable figure. Furthermore, it was not operated during the period for which taxes are now being claimed. Under these circumstances, I believe it would be reasonable to ask for a reduction in the agreement.

Handwritten notes:
 To Mr. Wright
 for your information
 I will
 The person is if you
 glad to see
 22/9/44

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September 30th, 1944.

The Provincial Collector,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi SHINMOTO

Thank you for yours of September 6th which we regret has not been answered more promptly, due to the absence of the writer.

Our records show that the equipment of the Campbell River Laundry was sold for \$520.00 on December 7th last year to Mr. Wollesen. As there was no real estate involved, the question of adjustment of taxes was overlooked and no arrangements made with the purchaser.

On turning up a previous assessment notice, we see that this property was assessed for the years 1942 and 1943 at a value of \$1850.00. During this period, the laundry was not in operation and constant attempts to secure an even remotely reasonable bid met with failure. It was finally appraised by an experienced laundry engineer as having a value of \$958.88. When, however, tenders were called for, the highest bid that could be secured was, as mentioned above, but \$520.00. In view, however, of the fact that the equipment was on rented property for which rent was accruing and was deteriorating from lack of use, it was decided to accept this offer.

Under these circumstances, we wonder whether you would be prepared to consider any reduction in your assessment for the years 1942 and 1943 bearing particularly in mind the fact that the laundry was not operated during this period.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears
Director

HFO:IF

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY _____

to Provincial Assessor.



Rec'd	OCT 23 1944
File No.	1323
Ans.	30/10
Referred	Bill E

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Cumberland, B. C.,
October 20th, 1944

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Director,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mr. and Mrs. K. Shinmoto

The amount of taxes on the personal property of the above mentioned for the years 1942 and 1943 has been gone into as requested in your letter of September 30th and it has been decided that a reduction is in order for these two years, using a value of \$900.00 which appears to be a fair valuation.

Enclosed please find tax notice covering and I would appreciate a settlement at your earliest convenience so that our records can be adjusted accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. McKENZIE,
Provincial Assessor.

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