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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: HAKADA, HisaoHOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 35, Steveston B.C. #14 Pacific Coast CanneryREGISTRATION NUMBER 03915 SEX: Male AGE: 30OCCUPATION: Fisherman

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: NoneMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: TazukoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: P.O. Box 35, Steveston.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: NoneADDRESS OF CHILDREN: NoneAGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. None

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

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

#24

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 2 storey 5 room frame house, Cannery Compound, Stevenson, Pacific Coast

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: B.C. Parker's, Stevenson, B.C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID. Rent as per arrangement with B.C. Parker's, Stevenson.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE. None

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

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

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

2. Stoves, 3 tables, 1 complete bed and other house furniture, Kitchen utensils, 1 trunk. In event of evacuation to be left at Cannery house. House not yet decided on by authorities.

1 Singer Machine (\$140), 1 Trunk, 1 Clock (\$54.50), Kitchen utensils-including all crockery (\$200), 2 Dressers full of clothes, 1 bureau with mirror. Now at OKANO, Keesburo, R.H.#17 Haney, B.C. In event of evacuation to be left at Haney's residence Okano (Jacks n. land) No more in our house.

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

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



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)  
None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: with Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston. # unknown. Amt about \$300. Bank refused payment on Cheque for \$250.9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life Ass. Co., Canada. Paid up to 1941. Amt. of Policy \$1,000. Agent; KOBAYASHI, Teiji, Steveston. Policy in Dresser at OKANO, Mosaburo, R.R. # 1, Haney, B.C.10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: None

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 3rd day of April 1942.

(Signature)

H. HamadaA. J. McCombs

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE December 1, 1942.

Our File No. 1019

Full Name HAMADA, Hisao  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03915

☒ Male - Female  
(Check)

Age September 28, 1910

Former Address Box 35, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated April 11, 1942

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address c/o Manitoba Sugar Co. Farm, Dufrost, Manitoba - 444 Spence St., Winnipeg, Man.  
577 Stella Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba (14/5/47)

☒ Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife OKANO, Tazuko #13821

Name of Husband ---

Name of Mother <sup>nee</sup> (KADOHAMA) Konami (Japan) Name of Father HAMADA, Senzaburo - Dec'd

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by M. Stevenson

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Worked for Claxton Cannery.



File No. 1019

May 14, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Hisao HAMADA  
Reg. No. 03915

There are no claims against Hisao Hamada revealed  
on the file.

The above Summary is certified to be in  
accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL



(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name HAMADA, Mr. Hisao

File No. 1019

*60 Mount Toba Sugar Co. Inc. Reg. No. 03915  
Napier, N.Z.*

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2220978

Premium - \$ 50.75

Payable: <sup>x</sup> Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month September Day 1st

REMARKS:

*Letter sent 20/8/63*



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Name: HAMADA, Hisao  
File: ~~100-260~~  
Reg. No. 03915

CHATELS

2 Cabinets  
1 Bdle. Foods (?)  
1 Set legs & Frame  
1 Wooden bed & sides  
1 Galv. Tub  
1 Glass Washboard  
1 Porcelain sink  
1 Mattress  
3 Bbles.  
2 Small Tables  
1 Stand  
2 Cartons  
1 Small Cabinet  
1 Ornament

This represents all my property in the protected area of  
British Columbia left in house number 9, Pacific Coast Canneries.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return one copy to this office.



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November 10th, 1942.

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Registration No. 03915,  
Manitoba Sugar Co. Farm,  
DUFROST, MANITOBA.

Dear Sir:

We have found it necessary to remove your goods from number 9 house, Pacific Coast Canneries, where they were located, to be stored in our warehouse number 2.

This did not include the goods left by you in the house of Masaburo OKANO, R. R. 1, Haney, B. C. and we presume the goods are still in Mr. Okano's house.

We are enclosing, herewith, a list of goods moved from number 9, Pacific Coast Canneries, and would ask you to sign one (1) copy and return it to us as we need it for the completion of our files.

In anticipation of an early reply we remain,

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,  
Protection Department,

MS/BH  
Encl.

*No answer to this letter on file*







Nov. 27, 1942.

Report on HAMADA, Hisao who claims to have left articles as mentioned on attached list at 138-10th. Ave., Haney, B.C.

Found in locked room.(upstairs)

- 1 Singer Sewing Machine.(electric) *Shipped under file 2837 Nov 10/42*
- 1 Trunk. *Shipped under file 2837 Jan 7/43*
- 2 Dressers.
- 1 Bureau with mirror.

The following articles have not been found.

- 1 Clock.
- Kitchen utensils including crockery.
- The 2 dressers do not contain clothes.

SIGNED

*J. Morpion*  
*W. A. Stinson*







444 Spence St.,  
Winnipeg, Man.  
Sept. 3rd/43.

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

VACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	SEP 6 1943
File No.	1019
Ans.	12581
Referred	Gibson

Dear Sir: —

Referring to your letter of  
August 20<sup>th</sup> in which you wrote me  
about the Life Insurance for Hisao Hamada  
Reg. #03915. I wish to inform you that  
I will arrange to make the payments  
out here.

I do not wish any of my  
property used for such a purpose.  
I thank you.

Yours truly,  
H. Hamada.



NAME MANADA, Hiseo

REGISTRATION NO. 03915

FILE NO. 1019

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B. C. on August 11, 1944.

China Cabinet	\$ 4.25 x
Kitchen Cabinet	6.50 x
Bedstead only	2.00 x
Small table	1.75 x

Total		<u>\$ 14.90</u>
Less Expenses:		
(Auctioneer's Fee)	\$1.45	
(Advertising)	0.81	\$ 3.99
(Movings)	<u>1.73</u>	
Net Proceeds Credited:		<u><u>\$ 10.51</u></u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 18

Remarks.



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June 5th, 1945.

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Registration No. 03915,  
444 Spence Street,  
Winnipeg, MANITOBA.

Dear Sir:

It is noted that when registering with this office certain of your chattels were left at Steveston and also a quantity with your father-in-law at Haney.

Your sewing machine and trunk were shipped to you in 1943, and the balance have now been sold by public auction in accordance with a policy of liquidation decided upon by the Canadian Government. It is noted, however, that the proceeds derived from the sale of your chattels and the individual items are listed under your father-in-law's account. We are enclosing an itemized statement showing goods sold and ask that you get in touch with Mr. OKANO and decide what amount of the proceeds is yours, and what is his. When you have arrived at a satisfactory adjustment between yourselves, please notify this office and a transfer of funds will be made which will be available to you.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,  
Farm Department.

WEA:OH  
Enc.



NAME NAWADA, Risa

REGISTRATION NO. 03913

FILE NO. 1000

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B. C. on July 20, 1943.

-Table	\$ 2.00
-Small flower stand	0.30
-Magazine rack	1.25

Total		\$ 3.55
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.36	
	(Advertising: 0.27	
	(Moving: 0.38	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 2.54

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 37.

Remarks.



NAME HAMADA, Rieko

REGISTRATION NO. 03915

FILE NO. 1019

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at Prince Rupert, B.C. on July 28, 30, 1945.

Boys	\$ 0.25	} Kitchen utensils
Samoyars	0.25	
Pans	0.30	
Samoyars	0.25	
Odd K. utensils	0.15	
Cups	0.35	
Iron frying pan	1.00	
Can opener	0.05	
Bamg dish, laddles, spoon	0.10	
Samoyars	0.10	
Kettle	0.25	
Lids	0.05	
Pie plate	0.25	
Tea set set	1.30	
Bowls	0.40	
Fruit bowl	0.35	
Glass bowl	0.15	
Baby plate	0.10	
Plates & bowls	0.45	
3 Glasses & cream jug	0.25	
Green dish	0.15	
Basket & side & ends	0.10	
Bowls	0.35	
Bowls	0.25	
Samoyars & mug	0.25	
Basket of sealers	0.05	
Tanget	0.40	
Tin hot water bottle	0.25	
Total to be carried forward:	\$ 8.15	

Less-Expenses:

Net Proceeds Credited:

Number of Auctioneers Present.

Inspector of Auctioneering Dist No.

Remarks.

815  
55  
7.00



NAME HANADA, Hiseo

REGISTRATION NO. 07919

FILE NO. 1019

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Prince Rupert, B.C. on July 28, 30, 1945.

	Brought forward:	
Gas stove		\$ 8.15
Knives, forks, spoons		0.50
Plates		0.55
Plates		0.35
2 Wash basins		0.10
2		0.25
3 Bed cushions		0.50
		0.60

*Kinder x 1.75*  
*Handwritten*

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.10	\$ 11.00
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.40	
	(Selling: 2.42	\$ 3.92
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 7.08

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mrs. Arnold (agent)

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Prince Rupert 4.

Remarks.



MEMORANDUM

File No. 1019

Sept. 24/45

TO: The File  
FROM: Mr. A. B. Mackenzie

RE: Hisao HAMADA

The following articles were either destroyed or abandoned  
as being of no value:

1 Mattress  
1 Old home made bench

*RBM*

REM:LEM



MEMORANDUM

File No. 1019

14th November, 1945.

TO: Mr. R.E. Mackenzie

FROM: W.E. Anderson

Re: Nisao HAMADA

In answer to yours of the 6th November, please be advised that no reply has been received from the above Japanese to ours of the 5th June 1943.

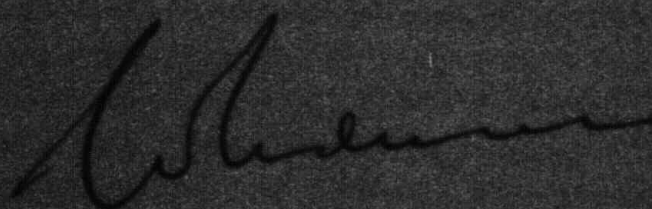
Our field man reported chattels of the above Japanese stored at Hanyu on the 27th November, 1942, and this report is on file.

The Singer sewing machine was shipped on the 10th November, 1943 and the trunk was shipped on the 7th June, 1943. The two dressers and the bureau with mirror were sold at Auction and the proceeds were credited to the father-in-law's account #2837.

It is not possible to distinguish ownership from the Auction results, and distribution of the proceeds will have to be left between themselves.

At the foot of our fieldman's report is a list of articles not found.

W.E.A.





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November 10th, 1945.

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Registration No. 03915,  
444 Spence St.,  
WINNIPEG, Man.

Dear Sir:

On reviewing your file we note that you declared chattels left at a Pacific Coast Cannery house, and also a few articles stored at the house of your father-in-law, Mosaburo OKANO, at Naney, B.C.

Several boxes of household goods were found at the Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, in the name of Hisao HAMADA. These were moved to Prince Rupert and sold at auction. We note from information on our file that you worked for the Claxton Cannery, however we cannot credit your account with the proceeds of the auction sale until you write and confirm that you left some goods at the Claxton Cannery, although you did not declare having done so when you registered with the Custodian.

We sold some tools for a Mr. Sasaki, also of the Claxton Cannery, but we are unable to determine which Mr. Sasaki this is. It would be much appreciated if you could let us know the full name of this Mr. Sasaki, as you both worked at the Claxton Cannery, and you would probably know him.

Thanking you in anticipation for your prompt reply,

Yours truly,

H. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

HEM:LBM



577 Stella Ave.  
Winnipeg, Man.  
Dec. 15/45.

Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 20 1945
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Ans.	
Referred	Mr. [unclear]

Dear Sir: —

In answer to your letter of  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 45, referring to my belongings  
left at Clifton Cannery, Skeena.

The following articles were  
packed in a box & were left there.  
Dynamo, Compass, Searchlight,  
Roller, Saw, Row boat, Axe,  
Household goods.

At Pacific Coast Cannery  
I left the following goods.

Kitchen Range, Heater, Sink,  
2 Tables, Bed & Spring, 2 China Cabinets,  
Coal 1 ton, 2 Cord.

Will you kindly let me  
know what they were sold  
at.



About a Mr Sasaki you  
enquired about of Charleston Cannery.  
I knew of one Mr Sasaki who  
left for Japan before the war  
began but I am not certain  
of his full name.

I have changed my address  
to 577 Stella Ave.

Yours truly,  
H. Hamada.



7th November, 1946.

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Registration No. 03915,  
577 Stella Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

When registering with this office you declared you were leaving a quantity of chattels in the care of your brother-in-law at Haney. The Custodian was unable to identify which were yours and although we wrote to you previously, we received no reply from you in the matter.

The proceeds from the sale of all chattels left on that property were credited to your brother-in-law's account and have been forwarded to him. Any adjustment that is necessary will have to be made between yourselves, and we have notified him also to that effect.

Yours truly,

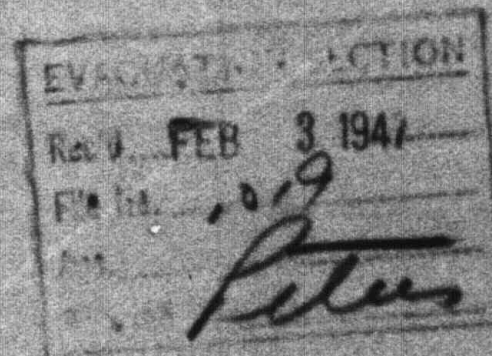
W.E. Anderson,  
Office of the Custodian.

WEA:HA



577 Stella Ave.  
Winnipeg, Man.  
Jan. 28/47.

Office of The Custodian  
Japanese Evacuation Sec.



Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I received  
Seventy Three dollars from  
H. Okeno. That was from the articles  
we left at his place in Honey, B.C.  
I want to let you know about this.

I had various articles left at  
Pacific Coast Cannery <sup>Union St.</sup> & also at Claxton  
Cannery, Skeena River.

I enquired about this before, will  
you please send me whatever  
money is credited or if they were  
not sold please send it to me right  
away

Yours truly  
Hideo Hamada.



The goods left at Claxton Cannery were -  
Dynamo, Compass, Searchlight, Roller,  
Cross Cut Saw, household goods,  
row boat, Axe.

At Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston  
Kitchen Range <sup>new found</sup> ~~new found~~ <sup>el.</sup>

Heater

Sink No. 7

2 Tables 20

Bed & Spring. 17

2 China Cabinets 17

Coal 1 ton

Wood 2 cords.

Hisao Hamada

Registration No. 03915



577 Stella Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
November 14th, 1947.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	NOV 18 1947
File No.	1017
Ans.	B. M. M. M. M.
Referred	B. M. M. M. M.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Hisao Hamada, Reg. # 03915

Please forward me, by return mail, a copy of the  
chattels I registered with you at the time of evacuation.

Your early attention on the above matter will be  
greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Hisao Hamada*

Hisao Hamada.



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November 19, 1947

Mr. Hideo HAMADA,  
Registration No. 03915,  
577 Stella Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 14, 1947, requesting a copy of chattels registered by you with the Custodian at the time of your evacuation from the Protected Area.

On April 3, 1942, you registered the following chattels with this office:

To be left at Pacific Coast Cannery house:

2 stoves	kitchen utensils
3 tables	1 trunk
1 complete bed and other house furnitures	

To be left at house of Mosaburo OKANO, Haney:

1 Singer Machine (\$140)	1 Trunk
1 clock (\$57.50)	kitchen utensils - including all crockery (\$200.)
2 dressers full of clothes	1 bureau with mirror.

Yours truly,

*B MacAskill*

B. MacAskill  
Office of the Custodian.

/BM



File No. 1019  
Reg. No. 03915

REVENUE CANADA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1944 September 18	Proceeds Auction Sale	\$	\$ 10.51	
1945 August 6	B. C. Electric Railway - refund security deposit		1.92	
September 5	Proceeds Auction Sale		2.54	
1946 January 8	Proceeds Auction Sale		7.06	
1947 May 17	Cheque to you	22.05		
		<u>\$ 22.05</u>	<u>\$ 22.05</u>	

NIL

Accounting Department  
March 10th, 1948



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4th October, 1949.

**REGISTERED**

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Regn. No. 03915,  
577 Stella Ave.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

We wrote to you on the 7th September, asking  
for a copy of the list of goods for which Mr. Kazuo OKANO  
made payment to you of \$27.00.

We have not received a reply from either of you  
and would advise that no award in connection with your  
claims will be made until this list is received.

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

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SEP 28 1947

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

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

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

- (1) NAME HAMADA HISAO (RCMP) Reg. No. 03915  
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address P. O. Box 35, Steveston, B. C.
- (3) Present Address 577 Stella Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- (4) REAL ESTATE
- (a) Street Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Municipality, Province
- (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):  
(i) ~~Farm~~  
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business  
(iii) ~~Business~~  
(iv) ~~any other type of property~~ (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):  
(i) Land - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern  
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,  
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts re-  
ceivable) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just  
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Glaxton Cannery  
Shuswap River, B. C. -- Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston, B. C. -- 18th Ave.,  
Richmond, B.C.
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)  
House
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation  
Crated

(over)



# AT PACIFIC COAST CANNERY

Summary

2 China Cabinet	6.50	\$ 40.00	
1 China Cabinet	4.50	25.00	
1 Kitchen Range		80.00	
1 Heater		18.00	declared but not found
1 Sink		9.50	inspected but not found
1 Bed	2.00	35.00	not found
2 Tables	3.75	15.00	
1 Fan Coal		8.00	
2 Cards Wood		7.00	not found
			\$237.50

# AT HAWAIIAN OIL CO. -- 1025 Ave. R. E.

Breuer Mirror & Chiffonier	125.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
1 Chiffonier	15.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
6 Chairs	5.00	not declared but found in OKPAC	
Dinner Set	15.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
Set of Dishes	10.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
New Towels 1 1/2 Doz.	18.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
Clock	25.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
Silverware	25.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
Shirts, 3 pairs	4.50	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
Clothes, shirt, coat, sweater	25.00	declared with OKPAC	for Case 549
			\$267.50

# AT CLAXTON CANNERY -- SAKURA RIVER B. C.

Storage Battery	15.00	
Dynamo	25.00	
Gasoline	7.00	
Searchlight	4.50	
Roller	10.00	
Cross Cut Saw	12.00	
Row Boat	25.00	
Ass	2.00	
Household goods	25.00	
		125.50

Estimated value	\$630.50
Amount Received	109.05
	\$521.45



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CASE NO. 878

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

(SUB-COMMISSION)

Winnipeg, Manitoba

September 7th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

HIROO HAMADA

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING



IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 22

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

(SUB-COMMISSION)

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BEFORE

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.G. BUCKINGHAM, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

September 7th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

HISAO HAMADA

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PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

F.M. FENG, Esq.,      Appearing for the  
                                 Dominion Government.

S.M. CHERNIAK, Esq.,      Appearing for the  
                                 Claimant.

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Shigru KIRAYAMA, Esq.,      Official Interpreter.

Mark H. FRARCE, Esq.,      Official Reporter.



Nisao HAMADA, the Claimant herein, being  
first duly sworn, testified as follows:

MR. CHERNIAK: Your Honour, I ask leave to amend  
this claim to show the total value of the goods  
as indicated, \$630.50 and to show the sale  
price by the Custodian at \$113.55

THE COMMISSIONER: Instead of \$109.05?

MR. CHERNIAK: Yes, Sir.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Are you going to file another  
claim or do you wish me to amend this one?

MR. CHERNIAK: If you will amend that, Your Honour,  
making the loss \$516.55.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIAK:

Q Mr. Hamada, I show you a typewritten statement,  
was this prepared in accordance with your  
instructions? A Yes.

Q Is that your Signature? A Yes.

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Q Do you swear the contents to be true to the  
best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. CHERNIAK: I tender as Exhibit 1 Your Honour,  
the statement of the Claimant.

(PERSONAL CHATTEL STATEMENT, EXHIBIT 1)

MR. CHERNIAK: And on behalf of my learned friend,  
I will file the Custodian's Analysis of personal  
property as Exhibit 2.

(ANALYSIS, EXHIBIT 2.)

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MR. CHERNIAK: In regard to the amendment which I  
have made, Your Honour will note, when you



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receive Exhibit E from the Clerk, that the Custodian indicates that some of these goods were sold for a total of \$26.65. In the final column the Custodian shows that the account of Kazuo Okano was credited with the sale of other items, which are shown in value and total \$140.00. In the original claim form the Claimant sets out that he received from Okano \$87.00 which is the price they computed as being the amount due the claimant for the goods sold under Okano's name. Adding the \$87.00 to the \$26.65, makes the credit we gave the Custodian at \$113.65.

Q Mr. Hamada, I see from your statement filed as Exhibit 1 that most of your better goods were bought in January of 1942; what was the occasion which would make it appear that you bought all these goods in that month?

A I got married on January 24th, 1942.

Q And you bought these goods when you took up residence with your wife? A Yes.

MR. CHERNIAK: The Claimant sets out all the larger items for which he is claiming in Exhibit 1. Your Honour, showing when he bought it, what it cost him and how he estimates the value. Your Honour will note that some of these goods, for example, 1 dinner set, paid \$15.00 for it and it was unpacked. 18 Towels, unused. Silverware, unused. And there are other goods which were like new.

Q When were you evacuated, witness?



10 A- April 11th, 1948.

Q- So it would appear that it was less than three months that you used all of the goods you bought in January? A I was in my brother-in-law's place at Naney before I was evacuated.

Q So it was really less than two months that these goods were used? A Most of the chattels I never used.

MR. CHERNIAK: Your Honour will note that the very first item claimed was bought in January, 1948, and he paid \$45.00 for it and used the cabinet for a matter of two months and the Custodian sold it for \$6.50. The kitchen stove which was bought at the same time for \$90.00 was not even found by the Custodian.

Q The stove witness you set out, was left at the Pacific Coast Cannery, was that in the house which you occupied up to the date of evacuation?

A No, it wasn't my own house.

20 Q Where did you put it? A I was told by the Cannery to put it in a certain house of the Cannery and the Cannery told me they would get a Watchman to look after the property.

Q Was there a Custodian's representative there at the time you stored all these goods?

A No.

Q Not to your knowledge? A No.

MR. CHERNIAK: We have yet to find out, Your Honour, just how the Custodian went about inventorying the goods. You will note in column 2, which



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usually indicates the inventory, it does not show it and we have yet to find out what attempts the Custodian made at the time to secure goods of the evacuees to make sure that they would not be pilfered or stolen.

CROSS EXAMINED BY MR. FERG:

10 MR. FERG: It is submitted Your Honour, on behalf of the Government, that these goods were sold at their fair market value and that the prices claimed for the articles that have not been found are excessive and unreasonable, and that applies also to thefts. I would just like to point this out in connection with this claim. It appears that this Claimant lived with his brother-in-law Okano.

Q Okano was your brother-in-law?

A Yes.

Q And you left some goods in his care?

20 A Yes.

Q At his house?

THE COMMISSIONER: What was his house number?

MR. FERG: We will try and get that.

THE WITNESS: Okano's house number is 10th Avenue, Haney, B.C.

Q Have you got a list of the goods that you left with Okano? A No, I have no written list with me but at that time I got one of the rooms in Okano's place for myself and I placed all my articles in there.

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Q When the Custodian sold the property he credited Okano with the property and Okano and yourself have made a settlement?

A Yes, I settled that with my brother-in-law.

Q So that that is all cleared up?

A I received some \$80.00 odd dollars for a clock, a dresser with a mirror and chairs.

Q Well, the point is this, did Okano or the Custodian account to you for all the articles that you left at Okano's? A No, I never received anything for everything I had, just certain articles for which I received \$80.00.

MR. PERG: That is all Your Honour.

RE-EXAMINED BY MR. CHERNIAK:

MR. CHERNIAK: I think I will go over this Okano list with the Claimant and see if we can get all the goods for which he has accounted.

Q Mr. Hamada, I propose to read to you a list of goods from which you are claiming from Okano and I would like you to tell me for which of these goods you took credit from Okano as having been yours.

A We never settled for the whole articles. There was no way of settling, there was no way of telling whose clock was sold for how much. The only way we settled was my chattels were the newest in the whole house so I was credited with the best price the Custodian got for the articles.

THE COMMISSIONER: There were only two items, that is the dresser and mirror and chiffoner, \$125.00 and



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another chifferner, \$15.00, these were the only ones credited.

MR. CHERNIAK: I don't think so, Your Honour.

Q You say that you took credit from Okano for a clock which was sold? A Yes.

Q Am I correct in gathering from what you said before, that you don't know whose clock was sold but because you had a clock there you took the credit for it? A No, we didn't know whose clock was sold but I received credit from Okano for the newest clock sold.

MR. CHERNIAK: I don't think I need stress this further, Your Honour. The way I see it is there were a number of smaller goods, some belonging to Okano and some to Hamada and from the auction sheets they were not able to say whose that particular article was but, being brothers-in-law they decided to settle amongst themselves amicably. When the Custodian says 'Clock, not found', I submit that is only a conclusion - - -

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the same with the silverware, and what about the dishes? Are they identifiable?

MR. CHERNIAK: Yes, the dishes were there, I don't know if the Claimant would know them. The Custodian Auction Sheets probably shows dishes sold for some price or other.

THE COMMISSIONER: Wasn't his brother-in-law there at the time of the sale?

MR. CHERNIAK: No, Sir, they were all evacuated and



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all the articles were left in the one house  
THE COMMISSIONER: These goods, the brother-in-law  
goods and his goods were all left in the house  
so no one could tell what clock was sold - - -

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MR. FERG: I don't think we can add very much Your  
Honour to this particular claim so far as separ-  
ating Okano's goods and the Claimant's goods. As  
far as I am concerned I think we will just have to  
leave it at that and see if the Custodian can  
identify these things at the Court and make a  
20 revision. There is a memorandum here - Okano's  
goods or case I should say was disposed of here  
last Spring and there is a list of Okano's  
property, an analysis of personal property with  
this memorandum attached "Enclosed to show claim of  
Kasuo Okano - brother-in-law of Hisao Hamada. Note  
goods not claimed for, but sold and credited to  
Okano Account under 'Summary of all Auction Sales'  
some of these goods may be Hisao's but this would  
have to be settled between the two Japanese." Now  
I will file a copy of the analysis of personal  
property claimed of Okano to complete the record  
and let it go back for final disposition before  
the Chief Commissioner. It is impossible for us  
to separate the goods here and this witness doesn't  
know what he received settlement for.

(ANALYSIS, Kasuo OKANO, EXHIBIT B.)

THE COMMISSIONER: How did he make a settlement at  
all then.

MR. FERG:

30 Q Did you discuss and make a settlement with Okano



of the goods he had in his possession belonging to you? A The Custodian sent Kamuo Okano a cheque for the whole thing and some of the things were mine and I discussed that with Kamuo Okano. There was dressers, three or four of them and - - -

10 Q Three or four of these Men's dressers?

A No, three or four dressers were in the Okano house at that time, so I was credited - that is between Okano and myself - with the highest priced dresser because mine was the newest.

Q That is how this \$87.00 was made up?

A Yes.

Q Did Okano give you a list of the articles that were sold from which the \$87.00 was made up?

A Yes, we got the statement from the Custodian and we were marking on the statement itself like, this is yours and this is mine.

Q And have you a list of those goods?

20 A No, I was looking for that list but I can't find it. Maybe Okano has it.

Q Can you tell from memory what goods you were paid for? A Four chairs, a dresser with a mirror, a clock and there were other articles that I can't remember now but, for instance, tea kettles, there were quite a few of them at Okano's house.

Q I just want a list of the things that Okano paid you this \$87.00 for?

A No, I haven't got the list.

25 Q But can you remember it from memory, you have given us some of the articles?



- A That is all I remember.
- Q There were other articles too?
- A Yes, there were other articles.
- Q And did Okano have a written list of the articles that he settled with you for?
- A Yes.
- Q Did he keep that list? A I think so.
- Q Did you put any tags on your articles at any time? A No, I put all my stuff in one room.

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RE-EXAMINED BY MR. CHERNIAK:

- Q You put all your stuff in the one room in Okano's place? A Yes.

MR. CHERNIAK: Just for the record, my learned friend has filed Exhibit B, that is the brother-in-law Okano's claim. It appears to me, Sir, that the important thing is to make sure that the two men are not claiming for the same article. Well, now, from Exhibit B I would like to read into the record the list of goods which the Custodian indicates was sold from Okano's premises but for which Okano is making no claim and my submission is only a conjecture, that the goods for which he did not claim were either the goods which he didn't think were worth claiming for or goods which didn't belong to him. And for that reason I would like to read in the few items here in this list of goods, similar items as are claimed by the present claimant Hamada. I think that might help the Commissioner. There is two dressers shown as

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sold for \$13.00, that is in addition to the three other dressers which were sold. A clock sold for \$14.00. That compared with the two clocks would indicate that the clock he is not claiming for would probably be Hamada's. There are seven chairs for which Okano made no claim, \$12.90. There was kitchenware to the value of \$41.80 and there is an item, furniture \$6.75 and Miscellaneous, \$24.00

THE COMMISSIONER: No silverware?

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MR. CHERNIACK: No mention of it unless it was included in the kitchenware.

THE COMMISSIONER: I wouldn't think so.

MR. CHERNIACK: I don't see where Okano has claimed any silverware.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is there any silverware sold?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, not that I can see.

THE COMMISSIONER: What became of the wife's silver?

MR. CHERNIACK: Just one of the casualties of the evacuation for which we are claiming, Your Honour.

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(Proceedings Adjourned Sine Die)

Certified to be a true and accurate transcript

*Mark H. Pearce*  
(MARK H. PEARCE)  
OFFICIAL REPORTER

I, the undersigned Sub-Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing 11 pages of typewritten matter contain a true and accurate record of the sub-commission held in the Law Courts Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the time and date first above mentioned.

*J. G. R. [Signature]*  
(SUB-COMMISSIONER)



Defence Brief

Hisao HAMADA

File No. 1019

Case No. 475

WINNIPEG  
7 Sept. 48

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Chattel Claim

\$630.50

(a) Goods valued by claimant at 142.00 Sold at auction for 26.65

<sup>200</sup>  
(115.00 for 16.50 Pacific Coast Cannery)  
( 27.00 for 10.15 Claxton Cannery)

Witnesses: Thompson & B.)  
J. H. Mair ) Auctioneers  
Harris )  
Arnold ) Attended sales.

(b) Goods valued at 220.00 Auctioned with OKANO's goods and  
proceeds remitted to OKANO, Case No. 849.

(c) Goods valued at 206.50 Declared but not found.

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(i) 98.00 Pacific Coast Cannery  
(ii) 25.00 Okano's house  
(iii) 83.50 Claxton Cannery

Witnesses: C.C. Robinson  
J. Moryson  
Mrs. Arnold.

(d) Goods valued at 9.50 Lost destroyed or stolen

Witness: C.C. Robinson

Taken into warehouse # 2 from Pacific  
Coast Cannery. Missing when goods moved  
to auction.

<sup>52.50</sup>  
(e) Goods valued at ~~525.00~~ Undeclared and not found.

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(i) 15.00 Pacific Coast Cannery  
(ii) 22.50 Okano's house  
(iii) 15.00 Claxton Cannery

Witnesses: C.C. Robinson  
J. Moryson  
Mrs. Arnold

6 chairs  
new towels  
sheets - 3 pairs  
storage valley



Re (b) Goods claimed by HAMADA @ 220.00. These were left at OKANO's house and sold with his goods and dealt with on file 2837 Case # 849.

Dresser, mirror & chiffonier	125.00
1 Chiffonier	15.00
6 Chairs	5.00
Dinner set	15.00
Set of dishes	10.00
Clock	25.00
Silver ware	25.00

Custodian wrote Hamada 5 June 45 and enclosed an itemized statement showing goods sold from the OKANO house and asked that Hamada arrange with Okano which items belonged to whom and advise Custodian. As no answer was received, Custodian wrote again 7 Nov. 45 and advised Hamada that proceeds of sale had been sent to Okano and that the two of them would have to make any necessary adjustment between themselves. Hamada wrote Custodian 28 Jan. 47 stating that he (Hamada) had received 73.00 from Okano for goods left at Okano's place. Trans. 3 lines 1 - 10 states that claimant received 87.00 from Okano. Trans. 10 Claimant did not put any tags on the articles left at Okano's house, he just put all his stuff in 1 room. Trans. 5 & 6 Claimant's statement that all the Custodian accounted for was a clock, dresser with mirror, and chairs is contrary to the facts. He claims a dinner set 15.00, this was sold for 11.50. Silverware: 25.00 quite a few pieces of "silver" and "plated ware" are to be found on the auction sheets. Also dishes and 2 boxes of crockery.

Re (c)(i) The kitchen range, heater, coal and wood were not on the list of chattels removed from house # 9 Pacific Coast Cannery, which was sent to Hamada 10 Nov. 42 and to which he did not reply.

(ii) Clothing claimed to have been packed in dressers: J. Moryson's inventory states "the dressers do not contain clothes".

(iii) No goods were declared as being left at Skeena on the J.P. form, but some chattels were found there tagged with Hamada's name. Custodian advised him by letter d/16 Nov. 45 that certain goods had been found and removed to Rupert and sold at auction, and requested him to write and confirm, as he did not declare anything on his J.P. form. Hamada replied by letter d/15 Dec. 45 as follows: "The following articles were packed in a box and were left there: Dynamo, compass, searchlight, roller, saw, rowboat, axe, household goods." The only articles found were the axe and certain household goods valued at 27.00 which sold for 10.15 as detailed on auction sheet on this case file.

Submission: That these goods were sold at their fair market value and that the prices claimed for the articles that have not been found are excessive and unreasonable and that also applies to thefts. I would just like to point this out in connection with this claim (that) it appears this claimant lived with his brother-in-law, Okano.



Name of Claimant **MANADA, Hlase**

Case **875**

Custodian File

**1819**

REAL PROPERTY										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount		
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
						71.50	32.17			32.17
NETS										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price
MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
207	78.25	23.44	37.75	252.00	95.13					118.57
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										150.74



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January 11th, 1951

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
c/o Quality Sea Foods,  
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 875

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$ 150.74.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 142.02 and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 8.72 for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears  
Director

FGS:EK  
Encl.



1019 & 2837

7th September, 1949.

Mr. Hisao HAMADA,  
Regn. No. 03915,  
577 Stella Ave.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your chattels left at the time of evacuation with Mr. Kazuo OKANO and sold together with his property, would you please forward to this office as soon as possible a copy of the list of goods for which you received payment amounting to \$87.00 from Mr. Okano.

It is noted from the transcript of the Hearing that you stated that you could not find your list. If you have not already been able to find this list, would you please obtain a copy from Mr. Okano and forward it to this office.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Okano.

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

HA  
Encl. (Return addressed envelope)  
C.C. to Mr. Kazuo OKANO.