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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 1964

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

NAME: EBATA Sukeo

HOME ADDRESS: 2052 Dundas St., Vancouver, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 00045

SEX: (M) AGE: 34 MARRIED? Yes

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Confectionary Store operator (unemployed)

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shizuko ADDRESS: 2052 Dundas St., Vancouver, BC

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Ikuo (M) 2, Yasuko (F) 1 ADDRESS: " "

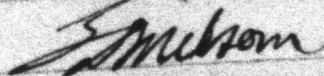
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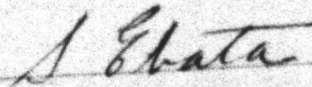
I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 8th day of April 1942.

WITNESS:



(Signature)



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE 7/4/43

Our File No. 1964

Full Name EBATA, Sukeo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 00045

^V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age Feb. 27/08

Former Address 999 Granville St., City

Date Evacuated Sept. 19/42

^V
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Lemon Creek, Slocan Extension, B.C.

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. "MAGNET FALCON"
2nd QUARTER 1943

^V
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife EBATA, Shizuko #06751

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} (NISHIMURA) Ume (Japan) Name of Father Yosojiro (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Yasuko
Ikuo

Requested by A.Mc.

Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Confectionery Store

Nº 1074

DOMINION OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Issued at... Sloosan City, B.C.
Date... Sept. 4th, 1946.

1764/00045

The Government of Canada acknowledges that EBATA, Sukuo
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
Custodian's Balance - - - - - \$57.83 ✓

[Signature]
Comptroller of the Treasury

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
~~XXXXXX~~ 1947.
June 6th

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 295⁵⁵

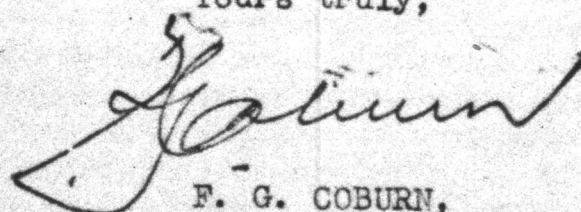
Dear Sir:

1964
Re: EBATA, Sakio #00045

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 16.62
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,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,

Nov. 21/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 312.¹⁷

Dear Sir:

Re: EBATA, Sukeo ¹⁹⁶⁴ #00045

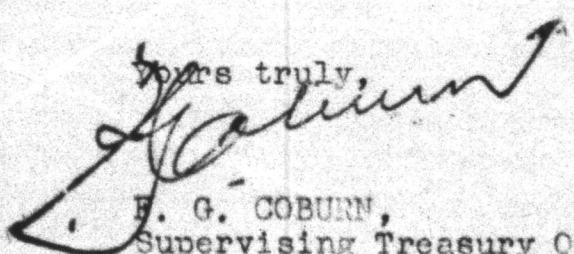
Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ 87.83

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 400.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 312.17. 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,


E. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 1964

August 20, 1946.

Re: EBATA, Sukeo
Reg. No. 00045.

This file reveals no claims against the above person.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the
information on file.

August 20, 1946.
GBS:CG

G. B. Spain

G. B. Spain.

March 18, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: EBATA, Sukeo- Reg. No. 00045

The above signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 8, 1942 and was evacuated on September 19, 1942.

CHATELS: EBATA did not declare any chattels. However, on September 23, 1942, Norris & McLennan advised us that EBATA had sold his business, the Belmont Store complete with stock-in-trade and fixtures to Mrs. Bernadine K. Kuna for \$1,200.00 and had then received \$700.00 on account thereof. The balance, \$500.00 was collected by Norris & MacLennan and remitted to the Japanese except for the sum of \$232.83 which was remitted to this office. \$145.00 was remitted to the Japanese, at three different times and the balance turned over to the Treasury Department when EBATA left for Japan.

Conditional bill of sale and discharge of Conditional Sale Agreement are on file as well as a statement from Norris & MacLennan showing collected interest and other adjustments. This was reported to EBATA who agreed to Norris & MacLennan's collecting charges of 5%.

Though EBATA did not declare any chattels several items marked with his name were found in the B. C. Purchaser's Warehouse and removed to Auction where they were sold for the net sum of \$16.62. Items E-45 and E-64 (See attached Chattel Schedule) do not appear on the second list supplied by Norris & MacLennan. It is presumed that they were shipped as Norris & MacLennan effected numerous shipments before the Custodian removed the chattels to Auction. E-65, though it appears on the second B. C. P. list may also be presumed to have been shipped.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: Two cameras were surrendered by EBATA to the R. C. M.P.. Upon receipt of the R. C. M. P. receipt, one camera was shipped to EBATA. The other a Jiffy Kodak, valued at \$6.00, according to the appraisal could not be located and is believed to have been stolen during a break-in of the Warehouse. EBATA was advised of this fact. The City police were notified, but recovery seems unlikely.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

CG

C. Girard

March 18, 1947.

File No. 1964

March 18, 1947.

CHattel SCHEDULE

Re: EBATA, Sukeo - Reg. No. 00045.

<u>GOODS STORED</u> <u>AT B. C. P. Warehouse</u> <u>20/10/42</u>	<u>Second list from</u> <u>B. C. Purchaser's.</u> <u>No date.</u>	<u>List of goods removed</u> <u>from B. C. P. warehouse</u> <u>to Auction and sold</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>Disposition</u>
E- 45 1 roll carpet			Presume shipped
E- 62 Cabinet for dishes	E-62 Kitchen cabinet	23/3/44 - Sold	d
E-63 Scale plate	E-63 Set of Scale	24/3/44 - "	"
E/64 Ironing Board			"
E-65 2 Boards for Table	E-65 Kitchen table		"

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

CG

C. Guind

March 18, 1947.

MEMORANDUM

May 19th, 1943.

To: File 1964

From: Specified Articles Dept.

Re: EBATA, Sukeo - Reg. 00045.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
CAMERA	Jiffy Kodak camera 6-20, Series 11	\$ 6.00
	Vest pocket folding camera #3293. Serial #227828. (Damaged)	no value.

These cameras were surrendered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and were listed under RCMP No. 475. On August 16, 1944, the camera were handed to the Custodian and stored at 992 Powell Street.

Receipt, given by the police at the time of surrender of these cameras, was received from Sukeo EBATA and is filed under date of December 15, 1945, this file.

The vest pocket folding camera, Serial 227828, was shipped to Ebata on December 20, 1945.

The Jiffy Kodak, value \$6.00 according to appraisal, is missing from 992 Powell Street and is believed to have been stolen during a break-in. The police have been notified, but chances of recovery are slim.

J. M. H. H. H.
Dec 21/45

Extract

File No. 1964

Name : Sukeo EBATA

LIST OF GOODS STORED AT WAREHOUSE OF B. C. PURCHASERS
CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

E-62 Kitchen cabinet

E-63 Set of Scale

E-65 Kitchen table

Extracted from list supplied by Norris & McLennan on File 11556.

This list is not dated.

CONDITIONAL BILL OF SALE**"CONDITIONAL SALES ACT"****These Presents Witness:**

That **SUKEO EBATA**, of **999 Granville Street, in the City**
Vancouver, British Columbia, hereinafter called the Seller, has delivered
 to **BERNARDINE K. KUNA**, formerly of **767 Richards St. Vancouver, B.C.**
 residing at **999 Granville St. Vancouver**, in the Province of British Columbia
 (hereinafter called the Buyer), the goods hereinafter described, under a contract of conditional sale, the terms and conditions
 of which contract of conditional sale are as follows, to wit:

1. Said goods are now and shall remain the absolute property of the Seller until after the full and complete payment of the purchase price therefor, which purchase price is the sum of \$ **1,200.00**
2. That the Buyer has this day paid to the Seller, on account of said purchase price, the sum of \$ **700.00** the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
3. That the balance of said purchase price, to wit: \$ **500.00** following described promissory notes, to wit: _____, is evidenced by the

NUMBER	MAKER	DATE	DUE	AMOUNT
1.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	April 23, 1942	\$50.00 & interest
2.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	May 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
3.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	June 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
4.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	July 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
5.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Aug. 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
6.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Sept. 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
7.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Oct. 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
8.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Nov. 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
9.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Dec. 23, 1942	\$50.00 & int.
10.	Bernardine K. Kuna	March 23, 1942	Jan. 23, 1943	\$50.00 & int.

4. That on full payment of said promissory notes, principal and interest, according to their terms, the title of said goods shall vest in the Buyer subject to the conditions herein contained.

5. The said goods and every part thereof at all times while out of the possession of the Seller shall be at the risk of the Buyer, and all loss of or damage to said goods or any part thereof shall be borne by the Buyer, and no such loss or damage shall operate to extinguish or diminish any liability upon said notes or any of them; and the Buyer further agrees to keep the said goods insured in a sufficient amount in favor of the Seller to cover his interest at all times before the vesting of said title in the Buyer by the making of said payments as aforesaid.

6. The Buyer shall at all times while the said goods are in possession of the Buyer have the right to use the same for all uses and purposes for which said goods are designed.

7. Said goods are described as follows, to wit: **The business formerly carried on by the Seller at 999 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C. known as the Belmont Store and the Goodwill thereof and the right to use the said name, and all the goods, chattels, equipment, store fixtures, appliances and stock of groceries, confectionery, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and other merchandise on the premises hereinbefore mentioned, and in particular but without excluding the particularity of the foregoing, the following:**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Cash Register | 1 Electric Milk Shake Mixer |
| 1 Electric Coca Cola Box | 1 Coal Stove. |
| 2 Showcases | |
| 1 Counter | |
| 2 Scales | |
| 1 Two-hole Ice Cream Cabinet | |

PROVIDED HOWEVER, and it is hereby understood that the goods and chattels hereinbefore mentioned are those contained in the store premises at the said address, 999 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, and do not include the goods, chattels or furnishings contained in the living quarters at the rear of, and adjacent to, the said store portion of the said premises.

the feminine, or the body politic or corporate; also the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto, where the context or the parties so require.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this **23rd** day of **March**, A.D. 194**2**

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

In the presence of

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

S. Ebata
B. K. Kuna

1964
Norris & MacLennan
BARRISTERS AT LAW, SOLICITORS
NOTARIES PUBLIC

T. G. NORRIS, K.C.
J. A. MACLENNAN, LL.B.

Alexander
CABLE ADDRESS "NORRIS"
VANCOUVER, CANADA
TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 5284

*OFFICE OF THE
CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY
PROPERTY
SEP 23 1942*
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING
602 HASTINGS ST. WEST

VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 23rd, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: EBATA, Sukeo

The above-named formerly resided at the rear of the store at 999 Granville St. Vancouver. The store is known as the Belmont Store. On March 23rd of this year S. Ebata, a person of Japanese origin, sold the business of the Belmont Store complete with stock-in-trade and fixtures to Mrs. Bernardine K. Kuna for \$1,200.00 and received on account thereof \$700.00, leaving a balance of \$500.00 payable at the rate of \$50.00 per month pursuant to Conditional Bill of Sale completed by the parties and duly registered in Vancouver. We enclose herewith copy of the Conditional Bill of Sale for your records. The payments have been made regularly and have been given to Mr. Ebata with the exception of the payment received today.

Mr. Ebata has now left the Vancouver

September 23rd, 1942.

The Custodian of Enemy Property:

area and is at Slocan Extension. He has requested that we continue to send him the balance of the payments as they come in to us. Before doing this we wish to notify you of the situation and obtain your permission to send Mr. Ebata the \$50.00 every month. Will you kindly give us that authority by return.

Yours truly,

NORRIS & MacLENNAN

Per: 

JAM/WS

Norris & MacLennan.

BARRISTERS AT LAW, SOLICITORS
NOTARIES PUBLIC

T. G. NORRIS, K.C.

J. A. MACLENNAN, LL.B.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING
602 HASTINGS ST. WEST

VANCOUVER, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE JAPANESE
CABLE ADDRESS: "NORRIS"
VANCOUVER, CANADA
JAPANESE TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 9284

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October 15th, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Your file No. 1964 -
Sukeo EBATA

00045

Further to our letter of the 3rd inst.
we have to advise that the Conditional Sales Purchaser,
Mrs. Kuna, has now paid the balance under the
Conditional Bill of Sale in accordance with the
enclosed statement.

We collected under the Agreement a
total of \$509.82. Collection fees at 5% amount to
\$25.49. Mr. Ebata has already been paid \$300.00,
leaving a balance due to him, less collection charges,
of \$184.33. In addition to the collection services
we have performed for Mr. Ebata, we drew and forwarded
to Mr. Ebata a Discharge of the Conditional Sale
Agreement for execution by him and are making only a
nominal charge of \$1.50 for the same. When this has
been returned to us by Mr. Ebata we shall forward it
to the Purchaser, Mrs. Kuna.

We now enclose herewith our cheque in
favor of your Mr. McPherson for the sum of \$419.33,
made up as follows:

re Sukeo Ebata	\$ 182.83
Yosohichi Ebata	212.50
Kuzuo Uyesugi	24.00
	<u>\$ 419.33,</u>

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in accordance with further reports of even date enclosed
herewith.

We suggest no further monies be paid by
you to Mr. Sukeo Ebata until we inform you we have duly
received from him the Discharge of Conditional Sale Agreement.

Yours truly,
NORRIS & MACLENNAN,
Per: *[Signature]*

JAM/WS -Encls.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONAL SALE AGREEMENT

I, SUKEO EBATA, formerly of 999 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Merchant, and presently of Slocan, British Columbia, being the person entitled to receive the monies under and by virtue of that certain Conditional Bill of Sale dated the 23rd day of March, 1942, made between myself as Seller and Bernardine K. Kuna as Buyer, which Conditional Bill of Sale was registered in the Vancouver Registry on the 24th day of March, 1942, under Number 67477, HEREBY CERTIFY that I have not assigned the said Conditional Bill of Sale and that I am the person entitled by law to receive the sum of \$700.00 mentioned in the said Conditional Bill of Sale, and that such Conditional Bill of Sale and the debt for which it is given, are hereby discharged and the said monies mentioned therein fully paid and satisfied.

AND I hereby request the proper officer authorized so to do, to enter satisfaction of the said Conditional Bill of Sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Slocan, in the Province of British Columbia, this *15th* day of *November*, 1942.

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED

in the presence of

B. Rodriguez
Not. R. C. M. P.

Sukeo Ebata

AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTION

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA }

TO WIT:

I, *E. P. Rodriguez* of the Town
of Slocan, in the Province of British Columbia,
make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the
within instrument duly signed and executed by Sukeo Ebata,
the party thereto, for the purposes named therein.
2. The said instrument was executed at the Town
of Slocan, in the Province of British Columbia.
3. I know the said party and that he is of the
full age of twenty-one years.
4. I am the subscribing witness to the said
instrument and am of the full age of sixteen years.

SWORN before me at Slocan,
in the Province of British
Columbia, this *13th* day
November
of October, 1942.

W. H. B. G. G. G. G. G.
A Notary Public in and for the
Province of British Columbia.

Alexander

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

1964
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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Slocan City, B. C.,
December 5, 1942.

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

Re: Susko EBATA #00045

We have had a visit from our local Postmaster here regarding a cheque which he cashed for the above man in the sum of \$50.00. This cheque was paid in to the account of the Receiver General of Canada on Post-office account and has now been returned to Mr. Graham, marked "payment stopped". Can you please give us some explanation regarding this and make some arrangement so that a new cheque can be issued if in order to do so.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Supervisor

Walter Hartley
(Walter Hartley)

ERA:ES

Mr

1964

12th December, 1943.

Walter Hartley, Esq.,
Supervisor,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sukeo EBATA
Registration No. 00045

Thank you for your letter dated December 5th. Cheque No. 496 for \$50.00, dated October 2nd, on which payment was stopped, was replaced by Cheque No. 946 for the same amount and forwarded to Mr. Ebata on November 24th.

Payment was stopped on the first cheque for the very good reason that Mr. Ebata, after a reasonable lapse of time, declared that he had not received it, from which we presume that it had gone astray in transit.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

1964

November 24, 1942.

Mr. Sukeo EBATA,
Registration No. 00045,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan Extension, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In your letter dated November 13th you advised us that you had not as yet received cheque No. 496 for \$50.00 which we forwarded to you on October 2nd. Please note that we have now advised the bank to stop payment on cheque No. 496.

Attached you will find a duplicate cheque, being No. 946 amounting to \$50.00 and payable to your order. Please acknowledge receipt of cheque No. 946 by return mail. In the event cheque No. 496 of October 2nd has now reached you or reaches you subsequently, please do not attempt to cash it but return it to us as soon as possible.

Also please find attached our cheque No. 947 payable to your order and amounting to \$45.00, representing payment on account of funds forwarded to us by Messrs. Norris & MacLennan and representing a portion of the \$182.83 regarding which we wrote you on November 7th.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
Encs.

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C O P Y

November 21, 1942

The Manager
THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Vancouver, B. C.

If the following cheque issued by the undersigned should
be presented to you, please refuse payment thereof:-

No. 496

Date November 13th, 1942

Amount \$50.00

Payable to Sukeo EBATA

Reg. # 00045

The reason for this request being cheque gone astray
in the mail

The undersigned hereby agreeing to hold the bank harmless
for said amount as well as for all costs, charges and exp-
enses incurred by the bank through complying with this
request.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

No. 475

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N & File No. Vancouver

DIVISION & File No.
J.R. 00045

DETACHMENT & File No. CIB

DATE Aug. 18, 1944.

Re: Sakeo KATA, 999 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.
(Name of File)On Mar. 8, 1942. 1 D.E. McLaren, Cst.
(Date) (Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner
(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. of Exh.	No. of Packages	Cap. or Size	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		Jiffy Kodak Camera 6-20 (1)
	1		Vest Pocket folding camera #3283 (2)
			1964

REMARKS:

Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property

(State briefly disposition)

DATE Aug. 18, 1944.

for Custodian
(Signature of Recipient or Witness)CERTIFIED CORRECT
J.R. Jefferson Cst. #10559

(Signature of Member)

LR
No. 00045

F. 112

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

\$

Thomson B. G. March 9, 1942

Received from

Sub Lt. E. B. P. A. 999, Grenville St.

Thomson, B. G. One 1/2 Kodak camera 6-20

One wet pocket folding Kodak camera

Serial No. 3282

Dollars,

100

Signature

R. R. Campbell, Lt.
R. C. M. P. (Reg. No. 13838)

NAME FRATA, Sakeo

REGISTRATION NO. 00045

FILE NO. 1964

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on March 24, 1944.

/Hanging scales

\$ 20.00

Total:

\$ 20.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.00

\$ 3.79

(Advertising: 0.47

(Movings: 1.32

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 16.21

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 15

Remarks.

NAME EDITH, Helen

REGISTRATION NO. 00045

FILE NO. 1964

The following chattels were sold by public
auktion at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. ON March 23, 1944

Cupboard

\$ 0.50

Total:

\$ 0.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.05
(Advertising: 0.01
(Movings: 0.03

\$ 0.09

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.41

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 14

Remarks.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 1964

August 12th, 1943.

To: The File
From: Mr. G. B. Spain

Re: B. C. Purchasers Co-operative Association

As the B. C. Security Commission had accumulated sufficient Custodian releases to justify the opening of the premises at 573 East Hastings Street, I telephoned Mr. McLennan of Morris & McLennan, the legal representatives of the Association, and suggested to them that they should bring the key, and accompany the Custodian officials, and members of the B. C. Security Commission, to arrange identification of the chattels.

At 9 a.m. today we all met as arranged and Mr. McLennan with the key attempted to open the front door. This proved impossible as there appeared to be some obstruction inside, quite apart from the bad condition of the lock on the door. Eventually we were able to gain entry through the rear door and were then able to understand why the front door could not be forced. Thieves had entered by the front door, and had placed large planks against the door, preventing the opening of it which would insure their uninterrupted examination of all the chattels, most of which appeared to have been packed in boxes. The lids had been torn off the boxes and contents ransacked and scattered over the floor, and piled up in a state of utter confusion, making shipment impossible. Both Mr. McLennan and the B. C. Security Commission representatives realized the futility of attempting to identify and separate the chattels, so the truck was dismissed.

Mr. McLennan called in detectives who made a cursory examination and left without making comments. This particular location is the hangout corner of the worst element in Vancouver.

All chattels were eventually moved to our warehouse and sold by public auction.

Mr. McLennan sent a representative who in company with our Mr. D. A. Smith spent about one week identifying the chattels on the basis of a list supplied by Mr. McLennan. This identification was accomplished only with extreme difficulty.

Under the aforementioned circumstances, the Custodian can assume no responsibility for anything that may be missing.

CHS:SP

Geo. G. Spain