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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 INFORMATIONNAME: YAMAMOTO RYOHOME ADDRESS: Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 11154. SEX: Male. AGE: 31.OCCUPATION: 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: Claxton Cannery, Claxton, Skeena River, B.C.MARRIED? Yes.NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Kiyoko. File 341 - No Claims 12-1-44ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None.ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---AGE OF CHILDREN: ---**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None.2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None.3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None.4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None.5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None.6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Two room frame house, Claxton, B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

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

1 - 10 foot Rowboat & Oars, on beach adjacent to Claxton Cannery.
5 boxes Kitchen Utensils, 2 Cans, 1 Singer Sewing Machine, 1 Sewing Machine, 1 box canned goods.
1 Bed Spring & Mattress, 1 Trunk, 6 Chairs, 2 rolls Carpet, 1 box canned goods.
all left in 2 roomed frame house belonging to Claxton Cannery.

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: _____

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: _____ None.6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
_____ None.7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
_____ \$5.00. War Savings Certificate.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____ None.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____ None.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____ None.

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____ None.

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____ None.

2. 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 25th day of March, 1942.

(Signature)

R. Yamamoto

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

✓ INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Jul. 26/43.

Our File No. 2142

Full Name YAMAMOTO Ryo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 11154 Male - Female (check) Age May 1, 1911.

Former Address Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

Date Evacuated 22/4/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check)

Present Address Sandon, B.C.

Married - Single (check) Name of Wife Kiyoko - 10924

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Haru (dec'd) Name of Father Jiromatsu (dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 Teruyuki (m) 16/9/42

Requested by PH Hunter Registered with Custodian Yes (Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Gasboat, "Dragon Palace"

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File No. 2142

LIABILITY SUMMARY

March 7, 1946.

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, Reg. No. 11154

This file reveals that M. Furuya Co. filed a claim for \$6.23 giving the debtor's name as Ryoji YAMAMOTO. Ryo YAMAMOTO denied that he owed any money to M. Furuya Co. and stated that he had never done any business with this company. This information was passed on to Messrs. P. S. Ross and Sons and no further action was taken by this office.

This file reveals no other liabilities.

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

Matthewson

March 7, 1946.

FM/WH

File No. 2142

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

April 2, 1946.

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, Reg. No. 11154

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 25, 1942.

The chattels reported by YAMAMOTO are dealt with in detail in the Chattel Summary. Of these chattels some appear to have been shipped, some were sold for the net sum of \$12.23 which has been redited to his account, the remainder are unaccounted for.

YAMAMOTO reported a \$5.00 War Saving Certificate. This did not come under the control of this office.

The radio surrendered by YAMAMOTO to Naval Service was sold by the Custodian for the net sum of \$29.77. These funds were credited to his account and were remitted to him on August 22, 1944.

The field glasses surrendered along with the radio was shipped to YAMAMOTO by this office on March 12, 1946.

The sheet of information from the R.C.M.P. states that this man was the owner of a boat called the "Dragon Palace". Information received from the Registrar of Shipping, Prince Rupert, on July 8, 1944, is that this vessel was purchased by the B.C. Packers Ltd. on October 17, 1941. This vessel was not impounded by Naval Service and YAMAMOTO did not declare ownership.

In his letter of November 17, 1945, Mr. YAMAMOTO inquires about a rifle, a shotgun and a 22 rifle. Firearms were surrendered to the R.C.M.P. and have remained under the control of that department. We are passing on to the R.C.M.P. Mr. YAMAMOTO's inquiry in regard to his firearms.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

J. Macdonald

April 2, 1946.

FM/MM

CHATTEL SUMMARY

File No. 2142

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, Reg. No. 11154

April 2, 1946.

In his declaration to the Custodian, on March 25, 1942, this man reported various chattels left at Claxton Cannery. This file and the file of Kiyoko YAMAMOTO, wife of this man, File 341, reveal the following information about these.

The 10-foot rowboat and cars reported left on the beach at Claxton Cannery has not been accounted for. This was not inventoried by Mr. Dave Smith in April, 1942. According to information received from B. C. Packers Ltd. and from Mrs. E. B. Arnold, of H. G. Halgersome Ltd., there is nothing left at Claxton belonging to Japanese.

YAMAMOTO reported a quantity of household effects and tools left in his former residence at Claxton. Of these the following were inventoried by Mr. Smith, 5 boxes of kitchen utensils, a sewing machine, a tub of fish and a trunk, and these we believe were shipped as requested by Mrs. YAMAMOTO in May 1942. The release signed by Mrs. YAMAMOTO listed 6 barrels, a trunk and a sewing machine. A box of canned goods was reported by YAMAMOTO but no canned goods was inventoried. It may be that this was shipped to the owners.

The following were reported by YAMAMOTO but not inventoried by Mr. Smith, 2 rolls of carpet. On November 17, 1945, YAMAMOTO inquired about one roll of carpet. We assume therefore that the other has been shipped.

The following, reported by YAMAMOTO and inventoried by Mr. Smith, are unaccounted for: one bed complete, 6 chairs and one carton.

YAMAMOTO reported a bureau and 2 saws. Mr. Smith inventoried a bundle of saws and a carton. In July, 1945, the Custodian sold at auction in Prince Rupert cross-cut saws and a new dresser in carton. These items were identified as the property of YAMAMOTO and the net proceeds of \$12.23 were credited to his account.

On November 17, 1942, YAMAMOTO wrote us inquiring about the rowboat, saws, chairs, dresser with mirror, bed, mattress and roll of carpet. We therefore assume that YAMAMOTO has no knowledge of the disposition of these items, and as stated the rowboat, 6 chairs, complete bed and roll of carpet are not accounted for.

From April, 1942, when Mr. Smith visited Claxton, to June, 1945, when Mrs. Arnold visited that point, no agent of the Custodian's office visited this place in regard to chattels. During that time, it would appear that shipments were made to Vancouver without the shipments being recorded by this office. It seems probable that Claxton would not be immune to stealing and vandalism that has been encountered in other places. Dampness, mould and rats were responsible for damage to chattels stored at Claxton. When chattels from Claxton were removed to Prince Rupert in July 1945, it was found necessary to discard articles that were not worth the cost of shipping. There is no record of what was destroyed nor to whom it belonged. Nothing removed from Claxton remains at Prince Rupert according to Mrs. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold informed us that many items carried no identification, (the tags having been torn off in some cases) when the goods were received at Prince Rupert. Therefore some errors may have been made in identifying ownership.

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

J. Macdonald

April 3, 1946.

CHATELAIN SCHEDULE

File 2142

Ryo YAMAMOTO, Reg. No. 11154

April 2, 1946

Declared
Mar. 25/42

Inventory
D. Smith
Apr. 1942

Shipped
May, 1942
File 341

Other Disposition

5 Ex. Kitchen Utensils
1 Singer Sewing Machine
1 Tub Fish
1 Trunk
1 Ex. Canned Goods
1 Bed, spring & mattress
6 Chairs
2 Saws
1 Bureau
2 Rolls of Carpet

x
x
x
x

1 Bed complete }
6 Chairs }
1 Bdl Saws
2 Cartons x

5 Barrels
x
1 Barrel
1 Trunk

Unaccounted for
Sold
Sold Dresser in carton
Probably discarded
x There is no record of the
other carton

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

J. Matheson
April 2, 1946.

MEMORANDUM: File 2142

September 29, 1944

Re: YAMAMOTO, Ryo, JR #11154

<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>
Field Glasses	Dox 8x25, Serial No. 13953 & Case

RCMP #938

Released to Custodian Aug. 16, 1944 according to R.C.M.P.

mailed to Yamamoto March 12, 1946
Intarhison
April 3, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO FILE 2142

July 11, 1944

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, Reg. 11154

The motor vessel "Dragon Palace" reported by the RCMP was not taken into custody.

This vessel, according to information supplied by the Registrar of Shipping, Prince Rupert, in letter July 8, 1944, was purchased by British Columbia Packers Ltd. on October 17, 1941, and is now licensed at Prince Rupert No. 1735.

St. Mark's
March 6, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO FILE 2142

April 8, 1944

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, JR 11154

<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>	
Radio	✓ RCA Victor Mantel Serial No. 323	No appraisal
	RCMP 926	

Sold by Custodian for total sum of \$35.50, expenses \$5.73.
Balance credited to account of Ryo YAMAMOTO - \$29.77

*Frederickson
March 6, 1946*

1 - Sold by auction 27/3/44. Vancouver 15

NAME YAMAMOTO, Ryo

REGISTRATION NO. 11194

FILE NO. 2142

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Prince Rupert, B.C. on July 28, 30, 1943.

Dresser, new in carton	\$ 16.00
Gross Out Bag (2)	3.00

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.90	\$ 19.00
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.69	
	(Movings: 4.18	\$ 6.77
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 12.23

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

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Prince Rupert. 4.

Remarks.

NAME KAMAHOTO, Ryo

REGISTRATION NO. 11154

FILE NO. 2142

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 908 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on March 24, 1944.

Victor mantel battery

\$ 35.50

Total:

\$ 35.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.95
(Advertising: 0.84
(Moving: 0.34
(Storage: 1.00

\$ 5.73

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 29.77

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 15

Remarks.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 346A

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 638

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. VANCOUVER

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. CIB

J.R. 11184

DATE Aug 18/44.

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO

Standard Fish Camp
(Name of File)

On Sept. 9/43
(Date)

I. F.R. Jefferson, Cat.
(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by R.C.M.P. PRINCE RUPERT B.C.
(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
			Field Glasses
	1		Field Glasses (Box 5X25) Serial No. 13963 & Case
			2142 Char

REMARKS:

Handed to Custodian Alien Property

(State briefly disposition)

DATE Aug. 18/44.

Chas B. Spain
(Signature of Resident or Witness)

for Custodian

F.R. Jefferson
(Signature of Member)

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

Form 266A

HEADQUARTERS File No.

No. 98 926

DIVISION and File No. 25-267/2/1-114
(Jap. Reg. #11154).

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver.
DETACHMENT and File No. G.I.B.

DATE March 21st, 1944.

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, Standard Fish Camp.
(Name of Person)

On Sept. 29th, 1943 I P. R. Jefferson, Cst.
(Date)

Came into possession of the following described goods by
Handed over by R. C. M. Police, Prince Rupert, B. C.

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		HGA Victor Mantel Radio Serial No. 323. 2142

REMARKS:

Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property.
DATE MAR 23 1944

Joe D. Spence
Custodian

P. R. Jefferson
CERTIFIED CORRECT
P. R. Jefferson, Reg. No. 10559 Cst.

File No. 2142.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

January 12th, 1944.

Eyo YAMAMOTO - Registration No. 11154

CREDITORS:

H. Furuya Co. \$6.23

mf

Net loss device definitely

No account as at Jan. 12/44.

/DE

No claims on wife's file + 241
15-6-44
5

#2142

\$29.77

15-6-44

2

12-1-44

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 341
2142

April 28th, 1943

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Kiyoko YAMAMOTO
Ryo YAMAMOTO

Mr. Ryo Yamamoto declared effects left at the Claxton Cannery and the wife declared nothing. As not infrequently happens, however, she has since applied for and had shipped to her some of the belongings declared by the husband. Mr. Macouver has proved very helpful and reliable in shipping Japanese effects and I consider nothing more need be done on these files pending a possible inspection of the North Coast area.

Mc Couver

[Handwritten mark]

HFG:IP

NATIONAL REVENUE, CANADA
(CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISIONS)

Port of Prince Rupert, B.C.
July 8th 1944

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Attention F. Matheson Esq.,
Specified Articles Dept.,
Japanese Evacuation Section

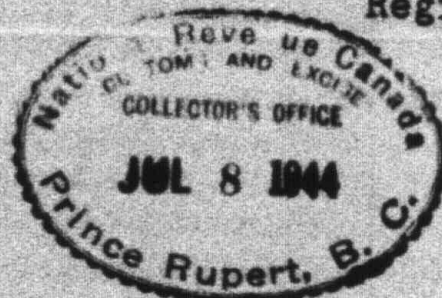
EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUL 11 1944
File No.	2142
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Matheson</i>

I am in receipt of your letter of July 4th your
file 2142, re RYO YAMAMOTO formerly of Claxton Cannery.

In reply I would advise you that the boat "Dragon
Palace" was originally licensed in the above mentioned
man's name under number 505. A bill of sale was presented to
this office signed by the above mentioned in favour of the
British Columbia Packers Ltd., dated 17th October 1941, and
license was eventually issued to the British Columbia Packers
Limited under number 1735.

Yours truly

J. A. McLeod
Registrar of Shipping.



Monte Lake B.C.
November, 17th 1945

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
DATE	NOV 19 1945
FILE NO.	2142
NAME	
ADDRESS	BLD

Dear Sir or Madam:

Hereby I would like you to sell
my following belonging as followed as

1 only row-boat, 2 only 8'5" cross-cut-saws,
6 only chairs, 1 only vanity (DRESSER) WITH MIRROR.

1 only double-bed, 1 only double-bed-spring mattress

1 only roll carpet

Therefore the mill in which I
was employed has burnt down 1 month 1/2
ago... and now its hard to make my
living with 2 son. & a wife, and no work to make
my living. So please kindly sell all
them belonging in a very reasonable
good price & please forward the money
at your convenient. Therefore my
belonging are at Klaxton Cannery, Skeena
River B.C.

No other thing are I like to know
whether I could have my guns & a
field glass (1 only rifle, 1 only shot gun,
and 1 only 22-rifle).

Please let me know if I could
get my gun & field glass back and
please sell my belonging and send
my money on your earliest conven-
ience.

Yours Truly

Ryo Yamamoto.

Address:-

Mr. Ryo Yamamoto,
Monte Lake, B.C.

Monte Lake, BC.

Jan. 5, 1946.

The Custodian's Office
Department of the Secretary of State
Of Canada
Vancouver, BC.

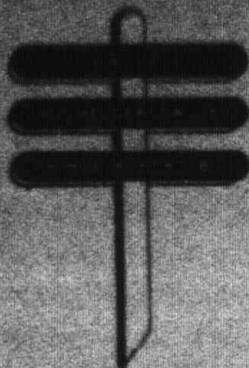
EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 7 1946
File No.	2192
Ans.	
Referred	Bill

Dear Sir:-

I would like to know the reply for my first and second letters of November and December in which I have made inquiry regarding our articles held in your warehouse. I was once requested by your office to liquidate my possessions held by you but I declined your offer. Since then I made my inquiry regarding our articles which I have never received any replies. If it has been liquidated please send my net proceeds in your earliest convenience. It is very difficult to make our living since I am unemployed due to the fact that the mill I was employed has been destroyed by fire. Please enlighten me with a true fact regarding my possessions as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
R. Garante # 11154

N. E. ARNOLD, MGR.
NOTARY PUBLIC



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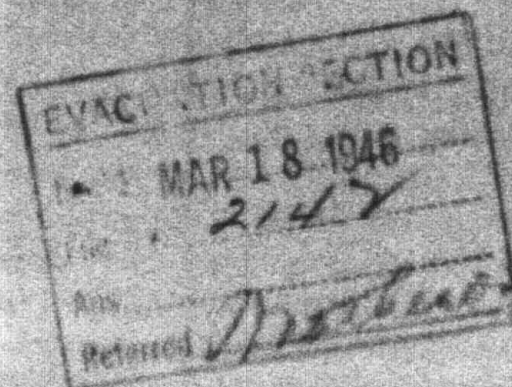
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

March 13th, 1946.

Mr. F. Matheson,
Protection Dep't.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Ryo Yamamoto, Reg. No. 11154
File No. 2142.



Replying to yours of March 7th, we have no knowledge of a row-
boat at Claxton Cannery belonging to above. You might get direct
information from the manager of the Claxton Cannery.

With regard to the other articles, everything that came from
Claxton Cannery was sold by auction. Some of the packages had no labels
and some were so defaced that it was impossible to detect the owner.
In some cases it may be that the proceeds were credited to the wrong
person. With regard to mattresses and carpet, much of the material of
this kind was damp, mouldy, and in some cases, eaten by rats, that they
were discarded at Claxton. There was no carpet among any of the goods
when they arrived here so we judge Mr. Yamamoto's carpet was among that
category.

Yours very truly,

H. G. HELGERSON LTD.

N. E. Arnold.

Manager.

NEA:JR

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6181

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 2142

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

March 21, 1946.

British Columbia Packers Ltd.,
Foot of Campbell Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Ryo YAMAMOTO, #11154
Claxton Cannery

This man was formerly employed by your company at Claxton Cannery. At the time of his evacuation he reported to the Custodian that in addition to quite a large quantity of household effects which he had stored in the 2-room frame house which he had occupied at Claxton he had left a 10-ft. rowboat and oars on the beach adjacent to the cannery.

We realize that quite a lot of time has elapsed since the Japanese were evacuated from the coast and we are quite well aware that Mr. YAMAMOTO's boat is very unlikely to be in the place where he left it. It is possible, however, the cannery manager at Claxton Cannery may be able to give us some information in regard to boats in general and the boat of Mr. YAMAMOTO in particular that were left on the beach near Claxton Cannery. Any assistance you can give us in regard to this will be much appreciated. For your convenience in replying we enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

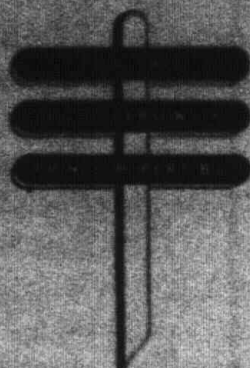
F. Matheson
F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

RECEIVED
MAR 23 1946

Dear Sir -
all Jap gear was adquired
in 1942. There is no private
Jap gear and equipment at
Claxton at the present time.

W. Mayhew
Bookkeeper.

N. E. ARNOLD, MGR.
NOTARY PUBLIC



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March 27th 1946.

File 2142

F. Matheson,
Protection Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Ryo Yamamoto #11154

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 1 1946
File No.	2142
Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging yours of March 21st re above. Taking paragraph 2 of your letter, we have reviewed our file with regard to your reference to our letter of April 22nd 1943. No sale was ever made to the manager of Claxton Cannery of a bed, at that time or at any later period. We believe that the manager in question left shortly after.

Your reply to our letter of Ap. 22/43 indicated that nothing was to be done at that time with regard to the disposal of goods at Claxton and the matter was dropped until May 26th 1945, when we received instructions in a letter signed by H.R.Green to proceed with the disposal.

On ~~XXI~~ June 20th 1945, the undersigned visited Claxton Cannery to inspect the goods and arrange for the transportation to Prince Rupert. The goods were stored in a warehouse (compiles over the water) belonging to the Cannery and were piled to the ceiling. It was impossible during the short call at the cannery, on a pouring wet day, to disturb all these eighty-odd crates, boxes and bundles, but Mr. Currie, the manager, informed me that he wished the goods removed immediately. The warehouse containing them was marked for destruction, under a Company ruling, since, as the cannery was not operating, certain buildings were ordered demolished for insurance purposes.

On my return to Prince Rupert I arranged that the manager of the Union Steamships contact the Cardena by wire, instructing the captain to load the goods on its routine trip to Claxton next day. We telephoned Mr. Currie of this and he removed the goods to the dock warehouse right away. After the ship had called he telephoned me that the captain was not able to take them owing to the state of the tide. Mr. Currie was very annoyed as the goods were taking up much needed space but there was nothing we could do until the next call of the Cardena. He also informed that certain of the bundles were not worth the price of shipping as they were damp, mouldy and rat eaten., and I agreed that he should discard them. To whom these bundles belonged we have no idea. Even some of the goods that arrived had no labels or the labels had been torn off and though the goods were scrutinised closely for clues as to ownership, it was ^{not} always possible to define.

File 2142.

March 27th 1946.

H.G. Helgerson Ltd.

There were certain articles of good quality belonging to Rye Yamamoto and they were sold at the public auction in Prince Rupert. The sale of these is shown on the auction sheets. We did not keep duplicate sheets and I am afraid that you will have to discover from these sheets, which goods, and what, belonged to this man.

Yours very truly,

H.G. HELGERSON LTD.

N E Arnold

NEA

MANAGER

2142

April 25, 1946.

Mr. Ryo YAMAMOTO,
Reg. No. 11154,
MONTE LANE, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 18th, addressed to the Department of Labour and passed on to this office for attention, we wish to inform you that your file has been reviewed.

In your declaration to the Custodian on March 25, 1942, you reported a quantity of household effects at your former residence at Claxton Cannery. According to our records, the most valuable of these chattels were shipped to Mrs. Yamamoto in May, 1942. In June, 1945, saleable chattels remaining at Claxton Cannery were removed to Prince Rupert and were sold at auction there. Saleable items identified as your property were sold for the net sum of \$12.23, which has been remitted to you.

In your declaration you reported a 10-foot rowboat and oars left on the beach at Claxton Cannery, but when the Custodian representative visited Claxton Cannery in April, 1942, no rowboat and oars identified as your property could be found there.

The War Saving Certificate, which you reported, did not come under the control of this office.

The radio, which you surrendered to the authorities in February, 1942, was sold for the net sum of \$29.77. These funds were remitted to you in August, 1944.

The field-glasses, surrendered by you, have been returned to you, and we are pleased to note by your letter of March 18th that these have been received.

In November, 1945, you inquired about a rifle, a shotgun and a rifle. These firearms do not come under the control of the Custodian. Your inquiry has been passed on to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as firearms are under the control of that department. If you have not heard from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, we suggest that you write to that department direct.

It would appear that we have, as far as possible, accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

Enclosure

Monte Lake, B.C.

April 27, 1946.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg,
Hastings and Danville
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	Mr. [Signature]

Dear Sir:

I would like to acknowledge your letter of April 25th. In the letter of March 7th you have informed me that funds standing to my credit at the time will be sent enclosed with the letter and that there are still other saleable items to be sold. In the letter of April 25th you inform me that all saleable items identified as my property were sold for the net sum of \$12.23. I demand for your explanation in the change of these two letters. I believe that net sum of \$12.23 is unreasonable for all my items. I shall give you my items at your possession at the time it was auction. These are one set of double bed, six chairs, bureau (including the mirror), two cross cut saws, one roll of carpet and a ten foot rowboat and oars which you inform me that there was none at the Claxton Lannery. With all these items not including the rowboat and oars I believe I should receive more of my net proceeds.

I am unemployed at present and my wife is about to have a baby. With the net proceeds of my possessions

I have plan to pay for the medical attention. With the net sum of \$12.23 it is impossible to pay for my wife's medical attention. Therefore, please make some suitable arrangement for me to pay for the medical attention.

Yours truly,
Kyo Yamamoto.
File No. 2142
Reg. No. 11154.

P.S. I have received my firearms from the R.C.M.F. Please give me your reply in your most earliest convenience and the report of all my net sum.

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May 7, 1946.

Mr. Ryo YAMAMOTO,
Reg. No. 11154,
MONTE LAKE, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 27th has been received. We cannot understand your statement that our letter of March 7th referred to saleable items remaining to be sold, as we can find no reference to any items other than the field-glasses in our file copy. The field-glasses have since been returned to you.

In regard to the row-boat and oars left at Claxton Cannery, we wrote the cannery company and received the following reply: "All Japanese gear was adjusted in 1942. There is no private gear and equipment at Claxton at the present time." As many Evacuees declared articles which they later disposed of without reference to this office, and this is especially true of vessels, boats and fishing gear, we had assumed that you must have disposed of your row-boat, as this could not be found in April, 1942.

According to our records, Evacuees from Claxton Cannery stored their chattels in a warehouse, built on piles over the water, belonging to the cannery. Shipments were made from this warehouse at various times at the requests of the owners. The chattels which were not returned to the owners were left in the warehouse until June, 1945, when the cannery asked this office to remove these as the warehouse was to be demolished. This office therefore removed from Claxton Cannery to Prince Rupert all chattels of any value and these chattels were then sold at public auction. At the time the chattels were removed from Claxton Cannery it was found that, unfortunately, considerable goods were valueless due to dampness and destruction by rats, and such goods were not shipped to Prince Rupert. The only items, removed from Claxton Cannery and identified as your property, were a bureau and two cross-cut saws which were sold at auction for the net sum of \$12.23.

Should anything further come to hand at a later date in regard to the items which you state are unaccounted for you will be informed.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

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