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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 2439

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: MURAO. Tameichi,

HOME ADDRESS: Box. 75 Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04577 SEX: Male AGE: 39

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: B.C. Packers Ltd. Vancouver, B.C. (Imperial Cannery Steveston.)

MARRIED? Yes.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Tokiko.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same as above.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Joji (M) Toshikazu (M) Kiyoko (F)

Twins  
Miyeko (F) Mikiko (F) Harumi (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Steveston, B.C. (No address.)

AGE OF CHILDREN: 1 10 8 6 6 3

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

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**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Imperial Cannery house at Steveston, B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: B.C. Packers Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.

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

Lives rent free.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None.

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

Still living there.

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

None.

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**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- 200 fathom Sockeye nets 1 same 150 fathoms

1- 135 fathom Coho net and 1 same 75 fathoms.

1-135 fathom Spring net and 1 same 120 fathoms. All located in the Net house at Imperial Cannery Steveston, B.C.

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: None.

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)  
1- \$5.00 War Savings Certificate. Owners possession.

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 13th. day of April. 1942.

(Signature) Tamiechi Inuro

L. C. Dardwell

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

DATE June 15/43

Our File No. 2439

Full Name MURAO, Tameichi  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04577

<sup>V</sup>  
Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Jan. 31/1903

Former Address P.O. Box 75, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated April 25/42

<sup>V</sup>  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Greenwood, B.C.

<sup>V</sup>  
Married - Single  
(Check)

nee  
Name of Wife (HASHIMOTO) Tokiko #04576

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother MURAO, Tatsu (Dec'd) Name of Father Tamezo (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 Toshikazu(M) 14/4/32; Kiyoko(F) 16/2/34;

Mikiko(F) 23/8/36; Miyeko(F) 23/8/36; Harumi(F) 14/5/39;

Joji 14/8/41.

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of N.W. 2056

Navy #059- E.N.W.



SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: Jan. 24, 1944

Name: ~~Takajiro~~ MURAO, Tameichi

Reg. No. 04577 File: 2439

Boat File No.: JFVDC 344

Name of Vessel: "T.M." 28' x 7' x 3' (1934) Easthope 7 HP (1941)

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2056 (1932)

Naval No.: NW.059-E

Owner's Valuation: \$1,000.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: "

Date of Sale: April 2, 1942

Purchaser: Cassiar Packing Co.Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Tameichi MURAO

Selling Price: \$600.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~or Custodian~~ \$600.00

Supervision Costs: \$8.50

Balance due Owner: \$591.50

Paid to: T. Murao on April 8, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

*G. M. Wilson*



LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 2439

Oct. 4/46

RE: Tameichi MURAO, Reg. No. 0A577

There are no claims on this file and none on the file of his wife,  
Tokiko, File 5879.

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

Oct. 4/46

LEH:

L. McKinnon  
L. McKinnon



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 2439

Oct. 4, 1946.

RE: Tameichi MURAO, Reg. No. 04577

This file reveals that the above owned no real property in any protected area of B.C., and carried no Fire Insurance.

CHATELS:

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 13/42 declared 7 nets at the Imperial Cannery net house, Steveston. On Oct. 21/43 we wrote to the above and sent him a net form. This was returned to us on Oct. 28/43 giving detailed list of these nets. No nets were found at the Imperial Cannery tagged with the name of the above but one net in Net Suspense Account had exactly similar measurements to one described by the above. This net had been sold for the sum of \$100.00, and this sum was therefore transferred from Net Suspense Account to the account of the above. The above has been advised of the net situation and that we have a record of these facts on file.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office the above was the registered owner of a fishing vessel the "T.M." which was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee for the net sum of \$591.50 and this sum credited to the account of the above with this office.

MONEYS RECEIVABLE:

In July, 1945, the account of the above was credited with the sum of \$2.14, being a refund of security deposit for light from the B.C.E.R.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

Oct. 4/46

LBM:

*L. McKinnon*  
L. McKinnon



March 7, 1946.

Re: Tameichi MURAO  
Reg. No. 04577

The following table is an extract from the ~~ledgers~~ *record books* received from the British Columbia Packers Co., Ltd., covering their Star Cannery Net House. The ~~Fish Col.~~ *Japanese* lectors were instructed to have the Japanese Fisherman enter into these ledgers the nets which were left by them in the Company Net House.

The original ledgers are in the hands of Mr. F. G. Shears.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Flv.</u>	<u>Inch.</u>	<u>Deep.</u>	<u>Fathom.</u>	<u>Value.</u>
44	4/40	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	55	400	150.00
45	4/40	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	50	400	140.00
46	4/40	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	50	300	75.00
47	6/40	7	50	270	100.00
48	5/50	7	50	150	50.00
49	9/40	9	40	270	120.00
50	8/40	9	40	240	75.00

(signed Tameichi MURAO)

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*A. B. Carter*



Greenwood, B. C.  
February 23, 1943

MAR 8 1943	
File No.	2437
Initials	DF
Reference	Sullivan

Mr. M. Sullivan,  
Specified Articles Dept.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to inquire about my nets which I  
have stored at Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

Mr. Gillispie, who had been manager at the  
above cannery while I had been residing in Steveston,  
has all the details regarding the nets. I have  
written to him several times but he has not sent  
any reply to my inquiries. I believe he is at  
present at Vancouver office.

Would be kind enough to look into the matter  
and oblige?

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Yours truly,

Tameichi Murao  
Reg. No. 04577



Greenwood, B.C.  
October 18, 1943

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

VACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	OCT 20 1943
No.	2439
By	<i>md</i>
Forwarded	<i>Seaton</i>

Dear Mr. Bell:

*Yellapant* Early this year I wrote to you asking about my nets which I had entrusted to Mr. Charles (Crispy) Manager, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C. To this I did not receive any reply. Would you please let me know at your earliest convenience what have become of them, whether they have been sold or are they still in your care?

If you should want a full description of the nets, I will send them at your request.

Your courtesy in this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Tameichi Muroo*  
(Mr.) MURAO, Tameichi  
Jap. Reg. #04577.



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October 21, 1943.

Mr. Tameichi MURAO,  
Registration No. 04577,  
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of October 18th stating you had no reply to your previous letter regarding the position of your fishing nets and we would advise you that we did answer your enquiry under date of March 11th. This was evidently lost in the mail. We are therefore enclosing another net form which we would ask you to complete, upon receipt of which we will endeavour to trace your nets.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

/ms  
Encl.



EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd OCT 28 1943

File No. 2439

Ans.

Referred

*Green*

Greenwood, B.C.  
October 25, 1943.

*4th Section*

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

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge your letter of the 21st  
of October.

I also received a letter from the Imperial  
Cannery where I had the nets stored before evacuation.  
I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your infor-  
mation. This may help in quickening matters.

Upon your request, I am filling out the net form,  
enclosed.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would check  
this matter and let me know what have become of my  
nets.

Yours very truly,

*Tameichi Mura*

MURAO, Tameichi #04577



BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED EVACUATION SECTION

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Rec'd	OCT 28 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

Steveston, B.C.  
October 20, 1943.

Mr. Tameichi Murao  
Greenwood, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 18th  
we wish to advise that all nets were sold through  
the Custodian and advise you to get in touch with  
him re this matter.

Yours truly,

B.C. Packers Ltd.

IMPERIAL CANNERY.

(Sgd.) "C.H. Cross"  
BOOKKEEPER.

AHC/MJ



Greenwood, B.C.  
November 12, 1943

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	NOV 17 1943
File No.	2459
Ans.	18/1/44
Referred	Green

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 8, 1943 and to thank you for the information.

Upon evacuation I registered all my nets with the Custodian, thinking that it would be well looked after. If you should go over my record thoroughly you should, no doubt, see that I had registered them. It could be possible, of course, that before the Custodian was able to investigate the nets, the cannery could have disposed them without my knowledge. You have stated that one of my nets were sold at \$100.00. If this net was left to be sold, surely my other nets must have been at the same place. This net which was sold happens to be the most inferior one belonging to me. You state this was not tagged with my name and so the tags on the other ones could have been destroyed and thus be lost.

You will remember that when I wrote to you last, I attached a copy of a letter from the cannery stating that the Custodian had taken all the nets belonging to me. In view of this fact, I shall ask you to go over, once again, my initial record, the one which was drawn up upon evacuation.

In your letter you state that Mr. Gellespie is no longer the manager of the Imperial Cannery. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate it if you could locate him, if possible, and I am sure he would be able to tell me what had happened to my nets.

Your courtesies in this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

*Tameichi Murao*

Mr. Tameichi MURAO #04577  
House #141  
GREENWOOD, B.C.



Name of Owner: MURAO, Tameichi

Registration No.: 04577

Address: GREENWOOD, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 28 1943
File No.	2439
Ans.	✓
Revised	<i>Section</i>

FISHING NET INVENTORY

1. Place of Storage Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

(a) In whose care Mr. Crispy (C.) Gillespie

(b) Whereabouts of key (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Description of nets as follows:

Type	Mesh	Ply	Mesher Depth	Fathom Length	Valuation	Any other marks of identification
Sockeye net	5 1/2	4/40	55	200	\$150.00	Attached tag with name.
Lead Cork				200		For the Sockeye net.
Sockeye net	5 7/8	4/40	50	200	\$140.00	Attached tag with name.
Lead Cork				200		for the Sockeye net.
Sockeye net	5 7/8	4/40	50	150	\$ 75.00	Attached tag with name.
Cohoe Net	7	6/40	50	135	\$100.00	Attached tag with name.
"	7	5/50	50	75	\$ 50.00	Attached tag with name.
Spring net	9	9/40	40	125	\$120.00	" " " "
"	9	8/40	40	112	\$ 75.00	" " " "

\* Cost me 126 - sold to Imperial for \$100.00

*See letter Mar 5/43*

N. B. Please do not exaggerate fathom length or valuation, as this will only make it harder to identify your nets, and to credit any money received from their sale to their rightful owners.

*not also declared  
on pp. form*



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November 8th, 1943.

Mr. Tameichi MURAO,  
Registration No. 04577,  
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter and completed net form dated October 25th and thank you for same.

We are very sorry to say that after a thorough check of all the nets received from the Imperial Cannery we are unable to identify any belonging to you. No nets were found tagged with your name. Mr. Gillespie is now no longer the manager of the Imperial Cannery and in any case this cannery is unwilling to assume any responsibility for Japanese nets left with them.

On going through our records we find that one net bearing no tag has exactly similar measurements to yours 6/40 x 7 x 50 - 135 lbs. In view of the fact that this was sold for \$100 being the price set by you we believe that it was yours and have credited it to your account. We, therefore, have this sum to your credit here at the present moment.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,  
Protection Department.

HFG/HMS



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 2439

Nov. 22nd, 1943

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: Tameichi MURAO

On April 13th, 1942, this Japanese declared seven nets left with the Imperial Cannery, Steveston. Nothing further appears on the file until February 23rd, 1943, when he wrote to say that he had enquired several times of Mr. Gillespie, the manager of the Imperial Cannery, without receiving any answer.

In answer to this letter, we wrote for further particulars since his original declaration was not sufficiently specific and after considerable further delay, received a letter from him enclosing one from the Imperial Cannery bookkeeper stating that all nets were sold through the Custodian.

Mr. Robinson has no record of any nets for this Japanese and we so advised him on November 8th.

A check should now be made of the Imperial Cannery net-book, and the nets found appearing thereon, listed in detail. If none appear, there is little more that we can do. If there are some in the net-book, we will then have the question of the Imperial Cannery's responsibility to consider.

HFG:IF

cc KCCR 22/11/43



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October 4th, 1946.

Mr. Tameichi MURAO,  
Reg. No. 04577.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Custodian cheque in the sum of \$102.14,  
being proceeds from sale of fishing net and refund of security deposit  
for light from the B. C. Electric Railway Company Ltd. This is your total  
credit with this office and we are now closing your file.

Yours truly,

L. McKinnon  
Protection Department

LBM:

Encl. (1)