

3745

FORM

HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

EXHIBIT No.

DATE

NOV 19 1946

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

NAME: MATSUSAKI, Hajime

HOME ADDRESS: 1603 Franklin St., Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION No. 01562

SEX: Male

AGE: 24

MARRIED: No

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Student at Duffus Business College., Vancouver, B.C.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS:

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: ----

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

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

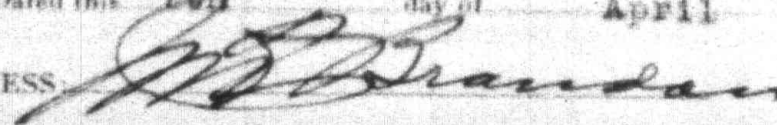
20th

day of

April

1942.

WITNESS:



(Signature)





P. D.

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 29/43.

Our File No. 3745

Full Name [REDACTED]

Registration No. 01562

☒ Male - Female  
(Check)

Age 18/12/17

Former Address 1603 Franklin St., Vancouver, B. C.

Date Evacuated 26/6/42.

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Greenwood, B. C.

*McMaster University - May 8/47.  
Hamilton, Ont. 10/4/46*

☒ Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Mother (KITASAKA) Tsune #06257

Name of Father Sanjiro #02265

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

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Requested by L. F.

Additional Information Student



EXHIBIT No. 1374-5

DATE

NOV 10 1948

FILLED BY

K. A. SchirkeMEMORANDUM

June 30th, 1943.

To: File 3745

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MATSUSAKI, Hajime - Reg. 01562

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	General Electric Console, Serial #0529.	\$ 20.00
CAMERA	* Autographic Kodak and case #51476 1A.	4.50
	* Vigilant 6-20 Kodak and case #12680.	27.50

✓ Sold By Auction 13/9/44 - Auctioneer 81

\* Both cameras missing from warehouse 15/3/46

② - Transferred to Suspense on 23/7/47.  
R.C.M.P. Exhibit Report 251 is on 6/181.

C.G.



EXHIBIT NO. 1274-28  
DATE NOV 10 1942  
FILLED BY K. A. O. Kristian

COPY OF SURRENDER

F.112

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

01562

Vancouver, B. C.  
March 10, 1942

Received from Mr. Hajime Matsusaki  
1603 Franklin Street  
Vancouver, B. C.

Serial No. 51476, I A  
Autographic Kodak and Case

Serial No. 12680  
# Vigilant Six 20 Kodak and Case

Signature

(F. R. Jefferson Cst.)

Note: # is wanted.



Your file No. 7597/1

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 16 1943
File No.	7597/1
Ann.	
Referred	Milsom

P. O. Box 538  
Greenwood, B. C.  
March 14, 1943

Mr. G. D. Milsom  
Administration Department  
Office of the Custodian  
Vancouver, B. C.

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23, 1943 and a generous cheque for \$200.00. I am sorry to say but your balance does not agree with mine because your statement of early part of February does not agree with the statement I have on hand. I have today asked Pemberton Realty Corporation to send me their statement to date and as soon as I hear from them I shall notify the error.

I appreciate your kindness for looking up the water payment. I must have forgot to mention that I had left enough money with Dr. B. W. Hodgson to pay for Light, Water, and Phone before we left. Enclosed you will find a copy of his agreement with me. I took for granted that something of this nature will turn up so I had Dr. Hodgson write an agreement which proves very useful in this case.

I have also many things in Dr. B. G. Hodgson's possession, I have been thinking lately that I should turn my goods over to you, the Custodian. If this is still possible, please let me hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Matsusaki*  
per file  
S. Matsusaki  
Reg. No. 02265

Enclosure



Your file No. 7597/1

P. O. Box 538  
Greenwood, B. C.  
June 20, 1943

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 24 1943
File No.	7597/1
Ans.	2/4
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

Mr. G. D. Milsom  
Administration Department  
Office of the Custodian  
506 Royal Bank Building  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Just a few words to express my sincere thanks to you for your promptness in sending me a cheque. It was only today that I received my cheque from the Welfare Department of the British Columbia Security Commission.

Thank you also for informing me of the wonderful news that Mr. William I. Randall of the Coast Bindery Co. has purchased the property. I felt that the Church could not keep up with the payments because they were so slow in meeting monthly payments so small.

I have a few belongings which I left in charge of Dr. B. W. Hodgson and Church. I am in receipt of a statement which Dr. Hodgson has written and signed himself, a list of articles which he and the church promised to protect for me until the end of the war. I believe many of the things are still locked up in the basement locker of 1603 Franklin Street. If the Custodian will let me claim these things as mine or else can advise me the best method to do the same, please let me hear from you.

Enclosed is the statement, ( statement made by Dr. B. W. Hodgson ) and copied by me.

Many thanks for all you have done for me and for your future assistance.

Yours very truly,

*S. Matsusaki*

Sanjiro Matsusaki  
Reg. No. 02265



COPY

recd June 24/43

July 28, 1942.

Report on Goods & Chattels Left in Charge of Dr. Hodgson and the Cosmopolitan Church, the Property of Mr. & Mrs. S. Matsusaki to be protected by the Church for them until they desire to obtain them.

Signed As a true Statement July 28, 1943.  
Rev. Bernard Hodgson D.TH.

Property of Mrs. S. Matsusaki Left in Charge of the Church:

1. China & bookcase & desk, a combination Piece of Furniture.
1. ~~Vanity Dresser & Chair to match.~~ ✓ s
1. Standing Lamp & Shade.
1. Oil Painting in Gold Frame.
1. Music Metronome (Time clock for music)
1. Mantel Clock - Painted green.
1. Large Japanese Flower Vase (Black with House and figures on).

All Goods left in Cupboard under Church Platform of which the Matsusaki's left the Key in Charge of Dr. Hodgson. The above list was made out by Miss Moriyama & Rev. Hodgson.

The following list of Goods the Church has promised to buy for which figures & Prices have not yet been given from Mrs. S. Matsusaki if she desires to sell them, if not, they are still Protected as her Property by the Church and Dr. Hodgson.

- 7 Benches.
- 1 Dining Room Table.
- 1 Blue Wash Stand.
- 1 ~~Brown Dresser without Mirror.~~ s
- 1 ~~Kitchen Table.~~ s
- 1 ~~Green Enamel-painted Table.~~ s
- 4 Long Work or banquet Tables.
- \* 1 Gramophone.
- 21 ~~Kitchen and folding chairs.~~ s  
9 chairs sold

This I certify as a true statement of All Properties belonging to the above family.

Signed Dr. Bernard Hodgson D. TH.

Everything except  
second item in  
list  
Dr. Hodgson  
742 Richmond St.

Sold by Auction  
2/1/44. Vancouver 516.

Went to  
purchase  
Prime wood  
since  
Advised  
742 Richmond







7597/1

July 24, 1943.

Mr. Sanjiro MATSUSAKI,  
Registration No. 02265,  
P. O. Box 538,  
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your chattels left by you in charge of Dr. Bernard Hodgson, we have interviewed this gentleman who has given us a report as follows based on your list of July 25th, 1942.

Some of the articles were removed by Miss Moriyama, the other items on the first portion of your letter are said to be at Dr. Hodgson's place at 732 Richards Street. We were unable to check his assertions in this respect, but if you wish us to do so, please advise us.

Dr. Hodgson reports that all the items in the second portion of your list, are at the church at 1603 Franklin Street, but he asserts that you arranged to sell these articles to him, or to the church, and that you were to decide on the price.

Dr. Hodgson asserted that he was obliged to settle several unpaid bills for you, such as water, telephone, electric light, etc. to the extent of about \$70.00. Light and gas deposits which he was authorized to collect had already been refunded to you.

We will be pleased to know what further action we may take on your behalf to protect your interests. Clarification of the whole position will be advisable for the sake of regularity.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain.  
Protection Department.

GBS/MFP





Franklin Christian Spiritual Church

REV. WM. RANDALL, PASTOR

TELEPHONE: HASTINGS 2127-Y

1603 FRANKLIN STREET  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1944

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 11 1944
File No.	7597/1
Ans.	you
Referred	Epilson

File # 7597/1

Mr. G. D. Milson  
Administration Dept

Dear Sir,

With reference to yours of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> the property owned by Sanjira Matsusaki, the situation remains the same as when two representatives from your office met Dr Hodgson and myself in the Church last summer.

Dr Hodgson then stated that he had removed the most of the chattels to his Church (The Cosmopolitan Church) and admitted that most of the benches, tables etc had found their way into the stove for fuel.

I have a few articles in the building which were shown to your men at the meeting

Yours Truly,

W. S. Randall



7597/1

February 14th, 1944

Rev. B. Wilson Hodgson,  
732 Richards Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sanjiro MATSUSAKI

We are advised by Sanjiro MATSUSAKI that he holds your receipt for the following articles which were left for safekeeping on the property at 1603 Franklin Street:

China & Bookcase & desk (a combination piece of furniture)  
Vanity Dresser & Chair to match  
Standing Lamp & Shade  
Oil Painting in Gold Frame  
Music Metronome  
Mantel Clock - Painted Green  
Large Japanese Flower Vase (Black with House & Figures on it)

and also the following goods which the Church promised to buy from Mrs. MATSUSAKI:

7 Benches	1 Green Enamel painted Table
✓ 1 Dining Room Table	4 Long Work or Banquet Tables
1 Blue Wash Stand	1 Gramophone
✓ 1 Brown Dresser without Mirror	21 Kitchen & Folding Chairs
1 Kitchen Table	

Would you kindly advise us if you intend purchasing Mrs. MATSUSAKI's goods and also if the articles left for safekeeping are still intact.

Yours truly,

GDM/GH

G. D. Milson  
Administration Department



EXHIBIT No. 1274-3  
DATE NOV 10 1944  
INITIALS BY R. A. Davidson

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
"E" DIVISION  
JAPANESE REGISTRATION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Our File No. JR/01562

DIV. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

H. Q. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vancouver, B. C.,  
November 2nd, 1944.

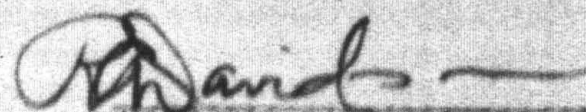
Mr. Hajime Matsushita - 701562,  
Edwards Hall (South House),  
McMaster University,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 23rd, 1944,  
regarding return of your camera, please be advised that all goods  
were turned over to the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property, 506  
Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Please contact them if you desire any further  
information regarding your camera.

Yours truly,

  
(R. A. Davidson) i/o Japanese  
Registration

ENCL.



NAME

MATSUZAKI, Hajime

EXHIBIT NO.

1074-6

DATE

NOV 19 1945

FILLED BY

V. A. Christie

REGISTRATION NO.

01562

FILE NO.

3745

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on September 13, 1944.

G. E. Consul

Transferred to Chetel Sugeno

\$ 15.00

Account - MATSUZAKI, Hajime.

R.C.M.P. 251.

25/1/45

C.S.

Retransferred to Hajime MATSUZAKI's

See memo Jan 15/45

J.S.

Total

Less Expenses:

(Auctioneer's Fees)

\$1.50

\$

15.00

(Advertising)

0.32

(Moving)

0.17

\$

2.99

(Storage)

1.00

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$

12.01

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 31

Remarks.



NAME MATSUSAKI, Sanjiro *original sent Jan 2/45*

REGISTRATION NO. 02265

FILE NO. 7597

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 1047 Seymour St., Vancouver on November 2, 1944.

- Small table	\$ 1.45
- Old kitchen table (damaged)	0.10
- 2 Kitchen chairs (damaged)	0.35
- 7 Folding chairs	4.00
- Dresser (damaged)	12.00
- Extension table	2.50
- Bench	0.25
- Chest drawers	4.00

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.46  
(Advertising: 0.55  
(Moving: 7.50

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 24.65
\$ 10.51
\$ 14.14

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Smith

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 516.

Remarks.



# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 2462

## EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 476

HEADQUARTERS File No.

DIVISION & File No.

J.R. 01562

SUB-DIV'N & File No. Vancouver

DETACHMENT & File No. CID

DATE August 16, 1944.

Re: Hajime MATSUHAKI, 1603 Franklin St., Vancouver, B.C.  
(Name of File)

On Mar. 10th., 1942 1 D.E. McLaren, Cst.  
(L/AM) (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		Autographic Kodak case # 51476 1A (1)
	1		Vigilant 8-20 Kodak and case # 12680 (2)

*File 3745*

*Reported missing June/45*

REMARKS:

Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property

DATE Aug. 16, 1944.

(State briefly disposition)

*W.D. Spence* for Custodian  
(Signature of Recipient or Witness)

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
*R.R. Jefferson* Cst. #10559  
(Signature of Member)



MEMORANDUM

File No. 7597

November 17th, 1944

To: The Administration Dept.

From: Mr. Spain

Re: MATSUOKI, S.  
1603 Franklin St.  
CHATELLE

All chattels remaining at the above address were moved to Willards auction room where they were included in Vancouver Auction #516.

The chattels were entrusted to the care of Rev. B.W. Hodgson who decamped from Vancouver sometime ago, and who is now supposed to be somewhere in Eastern Canada. He left unpaid accounts and sold some of the Japanese chattels to the cleaning staff of the Christian Spiritual Church in lieu of payment of wages. I also understand that he sold a lot of the chattels in Vancouver, and used some articles for fuel.

There was also a report that he had moved some chattels to his apartment located somewhere on Seymour or Columbia Streets. This is now under further investigation.

If anything is discovered, I shall make a supplementary report.

GRS:LM

*Mr. K. Spain*



52 Kinross Ave.,  
Hamilton, Ont.,

April 23, 1946.

Department of the Secretary of State,  
Camera and Radio Section,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 24 1946
File No.	3745
Ans.	
Referred	Spencer

Dear Sir:

The office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police informed me that my Cameras and Radio are now in your hands. Will you be good enough to check the following articles and make arrangements to send them to me. Please give me the necessary amount for handling and mailing. I shall send the amount at my nearest convenience.

Reg. No 01562

NAJIME MATSUZAKI

Formerly (1103 FRANKLIN ST., VAN., B.C.)

SERIAL NO 12680

VIGILANT 51X 20 KODAK and CASE

Signed by P.A. Jefferson Const.

SERIAL NO 51476 IA

AUTOGRAPHIC KODAK and CASE.



SERIAL N° 0529 CONSOL  
GENERAL ELECTRIC

Signed by J. J. F. MILLS Cst.  
Reg. N° 13648

Thanking you for the trouble I am  
putting you into I anticipate your reply.

Yours very truly,  
Hajime Matsushita  
Reg. N° 01562.



PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 3745

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

EXHIBIT No. 1-674-J

DATE NOV 19 1946

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

May 2, 1946.

Mr. Hajime MATSUSAKI,  
Reg. No. 01562,  
52 Kinrade Ave.,  
HAMILTON, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo in reply to which we would inform you that your radio has been sold at auction for the net sum of \$12.01. With regard to the two cameras we regret to inform you that we are not able to comply with your request as the articles required cannot at present be located.

We have taken all reasonable measures for protection of personal goods, involving considerable expense in the employment of caretakers, watchmen and night patrol, but in spite of this a certain amount of breaking-in and vandalism has occurred in our storage from time to time resulting in some items being stolen. It would appear that your two cameras might have been taken under such circumstances.

Burglary and theft are, of course, circumstances which sometimes happen to the most careful property owners even when the owner is in residence and after taking every precaution against such possibilities.

The police have been made aware of this situation and if the missing articles should be recovered you will of course be advised.

Your request and a copy of this letter will remain on our files indicating the facts regarding this matter and be available for review at any future time.

Yours truly,

*G. B. Spain*

G. B. Spain  
Protection Department

GBS:LEB



Your file no 3745.

53 Kinross Ave.,  
Hamilton, Ont.,  
June 1, 1946.

Mr. D. B. Spain  
Protection Department  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Officer of the Custodian  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 7 1946
File No.	3745
Ans.	
Referred	Miss Watson

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 2 and find myself quite disappointed not being able to receive either one of my cameras. However, there is no use crying over spilt milk. If, by chance, you should come across them at any time please send them to my above address.

Seeing that my radio has been exposed of I shall appreciate a cheque for \$20.00 at your nearest convenience.

Yours very truly,  
Hajime Iketani  
Reg. No. 01562



No.

F. 112

# Royal Canadian Mounted Police

901562

Vancouver BC March 19 1942

Received from

Mr Hajime Matsushita

1603 Franklin St Vancouver BC

Serial no 0529 Console

General Electric

Dollars,

100

Signature

J. J. Miles Cst.

Reg. No. 13648



3745

January 16th, 1951

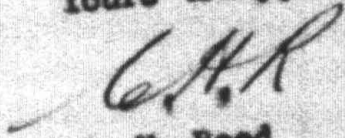
Mr. Hajime MATSUSAKI,  
Reg. No. 01562,  
c/o Homestead P. O.,  
934 Beach Road,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter enclosing Radio Receipt covering Console General Electric radio, and as requested we attach hereto Custodian cheque in the amount of \$12.01, which represents the proceeds from the sale of same.

We are unable to return to you the Radio Receipt as this is the proof to the Custodian that this particular radio belonged to you, and will be held on your file at this office.

Yours truly,

  
C. H. Reed  
Office of the Custodian

CHR:BX  
Encl.



JAN 15 1948

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

3745

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

- (1) NAME MATSUAKI, HAJIME (RCMP) Reg. No. 01562  
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address 1603 FRANKLIN ST. VANCOUVER, B.C.
- (3) Present Address 106 WELLINGTON, N. HAMILTON, ONT.
- (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 In care  
of the Custodian.
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_

(over)



(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care") Left in care of A.C.M.P. later transferred to the Custodian (1.2.45). (4-11) Reported to the Custodian and sold at will by them.

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim: *Newer Price*

Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:	Estimated Value \$	Estimated Value \$
1. <i>Canon Radio General Electric Series #0529 (5Mhz 2.0)</i>	35.00	35.00
2. <i>Canon "Kodak" Photographic Series #07476 1A 2 Case</i>	55.00	55.00
3. <i>Canon "Kodak" Vignette 5x20 2 Case</i>	55.00	55.00
4. <i>Small table</i>	1.45	1.45
5. <i>Kitchen table</i>	0.10	10.00
6. <i>2 Kitchen chairs</i>	0.95	3.00
7. <i>Folding chairs</i>	4.00	17.50
8. <i>Dresser</i>	18.00	36.00
9. <i>Extension table</i>	2.50	50.00
10. <i>Desk</i>	0.25	5.00
11. <i>Case drawers</i>	4.00	20.00
<b>TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$</b>	<b>468.00</b>	<b>468.00</b>

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e)) \$ *468.00*

(g) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no *No*

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA

TO WIT:

1. *(John) Kiyon* of the *County of Montreal* in the *Province of Quebec* DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:  
The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".  
DECLARED before me at the *City of Montreal* in the *Province of Quebec* this *13th* day of *August* A.D. 194*8*

A.D. 194*8*  
A Commissioner etc.

N.B.—THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947, IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.



Defence Brief

TORONTO  
19 November 1948

Naime MATSUSAKI

File No. 3745

Case No. 1274

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim

Household Goods value \$153.  
Console Radio " 225.  
2 Cameras 90.  
\$468.

Claim 1 Household Goods

Claim

\$153.

Sold by auction for

\$24.65

Claimant declared that he had no property in any protected area.

These goods sold by auction were identified as being the property of claimant's father, Mr. Sanjiro MATSUSAKI, and he was credited with the proceeds.

Claim 2 Console Radio

Claim

\$225.

Appraised at

\$20.

Sold by auction for

\$15.

This radio was appraised by Mr. F.R. Kennedy at \$20.

Claimant stated that he bought this radio in 1935 for \$275., and after 7 years use he considers it to be worth \$225., but he does not think he could have obtained \$225. for it in Vancouver.



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Claim 3

2 Cameras

Claim

\$90.

Appraised at

\$32.

Recorded now missing.

(Theft)

Claimant stated that he purchased one of these cameras in 1934 for \$40., the other in 1940 for \$60.

These two cameras were appraised by Dunne & Rundle at \$32. and were lost at or stolen from Custodian's storage, and Custodian wrote to claimant informing him that they could not be located.

It is submitted that the articles of personal property were sold at their fair market value.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

W. G. Willard

Mr. Smith

F. R. Kennedy

Dunne & Rundle

Where required

1 Auctioneer

1 Staff

2 Appraiser

3 Appraisers

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
PART I, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1987, CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J. A. McGINNON, SUB-COMMISSIONER

Toronto, Ontario,  
November 19, 1949

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
HAJIME MATSUSAKI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

K. A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C.,

appearing for  
the Dominion  
Government.

R. A. BEST, ESQ.,

appearing for  
the Claimant

A. SMITH, ESQ.,

Secretary

G. M. R. UPDEG, ESQ.,

Official Inter-  
preter

J. B. McGINNON, ESQ.,

Official Reporter.



H. Matsuzaki,  
Exam.

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HAYIME MATSUZAKI, having been first duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Is that your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you swear the contents of it are true?

A. Yes.

(PERSONAL CHATTELS CLAIM FORM, MARKED  
EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q. I understand that you lived on Franklin Street  
in Vancouver before the evacuation?

A. Yes.

Q. At the time of the evacuation you lived there  
with your parents?

A. Yes.

Q. And you had certain furniture and goods and  
chattels which you left in the house there?

A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the analysis  
of personal property claim.

(ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM, MARKED  
EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. BEST: These chattels of yours, were they  
left separately from your parents' or were they  
stored together with your parents'?

A. Together.

Q. Were you all evacuated at the same time?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, first of all, about this General Electric  
radio, console model, bought in 1935 for \$275. Had  
you used the radio constantly from the time you bought



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A. Yes.

2 Q. And had there been any extensive repairs made  
3 to it from the time you purchased it?

4 A. Minor but not extensive.

5 Q. I suppose tubes were replaced and that sort  
6 of thing?

A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, you had two cameras, is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The first one was a Kodak and case and the  
10 serial number is given here as SL476, and you valued  
11 that camera at \$35. That is the one you purchased in  
12 1934 for \$40?

A. Yes.

13 Q. What do you say about the condition of it at  
14 the time of evacuation?

A. Very good.

15 Q. Are you interested in photography, you take  
16 a lot of pictures?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Then the second one was a Kodak apparently  
18 No. 680 size, and apparently they both had leather  
19 cases?

A. Yes.

20 Q. And you valued that second camera at \$35.  
21 You say you bought it for \$50 in 1940?

A. Yes.

22 Q. Was it in good condition?

23 A. Excellent condition.

24 Q. This extension table you have valued at \$50  
25 but apparently the Custodian sold it for \$2.50. What  
26 sort of a table was it?

27 A. It was an oak dining-room table with leaves  
28 to put in the centre.

29 Q. And you say you paid \$65 for it in 1938?

30 A. Yes.



1 Q. Did you just buy the table alone or did you  
2 buy a whole dining-room suite?

3 A. The table alone.

4 Q. Now, I understand you wrote to the R.C.M.P.  
5 about your camera, about having it returned some time  
6 in 1944? A. Yes.

7 Q. I am showing you a letter on the letterhead  
8 of the R.C.M.P. dated November 2nd, 1944, addressed  
9 to yourself. Did you receive that letter?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And was that inventory attached to the letter  
12 at that time? A. Yes.

13 Q. I take it after receipt of that letter you  
14 wrote to the Custodian about the matter?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I am showing you now a letter from the  
17 Custodian, Japanese Evacuation Section, dated May 2nd,  
18 1945, addressed to yourself. Did you receive that  
19 letter? A. Yes.

20 Q. Perhaps as part of the same exhibit I might  
21 file this letter to the claimant from the Custodian in  
22 which he says with regard to the two cameras he regrets  
23 to inform you that they cannot be located.

24 (TWO LETTERS ABOVE REFERRED TO MARKED EXHIBIT 3)

25 Q. I think the balance of the matter is just a  
26 question of valuation, your honour.

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28 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

29 Q. I am showing you a J.P. form dated the 7th  
30 of April, 1942; is that your signature?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You must have been in error when you signed  
3 that. Can you read that small print there, that was  
4 correct, was it? You did have these articles which  
5 were sold at auction?

A. Yes.

6 (J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

7 Q. Where did you buy this radio?

8 A. From a radio agent, Mr. Shiga.

9 Q. That is in Vancouver?

A. Yes.

10 Q. You bought this in 1935 and you were evacuated  
11 in 1942, and I think you told my friend that you used  
12 this radio constantly. You paid \$275 for it and you  
13 put a value on it of \$225. Do you not feel the radio  
14 would have depreciated more than that in 7 years?

15 A. I liked the radio very much and it was in  
16 good condition.

17 Q. If you had sold this radio at that time do  
18 you think you could have obtained \$225 for it in  
19 Vancouver?

A. No, sir.

20 Q. You don't think you could have? A. No.

21 Q. What do you think you could have got for it?

22 A. I don't know, sir.

23 Q. I am filing as Exhibit B a memorandum; they  
24 do not indicate who the appraiser is but he says the  
25 appraised value of the radio is \$30 and one Kodak is  
26 \$4.50 and the other \$27.50.

27 As a matter of fact, you left more chattels in  
28 the care of the minister, the Rev. B. W. Hodson?

29 A. Yes.

30 Q. You had a rather unfortunate experience with



H. Matsuzaki,  
Cr.-Exar.

1 this gentleman A. Yee.

2 (AUCTIONEER'S SHEETS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

3 MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted, your honour,  
4 that these articles of personal property were sold at  
5 their fair market value.

6 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DIB)

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8 I hereby certify the foregoing to be a  
9 true and accurate transcript of the  
10 proceedings herein.

11 *J. B. McGibbon*  
12 "J. B. MCGIBBON"  
13 Official Reporter.

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15 I, John A. McGibbon, Deputy Commissioner, appointed  
16 to hear a Commission to investigate claims of Japanese  
17 Canadians for property loss, do certify the foregoing  
18 is a true copy of the evidence heard on the within  
19 claim.

20 *John A. McGibbon*  
21 "JOHN A. MCGIBBON",  
22 Deputy Commissioner.  
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Name of Claimant

NATSURAKI, Hajime

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Custodian File

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REAL PROPERTY										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total		
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 & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
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 CHATTELS										
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			
153	24.65	7.39	16.11%	90.00	14.50		21.89			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										21.89