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STEVESTON, B. C.
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.

EXHIBIT No. 436-3

DATE June 25/48

FILED

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: YAMAMOTO, Heisaburo

HOME ADDRESS: Box 145, House #31, Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03821

SEX: Male

AGE: 66

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: A. B. C. Packers, Steveston, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Haru

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Box 145, House #31 Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Katsuchi (M); Takeshi (M),

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Katsuchi at home; Takeshi-work camp.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 39 and 32 years.

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: House #31 Phoenix Cannery, Stevenson, B. C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: A. B. C. Packers, Stevenson, B. C.

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

By arrangement with the Cannery.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

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

None

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

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

1 - Fishing boat; \$350.00, Vivian engine, 12 H.P. 1-22', W-6' 5", D-3' 5"

- In custody at New Westminster, B. C.

7. Fishing Nets value \$2,200.00 - in the Cannery Net house, Stevenson, B. C.

1 - row boat value \$15.00 - at the Phoenix Cannery wharf.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: 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)

\$100.00 Victory Bonds - in owner's possession.8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Sav. Acc. \$130 - \$800.00, The Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C.9. LIFE INSURANCE: None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: NoneREMARKS: The Cannery is taking care of fishing nets and row boat for the declarant during his absence.N. B. Declarant is President of the Buddhist Association and their properties are listed at the back of this page.I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.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 14th day of April 1942.(Signature) "Heisaburo Yamamoto""A. G. McArthur"

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.Sept. 24, 1943W. C. McHugh

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

May 13/42

Our File No.

3957

Full Name

YAMAMOTO, Heizaburo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

03821

Male - Female
(check)

Age

22, 1875

Former Address

Box 145, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated

5/6/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Mar Denner, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Haru # 03828

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

Deceased

Name of Father

Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

Registered with Custodian

Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman

Owner of 29 ft.

boat

Custodian's Office,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

January 29th, 1948.

Mr. Hideshige Taniguchi,
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission.

I am Dominion Government counsel on the above-named Commission. Pursuant to the direction of the Commissioner, the Honourable Mr. Justice H.I. Bird, I beg to advise you that insofar as I am able to determine at the present time, my reply to your claim will be based upon the following grounds:-

1. Of the 12 notes claimed, 7 were sold, 2 with your consent and 5 were unaccounted for.

Yours truly,

John V.G. Hunter.

JVGH-2

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April 12, 1948.

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO,
Reg. No. 03821,
NEW DENVER, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The instructions for filing property claims which appeared in various newspapers required claimants to present their personal property claims in an itemized form.

The claim sent by you to the Commissioner has been received, but you did not supply the required information. Before the Custodian can correctly analyse your claim, it will be necessary for you to forward an itemized and detailed description of the personal property for which you are claiming, showing the amount claimed for each separate item. This itemized list, quoting the above file number, must be sent to this office immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,



Office of the Custodian.

EL

New Denver B.C.,
Apr. 19, 1948.

Office of the Custodian
Vancouver, B.C.

File #

Reg. #

SUBSTITUTION SECTION	
Rec'd	APP 21 1948
File No.	03821-8857
Ans	
Refused	<i>Refused</i>

Dear Sir:

The filing of our property claim can be completed, if we should receive the statement of account. We do not know if we lost it or not, but could you please send us the statement of account for the final balance paid by the custodian. If the statement of account can be gotten our personal property claim can be completed and sent to you.

Yours. truly,

X

Hazaturo Yamamoto

He cost sign so marked X

J. Uchida

File No. 3857.

May 3rd, 1948.

MEMORANDUM - Mr. Hunter.

Re: Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO - Reg.#03821.

YAMAMOTO only declared owning 7 nets, and no description of same has ever been submitted to this office by YAMAMOTO.

Claim analysis shows that only 4 nets were sold, along with some lines and equipment etc. Your letter, Jan. 29/48, states 7 were sold and 5 unaccounted for.

Remarks on JP Form: "The Cannery is taking care of fishing nets and row boat for the declarant during his absence".

Owing to the statement made in Mr. J.D. Mather's report of June 6/42 to the effect that the Phoenix Cannery would accept no responsibility for the accuracy of the inventory which they submitted to Mr. Mather of YAMAMOTO'S nets, the Custodian has not considered same as a declaration.

For the above reason and the fact that YAMAMOTO did not declare to the Custodian owning 220 fa. and 240 fa. lead line I have placed these lines under the column "No record at anytime" on the analysis.

The Custodian inventoried the following nets belonging to YAMAMOTO:

No. 575 7/50x7x45 - 200)
 5/40x7x45 - 78)

/JS

J. J. Smith

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: May 11, 1944

Name: YAMAMOTO, Heizaburo

Reg. No. 03821

File: 3857

Boat File No.: JFVDC 503

Name of Vessel: "H.Y" 30'x7'x3'5" (1935) Vivian 12 Hp

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 3264

Naval No.: NW.051-E

Owner's Valuation: \$1,300.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: April 24, 1942

Purchaser: Francis Millerd & Co. Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: No copy

Selling Price: \$500.00

Paid to JFVDC on Custodian: 500.00

Supervision Costs: 7.50

Balance due Owner: 492.50

Paid to: H. Yamamoto, April 25, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.: ~~None~~ Assignment of claim to purchaser.

Repairs: Star Shipyard Job 111- \$286.14 (Paid) *Through
Dept of Fisheries*

Additional Information:

*J. Macdonald
Reviewed March 7, 1946*

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
COMPANY'S AGENTS
H. BELL-IRVING & CO., LTD.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

THE ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY
(LIMITED)

Phoenix

Cannery

July 21

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Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. Green
Re HEIZABURO YAMAMOTO NET

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED

Dear Sir:

The above mentioned Jap is the right man.

His original declaration was for 9/40-9" x 40 x 200. Before
being evacuated he offered to sell a fisherman this net. In
the presence of Yamamoto, the white fisherman, and myself the
mesh was measured and found to be 8 1/2". He then cut the price
to \$140.00. He declared 200 fathoms but would not let us
measure it out, hence no sale. At a later date after the man's
evacuation we had the net laid out on the floor and measured in
the presence of Dick Leckie, the white fisherman, our net boss
and myself. It measured 153 fathoms and the price agreed upon
was \$125.00. Our declaration was true and Yamamoto's declaration
false.

Yours truly,

PHOENIX CANNERY

By

Ross Lord
Manager

JUL 22 1942

File #3857

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM THE ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA
PACKING COMPANY

Phoenix Cannery

June 30, 1942

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Sale of Japanese Nets

We have sales for the following nets and ask
that they be released to us for prices the fishermen
estimate they are worth. These nets and lines have
been examined by Mr. Leckie and the following prices
arrived at:

Heizaburo YAMAMOTO	200 Fthms. Lead and Cork Lines.
	Not Priced. Offered \$35.00 Agreed \$35.00

ORIGINAL ON FISHING FILE

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
COMPANY'S AGENTS
H. BELL-IRVING & CO., LTD.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

THE ANGLO-BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY
(LIMITED)

PHOENIX

Cannery

June 19th

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Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver B. C.

Dear Sirs;

Attention Mr. Green

Re: H. Yamamoto - Net

1 Net 9/40 X 6 1/2" M. X 105 Fths. with Lead and Cork Lines

This net examined by Dick Leckie, Fisherman and the
writer. The Fisherman offered \$ 100.00 against Yamamoto's price of
\$ 140.00. Price agreed on between Dick Leckie and the fisherman
was \$ 125.00. This net has since proved to be of poor quality as
it has been tried out.

Yours truly

PHOENIX CANNERY

By

Ross Larch
Manager

Note: Appraised by C. P. Leckie letter of Jun 16th as follows:
Estimated original value \$225.00 ✓
Less 3 years depreciation \$165.75 ✓
Appraised Market value \$125.00

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 3857

Sept. 4/45

RE: Heisaburo YAMAMOTO

This man owned no real estate as reported by Mr. J. D. Mather on June 6th, 1942. He is President of the Japanese Buddhist Mission, the property of which is dealt with on File 5962.

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

R. B. Mackenzie

R. B. Mackenzie

Sept. 4/45

YAMAMOTO, Heisaburo,
Registration No. 03821,
File No. 3857.

March 1, 1944.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Gust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Japanese Value</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
575	7/50 x 7 x 45 - 220 5/40 x 7 x 45 - 78 (lines of no value)	\$245.00	\$ 80.00 28.00
Cannery	9/40 x 8 x 153 fa.	(220.00)	125.00
Cannery	5/50 x 5 x 50 - 140		85.00
Cannery	200 fa. cork & lead line	45.00	35.00
Cannery	150 fa. cork line		15.00
Unnumbered	Dogfish hooks		1.00
"	Lanterns (& 1382)		4.50
"	Pc. linen mending thread		3.00

New twine ex Phoenix Storeroom

12 lbs.	6/40 Barbours Twine	29.64
36 lbs.	5/40 " "	91.80
4 lbs.	#32 soft cotton hanging twine	1.60
1 lb.	#32 " " " "	.40
4 lbs.	#28 " " " "	1.60

TOTAL SALES.....\$501.54

Adjusted Tax Fund
UNACCOUNTED FOR

5/50 x 5	50 - 216	\$216.00
5/40 x 5	50 - 200	150.00
6/50 x 6	45 - 200	250.00
5/40 x 6	50 - 60 (old)	60.00
5/40 x 6	50 - 60 (")	50.00

August 15, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

re: Heizaburo YAMAMOTO
neg. No. 03821

This man declared a fishing vessel, in custody at New Westminster, and nets and lines stored at the Phoenix Cannery, Steveston. This fishing vessel was sold on April 24, 1942, for \$500.00 less supervision costs of \$7.50 leaving a balance of \$492.50. The nets, as per statement of March 1, 1944, have been sold, and the proceeds of \$501.54 have been credited to this evacuee's account with the custodian. 5 Nets ^{were declared but not accounted for} ~~are unaccounted for~~. There is little information on file to show the conditions of the net sales, if the nets were appraised, and to whom they were sold. Of these nets sold, a 200 ft. cork and lead line, was sold after referring the matter to the Japanese, and another was sold at a price arrived at by the Japanese and the Phoenix Cannery. The other appear to have been sold without appraisal or reference to Mr. YAMAMOTO. *Two appraisals found. B.M. 10/19/48*

A rowboat declared to have been left at the Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, is unaccounted for. There is no information on file concerning this boat. The Japanese declared it on April 14, 1942, and was not evacuated until June 5, 1942, so that he may have disposed of it in this interval.

Personal effects appearing on an inventory of goods found at House No. 31, Phoenix Cannery, taken by J.D. Mather on June 2, 1942 are included in lists 64 and 56 on the file of Haru YAMAMOTO, wife of Heizaburo, File 2778. This woman declared many of these articles which have accordingly been dealt with as hers and proceeds of the sale credited to her account. Heizaburo declares no household goods. He declares a \$100.00 Victory Bond in his possession, also \$800.00 in Savings account #130 in the Royal Bank of Canada in Steveston. These were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

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

/BM.

B. Mac Askill

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL
COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE
CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

PLEASE REFER
TO
FILE NO. 3857 & 5962.

File?

VACATING CERTIFICATE

The Secretary of State of Canada acting in his capacity as Custodian under or by virtue of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading With The Enemy (1943), by his duly authorized and lawful Deputy, hereby vacates the Certificate of Vesting registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Registration District of New Westminster, at New Westminster in the Province of British Columbia, on the 20th day of August 1942, as No. 24501, and certifying that the interests of Heisaburo YAMAMOTO and the Steveston Buddhist Mission in Municipality of Richmond, Lot Five (5), Block Five (5) of Section Ten (10), Block Three (3) North, Range Seven (7) West, Map Two Hundred and Forty-nine (249) in the District of New Westminster, are vested in the Custodian, and hereby relinquishes and releases any right which he the said Custodian may have in the said property by virtue of the Vesting in him of the interests of the said Heisaburo YAMAMOTO and the Steveston Buddhist Mission.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C., this 21st day of March, A.D. 1947.

F. G. Shears

(F. G. SHEARS)

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

5962, and
3857

September 21, 1946.

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO,
Reg. No. 03821,
President Steveston Buddhist Mission,
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot 8, Blk. 5, Sec. 10, B3N, R79, Map 249,
Steveston, B.C.

We wish to advise you that we have received an offer to purchase for the sum of \$2750.00 the above described property on which is situated the building known as the old theatre or athletic hall.

You will recall that the Buddhist worship hall is situated on Lot 5 and the athletic hall on Lot 8. Lot 5 is now registered in the name of Steveston Buddhist Mission, but Lot 8 is registered in the name of James Armstrong and is held by your society by an agreement to purchase under which there was owing as of January 1, 1945, principal in the sum of \$100, and \$20 for accrued interest to that date. As you are no doubt aware, no funds have been provided by the society for maintenance charges and taxes have accumulated in a considerable amount.

Soon after the evacuation the Custodian was informed that the Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. were using the athletic hall for storage of empty cans. On making inquiry it was reported that an agreement had been made for the occupancy of that building in return for payment of the amount of the taxes and insurance. This agreement has been carried out by the Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. and the tax money has been paid in to the Custodian for the account of the Steveston Buddhist Mission, but considerable expense has been incurred from time to time relative to boarding up and otherwise endeavouring to protect this property and a portion of this money has been used for this purpose.

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO

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September 20, 1946.

In view of all the circumstances, would you please refer the above mentioned offer to the proper officers of the society as soon as possible and advise us of their wishes in the matter. It might also be advisable to inquire at the same time regarding disposition of the worship hall.

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

A. G. Mortimer,
Administration Department.

AGM:AS

Files: 5962
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October 14th, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE FILES
FROM: MR. MACPHERSON

RE: THE STEVESTON BUDDHIST MISSION.
Lot 8, Blk. 5, Sec. 10, Bk. 3N,
R7N, Map 249, Munc. Richmond.

This property was bought by the Steveston Buddhist Mission from James Armstrong. Payments were made to Mr. Armstrong through Taiji KOBAYASHI. A statement is on file from Mr. Armstrong, namely \$170.19 as at July 1st, 1944 and there is also a statement from Kiheiichi KISHI (Treasurer of the Mission) which shows the amount owing as \$100.00 as at December 1st, 1941. On December 1st next, according to Mr. Armstrong's account the amount owing will be \$172.50 including interest and according to Mr. Kishi's calculations the amount would be \$114.67.

Mr. Armstrong has not kept any account and has requested receipts, which receipts are not available. His statement is in a measure, confirmed by Mr. Kobayashi, as being \$150.00 on principal.

I appears therefore that the dispute as to the amount will lie between Mr. Kobayashi as agent for Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. K. Kishi, as Treasurer of the Mission.

J. M.

IN:AM

P.O. Box 416,
New Tennyson, B.C.
Oct. 6, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 13 1944
File No.	38574-5962
Ans.	
Referred	McPherson

File No. 38574-5962

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of
inquiry, last dated Sept. 28, 1944.

Much as I like to assist
you in clearing up this matter,
I regret to say that the only
reply I can furnish is, I be-
lieve Mr. Kikiji Kishi is more
likely to be right, since he, being
the Treasurer, must have kept
all the accounts in his book.

I enclose all the letters
which you sent in regard
to this matter.

Yours truly,
H. Yamamoto.
Heizaburo Yamamoto,
Registration No. 03821.

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6181

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 3857 & 5962.

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

September 28th, 1944.

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO,
Registration No. 03821,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Steveston Buddhist Mission - Lot 8, Blk. 5,
Sec. 10, Blk. 3 N., Range 7 W., Map 249,
Municipality of Richmond.

We have on file a copy of an Agreement of Sale dated 9th May, 1934, from James Armstrong to the Steveston Buddhist Mission covering this property. Mr. Armstrong has submitted a statement to the Custodian claiming that on the 31st July, 1944, there was owing on this contract of sale an unpaid balance of purchase price of \$150.00 and interest \$20.19 making a total of \$170.19. Mr. Kiheiichi KISHI claims that the amount owing is \$100.00 with interest from the 31st December, 1941, and in his letter he referred us to Mr. Teiji KOBAYASHI who made the payments on the property to Mr. Armstrong.

We enclose a copy of a letter from Tung KOBAYASHI, Kamloops, dated September 20th, 1944, to Mrs. Armstrong in which reference is made to you. If you can assist in clearing up this matter and arriving at an amount mutually agreed upon, we shall be very much obliged to you.

We are enclosing a copy of a statement made by Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Kishi's statement as well.

Yours truly,



Ian Macpherson,
Title Examiner.

IM/P.
Encl.

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Kamloops, B. C.
P. O. Box 149,
Sept. 20th/44.

Hello Mrs. Armstrong:-

Received your letter this morning so I'm just dropping this short note.

Dad says the balance on the theatre is \$150.00 but has no receipts to prove it. They were left with the Mission and the president was Hisaburo YAMAMOTO but we don't know where he is now. You may be able to check up at the B. C. Security Commission.

Kai has been in the hospital for about 2 months now with typhoid fever. I met three Steveston kids out here picking apples. They said they are going back next week.

Well I've got to mail this now so say hello to Phil and (?) and all.

As ever,

"Tung"

Tung (Kobayashi)

File 5962.

____ July, 1944.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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

Attention: Mr. Ian Macpherson.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot 8, Blk. 5, Sec. 10, B3N,
E7W, Map 249, Munc. Richmond.

I, the holder of an Agreement for Sale covering the above parcel of land, dated May 9th, 1934, given to the Steveston Buddhist Mission, certify that on the 31st day of July, 1944, there will be owing to me in respect to the said Agreement, the sums stated below:

Unpaid balance of Purchase Price	\$150.00
Interest on \$150.00 at 5% from 1st December, 1941 to July 31, 1944.	<u>\$ 20.19</u>
Total amount owing on Agreement	<u>\$170.19</u>

If you have paid any taxes or insurance to protect your interest in this property please add the amount to the above total, giving each payment separately.

"J. Armstrong"

Dated: Aug. 1/44.

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Alpine Inn,
Christina Lake,
Cascade, B. C.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sirs:-

Re: Your File No. 5962,
Steveston Buddhist Mission,
Lot 8, Blk. 5, Sec. 10, Blk. 3 N.,
R. 7 W., Map 249, Munc. Richmond.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your favour of 8th inst., in regard to claim filed by Mr. J. Armstrong against the Steveston Buddhist Mission.

In reply, to the best of my knowledge, I beg to state that the amount owing Mr. Armstrong is One hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus interest from January 1st, 1942.

The above assumption is based on the following record, viz:

1940.	Principal owing		\$300.00
Dec. 28th, 1940	Paid on Principal	\$50.00	
	Paid as interest	15.00	15.00
	Balance owing	250.00	
		<u>\$315.00</u>	<u>\$315.00</u>
1941.	Principal owing		\$250.00
Dec. 31st, 1941	Paid on Principal	\$150.00	
	Paid as interest	\$ 12.50	12.50
		<u>\$162.50</u>	<u>\$262.50</u>
	BALANCE STILL OWING	100.00	
		<u>\$262.50</u>	<u>\$262.50</u>

Also at this opportunity, I wish to point out to you that soon after our evacuation from the coast I have contacted Mr. Heisaburo Yamamoto, President of the Mission, to write to Mr. Teiji Kobayashi, Shuswap, B. C., who acted as go-between at the time of purchase of the aforesaid land, to convey to Mr. Armstrong requesting him to wait for the settlement of the money owing him by the Mission. Since then, I

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have not heard from Mr. Yamamoto, however, I am of the opinion that this message was conveyed to Mr. Armstrong.

It is regretfull that we have to bother you in the matter, but, kindly take up with Mr. Armstrong so that we can come to an understanding as to the amount owing him.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

"K. Kishi"

Kiheiji Kishi,
Registration No. 03865.

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March 21st, 1951

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

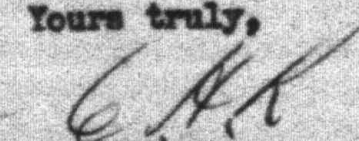
Distribution is now being made from the assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share. You were the holder of 6 shares and payment to you is as follows:

6 shares	\$ 203.87
Less previously advanced	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 133.87

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,


C. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

CHR:BX
Encl.

NOV 24 1947

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

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

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

- (1) NAME Yamamoto Heisaburo (RCMP) Reg. No. 03021
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B. C.
- (3) Present Address New Denver, B. C.
- (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
Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B. C.
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Warehouse
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Piled in the net-house

(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")

Care of Custodian

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

1.	Fishing nets & accessories	Estimated Value \$	1,096.54
2.	(worth \$1,600.00 but sold by Custodian (for \$503.46))	Estimated Value \$	
3.		Estimated Value \$	
4.	(12 nets: fishing gear, 1 cork line (twine))	Estimated Value \$	
5.		Estimated Value \$	
6.		Estimated Value \$	
7.		Estimated Value \$	
8.		Estimated Value \$	
9.		Estimated Value \$	
10.		Estimated Value \$	
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS			\$ 1,096.54

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.

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

(g) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
New Denver, B. C.

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

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:

I, *Mr. (H.) J. J. J. J.*

in the

of the *Village of*

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 *Village of*

of *Mr. J. J. J. J.*

this *20* day of *January*

A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner

Mr. H. J. J. J.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY 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.

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October 3rd, 1950.

Mr. Heisaburo YAMAMOTO,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 436

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$577.70.

Cheque for \$539.45 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$38.25 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/js
1 encl.

Name of Claimant **YAMAMOTO, Heisaburo**Case **436**Custodian File **3857**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>											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	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices			
						% of Amount Total		% of Amount Total			
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
<u>NETS</u>											
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	
							755.00				
							596.00		945.70	368.00	577.70
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>											
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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											577.70

DEFENCE BRIEF

New Denver, B.C.
June 25, 1948.

Heisaburo YAMAMOTO

File No. 3857

Case No. 436

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM
(All claims shown are Gross)

Mrs. Harue YAMAMOTO appeared on behalf of husband who is a paralytic and is incapable of speech. Transcript Page 2, Lines 9-12.

Claim 1 (Amended)

Nets & Lines

\$1351.00

(a) Goods valued by claimant
at \$545.00

Appraised at

Sold for

\$233.00 (tender) \$233.00

Witnesses: C.P. Leckie, Appraiser
C.C. Robinson, Staff
Appraisals on claim file.

(b) Goods valued by claimant
at \$210.00

Sold for
(tender) \$135.00

Witness: C.C. Robinson, Staff

(c) Goods valued by claimant
at \$596.00

Declared not found.

Witness: J.D. Mather, Agent.

See Transcript Page 5, Lines 12-26.

Submission: Transcript Page 5,
Lines 9-11:- "I submit, your honour,
that the personal property that
was sold was sold for its fair
market value".

CASE NO. 432

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 22

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE H.W. COLOAN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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New Denver, B.C.

June 25, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
HEIZABURO YAMAMOTO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

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APPEARANCES:

DONALD MACDONALD, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

W.J. STURGEON, Esq.,

Secretary to New
Denver Sub-Commission

G.H.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter

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H. Yamamoto
In Chief.

MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Yamamoto, Heisa-
buro. I am calling Harue Yamamoto, the wife of
the claimant in this case.

(MRS) HARUE YAMAMOTO, a witness called on
behalf of the claimant herein, being
first duly sworn, testified through
the official interpreter as follows:

10 MR. COBUS: Your honour, in this case it has been
necessary to call the wife of the claimant, Heisa-
buro Yamamoto, because the husband is a paralytic
and is incapable of speech.

I would ask leave to amend the claim, which
is a claim for fishing nets and lines, now show-
ing the total value as \$1351.00 and the credit
to the Custodian as \$366.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: How is that reduced? The statement
shows \$505.46.

20 MR. COBUS: No, your honour, the items and figures
appearing on the front side of the claim form
should be deleted; that is improperly filled
out.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. COBUS: It is a claim for personal property in the
nature of fishing nets and lines. The claim is
now \$1351.00, and that is not an increase, be-
cause we now show the credit as \$366.00, and the
net claim of \$985.00.

30 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the nets and lines for which your husband is submitting a claim. Now, was that statement prepared on your instructions by Mr. Leckie, and is that your mark? A: Yes.

Q: In your statement you make reference to a list of nets and lines for which your husband has submitted a claim. Is this the list to which your statement makes reference?

10 A: Yes.

Q: How was it possible for you to give the information contained in the statement and in the list concerning these nets and lines?

A: I took these from a document whereon these nets were outlined.

Q: And who prepared this document, witness?

A: My husband made that list prior to his illness.

Q: And to the best of your knowledge and recollection, is the information contained in your statement and in the list true? A: Yes.

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THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: The witness says that the nets and lines claimed were left at the Phoenix Cannery net house at Steveston, B.C. She says that depreciation has been allowed and that her husband is a paralytic and unable to appear before the Commission. The details in connection with these nets and lines were prepared in consultation with her husband, and the information was supplied

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H. Yamamoto
In Chief

by him, and she has explained how that information was supplied, your honour.

Would my friend produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim?

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: The Analysis is filed on behalf of the Crown, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 2.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Four of these nets, Mr. Cobus, are shown as "Not found". They were probably stolen?

MR. COBUS: "Declared, not found," yes, your honour, that is how the Analysis reads. We have abandoned, your honour, the two items under the column, "No Record at Any Time," that is, the line and lead, 220 fathoms which was claimed originally at \$50.00; that has been abandoned, as well as the original claim regarding the last item which was estimated at \$50.00. Those two items have both been abandoned.

20 With respect to the items shown under the heading "Other sales," in the Analysis marked Exhibit 2, we are not claiming against any item therein.

THE COMMISSIONER: Those are all abandoned.

MR. COBUS: These are all abandoned, your honour. I gather from column 1 that this man was in possession of a fishing boat, but he did not submit a claim therefor.

Your witness.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q: Mrs. Yamamoto, how long were these nets put away before evacuation?

A: They were put in storage at the time of evacuation.

Q: What was done with the nets to prepare them for storage?

A: They were bluestoned and prepared for storage.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

10 MR. MACDONALD: I submit, your honour, that the personal property that was sold was sold for its fair market value.

On checking through the file, your honour, I find a memorandum here of J.D. Mather. I would just like to read the remarks of Mr. Mather.
"This man was the President of the Japanese Buddhist Mission, the property of which is dealt with under a separate report. I found it very hard to obtain any information from him as he does not speak very good English, in spite of
20 the fact that he has lived in Canada for the past 25 years. Interviewed the Phoenix Cannery with regard to the nets and obtained this list from him as appears as per the inventory, but this was submitted without any responsibility on their part as to the accuracy of same, they having accepted the accuracy of Yamamoto himself."

Now, on the J.P. form, which I think should be filed in this matter, your honour, under the heading of "remarks," --

30 THE COMMISSIONER: That is her J.P. form, is it?

MR. MACDONALD: I think she should answer that question.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MACDONALD:

Q: Whose signature is that?

A: This is my husband's signature.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 5.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

10 MR. MACDONALD: What I would like to draw to your honour's attention in this matter is that under the heading of "remarks" appears this note:
"The Cannery is taking care of fishing nets and row boat for the declarant during his absence. Declarant is President of the Buddhist Association and their properties are listed at the back of this form."

MR. COBUS: That is something else.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Cobus, I notice in the J.P. form here that this man has also made a claim for the property belonging to the Buddhist Mission. Is there a separate claim for that.

MR. COBUS: I don't think so. The J.P. form, your honour, was the form declaring the property, of whatever nature it might be, to the Custodian, but it was not in the nature of a claim, that is, a man may have left property behind him, but he may have received it, he might have taken some of it with him, he might have had it shipped to him.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, but there is nothing in this

claim at all that refers to the claim of Heiza-
buro Yamamoto, with reference to the nets and
so on; there is nothing here at all.

MR. COBUS: I will just look at that, your honour.

10 He declares his own property here, and this re-
fers to his capacity as president of the Buddhist
Association. But no claim is being submitted,
as far as I know, with respect to the Buddhist
Association. In any event, I presume that will
be treated as a company claim if it were sub-
mitted, and those are all to be heard in Van-
couver before Mr. Justice Bird. I would say
that portion of the J.P. form has nothing to do
with the claimant's individual claim here.

THE COMMISSIONER: No.

MR. MACDONALD: The only matter in this connection is
that it was left in the care of the manager of the
Phoenix Cannery and, as I stated before, the
manager did not check on these nets, but took
20 Mr. Yamamoto's own statement for them.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see. That is all, thank you, Mrs.
Yamamoto.

MR. COBUS: Might I have one word -- my friend has
raised the question of in whose care these goods
were left, and of course we submit that, once
declared to the Custodian, "in whose care" merely
means the location of the property, because it
wouldn't matter very much if Mr. Yamamoto gave
certain property to somebody else, it vested in
30 the Custodian, nevertheless. However, that, I

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Discussion

think, can be dealt with in Vancouver.

MR. MACDONALD: That can be dealt with later.

THE COMMISSIONER: We don't need to concern ourselves with that.

That is all, Mrs. Yamamoto.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

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Gordon Hambleton
G. Hambleton
Official Reporter

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

H.W. Colgan
Sub-Commissioner.

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File No. 3857

October 6th, 1948.

MEMORANDUM

To: Government Counsel

Net Appraisals (Placed on Claim File, but not shown
on Original Analysis.

October 29/42

7. C-575 1 net 40/5 x 7 x 45 x 78 F., Hung on Lines, 26# \$28.00
5. C-575 1 net 50/7 x 7 x 45 x 220 Fa. If Stretched 41# \$64.00
If Hung 82# \$128.00

see receipt of Nov. 9/42 - on file of Claim:
"Mr. Leckie valued this at \$128.00 but lines were discovered
to be valueless & \$80.00 was thought a reasonable price " -
signed by C.C. Robinson.

8. 9/40 x 9" x 40 x 200 - declared by YAMAMOTO, but when measured this
net was found to be 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 153 fa. Mr. Leckie, together with the
fisherman purchaser and the net boss of Phoenix Cannery agreed
upon a value of \$125.00 - see letters of June 19th and July 21st, 1942,
from Mr. Ross Lord, Manager of Phoenix Cannery, to the Custodian.

B. Mackie