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Steveston  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
EXHIBIT NO. 1219-1  
DATE NOV 11 1946  
FILLED BY K. A. Christie

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: KATAI, Iahimatsu  
HOME ADDRESS: House No. 37, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C. Box 617.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03025 SEX: Male AGE: 35  
OCCUPATION: Fisherman (formerly)

(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, Steveston, B. C.

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Ayako <sup>1696</sup>

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: House #37, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Sunao (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: House No. 37, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 5.

**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

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: none

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN none

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 5 room frame house at House No. 37,  
Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

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

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:  
By arrangement with the B. C. Packers, Steveston, B. C.

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:

Fishing nets and lines valued at \$1,000.00, trolling equipment  
valued at \$100.00 in owner's possession at House #37, Imperial  
Cannery, Steveston, B. C. and when declarant is evacuated he is  
going to leave all this equipment in the present house (House #37)  
Steveston, B. C. and turn the key over to the B. C. Packers, Steveston,  
B. C. 1 gas fishing boat (I. K.) in the custody of the Navy at New  
Westminster, B. C. Nets and boat will be sold if declarant finds a  
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS. good prospect.

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) \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in owner's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life. \$1,000.00. Policy No. 2243418. Beneficiary, wife, Ayako Katai. Policy in owner's possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

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 21st day of April 1942.

(Signature) Ishimatsu Katai

[Signature]  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Apr. 16/43

✓  
r File No. 4715

all Name KATAI, Ishimatsu  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03025

✓  
Male - Female  
(check)

Age Jan. 25, 1907

Former Address

P.O. Box 517, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated

30/5/42

✓  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

40 H. Baulton, General Delivery  
Lethbridge, Alta.

✓  
Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife

<sup>nee</sup> (NISHIMURA) Ayako #03926

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

<sup>nee</sup> (In Japan)  
(KANDA) Uta

Name of Father

Sutematsu (Dad)

Names of Children under 16

Kenneth Sumao 13/3/37

Requested by

CCP

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman Owner of Boat #1965

N. 24.

File No. 4715

March 13, 1946.

Re: Ishimatsu KATAI  
Reg. No. 03025

The following table is an extract from the record books received from the British Columbia Packers Co., Ltd., covering their Imperial Cannery Net House. The Japanese fish collectors were instructed to have the Japanese fishermen enter into these records the nets which were left by them in the company net houses.

The original record books are in the hands of Mr. F. G. Shears, The Director.

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5/50 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 55 x 300 fa. (web only) \$100.00

(Note, this net. not listed. JMcK)

Sold to International Fishing and Trading Co., Ltd.

*J.B. Carter*

File No. 4715

EXHIBIT No. 1259-4

DATE NOV 11 1946

March 21, 1946.

R. M. G. Carter

Re: Ishimatsu KATAI  
Reg. No. 03025

The following table is an extract from the ledgers received from the British Columbia Packers Co., Ltd., covering their Konda Net House. The Fish Collectors were instructed to have the Japanese Fishermen enter into these ledgers the nets which were left by them in the Company Net Houses.

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

No.	Ply.	Inch.	Deep.	Fathom.	Value.
1	5/40	7		200	215.00
2	6/40	7		200	75.00
3	5/40	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		400	200.00
4	4/40	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		400	125.00
5	5/40	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		300	75.00
6	10/40	10		300	175.00
7	10/40	9		100	40.00

#905

Cork Lines

Lead Lines

200 fa. - \$35.00

200 fa. - \$35.00

200 fa. - 40.00

200 fa. - 40.00

200 fa. - 35.00

200 fa. - 17.50 - *Salmon* #35

100 fa. - 17.50

100 fa. - 17.50

30 fa. - 7.00

R. M. G. Carter

KAFAL, Ishimatsu,  
Reg. No. 03025,  
File No. 4715.

December 8, 1943.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Japanese Value</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Appraisal Value</u>
156	5/40 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 50 - 300	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$
165	5/40 x 7 x 50 - 300	175.00	50.00	78.00 (#14) <i>in envelope</i>
166	6/40 x 7 x 45 - 200	75.00	20.00	* 20.00 (#18) <i>in envelope</i>
166A	piece web		20.00	
166A	net		30.00	
Cannery	5/50 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 55 - 300		100.00	
none	150 ft. cork line		<u>15.00</u>	
	TOTAL SALES.....		\$285.00	

Appraised as of No Value (Nov. 4, 1943)

162 5/50 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 55 - 300 \$100.00

Unaccounted For

157 10/40 x 10 x 35 - 300 \$175.00

\* This net was appraised worth \$20<sup>00</sup> if it measured  
200 ft stretched, or worth \$40<sup>00</sup> if it measured  
200 ft not stretched. The writer does not advise  
using this appraisal as it is too general.

B. M. July 22/42



FILE: 4715

NAME: KATAI, Ichimatsu REG. NO. 03025

Item No.	Description	Appraised Value	Jap Value	Sold For	Buyer	Date	Receipt No.	Location
156	5/40x6 1/2 x50x300		\$ 75.					Imperial Cannery Net House #1
162	5/50x5 1/2 x55x300	\$ 45.00	100.					"
165	5/40x7x50x300		175.					"
166	6/40x7x45x200		75.					"
167	Several small pieces							

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name MR ISHIMATSU KATAI

File No. 4715

Reg. No.

Company Sun Life Insurance Co.,

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2243418

Premium - \$ 53.85

Payable: <sup>x</sup> Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month October

Day 10th

REMARKS:

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Custodian's Office

British Columbia Security Commission.

File No. 4714Name: KATAL, IohimatanReg. No. 03025Address: ALBERTA

Special Enquiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit with Custodian: 28500Credit in Bank: NilLife Insurance: 10000 Sun Life # 2243418Real Property: Nil

Net Revenue

Negotiable Assets: 500 war Saving Certificate as of 1942Remarks: Credit from Fishing EquipmentThis man received \$75000 on sale of fishing boat direct on May 19/42Date: Aug 26/42Compiled by: Geo Peters

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: June 5, 1944  
Name: KATAI, Ishimatsu Reg. No. 03025 File: 4715  
Boat File No.: JFVDC 603  
Name of Vessel: "I.K." 1175, 31'x7'x3' (1931) Easthope 15 HP  
Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 1965  
Naval No.: NW.018-E  
Owner's Valuation: \$1,400.00  
JFVDC Valuation: 575.00  
Custodian Valuation: None  
Date of Sale: May 16, 1942  
Purchaser: Great West Packing Co.Ltd.  
Signature on Sales Papers: I. Katai, per U. Sakamoto, Att'y  
Selling Price: \$750.00  
Paid to JFVDC ~~on combustion~~: 750.00  
Supervision Costs: 10.00  
Balance due Owner: 740.00  
Paid to: I. Katai, May 19, 1942  
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster  
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information: The vessel was licensed in name of S. Katai,  
Box 514, Steveston.

The deceased father of Ishimatsu KATAI was  
Sutematsu.

*JW*

September, 13th. 1948,  
136 Beatrice St.,  
Toronto, Ont.

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

<b>EVACUATION SECTION</b>	
Rec'd.	SEP 16 1948
File No.	475
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Sir,

Please send to me the duplicate sheet with the details concerning the sales of the property left in the hands of the Custodian. I would appreciate if you will forward this to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

*I. Kawai*

Ishimatsu Kawai,  
Registration Number 03025  
136 Beatrice St.,  
Toronto, Ont.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INDIAN ACT"  
AND THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1957, CHAPTER 52.

JANUARY PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

REPORT

BY HONORABLE JUSTICE E. A. MILLER, C.M.C.

Toronto, Ontario,

November 11, 1949.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

INDIAN NAME

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

APPEARANCES:

E. A. GIBSON, Esq., B.C., appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

E. A. MILLER, Esq., appearing for the  
Claimant.

A. MILLER, Esq., Secretary.

S. H. R. HUTTON, Esq., Official Interpreter.

J. E. ROBERTSON, Esq., Official Reporter.

I. Hotal,  
in abs.

THE ALIENANT, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the interpreter as follows:

QUESTIONS BY MR. HEST:

Q. Is that your signature? A. Yes.

Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions? A. Yes.

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

A. Yes.

(PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the

Analysis of Personal Property claim.

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

MR. HEST: I understand that before the execution you were a fisherman at Stoveston, N.C.?

A. Yes.

Q. Your honor, I think perhaps I should move for a slight amendment. There was an arithmetical error made in the first instance when the claim was compiled, in that the value given these various notes claimed for was \$1157. From that the claimant claimed \$200, and actually it should have been \$200, but that pertains to the notes that were sold by tender and which he was satisfied with, and that really has nothing to do with this claim.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: So there should be only \$200. Correct?

MR. HEST: Yes.

Q. Now, I understand that together with other

I. Katal,  
In chf.

2.

1  
2 fishermen in that area you left your nets at the  
3 Imperial Cannery warehouse at Steveston?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And did you tag them yourself with your  
6 own name and a description of them, or how was that  
7 handled?

8 A. I think so.

9 Q. Actually the B.C. packers people that  
10 operate this Imperial Cannery undertook to turn over  
11 a list to the Custodian, isn't that what happened?

12 A. I didn't hear anything with regard to that.

13 Q. Well now, according to your claim, most of  
14 these nets with the exception of about two were one or  
15 two years old.

16 How long do you normally use these nets?

17 A. You use the smaller mesh four or five years  
18 but when you get the larger mesh they will last for  
19 say six or seven years and the small sockeye nets  
20 will last one or two years.

21 Q. Just reverting back to the previous  
22 question, you rented the house, No. 37, from the  
23 Imperial Cannery at Steveston, did you?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now, according to your I.P. Form, as I  
26 understand it, you said that the nets and lines would  
27 be left in that house, No. 37, but according to your  
28 claim now you say they were left with the other  
29 fishermen's nets in the Cannery. Now, what was the  
30 situation?

A. I left them in the large house with the



I. Total,  
in cash.

lists of the other fishermen.

Q. And did you give a list of the nets then  
to a representative of the Custodian at the S.O.  
Fishers meet?

A. I prepared a list and gave it to the  
Custodian.

EXHIBIT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I am showing you a J.P. Form dated the  
first of April, 1942; is that your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you tell me, when you said you gave  
a list to the Custodian, is this the list you  
refer to? A. It is this.

Q. That was dated the first of April, 1942,  
and I tender it as Exhibit G.

(J.P. FORM NUMBERED NUMBER NO. 3)

Q. Now, in this list you gave to the  
Custodian you valued these fishing nets at \$1000, but  
later you valued them at \$1127. Will you explain why  
the difference?

A. I couldn't tell exactly the value and  
that was a rough estimate.

Q. Now, what do you say is the life of these  
fishing nets, 3/40 or 7, 400 rather?

A. About four or five years.

Q. Perhaps you might tell us the life of the  
second one there; when it is new what is the normal  
life of the second net described there?

A. About four years.

E. Hovel,  
1st Cir.

Q. Will you tell us the normal life of the  
notes, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7?

A. No. 3 would be about two years.

Q. That is the one worth \$1000?

A. Yes. No. 4 would be 3 or 4 years;  
No. 5 would be about 4 years; No. 6 would be I think  
about 5 or 6 years and No. 7 would be 8 years.

Q. In putting an appraisal on a note would  
you make any difference between a note that had been  
stretched or was not stretched? If you were appraising  
a note is there any difference whether the note has  
been stretched or not stretched?

A. It wouldn't make any difference.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Should they be stretched  
in order to preserve them when they are not being  
used?

A. No, they are hung up when they are  
not in use.

MR. QUINN: Were all these notes new when  
you bought them?

A. Yes, but there were some which I made  
myself.

Q. Would he indicate to the Court which notes  
he made himself?

A. No. 7, and No. 6 and No. 5. I bought 4 and  
3, and I made No. 2. Those I made half and bought  
half.

Q. What about the dark lines and lead lines,  
did you buy those?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they new when you bought them?

J. H. H. H.,  
et al.

A. Yes. I made the lead lines myself.

Q. He made the lead lines but bought the cork  
lines?

A. Yes.

Q. And the cork lines were now when he  
bought them?

A. Yes.

RE EXAMINATION BY MR. HEST:

Q. How long would the cork lines last?

A. For four or six years.

Q. Then the system, as I understand it, is  
that you replace the corks but the lines are still  
good for future use after that, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. How long can you use the lines by  
replacing the corks?

A. Three or four

years more.

Q. Now about the lead lines, how long do they  
normally last?

A. Five or six years.

Q. That is all.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 4 an  
extract from the ledgers of the British Columbia  
Fishery Limited, dated March 7th, 1944. It evidently  
indicates here the nets and the lines that were left  
at the Kooka Net House.

(EXTRACT OF LEDGER MARKED EXHIBIT No. 4)

It is submitted, your honor, these nets  
which were sold were sold at their fair market value.

(Discussion)


It is submitted that the valuations placed on the other notes were excessive.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DEED)

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

  
E. S. McGregor,  
Official Reporter.

I, E. A. Miller, Deputy Commissioner, appointed to hear a Commission to investigate claims of Japanese Canadians for property loss, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the evidence heard at the within claim.

  
E. A. Miller,  
Deputy Commissioner.

Defence Brief

TORONTO  
11 Nov. 1948

Ishimatsu KATAI

File No. 4715

Case No. 1239

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim Nets \$905., Lines \$262., Total \$1167.

Claim

\$1167.

Sold for

\$85.

Claimant declared that his Nets and Lines would be left in House No. 37 at Imperial Cannery, Steveston, but now states they were left in the Cannery, together with nets and lines belonging to other fishermen in that district. He declared on his J.P. Form that they were valued at \$1000. but he is now claiming \$1167.

Nets value	\$150.00
" "	580.00
" "	175.00
Lines value	35.00
" "	227.00
	<u>\$1167.00</u>

Sold by tender to B.C. Packers for \$70.  
Declared not found  
Not accounted for  
Sold by tender for \$15.00  
Declared not found.

Other nets sold for \$200. do not appear to have been included in this claim.

Some nets were appraised by C.P. Leckie but as the measurements do not appear to tally in some cases, it is difficult to state which. The net claimed for at \$175. which is not accounted for is not the same measurement as on the appraisal and net statement and that is the only one claimed for at \$175.

Claimant stated that the life of a net would be from 2 to 7 years according to the make and the life of a cork line from 4 to 6 years. He stated that it wouldn't make any difference if a net had been stretched or not stretched in putting an appraisal on it.

It is submitted that those nets which were sold were sold at their fair market value and that the valuations placed on the other nets were excessive.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

C. P. Leckie, Appraiser.

BMP/mw

Name of Claimant **KATAI, Ichimatsu**

Case **1229**

Custodian File **4715**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
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 Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount
<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 & 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
							188.00 982.00	816.90	85.00	751.90
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS</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			
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDATION</b>									<b>751.90</b>	

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December 8th, 1950.

Mr. Ichimatsu KATAI,  
136 Beatrice Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1239

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$731.90.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$699.69  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 32.21  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FOS/js  
1 encl.

F.G. Shears  
Director

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March 22nd, 1951

Mr. Ishimatsu KATAI,  
136 Beatrice St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

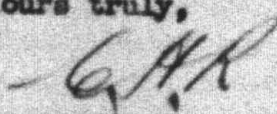
Distribution is now being made from the assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share. You were the holder of 5 shares and payment to you is as follows:

5 shares	\$ 169.89
Less previously advanced	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 69.89

hereto. Custodian cheque for this amount is attached

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

  
C. H. Reed  
Office of the Custodian

CHR: BK  
Encl.