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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: OTSU, Kamakichi

HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 426, 19 Broadway St., ~~Vancouver~~ Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04910 SEX: Male AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Fish buyer

(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: Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B.C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SHIZUKO

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lots 3 and 4, block 30 of section 3, block 3, north range 7, West map 249, in the District of New Westminster, located at 19 Broadway St., Steveston, B.C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

4 room frame building, shingle roof

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) The Fire Ins. Co. of Canada, policy #459863, \$1,000, paid up to 1944, in own possession

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$15 per yr, paid for 1941, payable at Town Hall, Bridgehouse, B.C.

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

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Leasing house and property to

ALFRED HENNORTH, 6th Ave. & ~~BRIDGEHOUSE~~ Garry St., Steveston, B.C., for

*20th per month for duration, upon evacuation.

↓ no 500 not at.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In own possession
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: None
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None
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:

See list attached

located at 19 Broadway St.
Stearns

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

OTSU KAMIKICHI #04910

P.O. Box 426, 19 BROADWAY ST., STEVESTON, B.C.

- ✓ 1 set chesterfield - 3 piece \$95. *Sold Steveston Auction 10/4/44*
- ✓ 1 desk (walnut finish) *Sold auction #19 1/9/44*
- 1 table (walnut finish)
- 2 lamp stands (1 table lamp)
- ✓ 2 end tables (walnut finish) *Sold auction #19 1/9/44*
- 2 straw chairs
- curtain (for 4 rooms)
- ✓ 1 bear skin rug
- ✓ 2 linoleum (8x9) living and dining room
- ✓ 1 linoleum (12 yds) kitchen
- ✓ 1 linoleum (27x5 1/2 yds.) hall
- 1 double bed, 1 dresser \$60 *1 dresser mirror sold auction #19 1/9/44*
- ✓ 1 kitchen table, 4 chairs *Sold auction #19 1/9/44*
- ✓ 1 kitchen stove (enamel finish) \$90 *Appraised & sold to 45 W. 1st St. for \$40.00*
- 1 furnace stove \$75
- ✓ 15 blinds (8 fancy blinds)
- ✓ 16 curtain rods
- ✓ 2 picture frames (King and Queen) (Mt. Fuji)
- ✓ 4 flower pots stand (1 enamel finish (3 painted)
- ✓ 4 flower pot
- ✓ 1 scale, 1 box (large size) \$80
- ✓ 1 wrench, 1 slide \$55
- ✓ 1 fire extinguisher \$22
- garden equipment
- 1 shovel, 1 hoe, (1 wheel barrow (Abandoned)
- 2 axes (1 big, 1 small) 1 lawn mower
- 1 grass catcher
- 1 iron (electric)
- 1 clock (electric)
- ✓ 8 electric light shades 14 globes
- 1 ice box
- ✓ 1 Singer Sewing machine (treadle) \$95 *taken by Japanese owner*
- ✓ kitchen equipment \$150
- ✓ 1 G.C.M. Bicycle \$55 *taken by Japanese owner*
- Carpenter equipment and tools \$50 *SHIPPED MAY 1/1943*

(SEE LIST ON APR. 25/43)

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: North West Fire Ins. Co., Vancouver
Branch, policy #205627, \$1,600, in own possession

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)

\$50 War Savings Certificates, in own possession, 5 shares River Fish Co. \$125.

\$100 Victory Bonds (2- \$50) H425481, H170215, \$100 Victory Bond, 1954 maturity,
-- 1951 maturity -- A087007, all in own possession

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank, St. John's, N.C. Acc. # 072, \$2100.00

9. LIFE INSURANCE: San Life, Vancouver branch, policy #2228061, \$1,000, beneficiary
wife SHIZUKO, in own possession

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

REMARKS: Some furniture, etc. to be used by new tenant, and remainder to be
stored in one room of house. Key to be left with tenant, MR. A. HENWORTH.

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 16th day of April 1942

(Signature)

Kamekichi Ota

Armedman

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 24/43

ur File No. 5056

ull Name OTSU, Kamekichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04910

^V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age Nov. 6, 1904

Former Address P. O. Box 426, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated 28/5/42

^V
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address

Minto Mine, B. C. 513 Pacific Ave., Vancouver M/T

26/11/47

^V
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife Shizuko #04911

Name of Husband - - - -

Name of Mother OTSU, Ishi (Dec'd)

Name of Father Minosuke (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fish Buyer (Can. Fishing Co.)

Owner house

and lot at 19 Broadway, Steveston.

August 16, 1946.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

JAPANESE NAME: Kamekichi OTSU, Registration No. 04910, File No. 5056

CATALOGUE NO: 790

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 19 Broadway Street, Steveston, B.C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 3 & 4, Block 30 of Section 3, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 249, Municipality of Richmond, District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Dwelling

ASSESSED VALUE:	<u>Land</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Taxes (annual)</u>	<u>Appraised</u>
	\$180.00	\$950.00	\$15.41	\$1456.00

TITLE: Registered in the name of Kamekichi OTSU

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered and no indication of any unregistered.
Vesting Order No. 26021 Date - July 7, 1943.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: Custodian's representative reported on May 8, 1942, "This house situated at 19 Broadway Street, is a frame, shingle roof 4 room house with basement and furnace, inside toilet and Japanese bath in basement. The house is in excellent condition and the grounds are in a well-kept garden."

Before evacuation, OTSU entered into a Lease Agreement with Alfred G. Hepworth for the duration of the war with Japan - \$5.00 per month which included the furniture and fixtures according to an inventory attached to the Lease, from the date of evacuation, May 28, 1942, water to be paid by the tenant. This tenancy continued until the sale of the property on July 6, 1944.

SOLD: Sold to Irene P. Clarke for the sum of \$1464.00 - \$1,000.00 cash and the balance payable under Agreement for sale. Adjustments calculated as of July 6, 1944. Funds released to OTSU's account on October 24, 1944. Agreement delivered to the purchaser on November 6, 1944. Complete statement of transaction was forwarded to OTSU on November 3, 1944. Balance owing under the Agreement was paid in full on June 8, 1945. Deed registered and Certificate of Title #188818-E was instructed to be held in the Land Registry office to the owner's demand.

PROTEST: In his letter of July 14, 1944, he states, "I do not wish to sell it any less than \$2300.00."

In his letter of July 22, 1944, he states, "I do not wish to have my property sell at the price mentioned in your letter," that is, \$1456.00.

In his letter of January 2, 1945, he states, "The amount of sum disclosed was \$1456.00 for which I am not at all satisfied, also I am ungrateful to hear about this sale without my approval."

August 17, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Kanekichi OTSU

Registration No. 04910Chattels:

See Chattel Summary

Specified Articles:

Although not declared by OTSU, the tenant, Mr. Hepworth, called in the Mounted Police to investigate a concealed room in the attic, and they removed the following - disposal of which is dealt with in our Chattel Summary.

- 1 8 MM Motion Picture Projector Kodascope Eight Model 50 with serial number 60523A on base
- 2 Kodascope Junior Film Splicing Outfits
- 1 Bottle of Kodascope Lubricating Oil
- 1 Return Film Container
- 3 Empty Reels
- 1 Reel with film showing cartoon
- 1 Reel with film showing pictures of Otsu's house, etc.
- 1 Icarette 502 Camera (no film)
- 1 Pr. Binoculars (State make) 8x25 Ser #33313
- 1 Brown Leather Binocular Container

Vessels:

The fishing vessel "Elizabeth" was sold to H. Ball-Irving Co. Ltd. for \$1500.00 and the net proceeds paid direct to OTSU's account on March 27, 1942.

Bank Account:

Royal Bank at Steveston \$2100.00 under Account #072.
 \$50 War Savings Certificates in owner's possession
 5 Shares River Fish Co. \$125.00
 \$100.00 Victory Bond in owner's possession
 2 - \$50.00 Victory Bonds in owner's possession.
 As the above did not come under the control of the Custodian, no action required.

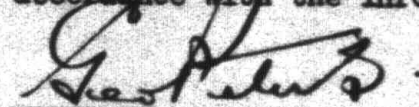
Life Insurance:

Sun Life Insurance Policy #2,225,061 - \$1,000.00 in owner's possession.
 As the above did not come under the control of the Custodian, no action required.

Accounts Receivable:

Refund of B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. Security Deposit for light, July 1945 \$3.00

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



George Peters
 Administration Department

August 19, 1946.

CHattel SUMMARY

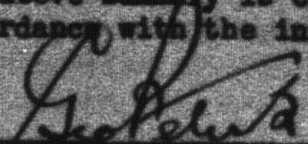
Re: Kamekichi OTSU
Registration No. 04910
Evacuated May 28, 1942.

In OTSU's declaration of April 16, 1942, he declared chattels which he left in the protected area, part to be left with the tenant, Alfred Hepworth, in a Lease Agreement, and the remainder which he did not list to be stored in one of the rooms in the house.

Mr. Mather, Custodian's agent, made an inventory on May 8, 1942, which was identical to OTSU's declaration, with the exception of a Singer sewing machine and a C.C.M. bicycle. The file reveals these were taken out by OTSU before evacuation.

A memorandum on file dated April 12, 1944, by Mr. Green of the Custodian's office states that Mr. Hepworth, tenant, drew the attention of the police that there were some goods which might require their investigation. Later on Mr. Otsu revealed that he had some chattels in a concealed place in the attic. The file reveals that the Mounted Police did pick up articles from this house on March 16, 1943, which comprised of specified articles (see Personal Property Summary). All the articles picked up by the Mounted Police were forwarded to OTSU on July 10, 1944, with the exception of films and marine and coastal water maps which were held by the R.C.M.P. A shipment of 5 parcels of tools, chair, trunk and effects was made on the request of OTSU on May 11, 1943. OTSU acknowledged these but claims there were certain items of tools short. They could not be found by the Custodian. A sewing machine with the name of "M.DOI" was found in this concealed attic and on checking his file, we find a Release Form taken from Mr. Robinson's file at Steveston dated December 6, 1943, from M. Doi requesting the shipment of this sewing machine. This was picked up for shipment on January 25, 1944 and signed for by J. Penny who would probably be the transfer man. At the request of this office, goods were removed to storage on the following dates, May 5, June 28, August 16 and September 7, 1944 and were sold by auction May 12, June 30, September 1 and September 30, 1944 and February 16, 1945. A kitchen stove was appraised and sold to the tenant, Mr. Hepworth, and such items as linoleum on the kitchen and living room floor which were nailed, window blinds and curtain rods were left as fixtures. A winch and a slide were never removed from Hepworth's house, although they appear on the inventory and on a complaint by OTSU. This was investigated by Mr. Robinson and he reports these articles stolen. A bear skin rug removed was reported by Custodian's agents as being full of moth holes, of no value and was discarded. A record player requested by OTSU was never declared by OTSU or found by the Custodian. A Victor radio was shipped to OTSU on October 12, 1944.

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


George Peters
Administration Department

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Re: Kamekichi OTSU
Registration No. 04910

JAPANESE DECLARATION APRIL 16, 1942

- 1 Set chesterfield - 3 pce.
- 1 Desk (walnut finish)
- 1 Table (walnut finish)
- 2 Lamp stands (1 table lamp)
- 2 End tables (walnut finish)
- 2 Straw chairs
- Curtain (for 4 rooms)
- 1 Bear skin rug
- 2 Linoleum (9x9) living and dining room
- Linoleum (12 yds) kitchen
- Linoleum (27x5½ yds.) hall
- 1 Double bed, 1 dresser
- 1 Kitchen table, 4 chairs
- 1 Kitchen stove (enamel finish)
- 1 Furnace stove
- 13 Blinds (8 fancy blinds)
- 16 Curtain rods
- 2 Picture frames (King and Queen) (Mt. Fuji)
- 4 Flower pots stand (1 enamel finish) (3 painted)
- 4 Flower pots
- 1 Scale, 1 box (large size)
- 1 Wrench, 1 slide
- 1 Fire extinguisher
- Garden equipment
- 1 Shovel, 1 hoe, 1 wheel barrow
- 2 Axes (1 big, 1 small) 1 lawn mower
- 1 Grass catcher
- 1 Iron (electric)
- 1 Clock (electric)
- 18 Electric light shades 14 globes
- 1 Ice box
- 1 Singer sewing machine (treadle)
- 1 Kitchen equipment
- 1 C.C.M. Bicycle
- 1 Carpenter equipment and tools

CUSTODIAN'S AGENT, J.D. MATHER'S INVENTORY
MAY 8TH, 1942

- 1 Set Chesterfield - 3 pce.
- 1 Desk (Walnut finish)
- 1 Table (Walnut finish)
- 2 Lamp stands
- 1 Table lamp
- 2 End tables (walnut finish)
- 2 Straw chairs
- Curtains for 4 rooms
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- 1 Dresser
- 1 Kitchen table
- 4 Chairs
- 1 Kitchen stove (enamel finish)
- 1 Furnace stove
- 13 Blinds (8 fancy blinds)
- 16 Curtain rods
- 2 Picture frames (King and Queen) Mt. Fuji
- 4 Flower pots stand (1 enamel finish) 3 painted
- 4 Flower pots
- 1 Scale
- 1 Box (large size)
- 1 Wrench, 1 Slide
- 1 Fire Extinguisher
- Garden equipment
- 1 Wheel barrow
- 1 Axe
- 1 Lawn mower
- 1 Grass catcher
- 1 Electric clock
- 8 " light shades, 14 globes
- 1 Ice box
- Kitchen equipment
- Carpenter equipment and tools

August 9th, 1946

GOODS REMOVED FROM 19 BROADWAY TO
#3 WAREHOUSE AUCTION MAY 5, 1944
AND AUGUST 16, 1944

- 1 Fish tank
#1 Dog fish hooks
#1 Playroom scales
#1 Ice box
#1 Small H.W. table
#1 Small flower stand
#1 Refuse receptacle
#1 Axe
#1 Clothes rack
#1 Tub sealer
#1 Basket sealer
Shipped 1 RCA Victor Ser #1715 Radio
#4 Kitchen chairs
#1 Kitchen table
#1 Desk
#1 Dresser and mirror
#2 End tables

September 7, 1944

- #1 Cross bar
#1 Basket case
No Good #1 Bear skin
#1 Fire extinguisher
#1 Roll linoleum (small)
#4 Barrels (buoys)
#1 Crock
#3 Misc. kitchen ware and dishes
#1 About 4 doz. sealers
#1 Lamp shade
#2 Pictures
#1 Steamer
#1 Fancy flower pots
#1 Lawn mower and catcher

June 28, 1944 R. OTSU

- #1-3 pce. Chesterfield suite
not listed #1 Kitchen stove - to be valued
#1 Box dog hooks
#1 Iron pot
- 1 Umbrella
#1 Trunk tray misc.
- 1 Fur skin
#1 Cooks
- 1 Skin
- 1 Water pump

GOODS MISSING, REMOVED TO STORAGE BUT
NEVER AUCTIONED

- 1 Fish tank
1 Umbrella
~~1 Skin~~
1 Skin
1 Water pump

GOODS SOLD AT AUCTION MAY 12, 1944, JUNE 30,
SEPT. 1, SEPT. 30, 1944, AND FEB. 16, 1945

- ✓ Cross Cut Saw
✓ Cross Cut Saw
✓ Clothes Rack
✓ Basket or sealers
✓ Wash tub and sealers
✓ Axe
✓ Small table
✓ Refuse tin
✓ 2 Flowered stands
✓ Ice box
✓ Platform scale
✓ 3 Pcs. Chesterfield suite
✓ End table
✓ End table
✓ Desk
✓ Dresser and mirror
✓ Kitchen table and 4 chairs
✓ Crow bar
✓ 2 Eggs
✓ 2 Kegs
✓ Screen for baby carriage
✓ Small roll of linoleum
✓ 2 Gallon crock
✓ Fire extinguisher
✓ Wicker suit case
✓ Sealers
✓ Sealers
✓ Sealers
✓ Sealers
✓ Lamp shade
✓ Box of kitchen ware
✓ Rice steamer
✓ 4 Fancy flower pots
✓ Pictures
✓ Sealers
✓ Sundries
2 Aprons and hood
✓ Iron pot
2 Lanterns
2 Lanterns
Galvanised pipe
✓ Box of sundries
✓ Lawn mower

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

George Peters
George Peters
Administration Department

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: March 30, 1944

Name: OTSU, Kamekichi

Reg. No. 04910

File: 5056

Boat File No.: JFVDC 197

Name of Vessel: "Elizabeth" 34'x10'x6' (1938) Studebaker 120 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: NEW WESTMINSTER 2497

Naval No.: NW.098-E

Owner's Valuation: \$1,800.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: March 26, 1942 ✓

Purchaser: H. Bell-Irving & Co. Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: K. Otsu

Selling Price: \$1,500.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~or Custodian~~: 1,550.00

Supervision Costs: 20.50

Balance due Owner: 1,529.50

Paid to: Kamekichi OTSU, on March 27, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

G. M. Harrison
Aug 14, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO FILE 5056

October 5, 1944

Re: Kamekichi OTSU

- 1 8 MM Motion Picture Projector Kodascope Eight, Model 50) with serial number 60523A on base
- 2 Kodascope Junior Film Splicing Outfits
- 1 Bottle of Kodascope Lubricating Oil
- 1 Return Film Container
- 3 Empty Reels
- 1 Reel with film showing cartoon
- 1 Reel with film showing pictures of Otsu's house, etc.
- 1 Icarrette 502 Camera (no film)
- 1 Pr. Binoculars (State make) 8 x 25 Ser #33313
- 1 Brown Leather Binocular Container

(All above shipped to owner 10/7/44)

- 1 Reel with film showing pictures of Vancouver harbour, etc.
11 Marine and Coastal Water Maps

(Retained by RCMP)

- 1 Radio Victor Consol Model A4 No. 1715 } In Custodian Warehouse)
Record Player (No trace) Steveston

Sm

August 17, 1946

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Kamekichi OTSU
Registration No. 04910

There are no claims against the above Evacuee
revealed on the file.

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


George Peters
Administration Department

GP/ls

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Mr. Kamekichi Otsu

File No. 5056

Bridge River B.C.

Reg. No. *00910*

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver Agency

Policy No. 2225061

Premium - \$ 51.75

Payable: ☒ Annually, ☐ Semi-annually or ☐ monthly

Month November Day 1

REMARKS:

Reference 1319/43

Registration Number 04910

OTSU, Kamekichi

P. O. Box 426, 19 Broadway St., Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Description of property as per Form "JP" is correct.

OWNERSHIP

I have examined Title #111158E, which is in the name of the above Kamekichi Otsu.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

This house situated at 19 Broadway Street, is a frame, shingle roof 4 room house with basement and furnace, inside toilet and Japanese bath in basement. The house is in excellent condition and the grounds are in a well-kept garden.

TAXES

Taxes paid to December 31, 1941.

INSURANCE

Policy #459963, Fire Insurance Co. of Canada, for \$1000, expiring 1944.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. I find that the inventory in Form "JP" is incorrect and attach hereto, amended inventory.

REMARKS

The house has been leased to a friend, one Alfred Hepworth of Steveston, for the sum of \$5.00 per month for the duration of the war. Otsu, himself, paying the taxes. Hepworth was a neighbor and rather close friend of Kamekichi Otsu.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that the arrangement with Hepworth be allowed to stand.

May 8, 1942.

L. Mather

Registration Number 04910

OTSU, Ke-ekichi

Copy of declaration only

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1 Fire Extinguisher
Garden Equipment
1 Wheel barrow
1 Axe
1 Lawn Mower
1 Grass catcher
1 Electric Clock
8 " Light shades, 14 Globes
1 Ice Box
Kitchen Equipment
Carpenter Equipment and Tools.

May 8, 1942.

The Clarke & Stuart Co. Limited, Law Printers and Stationers, Vancouver, B.C.

This Indenture

Made in duplicate the Second day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty two.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE "SHORT FORM OF LEASES ACT"

Between:

KAMEKICHI OTSU, of Steveston in the Province of British Columbia, Fisherman,

hereinafter called the "Lessor" of the First Part:

Insert full names, addresses and occupations of parties.

And

ALFRED GEORGE HEPWORTH, of Steveston, in the Province of British Columbia, Electrician.

hereinafter called the "Lessee" of the Second Part:

Witnesseth, the said Lessor doth demise unto the said Lessee, his executors, administrators and assigns, All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Municipality of Richmond, Townsite of Steveston, in the Province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as:

Lots Three (3) and Four (4) BLOCK THIRTY (30) of Section Three (3) Block Three (3) North Range Seven (7) West Map Two Hundred Forty-nine (249) in the District of New Westminster.

Together with all buildings thereupon erected, or hereafter during the term hereby granted, to be erected, and also with all ways, paths, passages, waters, water courses, privileges, advantages and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging or otherwise appertaining. Together with Furniture and Fixtures according to Inventory attached and which is hereby made part of this agreement.

EXHIBIT No. 944-12
DATE Sept. 24/48
FILED BY Crown

From the date of the evacuation from Steveston of the Lessor on order of the Government of Canada. day of
thousand nine hundred and forty two. for the

term of the duration of the war with Japanthence-ensuing, or until the return of the Lessor to Steveston.

Yielding during the said term therefor the rent of Five Dollars (\$5.00)----Dollars, per month-----

of lawful money of Canada, payable on the following days and times that is to say:

Five Dollars (\$5.00) on the third of each and every month commencing on the evacuation of the Lessor from Steveston. Said sum to be deposited to the credit of the Lessor in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B.C.

the first payment to be made on the day of , 194

That the said Lessee covenants with the said Lessor to pay rent; and to pay taxes; and to pay rates for water, electric light, gas and telephone.

And to repair; and to keep up fences; and not to cut down timber;

And the said Lessor may enter and view state of repair, and that the said Lessee will repair according to notice.

And will not assign without leave; and will not sublet without leave.

And that he will leave premises in good repair;

And that he will not carry on any business that shall be deemed a nuisance on the premises.

Proviso for re-entry by the said Lessor on non-payment of rent, or non performance of covenants.

Proviso for re-entry on seizure or forfeiture of the said term.

The said Lessor covenants with the said Lessee for quiet enjoyment.

Proviso for re-entry on the return of the Lessor to Steveston on giving one calendar months notice (30 days) by the Lessor to the Lessee.

And also that if the term hereby granted shall be at any time seized or taken in execution or in attachment by any creditor of the Lessee, or if the Lessee shall make any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or becoming bankrupt or insolvent, shall take the benefit of any act that may be in force for bankrupt or insolvent debtors the then current rent shall immediately become due and payable and the said term shall immediately become forfeited and void.

And it is hereby Declared and Agreed that in case the premises hereby demised or any part thereof shall at any time during the term hereby granted be burned or damaged by fire or tempest so as to render the same unfit for the purpose of the Lessee then the rent hereby reserved or a proportionate part thereof according to the nature and extent of the injuries sustained, and all remedies for recovering the same shall be suspended and abated until the said premises shall at the option of the Lessor have been repaired or made fit for the purpose of the Lessee.

Provided always and it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that if the said Lessee shall hold over after the expiration of the term hereby granted and the Lessor shall accept rent, the new tenancy thereby created shall be a tenancy from month to month and not a tenancy from year to year, and shall be subject to the covenants and conditions herein contained so far as the same are applicable to a tenancy from month to month.

Wherever the singular or the masculine are used in this Indenture, the same shall be deemed to include the plural or the feminine, or the body politic or corporate; also the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto and each of them, (where the context or the parties so require).

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and the year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
IN THE PRESENCE OF
Signature of Witness *Thomas C. King*
Street Address 78 Georgia Street,
City or Town Steveston, B.C.
Occupation A Commissioner Etc.

Kamekichi Oton

Robert G. Bennett

OTSU KAMEKICHI

FURNITURES AND FIXTURES

- ✓ 1 Three piece chesterfield suite
- ✓ 1 Desk------(walnut finish)
- ✓ 1 Radio------(RCA Victor Model a 4. #1715)
- ✓ 1 Kitchen table. 4 Chairs
- ✓ 2 End table -----(walnut finish)
- ✓ 2 Linoluem (9x9) living and dinning room
- ✓ Linoluem (12 yds) kitchen
- ✓ Linoluem (27x5½) hall
- ✓ 1 Dresser------(walnut finish)
- ✓ 1 Kitchen stove -----(enamel finish)
- ✓ 1 Furnace
- ✓ 13 Blinds (8fancy blinds)
- ✓ 16 Curtain rods
- ✓ 2 Picture frames (King and Queen) (Mt, Fuji)
- ✓ 4 Flower pots stand (1 enamel finish) (3 painted)
- ✓ 1 Scale and box (large size)
- ✓ 1 Winch. 1 Slide
- ✓ 1 Fire Extingusher (large size)
- ✓ 1 Wheelbarrow
- ✓ 1 Lawn mower and grass cutter
- ✓ 8 Electric light shades
- ✓ 10 Gloves
- ✓ 1 Ice box

(These left in care of MR. ALFRED HEPWORTH.)

Alfred Hepworth

VISION:

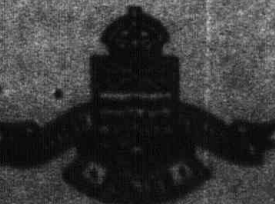
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TRICT:

Bridge River

ATTACHMENT:

District Headquarters



FILE No.

DATE: 30-3-43

UNORGANIZED TERRORISM

REPORT

Defense and International Affairs

Re: OTSU, Kamakichi - Stevenson, B. C.

1. With reference to the above and instructions from the Commissioner under date of 22nd. March 1943 with attached Report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police I beg to advise you that on 30th. March 1943 I interviewed Kamakichi Otsu at Minto Mine, B. C. It was necessary to use an interpreter as Otsu did not seem to understand English. Teragora Nimi was used as interpreter. Otsu stated as follows:

(a) He was the man whose home at Stevenson is now occupied by Alfred Hapworth. That he and Hapworth are friends having known each other for some years.

(b) That previous to leaving Stevenson he had put some articles in the attic of his home. He could not recall all articles but there was an electric sewing machine, a motion picture projector, three reels of films, one being large reel and two small ones. Reels were of his family and friends and also of Stanley Park and Lions Gate Bridge and vicinity. Same had been taken some years ago. Also a number of maps which he used when fishing along the coast. Also a pair of binoculars. He was positive that there was other articles but could not recall what they were. These articles were not deliberately hidden but put away for safe keeping until he could return to Stevenson to again follow his occupation connected with the fishing industry. On being questioned further he stated that he had put these articles away about one month before being evacuated but admitted that he should have reported having same in his possession but excused this by stating that he had forgotten about said articles at the time of leaving. That a list had been made of everything else except articles in said attic.

DIST. REF.

(c) On making discreet enquiries I find that Otsu since coming to Minto has been considered a law abiding inmate of the Minto Camp and has caused no trouble. Nimi states that he has known Otsu for over twenty years at Stevenson and that he bore a good reputation there. Otsu is not a native born Canadian Japanese but was born in Japan and has been in Canada since he was fourteen years of age. From his manner and the hesitation he manifested in giving me the information desired I came to the conclusion that this man was very much afraid that his action in putting articles in attic would lead to further trouble and that he now knows that he will be kept under strict observation and will govern himself accordingly. Under the circumstances I feel that Otsu will not do anything of a nature that might lead to further complications.

DET. REF.

2. Extra copies of this Report for information of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and herewith returned their Report of 16th. March 1943.

Concluded.

[Signature]
(E.A. Jarvis) Sgt. Reg. #375
1/a Bridge River District

To: The Officer Commanding
"C" Division,
Kamloops, B. C.

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B. C. POLICE
VICTORIA, B. C.

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Report should show whether its subject-matter relates to organized or unorganized terrorism or to the Liquor Act. Any report rendered in violation of this instruction shall be subject to disciplinary action.

"E" DIVISION.

C.I.B.

43E,269/2/1-5

Vancouver, B.C.
March 17, 1943.

The Commissioner,
B.C. Provincial Police,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kamekichi OTSU (J.R.#04910) N.C.
Steveston, B.C.

I am attaching hereto duplicate copies of a report from our Vancouver Intelligence Section dated the 16th inst., concerning the above named.

It will be noted that moving picture films and a projector were left in a concealed compartment by the above subject when he left the Protected Area. It would be appreciated if you would have one of your members in the Minto area obtain a detailed statement from this Japanese in respect to this matter.

Your co-operation in this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

(SGD)
(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division

DEM/g
Encl.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "E" SUB-DIVISION Vancouver C.I.B. DETACHMENT Intelligence Section.

PROVINCE British Columbia DATE March 16, 1943.

FILE REFERENCES
SECRET

Re

**Emakichi OTSU (JR # 04910) N.C.
Steveston, B.C.**

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P. C. R.
Vancouver CIB
1st.

A. R. V. NO.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR

1. From a confidential source, it was learned that one Alfred HEPWORTH of Steveston, B.C., had found some property formerly owned by a Japanese of Steveston who had been evacuated. HEPWORTH, through the office of the Custodian, had taken over a former Japanese house and, in renovating same, it was alleged that he had discovered a hiding place in this house containing a quantity of Marine and Coastal Water Maps, a pair of high powered binoculars, etc.

2. In view of this information, on the 12th instant the writer proceeded to Steveston where HEPWORTH was contacted at the Imperial Canneries Ltd., where he is employed as an electrician. The writer accompanied HEPWORTH to the latter's home, 19 - 6th Avenue, Steveston - formerly the residence of OTSU - at which place HEPWORTH handed over to the writer the articles as listed on the attached forms 246. These articles will be kept in the safe at this office for safe-keeping.

3. OTSU was a fish buyer whilst at Steveston and was apparently in fairly good financial circumstances. His present address is Box 29, Minto, B.C., one of the Japanese Camps. A check was made through the offices of the B.C. Security Commission and it was learned that there is nothing of an adverse nature against this Japanese.

4. One of the exhibits, it will be observed, is an 8 mm motion picture projector. There were three reels with this projector and these were run off on this machine by the writer. The first reel was found to be a cartoon, the second reel showed pictures of this man's house, garden, various Japanese women, children, etc, in and around the house and garden. Both these reels proved innocuous. The third reel shows pictures of Vancouver Harbour, the north shore of same, the Lions Gate Bridge, Howe Sound, fishing vessels in the north arm of the Fraser River and, all in all, gives a good idea of Vancouver Harbour and the entrance to same.

5. The Marine and Coastal Water Maps - eleven in number - are common maps and usually found in possession of people who earn their living by fishing on this Coast.

6. No further action is being taken by the writer unless otherwise instructed.

(SIB)

Const.

W. C. Turner, Sen. No. 12496.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

RECEIPT AND CANCELLATION

(INTELLIGENCE)

Detachment File No. 43 R 269/2/1-8

Detachment Vancouver C.I.B.

District File No.

Sub-District

"Edgar" File No.

District Vancouver, B.C.

Date March 16, 1943.

RE: Kamekichi OTSU (JR # 14910) N.C., Steveston, B.C.

(NAME OF FILE)

On March 12, 1943, I, Const. W.C. Turner

(CONSTABLE'S NAME)

Came into possession of the following described goods, by— Receiving same voluntarily

from Alfred KUPFERTH, 19 - 6th Ave., Steveston, B.C.

(STATE FULLY, AUTHORITY, ETC. WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.)

NO. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS (DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL)
✓1		8 MM Motion Picture Projector (Kodascope Eight, Model 80) with serial number 80583A on base.
✓2		Kodascope Junior Film Splicing Outfit.
✓1		Bottle of Kodascope Lubricating Oil.
✓1		Return film container.
✓3		Empty reels.
✓1		Reel with film showing cartoon. (Innocuous)
✓1		Reel with film showing pictures of OTSU's house, garden, various Japanese, etc. (Innocuous)
1		Reel with film showing pictures of Vancouver Harbour, north shore of harbour, Lions Gate Bridge, Howe Sound, north arm of Fraser River, etc.
✓1		Icigarette 502 Camera (no film)
✓1		Pair of Binoculars (STATE make) 8 x 25. Ser. #33313.
✓1		Brown Leather Binocular Container.
11		Marine and Coastal Water Maps.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SIGNATURE OF DETACHMENT OR WILKINSON)

(SIGNATURE OF R.C.M.P. OR CONST.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

DECLARATION

ENVELOPE

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DEVELOPMENT ON SERIAL

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OF THIS IS BEING RETURNED

(C.I.B.)
"E" Division.

43E.269/2/1-5

Vancouver, B.C.
April 8th, 1943.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Ont.

RE: Kanekichi OTSU,
JB#04910.

Copies of the following correspondence
concerning the above named are attached hereto.

- (a) Report from Vancouver Intelligence Section dated March 16th, 1943.
- (b) Form 246, Vancouver Intelligence Section dated March 16th, 1943.
- (c) My letter to the Commissioner, B.C. Police, dated March 17th, 1943.
- (d) Report from Bridge River District, B.C. Police dated March 30th, 1943.

2. The explanation offered by the above Japanese for having left the articles in question in a more or less concealed place has been noted. In the absence of any information to indicate an ulterior motive, no further investigation is being conducted at the present time, however, the articles in question are being held at this Office for safe-keeping.

sgd

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.
Commanding "E" Division.

DEM/JW
Encl:

Minto City, B.C.,
April 25th, 1943.

SECTION	
APR 27 1943	
3	5056
Ans.	R.B.M. 28/4/43 H.M.
Received	green

R.B. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

Enclosed with this letter, please find, a list of few of the chattels I have left at my residence, 19 Broadway St., Steveston, Richmond Municipality. I am desirous of having these shipped to my present address here at Minto City, Bridge River District.

There are numerous other goods besides the ones listed so your departments' custody is requested for the remainders. Amongst the outstanding are the electric sewing machine, nautical equipments, kitchen utensils etc.

If convenient, please prepay the freight charges to the nearest P.C.E. railway agent and debit the charge to my revenue account.

The goods are stored in the space above the ceiling, "false attic". Originally the goods were placed in the above described place and the opening was sealed-up but somehow the place was broken into by the present tenant. I was notified to this effect by the local Provincial Police. The convenient place for entering is by cutting a portion of the ceiling just above the basement stairway.

Thanking you in advance for an early attention in this matter.

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu,

Japanese registration number:

04910

Kamekichi Otsu

Enc.

R.P. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Protection Department.

Kamekichi Otsu, Reg. # 04910

April 25th/43.

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- 1 only metal tool box - content socket wrench set X
- 2 only pipe wrench
- 1 only vise X
- 1 only carpenter's level X
- 1 only hand drill
- 1 only Japanese plane
- 2 only hack-saw
- 1 only coping saw
- 1 set only punch and chisel X
- 1 only bench axe X
- 2 only carpenter's chisels
- 1 only clamp
- 1 box of paints (mixed color)
- 1 glass ash tray
- 2 only oil cups (oilers) X
- 1 only grinder (food chopper) in paper box
- 1 only desk chair
- 1 only scale X
- 14 or 15 bottles of shoyu or soy sauce (liquid)

Please crate these up in box. The final item requires lots of packings.

1 only trunk - content clothings, linens etc. Please fill the trunk with items that are loose on top of the trunk.

1 cash box - content documents and letters.

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APR 27 1943
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EVACUATION SECTION
 Rec'd MAY 21 1943
 File No. 5056
 Ans. 24/5/43
 Referred Mackenzie
 sent to Mr. Mackenzie

Minto City, B.C.,
 May 19th, 1943.

R.B. Mackenzie, Esq.,
 Protection Department,
 Office of the Custodian,
 Royal Bank Building,
 Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, the shipment of five parcels of tools, chair, trunk, and effects from the Transportation Department of the British Columbia Security Commission. After checking the chattels with my requisition sheet of April 25th, I find the following tools missing.

- 1 only metal tool box socket wrenches
- 1 only vice
- 1 only carpenter's level
- 1 only set of punches and chisels
- 1 only bench axe
- 2 only oilers

As some of these tools are unprocureable now, I will esteem it a great favor if your department, through co-operation of Mr. C.C. Robinson of Steveston, recheck my chattels again as there might be a possibility of an oversight.

Very truly yours,

Kamekichi Otsu
 Kamekichi Otsu,

Reg. # 04910.

KO/TN.

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EVACUATION SECTION
MAY 28 1943
74/43 AM
Referred Mackenzie

Minto City, B.C.,
May 25th, 1943.

R.B. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

File # 5056

I have for reply yours of May 17th, re: chattels left on my premise at Steveston. According to your letter I declared on April 16th, last year, sewing machine, kitchen equipments, C.C.M. Bicycle etc. This must have been the time when the routine registration of all Japanese property was taken. Some times after this declaration another Singer electric sewing machine was stored in my house, where rest of my goods were kept, viz: in the attic. This machine belonged to M. Doi, of Steveston, who was evacuated to Manitoba sugar beet farm. On May 27th, 1942 I left Steveston but few days prior to this date I reported to the agent of Custodian, Mr. King, that I was taking to Minto the bicycle and my own sewing machine. In my presence he made some notations on the list of chattels under my name. I was under the impression that this notification was sufficient to alter my original declaration. Thus only one singer sewing machine belonging to M. Doi was left in my attic. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that a canvas cover for this machine was placed in the trunk which I received recently. I am quite sure the machine is still there, if not, please ask the tenant of the house, Alfred Hepworth.

With reference to the amended inventory submitted by Mr. J.D. Mather on May 8th, 1943, I presume 1945, I cannot note the various discrepancies because the copy of this list was not forwarded to me. I have in my mind under nautical equipment the following goods: 3 coils of manila ropes, shaft for winch, 20 inch steering wheel, 50 feet chains, 500 psc fish hooks, 4 barrels each 5 gallons, 8 power binocular, electric fan, oil aprons, engine coil, 2 colman lanterns, rubber boot, 2 wooden handle wrenches, etc. These were all part of my boat equipments. These were all stored in the attic with the rest of the goods.

lease inventory

May 25th, 1943.

For your reference I am enclosing with this letter an itemized list of chattels, other than the ones leased to Hepworth. Please do not duplicate this report as this is the same of April 18th 1942, only the original I think was just an general report.

As all these were safely stored in the sealed attic, all the discrepancies should be traced to the person who made the initial entry into the storage space. I doubt that no stranger could gain a entrance into the attic of a occupied house, so only person I can hold responsible is the present occupants of the house. Please let me have your comments.

Hepworth
Yours very truly,

Kamekichi Otsu
KAMEKICHI OTSU,

Reg. # 04910

KQ/TN

Enc.

LIST OF CHATTELS

KAMEKICHI OTSU

May 1948

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General

- 1 record player -
- 1 lamp stand and shade
- 1 bear skin
- 1 flower pot
- 1 picture and frame
- 1 picture and round frame
- 1 suit case
- 4 damask -
- 4 cushions -
- 5 boxes handkerchief
- 5 rolls brown paper
- 1 leather hand bag
- 1 wall mirror
- 1 lawn sprinkler
- 5 flower pots -

Kitchen

- 1 two burner electric hot plate
- 1 round kitchen clock
- 1 pressure cooker
- 2 cast iron pots, lg and sm
- 2 tea kettles, lg and sm
- 1 crock and lid
- 2 aluminum pots
- 3 trays, lg
- 1 coffee pot
- 2 tea pots, Japanese and occidental
- 2 dozen fruit jars, qt
- 4 dozen fruit jars, pt
- 1 dozen jelly jars
- 1 silver candy dish, in box
- 1 set lacquer tea set, oriental
- 2 bowls, lg and med
- 2 roast pans
- 2 pie dishes
- 3 cookie cutters
- 6 large floral design & dishes, some oblong.
- 1 glass fruit bowl, lg
- about 2 dozen glasses and cups
- 6 small saucers
- 18 Japanese rice bowls

and misc. other kitchen utensils

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 5056

April 12th, 1944

To: Mr. Mackenzie

From: Mr. Green

Re: 19 Broadway St., Steveston
Kamekichi OTSU

The property of this Japanese is leased for the duration as per Agreement of April 2nd, 1942 to which is attached a list of chattels included in the lease. This list does not include everything declared by the Japanese but Mather's inventory of May 8th does with the exception of the sewing machine and bicycle which the owner admits were taken at the time of evacuation.

Some articles were stored in the attic and the tenant, Mr. Hepworth, drew the attention of the police to the fact that there were some things that might require further investigation. The police are looking after this and it does not concern us further.

A shipment of tools and effects was made in May and some shortages claimed on May 19th. This was referred to Mr. Robinson who does not seem to have done very much about it. The Japanese again wrote on May 25th sending a complete list of the effects in the attic but apparently omitting a sewing machine belonging to M. Doi and also various nautical equipment, all of which he could not remember. He very reasonably pointed out that as everything was safely stored in the sealed attic, any shortages would be the responsibility of the person who made the initial entry.

This query was referred to Mr. Robinson on July 10th but never seems to have been followed up. I think this should be carefully investigated.

It occurs to me that where there are duration leases, we might, with the consent of the tenant and when the present rush lets up, remove to sale those

(OVER)

RD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.
State and Insurance Agents
Car Financing

EXHIBIT NO. 944-5
DATE Sept. 24/48
FILED BY
Claimant

609 Columbia Street,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

22nd April, 1944.

Catalogue #790

File #5056

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

Re: Lots 3 and 4, Block 30, Sec. 3,
B3W/7W, Map 249, Steveston Townsite

Dear Sir:-

This property being #19 Broadway Street consists of a four room bungalow. Interior-shiplap and felt paper which has been painted over, well done and in good condition. This bungalow is 28 x 24', not plastered, living room, dining-room, bed room, cabinet kitchen, sink, basin and toilet (no bath tub), fir floors in ~~fair~~ good condition. Exterior - Singsles painted brown. City light and water.

This house has a full cement basement, home made hot air furnace. The house is well constructed and of good materials.

There are two 33 x 120' lots, nice garden, shrubs, lawn, raspberry canes and three fruit trees. This is a very attractive bungalow on nice lot. Street is not open for traffic. Rented to A. G. Howard

VALUATION:

House	\$1156.
Lots	300.
	<u>\$1456.</u>

Yours very truly,

COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.

"F. H. Coulthard"

F. H. Coulthard

I hereby certify the foregoing words to
be a true copy of the original whereof
they purport to be a copy.

Jan. 18/49

[Signature]

MEMORANDUM

File 5056

May 5, 1944.

To: Mr. Mackenzie

From: Mr. Harris

Re: OTSU, Kamekichi - Reg. 04910

Chattels belonging to the above left at 19 Broadway, Steveston, B. C.

- ✓ 1 Carton Sealers
- ✓ 1 Rice Steamer
- ✓ 1 Iron bar, ✓ 1 Iron pot
- ✓ 1 Umbrella
- ✓ 1 Wicker Suit Case
- ✓ 3 Tins Miscellaneous Junk
- ✓ 1 Small box dog-fish hooks
- ✓ 1 Trunk tray Miscellaneous
- ✓ Miscellaneous China and Kitchen ware
- ✓ 1 -2 Gal Crock
- ✓ 4 Fancy flower pots
- ✓ 1 Fur skin
- ✓ 1 Carton books
- ✓ 3 Lanterns
- ✓ 1 Small water pump
- ✓ 4 Small barrels

GMR/pls

Brought to me 3 Auction room Aug 16/44 - List 21
ABM

NAME OTSU, Kamekichi

*Original lost
Jan 8/45*

REGISTRATION NO. 04910

FILE NO. 5056

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on May 12, 1944.

✓ Cross Cut Saw	\$ 0.75
✓ Cross Cut Saw	1.00
✓ Clothes Rack	0.50
✓ Basket of Sealers	0.25 K
✓ Wash Tub & sealers	0.75 K
✓ Axe	0.10
✓ Small table	0.25
✓ Refuse tin	0.80
✓ 2 Flowered stands	0.50
✓ Ice Box	9.00
✓ Platform scale	42.00

Total

\$ 55.90

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$5.59
(Advertising: 2.59
(Moving: 5.25

\$ 13.43

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 42.47

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Steveston 13

Remarks.

File No. 5056

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Harris
From: Mr. Mackenzie

July 7th, 1944

Re: Kamekichi OTSU

Enclosed is a list of goods included in the Lease between Alfred Hepworth and the above and signed by both parties on the 2nd of April 1942.

In addition there were goods stored in the attic of the house at 19 Broadway, some of which were shipped to the above on May 11th, 1943.

Your memo of May 5th, 1944 says Mr. Hepworth has moved to No. 1 Road and has taken with him the chattels shown on inventory.

The above writes on July 4th, 1944 asking to have sent to him the following:

Radio (Victor Console)
Record Player
Lady's Brown Handbag
Socket Wrench Set in Metal
Tool Box
2 Tappet wrenches
1 Piston Ring Folder
2 Shaft Measures
T and L Handle

Most of these goods appear on the list included in the Lease and Mr. Hepworth is responsible for them. We have no objection to Mr. Hepworth sending these articles to K. OTSU at Minto Mine, B. C., and sending in to us his account for any charges incurred for packing, cartage and freight. We will not undertake this job.

Please get from Mr. Hepworth a complete list of all the chattels he removed from 19 Broadway to No. 1 Road that belonged to the above.

REM/CH
Enc.

NAME OTSU, Kanekichi

Original sent for 8/45

REGISTRATION NO. 04910

FILE NO. 5056

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on June 30, 1944.

3 ps. Chesterfield suite

\$ 65.00

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Total

\$ 65.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$6.50
(Advertising: 2.84
(Moving: 5.84

\$ 15.18

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 49.82

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 16.

Remarks.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUL 6 1944
File No.	5356
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Mackenzie</i>

P.O. Box 29,
Minto Mine, B.C.
July 4th 1944.

R.B. Mackenzie Esq.,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian
Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Advised by B.C. Security Commission Officer,
Mr. F. E. DesBrisay it will be necessary to apply
to the Office of the Custodian for shipment. So I
am asking you to send me the following list of
articles which I have left at my Residence 19 Broadway
Street, Steveston, B.C.

The articles which I want you to send me are
as follows:

Radio(Victor Consol) Model A4 No.1715, Record
Player, 8m.m. Movie Projector, Lady's Brown Handbag
and Socket Wrench Set in Metal Tool Box and 2 Tappet
Wrench, 1 Piston Ring Folder, 2 Shaft Measure, 1 T and L
Handle.

I have asked you to send me a Socket Wrench Set
last year with my articles. But I received other
articles on May 13th 1943 but the Socket Wrench was
missing so will you please find it over once more.
I have sent an application to go to eastern province
to work mechanic so that is when I want it to use.

If any money left please freight charges and
all other expense charge to my revenue account.

I would be very glad if you would send me all
the above articles at an earliest possible conveniences.

Yours very truly,

Kamekichi Otsu

Kamekichi Otsu
Jap. Registration #04910

KO/TS

Copy

P.O. Box 29,
Minto Mine, B.C.
July 4th 1944

R.B. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Protection Department
Office of the Custodian
Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Advised by B. C. Security Commission Officer
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to the office of the Custodian for Shipment so
I am asking you to send me the following list
of articles which I have left at my Residence 19
Broadway St. Steveston, B. C. the articles which I
want you to send me are as follows,
Radio (Victor Consol Model A4 No. 1715)
Record Player, 8 m.m. movie projector
lady brown handbag and socket wrench, 1 piston
Ring folder. 2 Shaft measure, 1 T and L Handle,
I have asked you to send me a socket Wrench set
last year with my articles but I received other
articles on May 13th 1943 But the socket wrench was
missing so will you find it over once more. I have
sent an application to go to eastern provine to
work mechanic so that is when I want it to use.
If any money left please freight charges and
all other expense charge to my revenue account,
I would be very glad if you would send me all the above
articles at an earliest possible conveniences.

Yours very truly

Kamekichi Otsu

Japanese Reg. #04910

8
Minto Mine, B.C.
July 15th 1944.

Mr. R.B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department,
Office of Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUL 20 1944
File No.	5056
Ans.	Notes R.B.M.
Referred	Mackenzie

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 10th the Shipment of a parcel of:

- 1 8 MM Pictur Projector
- 2 Kodoscope Jr. film splicing outfit
- 1 bottle of kodoscope lubricating oil
- 1 return film container
- 3 empty reels
- 1 reel with film showing cartoons.
- 1 reel with film showing pictures of houses, garden, etc.
- 1 Icarette 502 camera (no film)
- 1 pr. binnoculars
- 1 brown leather binnocular container

Received at my hand July 14th.

You haven't mentioned nor either send us the following which I have asked you to send me with the above articles. The following which I want you to send me at an earliest possible conveniences are:

Record Player
Lady's Brown Handbag
Metal Tool Box
Radio (Victor Consol) model A4 No 1715

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu

Kamekichi Otsu.
Registration No. 04910.

File No. 5056.
Catalogue No. 790.

July 28th, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. E. W. Wright

FROM: Mr. D. A. Ganser

Kaukiki OWS - Reg.No. 04916
Municipality of Richmond
Lots 3 & 4, Blk. 30 of Sec. 3,
Tlk. 3 N., Range 7 W., Map 249,
R.H.S. Certificate of Vesting
No. 25021.

We enclose herewith the following documents in connection with the sale of the above described property.

1. Original Certificate of Encumbrance.
2. Transmission in duplicate.
3. Agreement for Sale in duplicate... IRENE PEARL CLARKE.
4. Copy of letter showing to whom sold and price paid for the property.
5. Recommendation from the Administration Department confirming valuation, and approval of Advisory Committee.

Certificate of Indefeasible Title Number 111160-2 is in the Owner's possession.

DAG:JS
Encls.

D. A. Ganser

MEMORANDUM

File No. 5056

August 9th, 1944

TO: THE FILE

FROM: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: OTSU, Kanekichi

Further to Mr. Green's Memo of 12/4/44

On 5/5/44 goods were moved from the attic of the house at No. 19 Broadway to our No. 3 warehouse auction room and nearly all sold at auction of 12/5/44. For chattels left at this address see memo 5/5/44.

The goods seized by R.C.M.P. as per their inventory of March 16th, 1943, were returned to us on 8/7/44 at our request, with the exception of a roll of pictures of Vancouver Harbour, etc. and eleven marine and coastal maps, and shipped to the above on 10/7/44.

The tenant, Mr. A. G. Hepworth, who had a duration lease, chattels included, sublet the premises and moved out, taking the chattels with him. See memo 19/6/44.

A 3-piece chesterfield set was returned by Mr. A. G. Hepworth and sold at auction on the 30/6/44.

See memo of 7/7/44 with further list of goods requested by the above on July 4th, 1944, shipment of which we assume is being attended to by Mr. Hepworth.

*2 in. tables, 1 desk, 1 dresser + mirror, 1 K. table + 4 chairs.
were received from A. G. Hepworth and sold R.B.M.
at auction on 10/4/44 R.B.M.*

REM/MRG

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 14 1944
File No.	5056
Ans.	
Referred	Mackenzie

128 Harriet St.,
Winnipeg, Man.
August 9th 1944.

R. B. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Protection Department
Office of the Custodian
Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have forward to you my letter of the
July 4th instant of which the copy I enclosed
herein.

As I have quoted before I am now relocated
to The above address in Winnipeg, Manitoba, so
I would like you to forward me the following
articles to my present address.

- ✓Radio (Victor Consol Model A4 No. 1715) shipped 12/10/44
- Record Player.
- Mechanic tools.
- ✓Lady Brown Handbag. shipped with radio 12/10/44

I would be very grateful if you would take
an immediate attention toward this matter. I
have already received my movie projector when
I was still in B. C.

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu
Kamekichi Otsu.
Reg. # 04910

NAME OTSU, Kamekichi

Original sent for 8/18

REGISTRATION NO. 04910

FILE NO. 5056

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on September 1, 1944.

- Bed Table
- Bed table
- Desk
- Dresser and mirror
- Kitchen table and 4 chairs

\$ 1.85
2.10
5.00
12.00
9.00

Total

\$ 29.95

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fees \$2.99
(Advertising 1.60
(Movings 3.49

\$ 8.08

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 21.87

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 19

Remarks.

NAME OTSU, Kanakichi*Original sent Jan 8/45*REGISTRATION NO. 04910FILE NO. 5056

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on September 30, 1944.

✓ Crow bar	\$ 0.50
✓ 2 Kegs	0.70
✓ 2 Kegs	1.25
✓ Screen for baby carriage	0.10
✓ Small roll of linoleum	0.35
✓ 2 Gallon crock	0.75
✓ Fire extinguisher	4.25 X
✓ Wicker suit case	2.00
✓ Sealers	0.35 K
✓ Sealers	0.90 K
✓ Sealers	0.35 K
✓ Sealers	0.35 K
✓ Lamp shade	0.25
✓ Box of Kitchen ware	2.00 K
✓ Rice steamer	3.50 K
✓ 4 Fancy flower pots	2.25 X
✓ Pictures	1.00 X
✓ Sealers	0.35 K
✓ Sundries	0.25 - 2 K
✓ 2 Aprons and hood	0.90
✓ Iron pot	1.50 K
✓ 2 Lanterns	0.75
✓ 2 Lanterns	4.00
✓ Galvanized pipe	0.30
✓ Box of sundries	7.00 ? K
Total	\$ 35.90
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.59	\$ 10.31
(Advertising: 1.90	
(Moving: 4.52	
Net Proceeds Credited:	\$ 25.59

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 21

Remarks.

THOMPSON & COMPANY

AUCTIONEERS AND APPRAISERS

ESTABLISHED 20 YEARS

ROYAL TRUST BUILDING,
526 PENDER STREET WEST,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 18th, 1944

Department of the Secretary of State.

Office of the Custodian.

Royal Bank Bldg.

City.

Dear Sirs:

Re K. Otsu. Your file # 5056.

As per request of your Mr. Harris the writer personally inspected 41- Century 4 Hole Enamel Coal & Wood Range belonging to the above party and in our opinion the sum of \$40.00 is a fair & just valuation at the present market.

W.T. - M.B.

Yours Truly.

THOMPSON & COMPANY.

W. G. Thompson

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	SEP 18 1944
File No.	5056
Ans.	
Referred	<i>McLinden</i>

sent to Otsu

EXHIBIT NO. 944-2
DATE Sept 24/48
FILED BY Crown

File No. 5056.
Catalogue No. 790

October 13th, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. George Peters

FROM: Mr. D. A. Gramer

Kamekichi OTSU
Wm. of Richmond
Lots 3 & 4, Blk. 30 of Sec.
3, Blk. 3 N., Range 7 W.,
Map 249.

With reference to the above property which was recorded in the New Westminster Land Registry Office, dated August 21st, 1944, we attach herewith the following documents in connection therewith.

1. Copy of application number 176838-E, dated August 21st, 1944, registering the property in the name of the Custodian (Transmission).
2. Copy of application number 93126, dated August 21st, 1944, registering an Agreement for Sale to Irene Pearl Clarke.
3. Duplicate of Transmission dated August 3rd, 1944.
4. Original Agreement for Sale dated August 3rd, 1944 - Secretary of State to Irene Pearl Clarke.
5. Post card acknowledgment dated October 12th, 1944, from the New Westminster Land Registry Office, No. 176838-E. Certificate of Title is being held in the Land Registry Office. Agreement for Sale No. 93126.

D. A. Gramer

DAG:JS
Attch.

Catalogue No. 790
File No. 5056
19 Broadway Street
Steveston, BC
3 & 4/30/VBJN/R7W/249

Receipt of Agreement for Sale between The Honourable the Secretary of State of Canada and Irene Pearl Clarke, is by me hereby acknowledged and I agree that all adjustments and incidents connected with the sale to me of property covered by said Agreement for Sale have been settled.

Receipt is also acknowledged of copy of North West Fire Insurance Company policy No. 205827 and Fire Insurance Company of Canada policy No. 465303 both of which have been assigned to me as my interest appears.

Receipt is also acknowledged of cheque for \$14.07 representing the closing of adjustments on sale to me of 19 Broadway Street, Steveston, B. C.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 6th day of November 1944.

Irene P. Clarke

511 Pacific Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.
January 2nd, 1945.

George Peters, Esq.,
Administration Department.
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 6 1945
File No.	5056
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>

Dear Sir:

re: File No. 5056

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 30th, 1944 instant, informing me the sale of my property, 19 Broadway St., Steveston, Re: Catalogue No. 790. The amount of sum disclosed was \$1456.00 for which I am not at all satisfied, also I am ungrateful to hear about this sale without my approval.

From your statement attached the balance payment of \$456 is due for payment over 24 months, but I do not noticed any credit appearing monthly after July 6th, 1944. The proceeds of Auction Sale as listed on the same on June 12, Aug. 8, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 is disclosed at a very small value. I would like you to inform me the particular articles sold during such an occasion and I would also like the list of articles left after the sell.

I would like to know the particulars of the cartage, and the freight charges of \$4.75 on April 5th, 1944.

I have not been expecting to receive the information of this sort and would like to see the matter settled when all the present restriction of movements imposed upon me will be lifted.

Yours very truly,

Kamekichi Otsu

Kamekichi Otsu.
Reg. No. 04910.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 18 1945
File No.	2056
Ans.	
Referred	Milson

511 Pacific Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.
January 15th 1945.

G. D. Milson, Esq.,
Administration Department.
Office of Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

File No. 5056

Acknowledged receipt of your letter of January 8th instant. On my last letter of January 2nd I have requested about the balance payment of \$456. due for me from the sale of our resident at \$1456.00 and only \$1000.00 was credited to me. You have inform me that any rents after the date of sale would be payable to the new owner; but this is not the information I have requested at all. I would like to know whether the balance amount of \$456.00 is payable to me monthly or on whole amount after 24 months.

With reference to the particulars of Auction Sale I have noted some of the chattels not included in the list therefore there should still be some of chattels still left. Please check up with the list of chattels filed through the Custodian before Evacuation.

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu

Kamekichi Otsu.
Reg. 04910

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd FEB 2 1945
File No. 5056
Ans.
Referred <i>Milson</i>

511 Pacific Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.
January 28th 1945.

G. D. Milson, Esq.,
Administration Department.
Office of Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 5056

Acknowledged receipt of your letter of the January 22nd instant, informing me the balance of \$456.00 due on the sale and its procedure of payment.

In regard to the lists of chattels leased to Mr. Hepworth for which I have his signature countersigned on the list I notice that 1 Winch and a Slide which cost me \$55.00 and a lawn mower (\$8.00) are still missing from the list. If there should be no trace of this chattels I would like to inform you to take a necessary action towards Mr. Alfred Hepworth because he could not say that he do not know about this chattels.

on chattel list & sold.

Also my bear skin rug which cost me (\$20.00) and two lamp stands (\$19.00) are also missing from the list.

on chattel list

I would appreciate you if you could take an immediate attention towards this matter.

Enclosed here is the list of chattels leased to Mr. Hepworth which I have his signature.

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu

Kamekichi Otsu.
Reg. No. 04910.

NAME OTSU, Kamekichi

REGISTRATION NO. 04920

FILE NO. 5056

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevenson, B. C. on February 16, 1945.

Lawn mower

\$ 19.00

Total

\$ 19.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fees \$1.90
(Advertising 0.86
(Moving 1.96

\$ 4.72

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 14.28

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevenson 29

Remarks.

17
511 Pacific Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.
March 12th 1945.

G. D. Milsom, Esq.,
Administration Department.
Office of Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
RECEIVED	MAR 16 1945
FILE NO.	5056
FILED	✓
REFERRED	Milsom

Dear Sir:

File No. 5056.

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 21st instant informing me the chattels in care of Mr. Hepworth. From your information you have stated that Mr. Hepworth has advised you that the winch and slide have been stolen. Since Mr. Hepworth was our tenant before and was living at our former residence I think he would not let any one enter his premises and carry the chattels away. Moreover the winch and slide is a thing that cannot be carried out so readily because of their weight. I also think that he will report if such a thing has happen to my chattels when he was residing there.

I think that Mr. Hepworth has sold them on purpose of have stolen it himself so I would like you to get the sufficient amount of funds for the articles from him.

I hope that you would not let the matter like this, pass after hearing from Mr. Hepworth that the said articles have been stolen.

Yours truly,

Kamekichi Otsu
.....
Kamekichi Otsu.
Reg. No. 04910.

EXHIBIT No. 944-13
DATE Sept. 24/45
FILED BY Crown

Catalogue No. 790
File No. 5056
19 Broadway Street, Steveston.
3 & 4/30/3/B3N/NTH/249

Receipt is acknowledged of The Fire Insurance Company of Canada, Policy No.
465303 which has been assigned to me.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C. this 19th day of July, 1945.

Signed AW Clarke

File: 5056

April 12, 1948

To: Mr. Good

From: F. Matheson

Re: Kanekichi OTSU & M.V. "Queen Elizabeth"

JFVDC Ledger Folio and Boat File No. 197 concerns the vessel "Elizabeth" Naval Reg. No. NW 098E, licensed at Port of New Westminster, No. 2497.

List of Vessels Licensed at Port of New Westminster, supplied by the Registrar of Shipping at that Port, shows that Licence 2497 was issued to K. Otsu, Box 426, Steveston, on May 25, 1939, for a vessel named "Elizabeth".

Naval Catalogue No. 1b of Japanese Fishing Vessels was supplied to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee on February 21, 1942. This list of vessels was prepared as soon as the boats had been moved to the moorings prepared for them near Annacis Island. On this list the vessel "Queen Elizabeth", New Westminster Licence No. 2497, Naval No. NW.098E, owned by K. Otsu, is shown as being moored at Mooring "U" - Row 3. On this list some boats instead of having a location at the moorings are marked "duty boat", presumably vessels being used by Naval Service.

Naval List of Japanese Fishing Vessels at Annacis Island & Prince Rupert, believed to be the one referred to in the letter from the Deputy Minister of National Defence, March 30, 1942, shows the "Queen Elizabeth", as being among the impounded vessels, at Annacis Island. This list was supplied to the Committee March 16, 1942.

It is evident that the "Queen Elizabeth" and the "Elizabeth" are one boat, as the Licence No. and Naval No. are the same.

The "Elizabeth" was sold by K. Otsu to M. Bell-Irving & Co. Ltd. on March 24, 1942, for \$1,550.00. The Committee approved the transfer on March 26, 1942.

The vessel was released to the purchaser on or around March 30, 1942, from the control of Naval Service.

Mr. Kanekichi Otsu received from the Committee on March 28, 1942, the sum of \$1,529.50. This being the purchase price of \$1,550.00, less the Committee's charge of 1% and the \$5.00 survey charge (amounting in all to \$20.50).

I can find no record to show that the vessel owned by Mr. Kanekichi Otsu was used by Naval Service.

F. Matheson

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Quote No. N.S.8020-8 (N.Sec.)

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada.

30th March, 1948.

Dear Sir:

Japanese Fishing Vessel - "Queen Elizabeth"

Attached is a claim received from Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack, Barristers, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on behalf of Mr. Kamekichi Otsu of Steveston, British Columbia. Mr. Otsu is claiming compensation for his fishing vessel "QUEEN ELIZABETH" which he states was taken over by the Naval Service in December, 1941.

In response to enquiry, the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast states that records at Esquimalt show that a fishing boat by the name of QUEEN ELIZABETH, Registration No. 2497, Naval Registration No. NWO98E, Engine 90 Chrysler, Owner - K. Otsu, was one of those seized in the Vancouver area. This vessel was amongst those impounded by the Royal Canadian Navy at Annacis Island. It appears in the List of Japanese Vessels at Annacis Island and at Prince Rupert, B.C., dated 10th March, 1942, a copy of which list was furnished by the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast on 13th March, 1942, to Mr. Justice Sydney Smith, Japanese Fishing Boat Disposal Committee, Marine Building, Vancouver, B.C. No record can be found which would indicate that this vessel was ever used by the Naval Service.

As the Japanese Fishing Boat Disposal Committee operated under the jurisdiction of your Department, this claim is referred to you. Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack have been advised of its disposal.

Yours truly,

W. Gordon Mills,
Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
O T T A W A.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

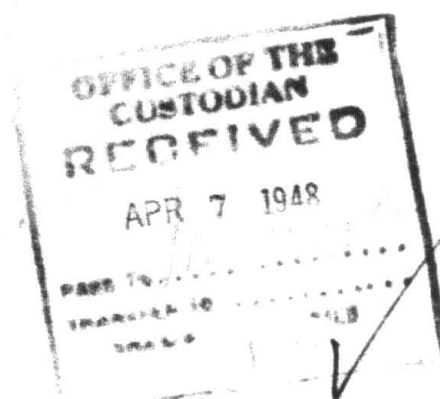
OTTAWA

April 5th, 1948.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ont.

A communication from the legal firm of Cherniack & Cherniack of Winnipeg, with regard to a fishing vessel owned by a citizen of Japanese origin, which had been taken over at the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, has been referred to this Department by the Department of National Defence. I attach a copy hereto, as well as the covering letter by the Deputy Minister of National Defence.

The whole matter is being referred to you as one which is in the character of unfinished business of the committee, which had originally been established at the instance of this Department.



Stewart Bates,
Deputy Minister.

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Cherniack & Cherniack
Barristers & Solicitors

31-460 Main Street,
Winnipeg,
Canada

Please Refer
To File No. 24290

February 16th, 1948.

Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

We have been consulted by Kamekichi
Otsu, formerly of 19 Broadway St., Steveston, B.C.

Mr. Otsu advised us that his fishing
vessel known as "Queen Elizabeth" registration No. 2497,
Naval Registration No. NW098E was taken over by the
Navy on or about the 15th of December 1941 and was
used by the Navy until March 28th, 1942.

It is Mr. Otsu's contention that he
is entitled to a rental of a minimum of \$5.00 a day for
the period for which it was used.

We would appreciate your attention to
this matter and your advising us as to the arrangements
which have been made in regard to such use of boats by
the Navy.

Yours truly,

Cherniack & Cherniack

per S.M.C.

SMC/y

Cherniack & Cherniack
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

Phone { 22 877
22 878

J. A. CHERNIACK, B.A., LL.B.
S. M. CHERNIACK, LL.B.

31-460 Main Street
Winnipeg,
Canada

PLEASE REFER
TO FILE NO.

84890

January 13th, 1948.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Date	JAN 15 1948
File No.	5056
Att.	
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Dear Sirs:

re: Kamekichi OTSU - 04910 formerly
of 19 Broadway St. Steveston, B.C.

The above party has requested us to write you in regard to a fishing vessel known as "Queen Elizabeth" Registration No. 2497, Naval Registration No. NW0982. This Boat which is 38' in length with a 10' beam and powered by 120 H.P. Studebaker motor was taken over by the Navy on or about the 15th of December, 1941 and was used by the Navy until March 28th, 1942.

Mr. Otsu contends that he is entitled to a rental of at least \$5.00 a day for the period for which it was used.

As we have no knowledge of the arrangements made with the Navy, we would appreciate your looking into this matter and advising us of Mr. Otsu's position in this regard.

Yours truly,

CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK

per. *[Signature]*

SMC/y

Cherniack & Cherniack
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

Phones { 22 877
22 878

J. A. CHERNIACK, B.A., LL.B.
S. M. CHERNIACK, LL.B.

PLEASE REFER
TO FILE NO. 84290

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 31 1948
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31-460 Main Street
Winnipeg,
Canada

January 28th, 1948.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Grenville,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kamekichi Otsu, Reg'n. No. 04910.
Your file No. 5056

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th instant in the above matter, and note your reference to the effect that the vessel referred to in our letter to you of the 13th instant, was sold on the 26th of March, 1942, and your recommendation that we refer this matter to the Commissioner.

It appears to us that since the Custodian was not appointed until after the date of the sale of the vessel, we would not be justified in making a claim to the Commissioner. Nor did we plan on making a complaint to you in our letter. We wrote to you because we are not aware of the manner in which the Navy handled the vessels and what type of compensation was paid for the use of same.

Since you no doubt are fully familiar with what was done in the past, we would appreciate your letting us have particulars of same and advise us of the proper office to which to address our inquiries.

Yours truly,

CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK

per *[Signature]*

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24290

January 28th, 1948.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Yours truly,

CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK

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I hereby certify the foregoing words to be
a true copy of the original whereof they
purport to be a copy.
Jan. 17/49 *J May*

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

File 5056

February 11, 1948

Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack,
Barristers & Solicitors,
31-460 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kamekichi Otsu, Reg. No. 04910

With reference to your inquiry of January 28th, we wish to inform you that the Custodian has no knowledge of any arrangements made by Naval Service to pay compensation to the owners for the use of their vessels during the period the vessels were under Naval guard.

In your letter of January 13th, you stated that the vessel owned by Mr. Kamekichi Otsu was used by Naval Service between the date of her surrender, December 15, 1941, and the date of her release, March 28, 1942. The Custodian has no knowledge of this.

We would suggest that you address your inquiry to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

Yours truly,

"F. Matheson"

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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I hereby certify the foregoing words to
be a true copy of the original whereof
they purport to be a copy.
Jan. 17/49 *L. May* *eh*

24290

February 16th, 1948.

Naval Service Headquarters,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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for which it was used.

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matter and your advising us as to the arrangements which have
been made in regard to such use of boats by the Navy,

Yours truly,

CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK

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31-460 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Canada

Please Refer
to File No. 24290

February 16th, 1948

Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

We have been consulted by Kamekichi Otsu, formerly of 19
Broadway St., Steveston, B. C.

Mr. Otsu advised us that his fishing vessel known as "Queen
Elizabeth" registration No. 2497, Naval Registration No. NW098E was taken
over by the Navy on or about the 15th of December, 1941 and was used by
the Navy until March 28th, 1942.

It is Mr. Otsu's contention that he is entitled to a rental of
a minimum of \$5.00 a day for the period for which it was used.

We would appreciate your attention to this matter and your ad-
vising us as to the arrangements which have been made in regard to such use
of boats by the Navy.

Yours truly,

Cherniack & Cherniack

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Quote No. N.S.8020-8 (N.Sec.)

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada

30th March, 1948

Dear Sir:

Japanese Fishing Vessel - "Queen Elizabeth"

Attached is a claim received from Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack, Barristers, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on behalf of Mr. Kamekichi Otsu of Steveston, British Columbia. Mr. Otsu is claiming compensation for his fishing vessel "Queen Elizabeth" which he states was taken over by the Naval Service in December, 1941.

In response to enquiry, the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast states that the records at Esquimalt show that a fishing boat by the name of "Queen Elizabeth" Registration No. 297, Naval Registration No. NW098E, Engine 90 Chrysler, Owner-K. Otsu was one of those seized in the Vancouver area. This vessel was amongst those impounded by the Royal Canadian Navy at Annacis Island. It appears in the List of Japanese Vessels at Annacis Island and at Prince Rupert, B. C., dated 10th March, 1942, a copy of which list was furnished by the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast on 13th March, 1942, to Mr. Justice Sydney Smith, Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, Marine Building, Vancouver, B. C. No record can be found which would indicate that this vessel was ever used by the Naval Service.

As the Japanese Fishing Boat Disposal Committee operated under the jurisdiction of your Department, this claim is referred to you. Messrs. Cherniack & Cherniack have been advised of its disposal.

Yours truly,

W. Gordon Mills,
Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
OTTAWA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

Winnipeg, Manitoba,
April 14th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
K. OTSU.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HINTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

S.M. CHERNIACK, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

G.M.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

MR. CHERNIACK: Before I proceed with the list this morning, my lord, I would like to speak briefly to a case set down on the long list and adjourned to the sub-Commission. It is No. 90, my lord, on the long list -- no, I am sorry, 100 -- page 4 of the list, K. Otsu. Now in preparing this claim the claimants asked me about a claim which he felt he had for the use of his boat by the Navy. I told him that I felt this didn't come within the terms of reference, and I therefore did not include it in the claim, and I wrote to the Custodian asking for some advocate or some person to whom to turn to in trying to investigate whether he was entitled to it or not. The Custodian referred me to the Naval Department and the Naval Service Headquarters then referred me to the Department of Fisheries, and I have a letter from the Department of Fisheries referring me to the Custodian, and I can't go on that way indefinitely.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Shears and he told me you had heard some claim of this nature, without prejudice, say I understand it, and I would just like to have a word from your Lordship as to whether I might ask for leave to amend my claim to include it so it might be heard by the sub-Commissioner and possibly a recommendation might be made.

THE COMMISSIONER: What happened in this instance? The man's vessel was commandeered?

MR. CHERNIACK: The man's vessel was commandeered by the

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Navy.

THE COMMISSIONER: Was anything said at that time about charter?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: No mention of a charter at all?

MR. CHERNIACK: As far as I know there was none. They made use of it for something like three months, and then it was sold through the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

15 THE COMMISSIONER: There was one claim before me in which there was some correspondence between the claimant and a Department of Government, I have forgotten which one, but there some reference was made to a charter fee being established at a later date, but there is nothing whatever of that kind in your claim.

MR. CHERNIACK: Not to my knowledge.

THE COMMISSIONER: What are your views, Mr. Hunter?

MR. HUNTER: My views have always been, my lord, that
20 it doesn't come within the terms of reference, though purely on the grounds of equity it does seem that some adjustment should be made, or even on the grounds of quantum meruit or something of that kind they should be entitled to some compensation for the boat. It was the Department of Munitions and Supply that handled that and it was succeeded by the Department of Reconstruction. Where all the records would be, I am dashed if I know now.

30 MR. CHERNIACK: Well, I haven't been in touch with that

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Department yet.

THE COMMISSIONER: I imagine you would have no opposition to the proposal to allow the amendment and at least hear what was said about it, though I might or might not make a recommendation, even though I have excluded it from the terms of reference.

10 MR. HUNTER: I can't see any objection to it, my lord. This matter was taken up with the Custodian in considerable correspondence with Munitions and Supply, and in the correspondence they were particularly referring to those cases where they stated that later the details of a charter party would be arranged, but they had now purchased the boat and had done nothing about the charter party which they had been previously talking about, and Munitions and Supply came back and said in their opinion it would be most inequitable if they should at the same time buy the boat and pay the charter party when some months later they could buy the boat at the price
20 they were now buying it at. There was something in the argument but not a great deal, I thought.

THE COMMISSIONER: I will give you leave to amend, Mr. Cherniack.

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, if my friend would make a note of it, that I can amend.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is of course on the clear understanding that it now appears you are outside of the terms of reference.

MR. CHERNIACK: Oh yes, I understand that.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Secretary, would you be good

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enough to note on the list going to His Honour Judge Buckingham that leave has been given in Claim No. 100 to amend by adding the further claim in relation to a charter which is alleged to have been made between the claimant and a Department of Government in respect of a vessel. What is it, a motor vessel?

MR. CHERNIACK: I believe so, my lord; I am not certain.

THE COMMISSIONER: Most of them were.

10 MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, it had a Studebaker motor.

THE COMMISSIONER: And if counsel who is appointed to the sub-Commission would be good enough to inform Judge Buckingham as to what I have done?

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord, we will do that.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

J. P. Harrobin

20 "T.P. HERROBIN"
Official Reporter.

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

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

SUB-COMMISSION

BEFORE

10 (THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.G. BUCKINGHAM, SUB-COMMISSIONER

Winnipeg, Manitoba,

24th September, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIMS OF

KAMEKICHI OTSU

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

F.M. YERG, Esq.,

Appearing for the
Dominion Government.

S.M. CHERBLACK, Esq.,

Appearing for the
Claimant.

G.H.R. DUTTON, Esq., Official Interpreter

20 MARK H. YERGES, Esq., Sr., Official Reporter.

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K. Osen,
In Chief.

10 MR. JERNIANSKI: I spoke to this case before the
Commissioner in the spring hearing and told him
about certain troubles that this claimant had in
connection with the boat, which had been seized and
for which he never received a rental compensation.
I pointed out to the Commissioner that I have tried
to investigate and make claim for the rental or the
charter of the boat since it was used by the Navy,
but I was given what is termed a "run-around". I
told him, the Commissioner, I didn't know how I
could bring it under the terms of reference, but there
seemed to be an injustice done. Mr. Sloan agreed on
the surface that there may have been an injustice
done and the Commissioner therefore gave me permission
to bring this claim before him, give him whatever in-
formation I could, and he would see whether something
could be done to remedy this injustice, if it was
found there was such injustice. And for that purpose
I would like to file the correspondence which I have
in connection with my attempt to investigate this
and just put it on the record and leave it for the
Commissioner to deal with. This discussion that we
had was transcribed and I notice that my learned friend
has a copy of the transcription on file and I imagine,
therefore, the Commissioner's file will also have a
copy of the discussion. There was no number given,
so that I cannot refer it to that number, but the name
is shown. Now, the claimant's contention in connection
with the boat was, that it was in use by the Navy from
December 15, 1941, to March 28, 1942, and he claims

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that he is entitled to \$5.00 a day for that time, a total of 105 days at \$5.00, or \$515.00. I would like to file as Exhibit 1 a bundle of correspondence, the total is lengthy and I do not see the need to put it all on the record, but I will summarize the letters file

(Bundle of Correspondence, EXHIBIT 1.)

10 The first is a copy of a letter which I sent to the Custodian on January 13, 1948, setting out the facts roughly as we knew them and asking the Custodian to look into the matter and to advise us as to Mr. Oten's rights. The next is a letter from the Custodian to me, dated January 24, 1948, stating that the Custodian had no part in this disposal or administration of the funds in connection with this vessel and suggesting that it be referred to the Commissioner. On January 28th I replied to the Custodian, pointing out that it didn't appear to me that this was a matter for the Commissioner it didn't seem to come within the terms of reference, and asking them to advise us as to which Government
20 office we should write to. The next letter is from the Custodian to me, dated February 11, 1948, referring me to the Naval Service Headquarters at Ottawa. The next is a letter from me to the Naval Service Headquarters at Ottawa, dated February 16, 1948, reciting all the facts and asking them to advise us as to the arrangements which they made. The next is a reply to me from the Naval Service, dated March 4, 1948, stating that the matter is being investigated. The next is a letter to me from the Deputy Minister of the Department of
30 National Defence, dated March 30, 1948, saying that

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A. Otsu,
in Chief.

10 This claim was referred to the Department of Fisheries and saying, "It has been ascertained this vessel was not used by the Naval Service." The next letter is a letter to me from the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of the Department of Fisheries, dated April 5, 1948, telling me to refer this matter to the Custodian of Enemy Property. I then threw up my hands, since I had completed the circle, and brought the matter to the Commissioner's Department. I might say, although I didn't hear further about this, I learned from my learned friend's file that Mr. Shears of the Custodian's office attempted to make certain further investigation, but just how far they got I do not know. But there was reference made to the effect that they couldn't find this vessel was used by the Navy. I, therefore, propose to call the claimant and his brother, both of whom say they actually saw the vessel in use by the Navy and leave the matter rest with that. Shall I do so now, as we have started the hearing, and then proceed with the claim?

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right.

KAMEKICHI OTSU, one of the claimants herein,
being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHERNIACK:

Q Mr. Otsu, I believe you were the owner of a fishing vessel named "Queen Elizabeth", Registration No. 2497, Naval Registration, New Westminster, 0968; is that correct? A Yes.

30 Q When did you turn this fishing vessel over to the Navy?

A. Otis,
In Chief.

A About the 15th of December, 1944.

Q Now, where was the vessel kept by the Navy?

A In New Westminster.

Q Did you have occasion to see this boat after it was taken over by the Navy? A No.

Q Have you never seen the boat in use after the Navy took it over? A I saw it for four or five days, but after I delivered it to the Navy on the 15th I didn't see it after that.

10 Q You didn't see it? A No.

Q I understood the claimant had seen it -- How do you know it was used by the Navy?

A Because I took it there for the purpose of the Navy using it.

Q I understand this boat, after it was taken over by the Navy, was kept at Sweston for a few years?

A Yes.

Q And during that time did you see it in use?

A I know that the Navy used my boat for four or five days.

20 I had sold the boat and I asked the Navy for it, but they told me I couldn't have it because they were using it.

Q When was this? A On the 28th of March.

Q Was this a conversation, or was this by mail?

A This was by mouth.

Q So you were informed in March that you couldn't sell it because they were using it? A I didn't hear

it, but the person I sold the boat to heard this.

THE COMMISSIONER: Somebody told him that.

30 BY MR. GREENLACK:

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In Chief.

Q In the few days that the boat was at Steveston, did you personally see the boat in use by the Navy?

A Yes.

Q And then the boat went to New Westminster?

A Yes.

Q And I understand that persons of Japanese origin were not allowed to go to New Westminster at that time; is that correct?

A I think they could not go to New Westminster.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Do you want to cross-examine him, that apparently doesn't come within the terms of settlement?

MR. FERG: I might be in a bundle of letters; I won't read the file, just this, the covering reference is this: regarding fishing vessel "Queen Elizabeth", Registration No. 2497, Naval Registration No. 0992. All correspondence held at this office is attached hereto. Now, the correspondence is as follows.

MR. CHURCHMAN: I have a copy of that, it doesn't need to go in the record.

20 MR. FERG: It is the letter from myself to the Custodian in Vancouver and continues to give a history of the matter back and forth from my learned friend to the Custodian, from the Custodian to the various Departments of Naval Service and National Defence and the Department of Fisheries, and this bundle of letters which I will file is copies of all the correspondence in connection with the boat, with the advantage that attached to the documents is a summary taken from the vessel's record itself. This vessel, the owner's

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valuation was \$1,800.00. It was sold on the 26th of March, 1942, to the H. Bell Irving Company Limited. The claimant signed the sale papers and the sale price was \$1,800.00 and there was paid to the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee \$1,560.00, of which \$20.50 was used as supervision costs and the balance paid to the owner on March 27, 1942.

(Bundle of Correspondence, EXHIBIT 2.)

10 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. FERG:

Q Your whole claim here then, Mr. Otsu, is that this vessel was used while it was in the custody of the Navy? A Yes.

Q And, of course, you have no personal knowledge that the vessel ever was used by the Navy?

A Yes, I have knowledge.

Q Except your knowledge is what somebody else told you? A Yes, I know when the Navy used it.

Q How do you know when the Navy used it?

20 A I saw them use it when I took the boat over there.

Q When did the Navy take possession of the boat?

A I think the 15th of December.

Q Of what year? A 1941.

Q Did you take the vessel to the wharf yourself?

A Yes, I took the boat to the Navy.

Q And how long were you on the wharf, or allowed to remain on the wharf, or the Naval premises, at the time you delivered the boat?

MR. UPTON: Mr. Cherniack, you heard the question asked

30 him just now whether he took the boat to New Westminster.

MR. HIRAYAMA: The Navy took the boat at Steveston and they had the Headquarters down at the Scottish Canadian Cannery.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is the matter with this witness, Interpreter?

MR. UPTON: Well, either I am wrong or he is, or he doesn't understand me.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: It seems to be most difficult to get an answer from him. He already told Mr. Cherniack that he saw the boat for four or five days in the possession of the Navy.

MR. CHERNIACK: He told me he saw it for four or five days in Steveston and then it went to New Westminster.

MR. UPTON: I asked him whether he had delivered the boat to the Navy in New Westminster and he said yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: Can we just check with him?

THE WITNESS: It was Steveston.

BY MR. FERG:

Q That is where the boat was delivered by you?

20 A Yes.

Q Did you leave it at Steveston? A Yes.

Q And that is, you saw the Navy use your boat at Steveston?

A Yes, I saw them use it four or five days at Steveston.

Q Have you any idea what use they were making of the boat? A They were taking it to and fro and towing it.

Q How long was the boat at Steveston?

A Four or five days.

Q Did you see your boat leave Steveston for New Westminster?

20 A Yes.

Q And you never saw it again? A After the Navy
had given it back and the vessel had been sold I saw
it.

Q But not until after the vessel was sold had you seen
the vessel again? A Yes.

Q Do you know of your own knowledge if the Navy used
the boat at all when it was in New Westminster?

A Only by what I heard from other people.

10 Q Can we narrow your claim down to the four or five days
use by the Navy of this boat of yours?

MR. CHERRICK: Is my learned friend trying to make a
settlement?

MR. FERG: I am leaving it to the Commissioner.

THE WITNESS: No, because I consider that the Navy used
it after that.

BY MR. FERG:

Q What proof have you got of that? A I know from
what I was told, that the Navy used it after it had
gone from Steveston.

20 Q It is only from what you are told that you are saying
that? A It is from what I heard and then when the
boat was sold. The cylinder head was black, as the
result of use by the Navy.

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q He didn't see the cylinder head. A Yes, I saw it
myself.

BY MR. FERG:

Q How long after the boat was sold was it before you saw
the boat again? A On the 25th of March.

30 MR. FERG: That is all.

K. Ota.
Dr. Ota.

G. Ota,
In Chief.

MR. CHENWICK: From Exhibit 5, the summary taken from vessel records, indicates that the boat was sold on March 26, 1942, which would be two days prior to the claimant's last statement as to when he saw the boat. I would like to call the claimant's brother.

THE COMMISSIONER: Just with regard to the boat?

MR. CHENWICK: We are in a position where apparently Japanese persons were not allowed to go to New Westminster at that time and that will explain why they were unable to see it.

GENJI OTSU, one of the claimants herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CHENWICK:

Q Do you remember your brother's boat "Queen Elizabeth"?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember when it was taken over by the Navy?

A I think the 15th of December.

Q And this was at Steveston? A Yes.

Q And I understand later it was taken to New Westminster?

A Yes.

Q How long was it in Steveston from the time the Navy took it until it was taken to New Westminster?

A I think up to a week.

Q And during that time did you have occasion to see the boat? A Yes.

Q And did you see it in use? A I saw it in use by the Navy.

Q By the Navy? A Yes.

Q Did you see for what purposes they were using it?

G. Osen,
In Chief.

R. Osen,
Re-exam.

A They were using it for the purpose of taking other fishing vessels to New Westminster, towing.

Q And you would see them return from New Westminster?

A They would tow vessels to New Westminster and come back, to and fro.

Q And after it went to New Westminster you never saw the boat, is that correct? A No.

Q And you never went to New Westminster yourself?

A No.

10 Q You were not allowed to go? A Yes, it was Government instruction.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now bring the other man back.

KAMUKHUI OTSU (Recalled)

RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. OSENWICK:

MR. OSENWICK: I ask leave to amend this claim showing the value of the real property at \$2,200.00, the Custodian's sale price \$1,456.00 and the loss \$744.00. The personal chattels value \$400.00, the sale price 20 \$100.00 and the loss \$300.00.

Q I show you two typewritten statements, were these prepared in accordance with your instructions?

A Yes.

Q And are these (indicating) your signatures?

A Yes.

Q And you swear the contents to be true to the best of your knowledge and recollection? A Yes.

MR. OSENWICK: I tender these as Exhibits 3 and 4.

(Real Estate Statement, EXHIBIT 3.)

(Personal Chattels statement, EXHIBIT 4.)

K. Gies,
Re-Exam.

MR. CHERNIACK: And on behalf of my learned friend I will file as Exhibit 5 the Real Estate Appraisal, and as Exhibit 6 the Custodian's Analysis.

(Real Estate Appraisal, EXHIBIT 5.)

(Custodian's Analysis, EXHIBIT 6.)

MR. CHERNIACK: Your honour will find from Exhibit 5 that this property, consisting of 66 x 120 feet, was purchased in 1935. The lots cost \$180.00. After the purchase, the claimant built a house 28 x 24, full cement basement, shingled sides and roof, papered on the inside and some places painted, and linoleum on the floor. He estimates the cost of material and hired his own labour at \$2,500.00, in addition to which he planted about 10 ornamental shrubs and 3 mixed fruit trees and made a lawn. My learned friend has on his file a photograph of the house, which could be filed at this time.

Q I show you a photograph, do you recognize the house in that photograph? A Yes, that is my house.

Q And is that the one for which you are now claiming?

20 A Yes.

(Photograph, EXHIBIT 7.)

MR. CHERNIACK: I would like to indicate for the record that in Case No. 947 which will be heard, I will be filing photographs showing several houses, of which this is one, and I think since that photograph shows the street much more fully, I would like to direct your honour's attention to it now.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, yes, they are together.

MR. CHERNIACK: There is the next door neighbour's and it includes both houses. The appraiser, your honour,

A. Gies,
Re-Exam.

describes this house as being in good condition, floors in good condition, house well constructed and of good material. Indicates it is a very attractive bungalow on a nice lot and shows the value at \$1,456.00. The comment by the agent is, this house is in the best residential district and specifies a very good dwelling, as described by the Appraiser. In view of this he cannot understand the low valuation. In his opinion, the value was at least \$2,500.00. I believe the sale was made in June 1944. My learned friend can confirm that if it is correct, and I find that on April 28, 1944, the Custodian received an offer for \$1,000.00 from A. B. Clarke.

MR. FERG: Yes.

MR. CHERNIACK: And on June 3rd raised his offer to the exact amount of the appraisal, \$1,456.00, replying to a letter of the Custodian's dated May 30th, and I would ask my learned friend to produce the letter which they sent to Clarke on May 30, 1944. I would like to file this. This is a copy of the letter from the Custodian to Mrs. A. B. Clarke, dated May 30, 1944, and setting out that they had received an offer from Mrs. Clarke for \$1,000.00 and saying that at the present time they are not able to accept a tender. The property was independently appraised and if you are prepared to increase your tender to \$1,456.00, subject to prior sale, we would then be in a position to consider recommending acceptance of such an offer.

(Letter dated May 30, 1944, EXHIBIT 8.)

MR. CHERNIACK: The reason I file this is to show the

K. Otan,
Re-Exam.

Custodian revealed the appraisal price and named a price and I submit that this takes it out of the category of properties offered for tender, writing for the higher offer. I have on my file, and I am showing it to my learned friend, Certificate of Title No. 1111032, dated May 16, 1925, in the name of the claimant for which the claim is made. I also have on file, and will show to my learned friend, two insurance policies showing the insurance of \$1,500.00 on the dwelling and \$1,000.00 on the furniture. Dealing now, your honour, with the chattels, your honour will note from Exhibit 4 that all chattels for which claim is made are shown on this exhibit, as to the approximate date of purchase, the price paid, the estimated value at the date of evacuation and the Custodian's sale price, with the exception of a wheelbarrow which was shown as abandoned, and a winch and slides shown as "Declared not found." If your honour would look at Exhibit 5, the Custodian's Analysis, you will note that a larger number of items were originally claimed for. Now, it was found when we interviewed Mr. Otan that quite a number of goods were stored by Mr. Otan in the attic of the house and were concealed, and he didn't notify the Custodian until quite some time later. We have withdrawn the claim for these items which were stored in the attic and the new claim doesn't include those. That is why your honour will find all goods for which we are claiming, except the winch and slides, were inventoried and were actually found by the Custodian and were sold except for one item that was abandoned, so I don't think there is

K. Ota,
Re-Exam.

any need to go into detail as to any of the other goods. Now, your honour will note that the three-piece chest-dress was valued at \$95.00, platform scale valued at \$80.00, and the kitchen stove valued at \$70.00. These are larger matters and I would like to ask my learned friend whether he has any record as to whether these items were appraised before sale.

MR. FERG: The stove was appraised, I have the appraisal, Thompson & Company, September 16th, 1944.

10 MR. CHENIACK: Was that sale made?

MR. FERG: Sale by tender.

(Letter from Thompson & Co., EXHIBIT 9.)

MR. FERG: I have no record as to the other articles being appraised.

BY MR. CHENIACK:

Q Mr. Ota, you are claiming for a winch and slide which you say you bought for \$80.00 in 1941? A Yes.

Q Could you give us an idea as to the size of this winch and slide? A About two to three feet

20 high and about one foot across the top, that is, the diameter was one foot.

Q And the height is about two to three feet?

A Yes.

Q And one foot in diameter at the top? A Yes, it is a circular thing.

Q The whole thing is circular? A Yes.

Q What about the slide? A The slide is something for putting the wire on the drum of the winch.

Q It is not a very large item? A It is quite large, about five feet high.

E. Stan,
Re-Exam.

Q Where was this winch kept, or where did you leave the winch? A In the basement.

Q In the basement of the house? A Yes, at 19 Broadway.

MR. CHERNIACK: Your honour will note in connection with this winch and slide, in Exhibit 6, the Custodian's Analysis, that the winch and slide is referred to in the J.P. Form, that would be Column 1 of Exhibit 6, and is also referred to in the first portion of Column 2, which sets out, "Inventory. Taken by Lease Inventory. D/S April 1943," so that I don't know that that means it was inventoried by the Custodian's representative or was not. I am assuming the Custodian claims it was not inventoried otherwise it would be shown in the column, "Declared Not Found." I would like my learned friend to advise us when the Custodian inventoried the contents of the house.

MR. FERG: Your honour, this is one of those cases where the tenant leased this property and leased the chattels and he stored and concealed in the attic considerable of his goods.

MR. CHERNIACK: We are not claiming for that.

MR. FERG: But this winch was leased to tenant Haysworth and is listed on the list of the chattels accompanying the lease. Now, it wasn't until Haysworth vacated the property, after it was sold, so the winch disappeared while it was in possession of the tenant, that is all we know about it.

MR. CHERNIACK: Our submission is this, and I want my learned friend to correct me if I am wrong. I say that I am right because it is shown in column 1 of the

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Analysis and that in at the date the J.P. Form was declared and included in that form was a statement of the goods, including the winch, and the information was also given at the same time that Hepworth was in possession of this winch and slide. The question I directed to my learned friend, and which I would still like to have answered, is when did the Custodian send a man down to check these goods to see if they were there.

MR. FERG: On the 16th of August, 1944.

10 MR. CHERYLACK: So it would appear until the 16th of August, 1944, the Custodian made no effort to check on the goods of which the Custodian was aware should have been in the house. Now, the Analysis indicates in connection with this winch and slide that the loss was stated it was stolen. May I ask my learned friend what investigations were launched by the Custodian's Office that there was an attempt to trace the winch and slide and an attempt to protect the claimant either as against the tenant or against the other party who had stolen it.

20 MR. FERG: The file reveals correspondence from the claimant to the Custodian, a report of the winch being stolen. The Custodian approached the tenant and it appears from the correspondence that the claimant in his correspondence to the Custodian accused the tenant of stealing the winch and the tenant was approached and denied all knowledge of it and insisted he knew nothing about it. There is no record of what further action was taken from then on.

MR. CHERYLACK: Have I the right to assume that the

30 Custodian made no effort to collect the value of this

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winch and slide from the tenant?

THE COMMISSIONER: Apparently he didn't know anything about it.

MR. CHENBLACK: I think my learned friend means he claims to know nothing of what happened to it, in that the tenant claims he didn't know they were there, because I believe he has a receipt from Hepworth, has a receipt for that winch and slide.

THE COMMISSIONER: He says it was in his house and it was rented and it disappeared.

MR. CHENBLACK: Yes, while under his control.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. CHENBLACK: Am I right in assuming from what my learned friend says that the Custodian made no effort to collect the value from the tenant?

MR. FERG: I cannot assist my learned friend on that statement, I do not know.

MR. CHENBLACK: Then I will be correct to say that there is nothing to show, my learned friend has nothing on file to show they did.

MR. FERG: Nothing in my records.

MR. CHENBLACK: I said my learned friend had a receipt from the tenant, I wasn't correct that and say he had a copy of the list including the fixtures, in which the winch and slide was said to be. On the Analysis Sheet, Exhibit 4, I note that the three-piece chesterfield, which was claimed by the claimant, has not been indicated at all by the Custodian. I have checked the Custodian's file over and have confirmed the sale price of \$65.00 for that chesterfield suite. In connection

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with this, your honour, I think that my learned friend could confirm that they received a letter from the claimant, or the Custodian did, about the time of the sale of the property. I think it was after the sale, and I would like to know the date, when he notifies the Custodian he wouldn't like the property sold for less than \$2,300.00.

MR. FERG: That is correct, your honour.

MR. CHURCHILL: Could we have the date?

10 MR. FERG: July 14, 1944. Your honour, it is submitted that the real property sold at fair market value. It is submitted that the price claimed for articles sold, or that the articles sold were sold at their fair market value and the price claimed for articles declared not found and abandoned is excessive and unreasonable, and I would like to file, your honour, the offer of Mrs. Clarke for the property and I will file the Assessment Notice of the Corporation of the Township of Richmond for the year 1942, which shows the
20 value of the land at \$180.00 and the value of the improvements at \$950.00.

(Offer of Mrs. Clarke, EXHIBIT 10.)

(Assessment Notice, EXHIBIT 11.)

MR. CHURCHILL: Can I suggest 1944 be filed?

MR. FERG: I haven't got it.

MR. CHURCHILL: There are two lots in this but it is one property. I do not know whether that shows both lots.

MR. FERG: The total assessment of the land was \$180.00 and the improvements \$950.00.

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RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FERG:

Q Mr. Otan, you haven't had an independent valuation made of your real property? A No.

MR. FERG: I would ask my learned friend to produce the claimant's copy of his letters made between the claimant, as landlord, and Hepworth, as tenant.

Q I show you a lease, a document, is that your signature (indicating) at the foot? A Yes.

Q And the signature - were you present when Mr. Hepworth signed the lease? A Yes.

Q And that is your lease with Hepworth? A Yes.

Q And also attached is a list of furniture and fixtures? A Yes.

Q And that is the signature (indicating) of Mr. Hepworth at the foot of the lease? A Yes.

(Lease, EXHIBIT 12.)

MR. FERG: This lease covers Lots 3 and 4, Block 20, Plan 249, District New Westminster and includes all buildings and erections, together with furniture and fixtures according to inventory attached, and which is hereby made part of this agreement, and this lease is from the date of evacuation from Steveston of the Lessor on order of the Government of Canada for the duration of the war with Japan or until the return of the Lessor to Steveston and payable by Five Dollars on the third of each and every month commencing on the evacuation of the Lessor from Steveston. Said sum to be deposited to the credit of the Lessor in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B.C. This is signed by A. C. Hepworth and the list of furniture and fixtures is

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marked, "These left in care of Mr. Alfred Hapworth," and included in this list is the winch and slide and numerous other articles of which the claimant is claiming for loss.

Q Now, you place these property chattels and fixtures that you have listed here in the custody and possession of Mr. Hapworth, the tenant? A Yes.

Q What did you do with the rest of your furniture and furnishings? A I left them all in the attic.

10 Q And you sealed the attic up?

THE COMMISSIONER: Everything he put in the attic that time was sealed. I don't think there is anything to be gained by going into that.

MR. PERG: I just want to clear up all his remaining chattels were left with Hapworth.

THE COMMISSIONER: The three-piece chesterfield suite is first, the ice box, that is also in the Hapworth lease, scales, that also was in the lease, desk, that also is in the lease, dresser and mirror, that is in the lease, fire extinguisher, that is in the lease, four fancy flower pots, that is in the lease, two pictures of the King and Queen and frames, that is in the lease, wheelbarrow, that is in the lease, kitchen stove and winch and slide, they are all in the lease.

MR. PERG: Very well, your honour.

Q Mr. Otan, when were you first informed that the winch and slide was missing? A When I received the statement from the Custodian regarding the sale of the house.

20 Q I show you a letter, is that your letter? A Yes.

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Q Written to the Custodian? A Yes.
Q. FMS: I will file this letter dated March 12, 1945,
from the claimant to the Custodian's Office.

(Letter dated March 12, 1945. EXHIBIT 13.)

511 Pacific Ave., Winnipeg, Man.,

March 12th, 1945.

G. B. Wilson, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of Custodian,
10 506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: File No. 5086.

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb.
21st instant informing me the chattels in care
of Mr. Hepworth. From your information you have
stated that Mr. Hepworth has advised you that the
winch and slide have been stolen. Since Mr. Hepworth
was our tenant before and was living at our former
20 residence I think he would not let any one enter
his premises and carry the chattels away. Moreover
the winch and slide is a thing that cannot be
carried out so readily because of their weight.
I also think that he will report of such a thing
has happen to my chattels when he was residing there.

I think that Mr. Hepworth has sold them on
purpose or have stolen it himself so I would like
you to get the sufficient amount of funds for the
articles from him.

I hope that you would not let the matter like
30 this, pass after hearing from Mr. Hepworth that the

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" said articles have been stolen.

Yours truly.

(Sgd.) Kamekichi Otsu.

Kamekichi Otsu.

Reg. No. 04910.

10 Q Now, these articles, Mr. Otsu, when you left them
with Mr. Repworth he was to take care of them, they
were in his custody and he was to return them to
you after the war? A Yes.

Q When did you purchase the platform scales?

A 1941.

Q Did you buy them new? A Yes.

Q Who did you purchase them from? A Fairbanks-Morse.

Q How did you pay for them? A \$105.00 cash.

Q What was the size of the scales or the capacity of
them? A Up to one thousand pounds.

MR. FERG: No further questions.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you through, Mr. Cherniack?

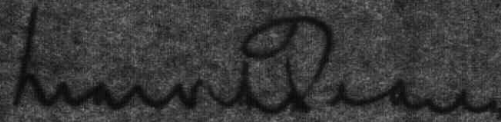
20 MR. CHERNIACK: I would just like to point out one thing,
your honour will note that the duration of the lease
is from date of evacuation, for the duration of the
war with Japan or until the return of the Lessor to
Stevedon. The rental is \$5.00 a month. I would
like to indicate that in other cases the Custodian,
after consulting legal counsel, declared leases in
these indefinite terms to be invalid and this will
be subject to correction in Vancouver. I am under
the impression that leases of this kind are invalid
and the Custodian saw fit to ignore these leases.

possibly did so in this case at the time of this sale, otherwise they would be unable to sell. I am indicating that to show that the Custodian was aware of the lease and the chattels which went with the lease prior to the date of evacuation, that is, on the date of the completion of the J.P. Form and it is our submission that under the Orders-in-Council the Custodian became seized of these goods, as of the date they were declared to the Custodian, and the Custodian had an opportunity to inventory them, especially in a case of a lease of this nature, which could have been invalidated and the chattels could have been seized at any time had the Custodian so wished.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, thank you, witness.

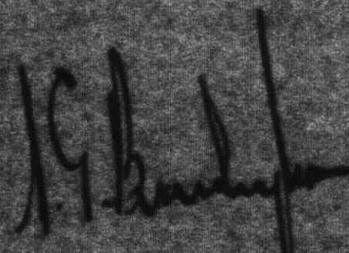
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Certified to be a true and accurate transcript.


MARK H. PRANGE, SR.,
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Sub-Commissioner, hereby
certify that the foregoing 24 pages of typewritten matter
contain a true and accurate record of the Sub-Commission
held in the Law Courts Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the
time and date first above mentioned.


SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Defence Brief

WINNIPEG
24 September 1948

Kamekichi OTSU

File No. 5056

Case No. 944

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim 1 Land & Buildings

Lots 3 & 4 Block 3 Sec. 3 Map 249
Municipality of Richmond
19 Broadway St., Steveston.

Amended Claim

\$2300.

(Trans. Page 11)

Appraised at

\$1456.

Sale Price

\$1456.

Witness: Appraisers, Coulthard Sutherland.

Only one offer was received for this property which was for \$1000., this offer was not accepted and prospective purchaser was informed that if he was prepared to increase his offer to the appraised value of \$1456., the offer will be considered, this he did and the property was sold for that sum.

Appraisers (Coulthard Sutherland) reported - Four room bungalow, interior in good condition. House is well constructed and of good materials. This is a very attractive bungalow and a nice lot.

It was submitted that the real property was sold for its fair market value.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim 2 Household Goods & Farm Equipment

Claimant withdrew his claim for certain goods which he had concealed in the attic of his house. The Custodian was not informed as to these goods until some time later. (Trans. Page 14)

Amended Claim

\$400.60

Sold for

\$180.50

Claimant leased his property to Mr. A. Hepworth including his furniture and chattels, which included the Winch and slide. Tenant signed an inventory of the goods left in his charge which inventory included the Winch and slide which had disappeared whilst in his possession. The tenant informed Custodian that they had been stolen.

(a)	Goods value	\$251.60	Sold by auction for \$140.50
(b)	" "	90.00	Sold by tender for \$40. (Stove)
(c)	" "	4.00	Abandoned (Wheelbarrow)
(d)	" "	55.00	Left with Agent (Winch & Slide)
		<u>\$400.60</u>	

The kitchen stove sold by tender for \$40. was appraised by Thompson & Co. at that amount.

The Wheelbarrow had deteriorated and was abandoned as of no value. (See memo 7/9/44)

Other goods sold by auction for \$65.25 are not being claimed for.

It was submitted that the prices claimed for articles sold, or that the articles sold were sold at their fair market value and the price claimed for articles declared not found or abandoned is excessive and unreasonable.

Claim 3

Fishing Vessel ('Queen Elizabeth')

Claim \$515.

Leave was granted by the Commissioner at Winnipeg on 14 April 1948 to amend this claim by adding the further claim in relation to a charter which is alleged to have been made between the claimant and a Department of the Government in respect of this motor vessel which was commandeered by the Navy, at Steveston on or about 15 December 1944.

At the hearing at Winnipeg on 24 Sept. 1948, claimant stated that he turned this vessel over to the Navy on or about 15.12.44 and after about 5 days this vessel was moved by the Navy to New Westminster. He stated that he saw the Navy using this boat for nearly a week at Steveston before being moved to New Westminster, and although he had no proof he had been told that the Navy were still using it there, but he had not seen them as he was not allowed to go there.

Claimant's contention is that this boat was in use by the Navy from 15 Dec. 41 to 28 March 42 and he claims that he is entitled to \$5. a day from that time, a total of 103 days at \$5. or \$515.
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This vessel was sold by the J.F.V.D.C. on 26 March 1942 for \$1500. and the Custodian had no part in the disposal or administration of the funds in this connection.

The Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence stated 30 March 1948 that it had been ascertained that the vessel had not been used by the Naval Service and the Custodian can find no record of it ever having been used by them.

The Custodian has no knowledge of any arrangements made by the Naval Service to pay compensation to the owners for the use of their vessels during the period they were under their guard.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Coulthard Sutherland

Thompson & Co.

G. M. Harris

Where required

1	Appraisers
2 (a)	Auctioneers
2 (a)(c)	Staff

BMP/mw

Name of Claimant OTSU, Kamekichi

Case 944

Custodian File 5096

REAL PROPERTY										
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 % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
		1456	145.60	00 12.50					198.10	
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	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
141.60	180.50	54.15	52.63%	55.00	28.94				83.09	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										241.39

November 3rd, 1950.

Mr. Kanekichi OTSU,
c/o Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 944

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 ... \$241.19.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$227.24
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 13.95
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FOS/ja
1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director

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March 21st, 1951

Mr. Kanekichi OTSU,
c/o Nelson Bros. Fisheries,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

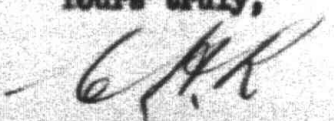
Distribution is now being made from the
assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98
per share. You were the holder of 5 shares and payment
to you is as follows:

5 shares	\$ 169.89
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Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,


C. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

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