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MISSION
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 INFORMATIONNAME: TAJIRI, KazuakiHOME ADDRESS: R.R. No. 1, Mission City, BCREGISTRATION NUMBER 04050 SEX: Male AGE: 20OCCUPATION: Farmer Logger

(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: Capilano Cedar Co.MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: _____

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: _____

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: _____

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: _____

AGE OF CHILDREN: _____

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: District lot N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE quarter Section 35, Township 13. 41 acres. District of Matsqui

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$31.34 per year. Payable at Matsqui

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In my 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: Nine-room frame dwelling house at R.R. No.1
Mission City, BC
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: My father (he has just sold it)
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:
None
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS: None
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY: None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 17th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

A. Tajiri

J. W. Lewis

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date May 18/43.

Our File No. 5531

Full Name TAJIRI, Kazuaki
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04050 Male - Female
(check)

Age Aug. 28, 1921

Former Address P. R. #1, Mission City B.C.

Date Evacuated Apr. 24/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Lethbridge, Alta.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} (YAMASHITA) Name of Father Juro # 13455

Names of Children under 16 Shijuka # 13454

Requested by [Signature] Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Labourer.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 5531

18th June, 1946.

Re: Kasuaki TAJIRI - Reg. No. 04050

The above Japanese declared having no personal property assets, and his file reveals none.

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

21st June, 1946.
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FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 5531

Re: Kazuaki TAJIRI

Reg. No. 04050.

No record of any insurance on file.

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

J. M. [Signature]

DATED June 8th, 1946.

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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 5531

Re: Kazuaki TAJIRI

Reg. No. 04050.

On file is a claim of a debt of \$315.00 owing Munoji MURAI. This represents Kazuaki TAJIRI'S liability as endorser of a note given by his father Juro TAJIRI to Munoji MURAI, which liability is dealt with on Juro TAJIRI'S file. There was placed to the credit of the latter, a Pacific Co-operative Union cheque for \$638.01, and out of this credit there was paid \$284.23 on the 17th April 1944 and the balance of \$30.77 paid on the 10th June 1944, a total of \$315.00 paid.

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

J. H. C. Peterson

DATED June 8th, 1946.

IM:ML

File No. 5531.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY FOR CLAIM

May 25/48.

CLAIMANT:

(Mr.) Kazuaki TAJIRI

Reg. No. 04050

PROP. SUBJECT
OF CLAIM:

R.R. #1 Mission City, B.C. (V.L.A.)
being
The N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$
of Sec. 35, Twp. 13, Mun. of Matsqui, D.N.W.

CLAIM:

Estimated fair market value as per claim:
Land \$1550.00
Buildings 85.00
\$1635.00

Amt. Japanese received, as stated
on Statutory Decl., from property
sale - \$466.00

(Actual Gross Selling Price \$466.00)

REFERENCES

RP.1

JP Declared April 17/42.

RP.2

C of E dated March 24/43, notes vesting in the Custodian.

RP.3

Assessed Value (1943)
Land \$747.00
Improvements \$415.00

RP.4

Valuation - V.L.A., June 12th, 1942, \$475.00.
Kazuaki TAJIRI advised of sale of property May 12/44,
\$466.00 Gross, and provided with Statement of Sale and
Statement of Account.

Statement of Account to date.

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REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 5531

V.L.A. B.C. 398-P

JAPANESE NAME: Kasuaki TAJIRI - - Reg. No. 04050.

CATALOGUE NO: Part of The Director The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: R.R. #1, Mission City, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North half of the East half of the South East quarter of Section 35 Township 13 Municipality of Matsqui in the District of New Westminster.

TITLE: In the name of Kasuaki TAJIRI.

ENCUMBRANCE: Vesting 25617 - 25th March 1943.

ASSESSED VALUE: 1942 - 41.5 acres.
Land \$747.00
Improvements \$415.00 Total \$1162.00 Taxes \$30.52.

CLASSIFICATION: There is nothing on file indicating the nature of this property, except the declaration of the owner stating that no crops had been sown.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: No record of any occupation of the land.

SOLD: To The Director The Veterans' Land Act for \$466.00 as at 1st January 1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee 1st June 1943.

FUNDS: Released to the credit of Kasuaki TAJIRI, sale price \$466.00; less Certificate of Encumbrance \$1.00, registration fee \$3.00, legal fee \$15.00, taxes \$35.00, total \$54.00. Net amount released \$412.00.

TITLE: Included in C. of T. 168924-E and payment of consideration included in cheque to the Custodian dated March 7th, 1944.

OLD C. OF T. NO. 142586-E: Declared by the owner to be in his possession.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file and on record by accounting department.

DATED June 8th, 1946.

IM:ML

Shull Macpherson
EXHIBIT NO. 755-H
DATE October 5/48
FILED BY G. R. A. Rice

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

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File No. BC/596P
(JL-292)

Vancouver, B.C.
APR 27 1944

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
Randall Building,
535 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

TAJIRI, Kazuaki.

Dear Sir:-

Re: The N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 35, Tp. 13.
MUNICIPALITY OF MATSQUI

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate Certificate of Title No. 168924-E of the New Westminster Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque for \$ 25,443.12, in favour of The Secretary of State, forwarded to you and dated March 7th, 1944, is the amount of the purchase price in full of the above land arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$	466.00	✓
Less arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$	35.00	✓
Amount paid to Secretary of State	-	<u>431.00</u>	✓

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the purchase price by signing the receipt on the duplicate hereof and return it to me.

Yours truly,

W.K. Chandler

W.K. Chandler,
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

RECEIVED Cheque covering the purchase price in full of the land above described.

APR 27 1944

Date

Solicitor for
The Secretary of State

BC-398-P

Farm Appraisal Report

R.P.3

Matsqui

File No. JL 292

Land Description Pt. of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 35-13

Containing 41.5 Acres

Owner's Name TAJIRI, K. Post Office Address Mt. Lehman, B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Mt. Lehman, B.C. Distance 2 miles.

Market Town Abbotsford Distance 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Church (give denomination) United Distance 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Nearest School Mt. Lehman (incl. high) Distance $\frac{1}{2}$ "

State how property was identified: Map, surveyed road and municipal plan.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

On Mt. Lehman Road north of Municipal Hall. Gravelled road.

Is this district a good one? Yes.

Employment opportunity Local in berrying. Nearby in hops. Remote in logging & mills.

Predominating Nationality and religion: British. None predominant.

Describe Fencing and its condition: None. Value \$

Water supply: None. Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	11 x 22	spl. cedar	7'	spl. cedar	old	posts	very poor	no value.
	X							
BARN	X							
BARN	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

EXHIBIT No. 755-2
DATE Oct 5/55
FILED BY [Signature]

Local power line passing along east side.

Total present day value \$

Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ nil

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? No. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? Cannot be made habitable.

Describe the basement and chimneys: None.

No. rooms downstairs? One. Upstairs? None. How finished Not.

Are buildings painted? No Condition of paint

Distance from nearest bush In bush.

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
none						
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stumps, drainage, etc.						
2.0	level	10" silt loam	silty clay	once cleared, only light scrub	10.00	40.00
39.5	"	"	"	very heavy clear- ing	200.00	10.00
						\$80.00
						395.00
Area Unsuited for Cultivation.						
CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 475.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ _____

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ _____

Total value of farm \$ 475.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Evidently not occupied for some years.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Purely a bush proposition.

Noxious weeds: None.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities:

Mun. and School \$30.52.

Matsqui Municipality,
Mt. Lehman, B.C.

Date: 15th June, 1942.
Place: Abbotsford, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 12th day of June, 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"B.C. WORMWORTH"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Farm Appraisal Report

JL 292

Remarks:

Dotted lines for writing remarks.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

Dotted lines for writing remarks.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

Dotted lines for writing annual costs.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

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.....	\$
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.....	\$
.....	\$

Total \$

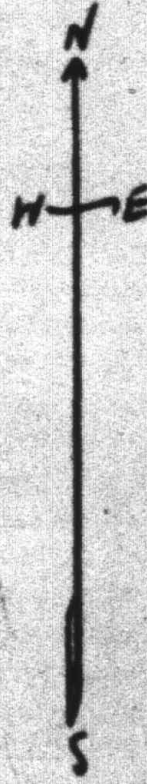
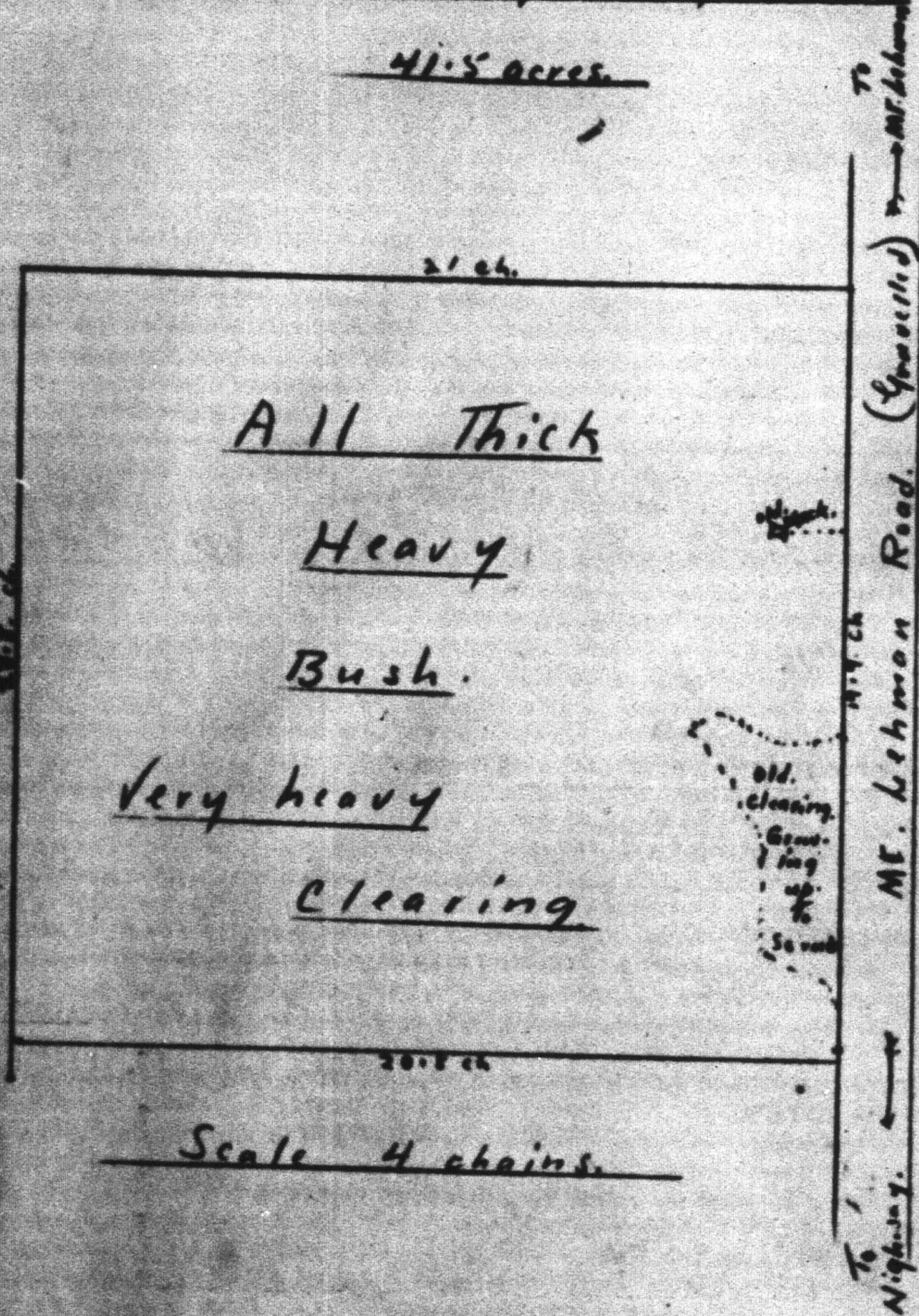
Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

K. Tajiri

N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 13, N.W.D.

41.5 acres.



Scale 4 chains.

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is \$ 400.00

Date 16th June, 1942.

"I. T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.

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November 17th, 1943.

Mr. Minoji MURAI,
Registration No. 07606,
Sandon, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

re: Claims

We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst-nt
regarding your claims against the following:-

Yukichi INOUYE..... \$ 45.00
Kazuaki TAJIRI..... 315.00

We regret to hear of your bad luck in the loss by
fire of your house and all your important papers. It is noted
that among these papers were notes held by you against the above.
However, before informing them of your loss of these notes we
shall endeavour to have them admit the debts as owing to you.

We have written to INOUYE on two occasions or more
about your claim of \$45.00 but so far have received no reply.

We are writing to TAJIRI for payment and on hearing
from him we will advise you.

If and when these debts are admitted by these two
parties, we shall endeavour to secure Promissory Notes from them,
if you still desire us to do so.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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For File 5531.

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Rosebery, B.C.,
Dec. 5th, 1943.

Mr. B.R. Dusenbury,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have recieved your letter of the 17th of Nov.
on 30th of Nov. I wish to thank you for that kind letter.
I am sorry I didn't answer you sooner I was sick and in the
hospital so I didn't recieve your letter till late. Refering
to your letter you stated you would kindly write for pay-
ments to Mr. K. Tajiri and Mr. Y. Inouye for me and if we
desire you would endeavour to secure Promissory Notes from
them for me.

Well I wish to ask you kindly to do this all for
me. Please ask them for Promissory Notes for me. It all
helps me greatly. Thanking you very very much.

Yours truly,

(signed) M. Murai.

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December 13th, 1943.

Mr. Kazuaki TAJIRI,
Registration No. 04050,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

re: \$315.00 - Minoji MURAI

Please refer to our letter of the 18th
November last regarding the above claim, and let us
have a reply by return mail.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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February 12th, 1944.

Mr. H.L. Brown,
B.C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$315.00 - Minoji MURAI v.
Kazuki TAJIRI, Reg. No. 04050, Lethbridge, Alta.

We have written to the above on at least two occasions in regard to the above claim lodged against him with the Custodian, and have received no reply.

As MURAI is pressing for payment we should appreciate your co-operation in ascertaining if the claim is correct or otherwise, and if correct what the prospects are for payment at this time.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF
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CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 13th 1944

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 14 1944
File No.	5531
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Custodian</i>

Dear Sir,

Re Kazuaki TAJIRI #04050
Custodian File No. 5531

Referring to your letter of the 12th
ult., we now enclose a copy of a letter received
from our Alberta Supervisor regarding the claim
lodged against the above named individual.

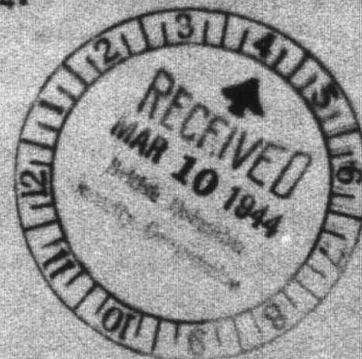
Yours truly,

M.L. Brown
M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

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File No. 5531.

Lethbridge, Alberta,
March 7, 1944.



Mr. M. L. Brown, Office Manager, Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Kazuaki TAJIRI, #04050.

In connection with the Custodian's letter of February 12th, we are advised by subject person that while he was only the endorser of the note on which Mr. Murai is claiming settlement, he is willing, if necessary, to make this settlement as per terms of the letter received this date from his son, written in behalf of Mr. Tajiri, Sr., which says in part, "The fact is then, I am not the one to press for settlement yet as I am merely the endorser, and at present my dad is figuring a means of settlement."

This letter points out that the Custodian is holding a post dated cheque from the P.C.U. for \$668.01, in favour of Juro Tajiri, #13455, (Custodian's file #4419), and according to this letter Tajiri, Sr. is agreeable to payment of Murai's claim from the proceeds of this cheque, if as indicated in earlier correspondence, the "stop payment" order on it has been lifted.

Please advise us your disposition of this matter.

A. E. Russell.

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cc - M.L. Brown. ✓

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March 15th, 1944.

Mr. H.L. Brown,
B.C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Kazuaki TAJIRI, Reg. No. 04090

We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., with enclosure of copy of letter from Mr. A.B. Russell, Lethbridge, dated March 7th, 1944, relative to the above party.

We assume from Mr. Russell's letter that Juro TAJIRI, Registration No. 13455, is the maker of the note, and that Kazuaki TAJIRI, Registration No. 04090, is the endorser, or co-maker, of same. The face of the note being \$315.00.

The post-dated cheque of the Pacific Co-operative Union for \$638.01 (not \$666.07 as in his letter) was credited to the account of Juro TAJIRI, Reg. No. 13455, on the 22nd of February, 1943. Certain approved accounts have since been paid from this amount, and there is now a credit balance of \$284.23. It will be seen, therefore, that there is not sufficient balance with which to pay this claim of \$315.00 in full, even if that is the intention of Mr. Russell's letter.

Kazuaki TAJIRI, Reg. No. 04090, account shows a debit balance of \$1.00. However, his property has been sold to the Director of Veterans Land Act, and will, in due course, show the result of that sale.

Briefly the foregoing is the situation, and if either or both of them wish to authorize us to make settlement of \$315.00 to Hinoji MURAI from their respective accounts, when in funds that are applicable, we shall be glad to give the matter every attention, after having received your approval.

Thanking you and Mr. Russell for the attention given to this matter, we remain,

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.


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March 15th, 1944.

Mr. Minoji MURAI,
Registration No. 07606,
Sandon, B.C.

Dear Sir:

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re: \$315.00 - Kasuaki TAJIRI, Reg. No. 04050

We received your letter of the 8th inst. relative to the above claim.

Your letter is rather confusing. You say: "I am writing few lines to ask you kindly to send me the money Mr. J. Tajiri of Mission owes to me." You have previously stated that Kasuaki TAJIRI owed you the above sum of \$315.00. Your registration form refers to Kasuaki as owing you this amount, and does not mention J. TAJIRI.

You also say: "Your last letter tells me that you would send me the money as soon as there is credit in Mr. Tajiri's account." We do not find any record on the file of our having said anything of that nature in any of our letters to you.

It seems from your letter of the 8th inst. that perhaps both Kasuaki and Juro, his father, had signed the note for \$315.00, which you state was burned. Please advise if this is correct.

You state that Mr. TAJIRI wrote to you asking you to get the money from us. Which TAJIRI wrote to you?

If either one, or both of them, wish us to pay you any of their funds that are on hand with the Custodian, or that may come to their credit on our books, they will have to write to us asking us to do so. On receipt of such a letter, or letters, we shall give the matter prompt consideration.

Their respective addresses are:

Juro TAJIRI, Reg. No. 13455, c/o Mr. Jack Keopke, Picture Butte, Alta.

Kasuaki TAJIRI, Reg. No. 04050, Lethbridge, Alta.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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For File No. 5531.

Kazuasi Tajiri #04050,
Picture Butte, Alta.,
April 9, 1944.

Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Minoji Murai

I am writing this for my dad and myself, as my dad cannot write, authorizing the custodian to pay Mr. Murai the sum of \$315.00 from my dad's account and the remainder from my own as soon as the proceeds from my land is received.

Yours truly,

(signed) "K. Tajiri"

Dad's signature

(signed) "J. Tajiri"

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April 20th, 1944.

Mr. Juro TAJIRI,
Registration No. 13455,
c/o Mr. Jack Keopke,
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sirs

re: \$315.00 - Minor MURAI

As per request from you and your son Kazuaki of
the 9th Inst. we are to-day forwarding our cheque No. 9432
for \$264.23 to MURAI, to apply on the above claim of \$315.00.

We have charged your account with \$264.23 accord-
ingly.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dinsbury,
Claims Department.

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*Charged to Credit
of Murali*

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May 8th, 1944.

Mr. Juro TAJIRI,
Registration No. 13455,
c/o Mr. Jack Koopke,
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sir:

re: \$315.00 - Minori MURAI

Please refer to our letter of the 20th ult. relative to the above, wherein we advised you that we were forwarding a cheque for \$284.23 to MURAI, to apply on the above claim. On later consideration that amount was credited to MURAI's account on our books here, and he was so advised.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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June 10, 1944.

Mr. Kazuki TAJIRI,
Registration No. 04050,
Picture Butte, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3, 1944, we wish to advise you that we have today paid from your account to the account of Mr. Minoji MURAI, File No. 10143, Registration No. 07606, the sum of \$30.77 representing the balance in full owing by you to Mr. Murai and he has been so informed.

Also we are enclosing herewith a cheque for the sum of \$100.00 from your account for the purpose of maintenance and we would appreciate your acknowledgement of this remittance.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

Enc. (cheque)
WEA/EG

Credit Balance - \$296.23.

EVACUATION SECTION	
JUN 3 1944	
Rec'd	
File No.	2531
Ans.	
Referred	Richardson

File No 5531.

Reg No 04150.

Picture Butte, Alta.

June 3, 1944.

The Custodians Office,
576 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver B.C.

Sir,
Received yours of May 17, concerning
my property now sold to the Veterans
Land Act.

I regret to have to ask you
to send me the money which you are
holding for me. On account of financial
difficulties my dad was unable to pay
his taxes fixed which is now affecting his
health. He hasn't been able to work at all
since the evacuation and I won't be getting
any money for the bus because you
for some time. At present I'm
supporting both my parents as my mother
is unable to do very much. There are
very many other reasons which I
shall not mention here.

Therefore, I will be very glad

if you will send me all you can
from my credit after deducting
all pms and the remainder from
Mr Murias claim.

I know I have no other debts
than may be filed against me but
if there is any that turns up later I
promise you to take in as directly
with whoever it may be.

Yours truly,
H. Tajiri.

Hajime Tajiri.

Box 82.

Pacific States, Sta.

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September 11th, 1944

Mr. Kazuaki TAJIRI,
Registration No. 01050,
Picture Butte, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith our cheque in the amount of \$240.00, from funds held to your credit at this office, in accordance with your request of August 29th.

There is still a balance of \$56.23 in your account, out of which it will be necessary to pay certain legal fees relative to the sale of your property. When this has been arranged, the remainder will be forwarded to you.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,
Farm Department.

WEA/IF
encl.

Kyushu Hajiri Ky No 04150
Box 87,

Piedmont Butte, Ala.,

July 9, 1946.

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

Dear sir,

I have received your letter of
June 18th and acknowledge with thanks
the cheque for the sum of \$1,720

I also confirm the statement of
my account which was attached although
I am not satisfied as to the price for
which my property was sold.

Yours truly,
K. Hajiri.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Referred	Anderson

May 19, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

File No. 5531

TAJIKI, Kazuaki,

Reg. No. 04050.

V.L.A. First Offer.

This is a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres property in the Municipality of the District of Matsqui of which a very little has cleared and none under cultivation.

The assessed value, 1943	-	\$1162.00
V.L.A. Appraisal	-	475.00
V.L.A. offer	-	466.00

There are no chattels or personal property on this file.

While the assessment notice indicates \$415.00 improvements, according to Mr. Anderson, there were actually no buildings on this property nor land cultivated for crop.

18th June, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mr. Kazuaki TAJIRI,
Registration No. 04050,
Box 82,
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of the 29th May, and take this opportunity of giving you a brief summary of our administration of your affairs.

You registered with this office on the 17th April, 1942, and real property which you declared you owned at Matsqui, at that time became vested in the Custodian. The property was not cultivated, and as there were no buildings on it, we were unable to rent it, and therefore no rentals accrued to your benefit at this office. In accordance with the Canadian Government's policy of liquidation, the property was sold to the Director of Veterans' Land Act as of the 1st January, 1943. Full details of the property sale were sent to you on the 12th May, 1944, from which you will have noted that the net proceeds were credited to your account at this office. Legal fees in the amount of \$15.00 in connection with the conveyance of your property, were later charged to your account.

When registering with this office you stated that the Title document of the property was in your possession. We have no record of this document being sent to this office, and therefore request that you send it without delay as it has been cancelled at the Land Registry Office.

No claims were filed against you at this office. However in accordance with a letter dated 9th April, 1944, signed by your father and yourself, you both asked that the funds held in your father's account be applied against an account owing to Minoji MURAI, and that the balance be made up from your account here. This was done, and the amount withdrawn from your account was \$30.77 as we advised you in our letter of the 10th June, 1944.

Attached hereto please find Custodian cheque in the amount of \$41.23, representing the remaining balance in your account here. The attached itemized statement of your account showing detailed entries since

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

McFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

A GLADSTONE VIRTUE, M.C.K.C.
WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.
FREDERICK JOHN MORGAN, B.A., LL.B.

23rd June, 1949

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212 - 148

D.T. BRAIDWOOD, ESQ.,
c/o Messrs. Sutton, Braidwood & Morris,
Barristers and Solicitors,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Braidwood: RE: SETTLEMENT AWARD
Kazuaki Tajiri, Case No. 755,
Custodian File No. 5531

We return proposed Award approved, although
we notice that this valuable timberland, assessed at \$1,162.00,
was sold for \$466.00.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,

Per

V/L
encl.

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

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE L. H. STACK, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
October 5th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
KAZUAKI TAJIRI.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

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APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

A.G. VIRTUE, Esq., K.C.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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K. Tajiri,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 755, Kasuaki Tajiri.

KAZUAKI TAJIRI, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. VIRTUE:

Q I show you a form of summary of evidence containing
a description of your land near Mt. Lehman, 39 acres,
and the value you have placed on it and so on.

Is that your signature? A: Yes.

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Q And this form was prepared by you with the
assistance of a clerk in my office?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, you received this property at Mt. Lehman
as a gift, I believe, from your father?

A That is right, sir.

Q The property consists of 39 acres, does it?

A That is what it said on the title, but I thought
there was a little more than that.

Q Well, there was about 39 acres?

A Yes.

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Q Where is Mt. Lehman? A: It is about --
it is on the south side of the Fraser River.

Q It is in the Fraser Valley, and about how far
from New Westminster? A: I don't know
the exact mileage, but I think it is somewhere
around thirty miles.

Q Thirty miles? A: Yes.

Q And it is up the Fraser Valley?

A Yes, sir.

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Q Now, at the time you obtained this as a gift from

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K. Tajiri,
In Chief.

your father, I believe that was in April of
1941?

A: Yes.

Q And you were evacuated a year later?

A Yes, sir.

Q And the property has only about three acres
cleared, is that right?

A: Well, it
was just roughly cleared.

Q Just roughly cleared?

A: Yes.

Q And then there is a small shack on it about
10 x 16?

A: Yes.

Q You value this property at, the land \$1550.00,
and the buildings, \$85.00, or a total of \$1635.00?

A That is right.

Q How did you arrive at that valuation? Why did
you think it is worth that amount?

A Because my dad purchased that land for \$550.00
when he bought it.

Q How many years ago was that, roughly?

A I am not exactly sure.

Q Oh, about?

A: About 1938, I
think.

Q About three years that your father bought it before
that?

A: Yes.

Q And he just made you a gift of that land?

A Yes.

Q But he bought it in 1938?

A: Yes.

Q For how much?

A: About \$550.00.

Q Why do you think that three or four years later
it was worth \$1635.00?

A: Because at
the time my dad purchased the land there was quite

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In Chief.

a few timbers on there, on that piece, and it was all leased to a man by the name of Mr. Peterson, I think it was, and he had a sawmill on the same quarter about, only I think it was on the south side of this quarter of mine.

Q In other words, this was good timber land, or had good timber land on it?

A Yes.

Q What kind of timber was on it? A; There was some fir and alder, and I am not exactly sure what it was.

Q Well, they were good trees?

A Yes. He wasn't able to get it off in time. Well, he started from the south side, and he wasn't able to touch this piece by the time the contract expired.

Q Well, in other words, you say, now, don't let me tell you; I am trying to find out what you mean.

You mean that the timber on this land had become valuable?

A; Well, when we bought the land it was under the agreement that the timber belonged to this man that had already bought the timbers off the land.

Q If he took it ^{off} up to a certain time?

A Yes.

Q And he didn't do that? A; No. And he had a sawmill and his sawmill burned down and he wasn't able to get it all.

Q So that, in other words, when your father bought the land, the value of the timber wasn't taken

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In Chief.

into account, but that afterwards the timber became a part of your land? A: Yes.

Q That is, the value of it? A: Yes.

Q And you say it had gone up to \$1635.00?

A Yes. And also those three acres, well, it was cleared after my dad purchased the land, and there was a shack also put on.

Q And what did the clearing, the rough clearing of that three acres cost? A: I don't remember exactly.

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Q About? A: About \$150.00 to \$200.00 an acre, I think, because we had to go back and forth to Mission on the truck and all the expenses and everything.

Q So the cost of the three acres would run from \$450.00 to \$600.00? A: Yes.

Q And that was done after the land was given to you by your father? A: No, it was done before; done before.

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Q Before? A: Yes.

Q But after your father purchased it?

A Yes.

Q And then the shack was also put on after your father purchased it? A: Yes.

Q And the shack you thought was worth about \$85.00?

A Yes.

Q Now, you have got on here valuable timber land and that is the reason you said that on your claim is that the timber had become valuable?

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A Yes.

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In Chief.

Q Now, you know the Custodian sold this land for \$46600; what have you to say about that?

A \$466.00?

Q Yes, \$466.00? A: I think it is very unreasonable.

Q You think it is what? A: I think it is very unreasonable.

Q You think it is very unreasonable?

A Yes.

10 MR. VIRTUE: I will put that in as an exhibit.
(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. VIRTUE: All right, thank you.

MR. RICE: I am submitting that the land was sold for its fair market value.

I tender as an exhibit a farm appraisal report.

(APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO.2).

20 MR. RICE: I submit as an exhibit an assessment notice respecting this land for the year 1943, and this assessment notice is by the District of Matsqui, wherein the land is valued at \$747.00 and the improvements \$415.00, total value of land and improvements \$1162.00.

(ASSESSMENT NOTICE MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: And I submit a real property summary, two sheets, dealing with the land, its appraisal and sale.

(SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

K. Tajiri,
Cross Exam.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

- Q Where is your father? A: He is in Vauxhall at home.
- Q And where was he when he gave you this land?
A At Mission City.
- Q Why was it he gave it to you? A: Well, he had a place in Mission himself, and he was going to give me a start. I helped him on the farm in Mission after I left school, and that was the reason he gave it to me.
- 10 Q He had a place in Mission, you say?
A Yes, sir, a farm in Mission.
- Q Your father is not a national? Is he a Japanese national? A: No. Well, he has taken out his naturalization papers just recently.
- Q Just recently? A: Yes, sir.
- Q But at the time of the declaration of war with Japan he was a national then? A: Yes, sir.
- 20 Q Well, was this land transferred to you at this time as an act of protection? A: No. I think it was approximately a year before the war started; I am not sure about that though.
- Q You said that it was in 1941 that the property was transferred to you. Do you know what date in '41?
A: No, I don't.
- Q Well, you have it here on your form?
MR. VIRTUE: Well, I have here a certificate of title which would show when it was registered anyway.
- 30 MR. RICE: Q: How long after you got the transfer deed before you registered it? A: I don't remember,

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K. Tajiri,
Cress Exam.

sir.

Q You don't remember? A: No.

Q But you apparently took title in your name on
the 8th of April, 1941? A: Yes.

MR. VIRTUE: I had better put it in.

MR. REE: I am not asking for it. If you want to put
it in, all right.

MR. VIRTUE: All right, thank you.

10 I merely call attention to the farm appraisal
report which, on the face of it, takes no account
whatever of the value of the timber on this land.
That is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

SRH
"S.R. HOWARD" Official Reporter.

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

SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Defence Brief

Kazuaki TAJIRA

File No. 5531

Case No. 755

LETHBRIDGE
5 Oct. 48
V.L.A. Deal

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Real Property Claim

\$1635.00

Appraised at

\$475.00

Sold for

\$466.00

Witness: Appraiser. *Wormworth*

Submission: Sold for fair market value.

Trans. 8 Mr. Virtue called attention to the Farm Appraisal Report which he said takes no account whatever of the value of the timber on this land.

RWN/mw

Name of Claimant **TAJINE, Kazuki**

Case **755**

Custodian File **5591**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>									
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	
					466.00	262.00			262.00 ✓
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>									
Motor Vehicles			Boats and Boat Gear						
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column		
<u>NETS</u>									
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>									
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION									262.00 ✓