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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 9258

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: OKANO, Koito (Mrs. Hideo)

HOME ADDRESS: Box 72, near Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C. House #48.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03912 SEX: Female AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Housewife

(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: none

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Hideo 4856 03897

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: House #48, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Haruo (M) Tokiko (F) Fumiwo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: House #48, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 10, 7, 5.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none

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

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. none

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

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 6 room frame house at House #48.

Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

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

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

By arrangement with the Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none

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

none

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

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,

EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

LOCATED IN IMPERIAL CANNERY'S WAREHOUSE, Steveston, B. C., the

following goods:- 2 beds, 1 chest of drawers, 1 sofa, 2 carpets,

1 box Japanese festival dolls, 1 box kitchen utensils, 9 chairs,

1 Singer sewing machine, 5 tables, 1 hose, garden tools, 1 cupboard,

1 large box of chinaware and pans, etc. 1 clock. All goods will

be left in present location under the care of the Cannery Watchman.

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

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY none

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: none

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

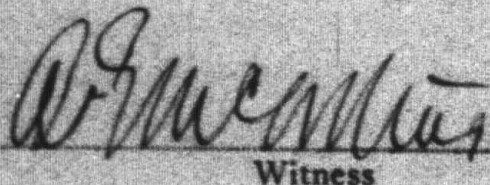
Unemployment Ins. Employee's No. A-144465. Employer's No. 105473.

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

none8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none9. LIFE INSURANCE: none10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none2. 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 22nd day of May 1942.
Witness

(Signature) _____

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

Koto Okuno

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 14, 1943.

Our File No. 9858

Full Name OKANO, Koito (Mrs. Hideo)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03912

Male - ☒ Female
(Check)

Age July 8, 1939

Former Address P. O. Box 72, Steveston, B. C.

Evacuated June 5, 1942.

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Kaslo, B. C. - Midway, B. C. (Nov. 4/46) - checked 6/6/47.

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband Hideo #03897

Name of Mother Japan

Name of Father Dec'd

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information _____

File No. 9858

February 3, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Koito (Mrs. Hideo) OKANO
Registration No. 03912

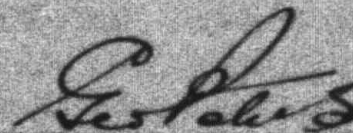
Chattels: See Chattel Summary

Specified
Articles:

There are no Cameras, radios, Fire Arms or Motor Vehicles
revealed in the registration or the file.

No property interests other than those mentioned are found
on the file.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

February 4, 1947.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

No: Mine (Mrs. Sakiji) OKANO registration No. 05558 Died - June 25, 1942.	- Tsurue (Mrs. Tadashi) OKANO registration No. 04178 Evacuated - April 29, 1942.
Masaji OKANO registration No. 02679 Evacuated - April 21, 1942	- Koito (Mrs. Hideo) OKANO registration No. 03912 Evacuated - June 5, 1942.

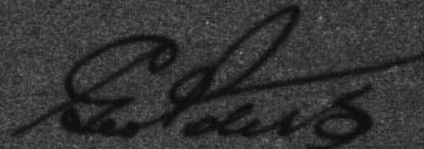
The above-named Japanese declared chattels left in the Imperial Cannery at Steveston, B. C. They are all related to one another.

On the evacuation of the Japanese people from the Protected Area, the Imperial Cannery people set aside certain houses for the storage of Japanese chattels. In many cases, the Japanese moved their goods to these storage houses, and in other cases, they were removed by the cannery people or the Custodian. In many cases, the goods were not tagged with the owners' names and it was impossible for the Custodian to identify them.

In the case of the above Japanese, the Custodian's agent at Steveston removed chattels from the Imperial Cannery House #34 under the name of H. Okano. A list of the goods removed was sent to Mrs. Tadashi Okano and she signed this inventory as goods belonging to her and returned it to the Custodian. As the goods removed did not fit in with her original list, declared on her evacuation, the Custodian has tried to identify the goods removed and sold with the declarations made.

The majority of goods sold were credited to the account of Mrs. Hideo Okano, who was the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Mine Okano (Mrs. Mine Okano was living in the home of her son, Hideo, before evacuation). The chattel schedules on each file will show the disposition of the respective chattels declared.

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



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

MEMORANDUM: Re Chattels found at Imperial Cannery House #34

The following goods were removed from Imperial Cannery House #34 under the name "H. Okano" on June 19, 1942, Storage List #22:

1 Packing Case Sundries	)	The following persons declared goods left at
1 Kitchen Cabinet	)	Imperial Cannery, Steveston:
1 Dresser with Mirror)	
1 Bed Search Light	)	Mrs. Mine OKANO, File 6444 (died June 25/42)
1 Large Packing Case (closed)	)	Mrs. Tadashi OKANO, File 4754 (daughter-in-law) of
1 Axe	)	Mrs. Hideo OKANO, File 9858 (daughter-in-law) Mrs.
2 Packing Cases (closed)	)	Mr. Masaji OKANO, File 1407 (son) Mine Okano
4 Cartons)	
1 Spade	)	On November 24, 1942, a list of the goods removed
Glassware	)	was sent to Mrs. Tadashi Okano, who returned the
Chinaware	)	list signed to the effect that these goods were
Kitchenware	)	her property.
1 Sewing Machine)	
Left in House #34)	
1 Iron Bed & Spring)	

Disposition of above goods:

Shipped to Mrs. Hideo Okano, May 11/43 - 1 crated sewing machine - On Feb. 11/47, Mrs. Hideo Okano said this belonged to her mother, Mrs. H. Okano (Mine).

Auction Sales credited to Mrs. Hideo Okano, File 9858:

Feb. 4/44 - 1 Bureau with Mirror	9.25
Feb. 25/44 - 1 Cabinet	3.50
Apr. 14/44 - 1 Axe	1.25
Apr. 26/44 - 1 Spade	.55
June 2/44 - Glassware, Chinaware, Kitchenware, Room Decorations	28.45
Nov. 2/45 - Balls, Festival Goods, Seaking	7.55
	<u>50.55</u>

Auction Sales credited to Mrs. Tadashi Okano, File 4754:

Feb. 25/44 - 1 Dresser & Mirror	13.25
May 18/45 - 2 Beds & Springs	20.00
July 20/45 - Basket of Miscellaneous, Curtain Rods, Hangers, etc.	1.20
Nov. 2/45 - 2 Cartons of Festival Goods	3.50
	<u>37.95</u>
Private sale, May 29/45 - 1 Iron Bed (see bed left in house)	1.50
	<u>39.45</u>

Mrs. Mine Okano had lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. & Mrs. Hideo Okano, in a 6-room cannery house.

The chattels reported in JP Declarations of the four persons concerned are shown on the second sheet of this memorandum.

Note: Mr. Tadashi Okano, File 2153 has filed claim for furniture to the value of \$500.00. He declared no furniture. His wife reported the furniture listed under her name next sheet.

CHattel Schedule - Files 6444, 4754, 9858 & 1407

Mrs. Hideo Okano, File 644-JP Apr. 28/42 - goods to be put in Imperial Cannery Storage House

1 Kitchen Stove
1 Heater
1 Bureau
1 Singer Sewing Machine - This machine shipped to Mrs. Hideo Okano, File 9858, May 11/43
1 Mirror
1 Bed
1 Clothes Wringer
1 Table
Kitchenware

Mrs. Tadashi Okano, File 4754, Apr. 21/42 - to be placed in Imperial Cannery Storage House

1 Table
2 Stoves
2 Beds sold 3 beds & springs
4 Chairs
Kitchen Utensils - sold Basket, Misc. Items & festival goods
Bureau sold 1 Dresser & Mirror

Mrs. Hideo OKANO, File 9858, May 22/42 - in Imperial Cannery Warehouse

2 Beds
1 Chest of Drawers - Bureau with mirror sold Feb. 4/44
1 Sofa
2 Carpets
7 Ex. Festival Dolls - Festival dolls sold Nov. 2/45
1 Box Kitchen Utensils - sold June 2/44
9 Chairs
1 Singer Sewing Machine
5 Tables
1 Bed
Garden Tools Axe & Spade sold April 14 & 28/44
1 Cupboard 1 Cabinet sold Feb. 24/44
1 Lge. Ex. Chinaware & Pans - sold June 2/44
1 Clock

Mr. Masaji Okano, File 1407, Apr. 2/42 - at E.C. Backers bunkhouse, Stevenson

1 Oil Stove
1 Gas Camping Stove
10 Chairs
1 Bed
1 Mattress
1 Water Tank
2 Lanterns
1 Anchor
2 Log Saw
1 Axe
2 Fishing Nets) Sold - see net statement on File 1407.
1 Row-boat)

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The goods listed under the name Okano were those on Storage List 22, which Mrs. Tadashi Okano claimed were her property. The goods (from among those on that Storage List) are those shown to have been sold and proceeds credited to Mrs. Hideo Okano and Mrs. Tadashi Okano. In addition one sewing machine was shipped to Mrs. Hideo Okano on May 11/43.

THOMAS DOL, File 1-835
Case 71

Bedroom
Chesterfield Set 75.00
2 Bed Tables 25.00
Writing Table Set 25.00
2 Ash Trays 10.00
Stove 25.00
Rugs & Pelt 60.00
Light Stands 15.00
3 Pictures 12.00
Glass 5.00
6 Mirrors 12.50
Curtains 7.00
Imperies 6.00
Clock 20.00
Dining Set, 6 Chrs. 55.00
Cabinets 30.00
Dinner Set 20.00
Dressery 25.00
Picture 5.00
Photograph 5.00
Stove 130.00
4 Chairs 20.00
Chinings 8.00
Baby Chair 10.00
Carpets 20.00
Refrigerator 15.00
Dresser 20.00
Canning Bottles 4.50
Window Screens 2.25
Boys Festival Ball 12.00

Room Furniture
3 Pa. Chesterfield Suite shipped
1 Bed Table shipped
1 Heater shipped
1 Lge Carpet, 12x14, 1/2" shipped
1 Bridge Lamp, 1 Table Lamp shipped
3 Pictures
1 Mirror - shipped
Blinds on windows

1 Clock shipped
Buffet, 12x18, 1/2" shipped
China Cabinet Auction \$11.00
Incomplete Dinner Set shipped
Cups & Saucers

Auction - (Chinaware, Pictures, Cuckers Set) \$5.00

1 Phonograph - Tender \$20.00
1 Kitchen Range
4 Chairs (kitchen)

High Chair shipped
2 Belle Linoleum shipped
1 Winnipeg Couch shipped
1 Dresser shipped

1 Clothes Rack
2 Bed complete shipped
1 Vanity & Stool shipped
1 Bureau, no mirror shipped
1 Occasional Chair Auction (2 Arm Chairs) - \$7.25
2 Cuckers Stands Auction - \$4.00
1 Coffee Table shipped
1 Chesterfield (1) Auction \$21.00
1 Desk Table shipped 1 Chair
6 Cushions (2) Auction .60
1 Boat Mattress
1 Baby's Crib - shipped
1 Chiffonier
1 Child's Wagon

Misc. Goods in upstairs Rm.
1 Bicycle Auction \$6.75
1 Column Gas Heater Auction \$7.50
1 Column Heater Auction \$17.50

Sundry Tools in Basement
2 5-Gal. Gas Auction \$28.00
1 Lawn Mower
2 Leather Bag Chairs Auction
5 Gal. Red Paint Auction \$21.00
10 Gal. Shingles Stain Auction \$15.50
Sundry Garden Tools
1 3-Gal. Green

September 7, 1949

Mr. E. J. Connel

From J. A. Matthews

Case No. 71, Tansaki Dai, File 14362

In Chatel's response and recorded as being found in home of Tansaki Dai, I have found a photograph and 4 kitchen chairs. This will change the set up in regard to this case.

The new figures on Miscellaneous Chatels will be,

WINTER - 1 Stove \$130.00 sold for \$20.00

WINTER -	2 Leather Stools	\$20.00	sold for \$ 4.00
	1 China Cabinet	25.00	12.00
	1 Old Photograph	5.00	4.00
	4 Kitchen Chairs	6.00	3.50
	Bedroom		
	Wicker Set	20.00	1.00
	4 Pictures	17.00	1.25
	1 Bicycle	6.75	6.75
	1 Gun Hunter	8.00	7.50
	6 Candles	12.00	1.00
		112.75	44.00

R.S.F. 1 Bed Table \$12.50

In his chatel, Tansaki Dai stated that the following goods, sold and proceeds paid to him, were not his property. He said he was prepared to pay this money back to the Custodian or to the man to whom it belongs.

1 Chesterfield	21.00	(Owner) identified as Mrs. Sidney O'Hara
1 Column Hunter	17.50	(Minaka)
2 Leather Easy Chair	7.25	(Minaka) May be File 14363.

I am writing Mr. Dai to tell him the amount - not - credited to him from these sales, and ask him to identify Minaka.

/m

Matthews

NAME ORANO, Letta (Mrs. Nideo)

REGISTRATION NO. 03912

FILE NO. 9898

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on February 4, 1944.

1 Bureau with mirror

\$ 9.25 ✓

Transferred from 6646-

1/2/47

C.S.

Total (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.93
Less Expenses: (Advertising: \$0.31
(Moving: \$1.10

\$ 9.25
\$ 2.34
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\$ 6.91
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Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. C. C. Robinson

Extracted From Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 5.

Remarks.

NAME OKANO, Koito (Mrs. Niden)

REGISTRATION NO. 03912

FILE NO. 9838

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B.C. on June 2, 1944

Glassware		\$ 2.00
Chinaware		1.25
Kitchenware		1.35
Kitchenware		0.75
Chinaware		0.80
2 Dishes cups		3.75
Box of Christmas Decorations		7.50
Kitchenware		2.00
Glassware & china		1.10
Vase & 2 thermos bottles		1.25
Glassware & china		1.25
2 China vases		2.00
Trays & chinaware		1.25
Kitchenware		1.50
Chinaware		1.00
Plates & glassware		2.50
Chinaware		1.50
2 Galvanized pails		0.60

Transferred

from 6446.

4/2/47.

C. Girard

Total

{ Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.85

\$ 28.45

Less Expenses:

{ Advertising: \$1.53

\$ 7.92

{ Moving: \$3.14

\$ 20.93

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 14.

Remarks.

NAME WILLIAM, John (Mrs. Helen)

REGISTRATION NO. 07912

FILE NO. 303

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on April 22, 1914

Spade

\$ 0.55

Transferred from bill -

4/2/14 C. G. Givens

Total

\$ 0.55

Less Expenses:

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.06

(Advertising: \$0.04

(Moving: \$0.08

\$ 0.18

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.37

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 12.

Remarks.

NAME OKANO, Kaito (Mrs. Hideo)

REGISTRATION NO. 03912

FILE NO. 9838

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevaston, B.C. on April 14, 1944

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\$ 1.25

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.12

1.25

Less Expenses:

(Advertising: 0.06

\$ 0.30

(Moving: 0.12

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.93

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevaston 11.

Remarks. Transferred to 6444, Mine OKANO. - 1/6/45

Retransferred to 9858 - 4/2/47 - E.L.

NAME OKANO, Koito (Mrs. Hideo)

REGISTRATION NO. 03912

FILE NO. 1838

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B.C. on February 25, 1944.

Cabinet

\$ 3.50

Transferred from 6464 -

1/2/47 C.G.

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.36
Less Expenses: (Advertising: \$0.16
(Moving: \$0.32

\$ 3.50

\$ 0.84

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 2.66

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 7.

Remarks.

REGISTRATION NO. 8572

FILE NO. 923

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 2, 1945.

Balls etc.	1.00
Carton of festival goods	.75
Carton of Festival goods	1.00
Shocking	.75
Carton of Festival goods	.80
Carton of Festival goods	1.25

Total		7.55
Less Expenses:		
(Auctioneer's fee	\$.76	
Advertising	.55	2.22
Moving	.31	
Net Proceeds Credited:		5.28

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Vills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 39

Remarks.

NAME OKANO, Koita (Mrs. Hideo)

REGISTRATION 03912

FILE NO. 9858

The following chattels were sold by public auction

at Steveston, B. C. on May 18, 1945

1 Chesterfield

\$21.00

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee 2.10
Expenses/Advertising 1.05
Shipping 2.84

\$21.00

5.99

Proceeds Credit

15.01

Members of Staff Present: Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 34

Remarks

Being transferred from G/181, which will be reimbursed by transfer from File 10835, Tomoki Doi, who has received these funds, and who states he will refund this sum.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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THIS MEMORANDUM

Is an acknowledgment that a bill of lading has been issued and is not the Original Bill of Lading, nor a copy or duplicate, covering the property named herein, and is intended solely for filing or record.

Shipper's No.

Agent's No.

RECEIVED subject to the classifications and tariffs in effect on the date of the receipt by the carrier of the property described in the Original Bill of Lading.

at Vancouver Bc May 11 1943
from Stouffville the goods described below, in apparent good order, except as noted (contents and condition of contents of packages unknown), marked, consigned and destined as indicated below, which said Company agrees to carry to its usual place of delivery at said destination, if on its road, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on the route to said destination. It is mutually agreed, as to each carrier of all or any of said goods over all or any portion of said route to destination, and as to each party at any time interested in all or any of said goods, that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the conditions, whether printed or written, herein contained (including conditions on back hereof) and which are agreed to by the shipper and accepted for himself and his assigns.

The Rate of Freight from

to is in Cents per 100 Lbs. IF Special

IF	Time 1st IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF	Class IF

Consigned to O. Korta (Mail Address—Not for purpose of delivery.)
Destination Kaslo Province or State of Bc County of

Route Car Initial Car No.

Package	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES AND SPECIAL MARKS	WEIGHT (Subject to Correction)	CLASS OR RATE	CHECK COLUMN	If charges are to be pre-paid, write or stamp here, "To be Prepaid."
1	cst sew machine (used)	130			Prepaid
					Received \$ to apply in prepayment of the charges on the property described hereon.
					Agent or Cashier
					Per
					(The signature here acknowledges only the amount prepaid.)
					Charges Advanced : \$61.19 1941

B.C. Securities Commission Shipper Per R. P. [Signature] Agent Per H. E. [Signature]

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd AUG 17 1945
File No. 9858
Ans.
Referred Mackenzie
Date: August 13, 1945

Address: Midway, B. C.

Date: August 13, 1945

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, OKANO, Hideo (Koito) Mrs., Police Registration No. 03912

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

in possession of Custodian

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

- 1 wooden boxful new dishes
- 1 cardboard boxful old dishes
- 1 iron pot for cooking rice

Original Address: Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated to Present Address: April 10, 1945

Total Number in Family: 5

CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: \$10.00 Receipt #8954

Approved: BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: *[Signature]*

[Signature]
(Claimant Signs Here)

Custodian Aug 16/45
OK to ship CPR freight - prepaid
to our account - if agreeable to you
and convenient - we have 10.00
Sept Laborn
Josanne Swain
CW Fisher

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 5 1943
File No.	1407

Address: KASLO, B. C.

Date: March 16, 1943.

To: The Security of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Koito OKANO, Police Registration No. 03897

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property

stored at Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

in possession of Custodian.

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

- 1 Singer Sewing Machine. labelled M. Okano

*mother in law
name M. Okano*

Shipped 10/5/43

May 11/43

*Relied to
O. Koito*

Original Address: Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver: _____

Date Evacuated to Present Address: June 7, 1942,

Number in Family - 12 years and over _____

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 3

Number in Family - under 5 0

Total Number in Family - 5

I agree to pay all charges as required by British Columbia Security Commission.

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: *Lt. L. Langford*
C. J. Hill

K. Okano
Claimant Signs Here

*See April 7, 1943
if not already shipped
Rec if machine is
in one of the packing cases
on list 22 at warehouse!*

September 29, 1949

Mrs. Koito OKANO,
Midway, H. C.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is Custodian cheque for the sum of \$15.01.

These funds are the net proceeds of the sale of a chesterfield sold for \$21.00. Expenses amounted to \$5.99.

This chesterfield was found at the home of Mr. Tomoaki Doi. Mr. Doi has received the funds realized from the sale, but he has stated that the article was the property of one Okano. Mr. Doi has stated that he will repay to the Custodian the funds he has received from the sale of goods found at his home which were the property of persons other than himself.

In filing your claim for property losses, you stated that you had left certain goods at the home of Mr. Doi. This information had not been given to the Custodian by you or by Mr. Doi previously, and, therefore, no search was made for your goods at any place except Imperial Cannery, where you had reported your goods were to be left. It is obvious that the chesterfield sofa found at the home of Mr. Doi was your property, and that you are the person to whom the proceeds should be paid.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

/FM
Enclosure

October 6th, 1948.

Mrs. Koito OKANO,
Registration No. 03912,
Midway, B. C.

Dear Madam:

We are presently making final distribution of all funds in this office, which were derived from the sale of Real and Personal properties, and we are accordingly enclosing, herewith, our cheque in your favor for the sum of \$37.15.

Acceptance by you of this cheque does not prejudice in any way, your claim for loss which you may feel you sustained in the sale of your property, as the Commissioner, the Honourable Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird, has made a ruling to this effect.

Please acknowledge receipt of this cheque at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

W. J. JOHNSTON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

WJJ:NS

Encl. (cheque)

February 5, 1947.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Koito OKANO,
Registration No. 03912,
Midway, B. C.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4th, 1946, in which you requested the Custodian to forward certain chattels which you declared as left in the Protected Area.

As you were formerly advised, all chattels removed from House No. 34, in the name of OKANO, were removed under the initial "H". We have had considerable difficulty in identifying the different items declared by you and your relatives.

We note that you request the shipment of 1 sewing machine, whereas your file reveals that on March 16, 1943, you requested the shipment of a sewing machine which was sent to you by freight on May 11, 1943. Therefore, this shipment would account for the sewing machine which you declared.

We are enclosing herewith our cheque in the amount of \$37.15, being your entire balance with the Custodian, derived from the sale of chattels of any value sold in your name. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

Enc. - Cheque for \$37.15

Sept. 5/45

Mrs. Hideo OKANO,
Registration No. 03912,
KASLO, B.C.

RE: Late Mrs. Mine OKANO

Dear Madam:

It is to be noted that all household effects which we moved from the Imperial Cannery storehouse in the name of "OKANO" to our warehouse have been sold at auction and the proceeds credited to the account of Mrs. Mine OKANO as we were unable to identify the items belonging to the individual members of your family.

It is our intention and we are sure it will be your desire, to send this sum to the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, to help defray the funeral expenses claimed by them in connection with the burial of your mother. Will you kindly acknowledge this letter by signifying your approval of our action.

A copy of this letter is also being sent to Masaji OKANO and Mrs. Tsurue OKANO.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie
Protection Department.

9858, 1407, 4754

*Letter not mailed
Pending Completion of sale
of chattels*

*not clear
if this letter
mailed or not*

January 15th, 1945

Mrs. Hideo OKANO,
Reg. No. 03912,
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Madam:

On your "JP" form dated May 22/42, you declared household effects, garden tools, etc. to be left at House #48 Imperial Cannery, in care of the watchman.

Masajo OKANO, declared chattels left at the Imperial Cannery, who would assign a house in which to store the goods. The house assigned by the Imperial Cannery for this purpose was House #34.

Mrs. Todashi OKANO declared chattels to be left in the Imperial Cannery storage house.

Mrs. Mine OKANO who lived in the house occupied by Mrs. Hideo OKANO declared chattels to be placed in the Imperial Cannery house.

On June 19/42 the Custodian moved to central storage, from this house, goods in the name of N. OKANO, as per list enclosed. On Nov. 26/42, Mrs. Todashi OKANO signed a copy of this list and returned it to us.

We are now engaged in liquidating all Japanese chattels by auction, and the proceeds of auction sales in the names mentioned, will be credited for the time being, to Mrs. Todashi OKANO, until the rightful owners can be identified. As the proceeds all belong to the OKANO Family, and if agreeable to all members, we will send the proceeds to you and you can distribute the money pro rata to those entitled to participate. We will at the same time, send you copies of the sales sheets so that you will be able to see exactly what has been sold.

Kindly let us hear from you with regard to the above, and any suggestions from you will be given consideration.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department

REM:LM
Encl.

Mrs. Koito OKANO

File No. 9858
Reg. No. 03912

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1946 January 12	Proceeds Auction Sale	\$	\$ 5.33	
1945 February 5	Proceeds Auction Sale		6.91	
	" " "		2.66	
	" " "		.95	
	" " "		.37	
	" " "		20.93	
February 6	Cheque to you	37.15		
February 13	Cheque returned and reccredited to account		37.15	
May 6	Cheque to you	37.15		
May 20	Cheque returned and reccredited to account		37.15	
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		\$ 74.30	\$ 111.45	

OR \$ 37.15

Accounting Department
April 12th, 1948

DEC 2 1947

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

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

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

(1) NAME OKANE KOITO (MRS) (RCMP) Reg. No. 03192
(Printed Surname) Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address STEVESTON, B.C.

(3) Present Address MIDWAY, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

- (i) Farm _____
(ii) Residence _____ Type of business _____
(iii) Business _____
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ _____
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ _____
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ _____
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 37.15

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation PART OF ARTICLES LEFT AT HOUSE OWNED BY T. DOI AND REMAINDER AT IMPERIAL CANNERY HOUSE

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) HOUSE

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation CANNIWARES PACKED BUT OTHERS STORED AS IS.

(over)

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

IN CARE OF CUSTODIAN

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

1. <u>HOUSEHOLD FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT</u>	Estimated Value \$
2. <u>CHINA WARE</u>	Estimated Value \$
3. <u>TOTAL VALUE</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>700.00</u>
4. <u>RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>39.15</u>
5. _____	Estimated Value \$
6. _____	Estimated Value \$
7. _____	Estimated Value \$
8. _____	Estimated Value \$
9. _____	Estimated Value \$
10. _____	Estimated Value \$ <u>662.85</u>

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 741.85

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

- (f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e)) - - - - - \$ 741.85

- (6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

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

Greenwood preferred; Nelson, if necessary

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

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of B.C.,
TO WIT,

I, Koito Okano
of Midway

of the town
in the Province of British Columbia

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City

of Greenwood

in the Province of B. C.

this 21st day of November

A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner &c.

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

Notary Public in & for the Province of
British Columbia, Canada.

ARTICLES LEFT AT HOUSE OF T. DOI, STEVESTON, B.C.

- 1 sofa
- 1 carpet
- 1 bureau
- 1 buffet

ARTICLES LEFT AT IMPERIAL CANNERY HOUSE

- 1 Singer sewing machine
- 2 Beds (complete, 1 double and 1 three-quarter)
- 7 Boxes Festival Dolls
- 18 Chairs
- 1 Set Child's table and chairs (1 table, 2 chairs)
- 3 Tables
- 1 Tricycle, C.C.M.
- 1 Wagon
- 1 Water tank full of new chinawares
- 7 Gardening tools
- 2 Cartons chinawares

TOTAL VALUE FOR ABOVE \$700.00

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION ACT
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 30

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.M. COLQUHOUN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Grand Forks, B.C.

June 5, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
(MRS) KOITO OKANO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant

L.A. DODD, Esq.,

Secretary to Grand
Forks Sub-Commission

G.H.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter

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E. Okano
In Chief

MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Mrs. Koito Okano, which is No. 72 on the Secretary's list. That will be case 310, Mr. Secretary.

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

(MRS) KOITO OKANO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

10 MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim for personal property, which is the only claim being made, by amending the total value for household fixtures, equipment and chinaware from \$700.00 to \$620.85.

MR. McINNIS: \$620.85.

MR. COBUS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Amendment allowed.

MR. COBUS: And the credit now shown to the Custodian \$80.55, leaving a net claim of \$570.30.

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the personal chattels for which you are making claim. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: I notice in your statement that you have listed 11 items and then you speak of lists of chinaware and garden articles. I produce to you a list of articles which bears the heads "Chinaware and Kitchen Utensils contained in cartons and water

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tank," and a heading, "Garden Tools," are those the lists to which you make reference in your statement?

As: That is correct.

Q: Are the statements contained in the statement itself and the lists attached thereto true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

As: Yes.

10 MR. COBUS: I ask leave to file the personal chattels statement with list attached as one exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT AND LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to Exhibit 1, your honour, the claimant has listed a number of major items and has given the details as to the date of purchase and the condition when purchased, whether new or old or used, the price paid, and the condition when evacuated, and the final column shows the estimated value at the date of evacuation.

20 With respect to the storage of the goods, she says that the above goods were, with the exception of the four items left at T. Doi's house, No. 2 Road, Steveston, left in the Imperial Cannery warehouse, Steveston, and indicates that those marked with an "X" were left at T. Doi's house. She says that all of the chattels as listed above, with the exception of chinaware and garden tools which are listed on sheets attached to her statement, completes her total

claim for chattels. She adds that she has allowed for depreciation on all used articles and makes special comment about the Singer sewing machine which was sent to her by the Custodian. She says that that was an older machine belonging to her mother which she sent to her mother. She advised the Custodian that the machine was her mother's, and asked that her own be sent to her, but the Custodian never did so.

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Referring to the list attached, your honour, that gives complete details as to the date of purchase, and so on, with respect to chinaware and kitchen utensils and garden tools.

I would ask my learned friend to produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: I have, produced from the Custodian's file, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, which I would ask to be filed on behalf of the Crown.

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(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: The only comment I would like to make with respect to Exhibit 2, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, your honour, is the items in the Details of Claim column, No. 3, one bureau, which appears in the Custodian's Analysis under "No record at any time," and yet, looking down at the note below the details of claim with respect to the goods sold at auction, I find an indication that a bureau was sold for \$9.25.

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The same comment applies to the cabinet which is

item No. 4.

MR. McINNES: The possible explanation of that is they weren't declared by the claimant, that is, in her J.P. form.

MR. COBUS: Well, your honour --

THE COMMISSIONER: There is a note in the "Remarks" column, "The bureau sold was found under name 'Okano' at Imperial Cannery."

10 MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour. But my friend is not correct when he says that would explain that. "No record at any time" means no record at any time.

MR. McINNES: Well, you are getting credit for the bureau, anyway.

MR. COBUS: That is true, and we are claiming against the bureau; but I am just pointing out I had difficulty in understanding that particular one. Usually we can reconcile the Analysis with our own information.

20 Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It will be submitted, your honour, that such of the goods as came into the custody of the Custodian were sold for their fair market value. The goods which are mentioned now as being at T. Doi's place were never found, never declared, and never came into our possession. It will be further submitted the sewing machine claimed for was shipped to the claimant.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Witness, didn't you ask to have your sewing machine shipped to you at Midway?

A: I asked them to forward mine.

Q: This is a letter from you, this is your letter here that I am now producing to you?

A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: This is a letter which the claimant admits writing on November 4, 1948 to the Custodian. "I, Koito Okano, Registered No. 03912, would like to have the following delivered to me if it is still in your possession: 1, one sewing machine; 2, two beds; 3, sofa; 4, carpet. I am in great need of these articles. Furthermore things are much expensive to procure inasmuch as they are scarce. Yours truly, K. Okano."

Q: Did you get the sewing machine at all?

A: No.

Q: No sewing machine at all? A: I receive my mother's machine.

Q: You did receive a sewing machine.

A: I received one but mine was still at the Custodian's.

Q: What did you do with the one you received?

A: I have still got it in my possession.

Q: So you have a sewing machine although it is not your own?

A: I have my mother's, and my own machine is at the Custodian's.

MR. McINNES: I don't want to submit this as evidence, of course, but for my friend's information, there is a bill of lading in the Custodian's file dated

the 11th of May, '45 in which is set out there was shipped to this claimant one crated sewing machine, weight 130 pounds.

Q: Now, how did you have this china, which you have set out here on the list attached to exhibit 1, packed? A: I put it in a big box with

paper in between so that it shouldn't break.

Q: Well, all these goods listed on the list which forms part of Exhibit 1, were in one carton, weren't they? A: I put them in

a large water tank.

Q: Well, were they all in one parcel, whether it be a tank or a carton or whatever it was?

A: The chinaware I put in the tank.

Q: You were living in Steveston, were you?

A: Yes.

Q: Were you working or running a store?

A: I was working at the cannery.

Q: Did you have a husband? A: A fisherman.

Q: Well, he could still be your husband and be a fisherman. Why would you want to have 36 cocktail glasses? A: I was going

to have a party on the 10th of December and so I bought them and the war came along.

Q: The 10th of December of what year?

A: '41.

Q: What was the occasion of the party?

A: It was a birthday party.

Q: Whose birthday?

THE INTERPRETER: No, I was wrong in the last answer.

E. Chano
Cross exam
Re-Direct exam

As It is customary in Japan on the 3rd anniversary
of a death to give a party.

MR. McINNES: Q: The third anniversary of whose
death? A: My father-in-law.

Q: And you were laying in all these pieces of china
for that purpose? A: Yes.

Q: And you had never used any of it?

As I have noted the items that have been used.

Q: Was your husband a wealthy man?

10 As: He didn't have a lot of money, but he had enough
to keep us comfortably.

MR. McINNES: All right, thank you.

MR. COBUS: Your honour, my learned friend has raised
a question in my mind.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, what kind of cocktail sets were these?

THE COMMISSIONER: I think there is too much curiosity
about the cocktail glasses altogether; I am not
20 interested.

MR. COBUS: I won't pursue it, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: 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.

Condon Hambleton
C. Hambleton
Official Reporter.

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

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H.M. Colquhoun
Sub-Commissioner

DEFENCE BRIEF

GRAND FORKS
3 June 1948

(Mrs.) Koito OKANO

File No. 9858

Case No. 310

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Household Fixtures & Equipment

Amended Claim

\$620.85

Sold for

\$50.55

(Trans. Page 2)

Claimant only declared the goods left at the
Imperial Cannery Warehouse, Steveston.

(a)	Goods value	\$361.35	Sold by Auction for \$50.55.
(b)	"	\$144.50	Recorded now missing.
(c)	"	\$ 85.00	Shipped to Claimant.
(d)	"	\$ 30.00	No record at any time.
		<u>\$620.85</u>	

There is no record of the Linoleum
for which a claim of \$30. is made.

The Sewing Machine claimed for, the
claimant states that it was not the
one sent to her by Custodian which
machine belonged to her mother.

It is submitted that such of the
goods as came into the custody of
the Custodian were sold for their
fair market value and it is further
submitted that the sewing machine
claimed for was shipped to claimant.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Where required

Thompson & Co.

(a) Auctioneers

Mr. Wills

(a) Staff

Mr. Harris

(a) "

Mr. C.C. Robinson

(a) "

BMP/mw

Name of Claimant **OKANO, Keiko**Case **322**Custodian File **9856**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total			
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
<u>NETS</u>											
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS</u>											
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
179.05	48.55	14.56	27.12%	440.80	119.44		134.20				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											134.20

October 3rd, 1950.

Mrs. Koito OKANO,
P. O. Box 38,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 310

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$134.20.

Cheque for \$126.44 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$7.76 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/js
1 encl.