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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET

FILE NO.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

EXHIBIT No. 1299-4

JAPANESE SECTION

DATE NOV 25 1940

FILLED BY K. A. Baker

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: CANADA NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH SOCIETY

HOME ADDRESS: 733 Keefer St., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER

SEX:

AGE:

OCCUPATION:

(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? none

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

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: none

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

none

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none

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



STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: *733 Kappa St. 2 story modern house, used for a couple & house of friends*
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: *Name unknown (white man)*

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

*\$300 per month Paid to Ed & Eda Feb. 1942. (not occupied since that date)*

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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. Now located at 4337 Parker St., Vancouver B.C.*

*In care of Mrs. S. Kawahara of that address, who will leave*

*the goods in the care of her tenant when she is evacuated.*

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



Registration of Property of CANADA NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH  
PROPERTY  
733 Keefer St., Vancouver, B. C.

1	Image of Nichiren Shonin	\$500.00
1	"Oniko Boson" --sacred statue	100.00
5	Pieces brassware	100.00
1	"Hokekyo"--complete holy scriptures	100.00
1	Dish used in religious service	30.00
1	Chapel bell	20.00
4	Curtains	150.00
	Minister's Robes (in trunk)	150.00
	Valuable documents (in suitcase)	100.00
	Valuable documents (in box)	10.00
	Texts on moral training (in box)	50.00
2	Cloths "Uchishiki" (table cloths)	7.00

Now located at 4337 Parker St., Vancouver, B. C. in care of  
Mrs. S. Kawanami of that address. *who will leave the goods  
in the care of her agent when she is evacuated.*

*Fukuro Ooka*

*Asakichi Kawanami*

*June 1/42  
ALM*



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

*It*, 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.

*It* certifies 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 1st day of June 1942.

Attested by the Land & its proper office in that behalf  
*Armen Mus* (Signature) *Canada Russian Buddhist Church Society*

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

*Vice President.*  
*Tokuo Ooka*



**COPY**

## 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: OKA FumioHOME ADDRESS: 236. Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 06698 SEX: Male AGE: 60.OCCUPATION: Gardener, St. Paul's Hospital.

(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: St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, B.C.MARRIED? Yes.NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Nishiko.ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 236. Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None.

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Declarant states that he bought 16 lots of land at Fort George, B.C. about 24 years ago, but only paid \$220 out of the \$700 agreed upon. The land is two blocks from Fort George Station. He bought it through a Real Estate Agent named I. Okubo who was then in Vancouver.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 236. Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

4 Rooms in lower part of the house.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Macdonald, 37th Avenue, West,

Vancouver, B.C.

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

\$12 per month, paid up to date.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

At 236. Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Piano \$200, Chesterfield Set (4) \$90, Light Stand \$10, Table Lamp \$2, Chesterfield Table \$6, 2 Tables \$5, Heater Stove \$17, Carpets (2) \$15, Double Bed, Spring and Mattress \$20, Dresser with Mirror \$10, Closet \$5, 2 Cabinets \$10, Kitchen Stove \$45, 1 Cupboard and 3 Kitchen Cabinets \$55, Kitchen Table and Chairs \$5, Desk \$3, Kitchen Utensils \$25, China \$5, Carpenter's and Gardener's Tools \$10, Sewing Machine \$110, Gramophone \$20, Cushions \$3, 3 Trunks containing Clothing and Personal Effects, 2 Gas Stoves \$10.

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



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS \_\_\_\_\_

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. TRADE DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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 7th day of April 194 2."Dorothy M. Chope"

Witness

(Signature) "C. Fukuro OKA"

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



**COPY****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: KAWANAMI, AsakichiHOME ADDRESS: 4337 Parker St., Burnaby, B. C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 08460 SEX: Male AGE: 56OCCUPATION: Gardener

(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: SelfMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SotoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same addressNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Masao (M)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Taft Camp, B. C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 18 years.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)**1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: No. (1) 4337 Parker St., Burnaby, B. C.Lot 28, D.L. 121, Block 30.No. (2) 4337 Parker St., Burnaby, B. C. Lot 27, D.L. 121, Block 30.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

No. (1) 1 house, 6 rooms, 2 storey, frame building. 12'x16' wood shed.No. (2) No buildings.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

None4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) On (1) \$21.60 payable to District of Burnaby, Edmonds, B.C. On (2) \$9.19 payable to District of Burnaby, Edmonds, B.C.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) Lots No. 28 & 27, purchased 10 yrs. ago for \$100, from Mr. Kotohe Ishihara now at camp. formerly occupied one room at home of Mrs. Nakashima, 344 W. 4th Ave., Van., B. C. A balance of \$50.00 still remains on above purchase price.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) House occupied by self at present.Later Mr. McLeod, 4469 Gladstone St., Burnaby, B. C. will rent house for\$10.00 per month.



- Mr. Kotohe Ishiharu, formerly of  
344 W. 4th Ave., Van, B. C. now  
at Camp.
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: See page 1.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Self
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:
8. Blinds, 8. Curtains, 1. Sofa, 1. Kitchen Cupboard, 5. Chairs, Pictures,  
2. Tables, 1. Box Japanese Shrines, 1. Bureau, 2. Book-cases of books.  
1. Baby chair, 1 Food safe, 1. Kitchen stove, 1. Heater, 2. Shovels,  
1. Rake, 1. Pick, 1. Fork, 3. Wedges, 1. Sledge hammer, 1. Hoe, 1. Saw,  
1. Wheelbarrow, 1. Axe, 1. Peavy, 2. Beds & Springs, 1. Oil Stove.

The above left in house at 4337 Parker St., Burnaby, B. C. and the key  
will be left with Mr. McLeod who is going to rent house, (but who is not to have use  
of goods which are to be  
See back page for list of Buddhist Temple Furnishings. (stored in one room.

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)

3.—\$5.00 War Saving Certificates, in own possession.

## 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: \$50.00 owing to Mr. Kotohe Ishihara, formerly of 344 W. 4th Ave., Vancouver, B. C. for property purchased 10 years ago.

"This later determined to be \$100.00  
in connection with real property.  
Paid in full".

## 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 30th day of May 1942.

(Signature) "A. Kawanami"

"A. G. McArthur"

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

OVER



EXHIBIT No. 1299 - 1  
DATE Nov. 25, 1948  
FILED BY F.A. Brewin

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MAN BY THESE PRESENT, That we, the Nichiren Buddhist Church of North America with headquarters located at 2800 E. 3rd Street, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby appoint FUKUZO OOKA of Vancouver, B. C., as our attorney in all matters connected with the Nichiren Buddhist Church located at 733 Keefer Street, Vancouver, B. C., and we further authorize him to do any and all things necessary in our name place and stead in the settlement of all matters concerning said Nichiren Buddhist Church in Vancouver, B. C., and in particular, authorizing him to prosecute any and all claims now in being or which may hereafter arise in connection therewith before any government or governmental agency.

Giving and granting unto the said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as we might do if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation, and hereby confirming and ratifying all that the said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 24th day of September, 1947.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BY "Rev. Jitai Ishihara"  
Superintendent President



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) SS

On this 24th Day of September, 1947, before me the undersigned  
a Notary Public in and for the said County and State personally appeared  
Jitei Ishihara, known to me to be the Superintendent Priest of the  
Nichiren Buddhist Church of North America whose signature appears on the  
foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

"Elmer S. Yamamoto"  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State.

(My Commission Expires Feb.16,1951.-Stamp)

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

March 30, 1949.

*E. Hyde*



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
APR 27 1942

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: April 23, 1942

Office of the Custodian  
Japanese Evacuation Section  
Royal Bank Building  
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. C. L. Drewry

1762 NAME: Ooka, Fukuzo

ADDRESS: 236 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

Reg. No. 06658

Real Estate and Personal Property

1. Location: Form 'JP' states 16 lots purchased in part at Fort George about 24 years ago. These lots have probably reverted. A legal description check would be necessary at Fort George.
2. Real Property: as above.
3. Personal: Japanese still in possession, only renting, will probably remove contents before being evacuated.
4. Insurance: none stated.
5. Liabilities: none stated.
6. Recommendations: Investigate again when evacuated.

E.T. Summers/H.

The Canada Permanent Trust Company

Est. E. Summers





Millson

JMA:HD



10216

July 17, 1942

Messrs. Ker & Ker Limited,  
475 Howe Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Asakichi KAWANAMI

We are in receipt of your letter of July 13  
and please accept our thanks for removing the  
articles belonging to the Canadian Nichiren  
Buddhist Church, from the living-room at  
4337 Parker Street. We have had these goods  
removed to central storage.

Yours truly,

GDM/GH

F. G. Shears  
Assistant Manager

*fm*



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475 HOWE STREET  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

July 13th, 1942

AGENTS  
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COMPANY, LIMITED

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ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE CASUALTY COMPANY  
OF CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

**RECEIVED**

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

Dear Sirs: Re: File No. 10216 - Asakichi KAWANAMI  
4337 Parker Street.

The writer visited the property today in company with two men and had the following articles moved into the attic, according to the list enclosed herewith.

The large Japanese Shrine which occupied the front room we found quite impossible to take apart due to the peculiar nature of the contents. It is filled with a series of religious idols, etc. We, therefore, took out a window frame and lifted it on to the verandah as it was too large to go through the doors.

We would suggest that this Shrine be stored and will await your instructions in this connection.

Yours very truly,

KER & KER LTD.

Rental Manager

JMA:ND



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 10223

April 18th, 1944

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society

Reference to the file of Mr. Asakichi Kawanami 10216, shows under date of July 13th the following report from Messrs. Ker & Ker.

"The large Japanese shrine which occupied the front room we found quite impossible to take apart due to the peculiar nature of the contents. It is filled with a series of religious idols, etc. We, therefore, took out a window frame and lifted it on to the verandah as it was too large to go through the doors."

Arrangements were subsequently made to move this to 992 Powell Street where it is stored under the name of Asakichi Kawanami, Lot No. 185, dated July 17th, 1942. A copy of this memorandum is being made for attaching to our 992 Powell Street records.

HFG:IF



Exhibit No. 1299-5  
 Date Nov. 15/1945  
 Filed by K.A. Christie

Slocan City, B. C.,  
 May 15, 1945.

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

Attention of Mr. Green.

Dear Sir:-

Prior to being evacuated on June 3, 1942,  
 I had stored at 4377 Parker Street, Burnaby, B. C.  
 goods left in my care by the Canada Nichiren Buddhist  
 Church Society. Some of these goods were picked up  
 by the Priest Zensho FUKUZAWA at my home and some was  
 stored with the Custodian.

I understand that all the goods left in my  
 house has been stored in the Custodian ware house.  
 The following goods should be stored:-

	(Value)
Image of Nichiren Shonin - 1 pc. ....	\$500.00
"Oniko Boson" a sacred statue(image) 1 pc. ..	100.00
Brass ware - 5 pcs. ....	100.00
"Hokekyo" a complete holy scripture .....	100.00
Dish used in religious Service - 1 pc. ....	30.00
Chapel bell - 1 pc. ....	20.00
Curtain .....	150.00

As the above articles are the property of the  
 Church Society I am very anxious to know if they are still  
 there. Will you please let me know if these goods are  
 still in store.

Yours truly,

A. Kawanami

Asakichi KAWANAMI  
 Registration #08460

Inventory  
 No. 367

EVACUATION SECTION	
MAY 19 1945	
No.	10216 + 11223
Ans.	Spain
Referred	Spain

Some of  
 these may  
 have been  
 removed  
 from house  
 by priest  
 and not  
 stored at  
 992 Powell



10216 9 11223

May 26th, 1945.

Mr. Asakichi KAWANAMI,  
Registration No. 08460,  
SLOCAN CITY, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 15th instant with reference to religious equipment removed from 4337 Parker Street.

We would report that a shrine, Buddha, brass vases and religious paraphernalia, value unknown, are held in Custodian warehouse in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain  
Protection Department

GBS:LEM



To be completed by persons of the Japanese race who are leaving for Japan.

NAME IN FULL: *Mr. Asakichi Kawanami*

REGISTRATION NO: *08460*

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

LOCATION: .....

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: .....

ENCUMBRANCES: .....

RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS: .....

Certificates of Title, original Agreements of Sale and other documents of evidence of ownership must be surrendered to a representative of the Treasury Department.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHERE LOCATED: .....

PACKED AS FOLLOWS: .....

Package Description and Marks	Contents	
<i>Image of Nichiren Shonin</i>	<i>1 piece</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>"Oniko Bozan" a sacred statue</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Brass ware</i>	<i>5 piece</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>"HoKeKyo" a complete holy scripture</i>		<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Dish used in religious service</i>	<i>1 piece</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Chapel Bell</i>	<i>1"</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Curtain</i>		<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>Uchiabiki</i>	<i>2 piece</i>	<i>7.00</i>

Any requests in regard to ~~life~~ insurance *about items*

*please send to Mr. Asakichi Kawanami*

Moneys owing to you *Bayfront, 2nd Ave. 421*

*F. OAKA*

*680 King St. E.*

Debts owing by you *Asakichi Kawanami*

*Hamilton Ont.*

Any requests for disposition of Funds at your Credit with the Custodian or derived from Sale of Property listed above

Use reverse side for additional information

I, the undersigned voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all property which I am leaving in Canada.

SEP - 3 1946

*Asakichi Kawanami*  
Signature



COPY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MR. GOOD AT SLOCAN, B.C.  
dated July 19, 1946

(original note on file 10216)

" 10216/08460 Asakichi KAWANAMI

Not going on this boat. Wishes to go on the next following.  
Would like all these articles crated and shipped to him here  
as members of the congregation wish to decide what they are  
going to do with them.

He is prepared to pay the freight on arrival of the goods.

B. Good.

Slocan. July 19, 1946

NOTE: This is in relation to a Release Form signed by Asakichi Kawanami requesting shipment to him at Slocan of chattels belonging to the Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society declared by Kawanami on his JP form as being stored in his basement at 4337 Parker Street, Burnaby, B.C.



10216 - 10223

August 11st, 1946.

Mr. Asakichi KASAHARA,  
Reg. No. 08460,  
Bay Park,  
2nd Avenue, No. 21,  
Sloven City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgement your letter of August 28th and enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$170.00, which we understand you require for the payment of a grocery account and the purchase of clothing.

It is indicated in your letter that you are under the impression that you have an amount of \$592.50 to your credit with this office. Please refer to our letter to you of January 3, 1946, at which time you were sent a statement of your account and advised that your credit balance was \$601.83. Since then a cheque in the sum of \$16.00 was forwarded to you, namely on July 4, 1946, leaving a credit of \$585.83 in your account. From this balance we are now deducting the amount of the enclosed cheque, leaving a credit of \$415.83 in this office.

We would advise that financial arrangements have already been made with the Treasury Department of the Department of Labour in connection with the remaining balance and the Custodian will therefore be unable to release this amount to you.

With reference to the Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society, will you please let us have the names of the members and officers of this society; also please advise if the above society was incorporated and if so, when.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Administration Department

/ER

Enc.-Custodian cheque \$170.00

cc Department of Labour, Japanese Division



MEMORANDUM

File No. 10216

Sept. 13, 1946.

TO: Mr. W. Wills

FROM: Mr. G. B. Spain

RE: Asakichi KAWANAMI - Inventory #367

Mr. Fisher of the Dept. of Labour has arranged with Bowman Storage Ltd. to pack and ship the shrine and religious material belonging to the Nichiren Church in accordance with Custodian Release dated July 20th, 1946.

He has arranged with Bowman Storage Ltd. to pack and ship this material. It will be necessary for us to contact Bowman and inform them when the warehouse will be open and the goods made available to their packers.

Will you please arrange.

GBS:LEW

*W. W. Spain*

*Please consult Mrs. MacArthur  
before taking definite action.*

*W. W. Spain*

*The Dept of Labour cancelled the  
shrine mentioned arrangements  
and decided not to ship.*

*W. W. Spain*



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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR  
Japanese Division  
360 Homer St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

September 23, 1946.

Mr. E. R. Adams,  
Supervisor,  
SLOCAN CITY.

*Chief T. Asakichi Kawanami*  
Re: KAWANAMI, K. #16308

Your Custodian Release of July 20th for a lot of Religious paraphernalia; Mr. Spain of the Custodian's Office advises practically none of this is at 604 Cordova Street. It seems, therefore, that nothing will be shipped and no guarantee will be necessary.

"C. W. Fisher"  
C. W. Fisher,  
Transportation.

cc: Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.

CWF:dh



J. McLeod }  
Merrin " }  
Myrtle " }

Dir. # 1026  
4337 Parker St  
Thurston

~~no~~ telephone. Plan 0703R.

If church shrines & etc  
are not in 604 we  
will have to contact  
some person, and  
to some address, and  
ascertain what happened  
to it.

Nov 2/46

See Mr Kawananui's letter dated May 15/45,  
where he states "some of these goods were  
picked up by Priest".



File 10216  
10963

Canada Michien Buddhist Church  
733 Keefer St.

articles were moved by Asakichi KAWANAMI to 4337 Parker St. Key to be left with Mr. W. Leod (4468 Gladstone St) who ~~was~~ rented the house. Declared by Kawanami.

- 2 Buddhist Shrines
- 1 Luxe Shrine Decorations
- 2 boxes Church Books
- 1 Church Table
- 1 " " " " ✓
- 2 Pairs Curtains ✓
- 1 trunk Men's Clothes
- 1 suitcase Church documents ✓
- 1 box Prayer Cards
- 1 " Church Memberships Cards ✓
- 2 Table cloths ✓

Nov. 2.  
~~Dec. 2~~ / 1946

Mrs McLeod. States

"A Japanese Woman, a Boy & a Girl (Name Unknown) called at above address about Oct. /42, and took away several Boxes & Trunks.

As Mrs McLeod did not have a Phone at that time, They phoned from the house of a neighbor for a Truck to take the things away."

This may account for missing items

W. W. Wills

Aug 30/48

no chattels

Residing at  
4337 Parker St.



File 10723

Declared by Fukujo Oaka & Kawanami

- 1 Image of Michiren Shonin
- 1 Onko Boson sacred statue
- 5 pieces brassware
- 1 Hokekyo complete holy scriptures
- 1 Dishes used in religious service
- 1 Chapel Bell ✓
- 4 Curtains ✓
- 1 trunk ministers robes
- 1 suitcase Valuable documents ✓
- 1 box Texts on moral training.
- 2 cloths "Ucheshiki" (table cloths) ✓

located at 4337 Parker St. in care of Mrs S. Kawanami who will leave the goods in care of her tenant when she is evacuated.

Mrs Sota <sup>Kawagami</sup> Murakami (File 7600 discloses all chattels carried in husband's file)  
Tenant in W. head.



*Clear file.*

File 10223

February 11, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

Re: Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society.

Mr. Tsutae Sato of the Vancouver Nippon Kyoritsu Go-Gakko (Japanese School of Language) Maintenance Association, informed us that the priest of this cult, Fukuzawa, returned to Japan under the repatriation scheme and he does not know who the present officers are, but Mrs. Natsu Saito, widow, is a member and she lives at the present time with her daughter Mrs. K. Hori at 136 Grange Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

*A. G. McArthur*  
A. G. McArthur.

AGM:AH



File No. 10223

August 6/48.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. R. G. Bell

FROM: J. Spratt

Re: Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society.

According to our Storage List of Feb. 20/47 the following chattels belonging to the above society are in our warehouse:

- ✓ 2 statues (one large)
- × 2 boxes of papers
- ✓ 1 shrine Now stored outside room in basement

As Fukuro OKA is claiming on the above chattels and other goods of a religious nature, will you kindly check and let me know what remains in storage.

*J. Spratt*

/js

Found 26/8/48:

- 1 Black lacquer Shrine, gold lacquer interior, complete with large image.
- 1 Red lacquer box with Crest in gold containing shrine ornaments.  
(9 books, brass candlesticks)
- 1 Small shrine with broken image.

*Pub*



File No. 1762.

August 31/48.

Memoandum - Government Counsel

Re: Fukuse OOKA - Reg. No. 06658.

Fukuse OOKA, Vice-President of Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society, signed a JP declaration June 1/42, on behalf of the Society, stating goods listed in Column No. 1 of Claim Analysis left in c/o of Mrs. S. Kavanami, 4337 Parker Street. Upon reviewing Mrs. Kavanami's file we find no mention of any chattels belonging to this Society in her possession. However, Asakichi Kavanami, Mrs. S. Kavanami's husband, declared a list of goods stored in basement of his house at 4337 Parker St., belonging to Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church, 733 Keefer Street - see copy of JP on claim file.

Letter - May 15/45 received from Asakichi Kavanami states that some of these goods were picked up by the Priest Zensho FUKUZAWA and some were stored with the Custodian. There is no record of what goods the Priest obtained. He returned to Japan Oct. 2/46 on S.S. "Marine Falcon".

November 2/46, in memo signed by Mr. Wills, Mrs. McLeod stated a Japanese woman, a boy and a girl (name unknown) called at 4337 Parker Street about Oct/42 and took away several boxes and trunks. August 30/48 - no chattels remaining at 4337 Parker St.

Mr. & Mrs. Kavanami returned to Japan Oct. 2/46 on S.S. "Marine Falcon".

*J. Spratt*

/js



See your file  
re this letter

675 Kingston St.  
EXHIBITION SECTION  
Bldg. 100  
Dec 30/48  
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Copy for  
file 1762

Supp. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Comptroller  
506, Royal Bank Bldg. 11th fl.  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Upon attendance to the  
claim hearing held in Toronto I have been  
informed that the Nichien Buddhist Church  
altar accessories is still held in the warehouse  
in their original condition except for the one item,  
the special replica statue which I hear is damaged.

Would you kindly check the goods for me again  
and send me an itemized list as your convenience.

I herewith wish to claim for the damaged  
article, the details which I have recorded in  
my previous file, value \$50.00

Desire to have all of these goods transferred  
to the Nichien Buddhist Church in 2000,  
Third Ave in Los Angeles, U.S.A. for disposal

and will be notifying them to this effect.

I have left a copy of the paper granting me  
power of attorney for reference at the Toronto  
office which holds me responsible in matter

connected with this church. I will gladly  
answer any further inquiries you might have

in order to avoid any further matter.

With best wishes,

Yours truly  
J. Ouka

OOKA

Case 1298  
1299

Dec 30/48  
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# KUNIO HIDAKA

M.A. (QUEEN'S) IN POLITICS  
M.A. (TORONTO) IN ECONOMICS

ECONOMIC & LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

- ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & POLITICAL RESEARCH
- LABOUR RELATIONS
- PUBLIC INFORMATION
- GROUP & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

— AVENUE —  
TORONTO 5, ONTARIO  
KINGSDALE 5926

662 Bathurst Street,

February 24, 1949.

Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
FEB 26 1949	
Rec'd	
File No.	<i>100</i>
Ans.	
Forwarded	<i>Johnston</i>

Dear Sir:

Re: Fukuzo Ouka, Reg. No. 06658 and Nichiren Buddhist Church

This letter is written on behalf of Fukuzo Ouka, Reg. No. 06658, at present residing at 680 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, and formerly of 733 Keefer Street, Vancouver, B.C., and the Nichiren Buddhist Church of Vancouver.

I am informed that certain "accessory articles" used in the religious rites of the Nichiren Buddhist Church were left in the care of the Custodian by Mr. Ouka at the time of evacuation. When he was before the Japanese Property Claims Commission in Toronto last November, he learned that these articles were still held in the Custodian's warehouse in Vancouver in their original condition with the exception of one statue, valued by him at fifty dollars (\$50.00), which was damaged.

I am advised that a letter was sent to the Office of the Custodian during November of last year requesting that the "accessory articles" which were undamaged and against which there was no claim, be shipped to the headquarters of the Nichiren Buddhist Church in Los Angeles, and for this purpose the address of the head church was enclosed. A document in his possession from the church headquarters grants him power-of-attorney in the disposal of the church property. It will appear, therefore, that Mr. Ouka is authorized by his church to make the request. He has also stated that he is willing to meet shipping and other charges involved in transferring the articles to Los Angeles.

I am informed, however, that to date, no reply has been received from your office. He wishes to be advised as to whether or not the action requested was taken. If these articles have not been shipped, as yet, he wishes to reiterate his request and strongly urge that his advice be followed by your office within a reasonable and convenient period.

An early reply to this letter will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

*Kunio Hidaka*

Kunio Hidaka.



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8th March, 1949.

Mr. Kunio HIDAKA,  
662 Bathurst Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fukuza OJKA - Regn. No. 06658

We have for acknowledgment your letter of February 24, 1949, and in reply wish to advise you that no action has been taken regarding shipment of any goods from our storage warehouse since January 10, 1949, due to weather conditions, and pressure of other business.

We will, however, be taking action regarding the matters referred to in your letter within the next two weeks, and will communicate with you further when we have done so.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston,  
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ:HA



File No. 1762  
10216

MEMORANDUM

22nd March, 1949.

TO: Mrs. A.G. McArthur  
FROM: Mr. W.J. Johnston

Re: NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH

With reference to our discussion this morning in connection with the Claim filed by Mr. Fukuzo OOKA, on behalf of the above-mentioned Church, I wish to advise that the following goods are presently in storage at W.R. Campbell Limited and available for shipment:

- 1 Black lacquer Shrine with gold lacquer interior, and large image inside.
- 1 Red lacquer box with crest in gold paint, containing eight books written in the Japanese language.
- 1 Small Shrine with image which has been damaged.

There may be other goods in storage which are not immediately available or identifiable as belonging to the Nichiren Buddhist Church, but which may be found or identified at a later date, when the warehouse becomes less congested, through shipment of goods to individual owners.

Mr. Kunio HIDAKA, acting for Mr. Fukuzo OOKA, who holds a Power-of-Attorney from the Nichiren Buddhist Church Headquarters in Los Angeles, has requested in letter dated February 24, 1949, on File 10223, that the above goods be forwarded to said Church in the latter City.

I communicated with the Railway Express Agency, 318 Granville Street, this morning and was advised that the cost of shipping fragile goods by first-class Express to Los Angeles is \$9.00 per 100 lbs. The estimated weight of the above goods would be approximately 40 lbs. and would cost \$4.24. There is an additional charge of \$1.50 for Bond fee at the U.S. Border.

If the goods to be shipped are not valued at more than \$100.00, a Consular Invoice is not required.

The Exhibits in this case, No. 1299, are being brought to the office today from the Court House and a Certified Copy of the above-mentioned Power-of-Attorney will be made.

WJJ:HA

  
W.J. Johnston.



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March 22, 1949.

Mr. Kunio Hidaka,  
Economic & Legislative Consultant,  
662 Bathurst Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church

We have for acknowledgment your letter of February 24,  
written on behalf of Fukuzo Ooka.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, we  
wish to inform you that Ooka, signing as Vice President of the Canada  
Nichiren Buddhist Church, declared to the Custodian on June 1, 1942,  
that he was leaving certain goods with Mrs. S. Kawanami at 4337 Parker  
Street, to be left by her in the house in care of her tenant.

These goods were not disturbed by the Custodian until  
July 1942, when the tenant requested that the goods belonging to the  
Nichiren Church be taken away. Goods contained in one large box were  
removed to Custodian storage and the items listed below are available  
for shipment as requested by Mr. Ooka:

1 Black lacquer Shrine with gold lacquer interior and large  
image inside,

1 Red lacquer box with crest in gold paint, containing eight  
books written in the Japanese language,

1 Small Shrine with image which has been damaged.

In addition to the goods above mentioned, Mr. Ooka has filed  
a claim before the Royal Commission for the following:

2 Pcs. Religious Lampstands,  
1 Brass Dong Stand,  
28 Sets Prayer Books,  
Church Stage Curtains.



Mr. Kunio Hidaka,

March 22, 1949.

The Custodian does not admit that these goods were in the box received from the tenant at 4337 Parker Street, particularly as Asakichi Kawanami, in a letter to the Custodian dated May 15, 1945, stated that some of the Church goods were taken away by the Priest, Zenshie Fukusawa, and there is no record of what items the priest removed. Zenshie Fukusawa, together with Mr. and Mrs. Kawanami, returned to Japan on October 2, 1946, on the S. S. Marine Falcon. Mr. Ooka, in his evidence before the Commission, confirmed that the Priest, Fukusawa, took church goods away from 4337 Parker Street.

If any of the items for which claim is made are in the possession of the Custodian, they may, for the time being, have lost their identity among other items in storage which were not properly packed and tagged by the owners. When these unidentified goods are finally sorted, these additional items may possibly be found, in which case they will be shipped to the address indicated by Mr. Ooka, without further charge to him. In the meantime, you will understand that when Mr. Ooka wrote for these goods on November 30, 1948, the matter was before the Royal Commission and it was considered inadvisable to ship the goods while the claim was before the Court. We would, therefore, suggest that if Mr. Ooka expects the Custodian to ship these goods, he should instruct his solicitors to withdraw the claim.

We are informed that crating, packing and cartage charges will be approximately \$15.00. Shipping charges to the address given, if the goods are not more than forty pounds in weight, will be \$4.24. There will also be additional charges as follows: Bond Fee, \$1.50; Certification of United States Consular Invoice, \$2.53; Broker's Fee, \$2.00, the total charges being approximately \$25.00.

Unless otherwise instructed, the value reported for shipping purposes will be the value shown in the Claim in respect to the three items listed above.

It is understood that this office will assume no responsibility for these goods passing the authorities into the United States.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AG



1st Sept. 1949.

Re: Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church

There are the following small Savings Accounts in the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co.

1. Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church 38¢  
722 East Pender St.

Signing Officers: Z. Fukuzawa  
K. KOSAKA

"Z. FUKUZAWA" was the Priest, Zensho FUKUZAWA, who has returned to Japan on S.S. Marine Falcon, Oct. 2/46.

"K. KOSAKA" refers to Kamekichi KOSAKA (File XI 1007) who lived at 22 West Cordova and whose present address is 3697 Hutchison Street, Montreal, Que.

2. Canada Nichiren Shu Juuminichi-Ko \$2.20  
733 Keefer St.

Signing Officers: Z. FUKUZAWA Same as above.  
K. KOSAKA

3. Canada Nichiren Shu Risho-Shushin School 31¢  
733 Keefer St.

Signing Officers: Z. FUKUZAWA  
S. SUZUKI

"S. SUZUKI" - Shuzo SUZUKI was President of the Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church, and lived at Crown Rooms, Cordova Street, and now lives at Greenwood, B.C. (File No. 299)

4. Risho-Joshi-Seinen Kai \$4.44  
733 Keefer St.

Signing Officers: Chisuko KIMURA  
Fumiko SAWA

Miss Chisuko KIMURA formerly lived at 425 Heatley Ave. Vancouver, we have no recent address for her. (File No. 12165)  
We have no record of Miss Fumiko SAWA.



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1st September, 1949.

Mr. Fukuzo OOKA,  
Regn. No. 06658,  
680 King Street East,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We wish to inform you that the records of the  
Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. show the following accounts:

Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church, 722 East Pender St. 38¢

Signing Officers: Z. FUKUZAWA  
K. KOSAKA

Canada Nichiren-Shu-Juuminichi-Ko, 733 Keefer St. \$2.20

Signing Officers: Z. FUKUZAWA  
K. KOSAKA

Canada Nichiren-Shu-Rissho-Shushin School, 733 Keefer 31¢

Signing Officers: S. FUKUZAWA  
S. SUZUKI

There is also a credit in the sum of \$4.44 for a society  
named Rissho-Joshi-Seinen Kai, 733 Keefer Street, for which the  
signing officers are Chizuko KIMURA and Fumiko SAWA.

Of the above named persons, Zensho FUKUZAWA returned to  
Japan on the 2nd October, 1946; Kamekichi KOSAKA lives at 3697  
Hutchison Street, Montreal; Shuzo SUZUKI lives at Greenwood, B.C. ✓  
We have no recent address for Miss Chizuko KIMURA, who formerly  
lived at 425 Heatley Ave., nor have we any record of Miss Fumiko  
SAWA.

We have on file a copy of a Power of Attorney granted to  
you by the Nichiren Buddhist Church of North America on the 24th  
day of September, 1947, and we would therefore, ask you what  
disposition should be made of these funds.

Yours truly,

A.G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:IA



September 23, 1949.

Mr. F. Ouka,  
608 King Street East,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: CANADA NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH SOCIETY

We have received your letter of September 4, but before replying would like to hear from you regarding the goods which we are holding in storage for the Canada Nichiren Buddhist Church Society.

We wrote to Mr. Kunio Hidaka, your Economic and Legislative Consultant, on March 22, 1949, but have not heard from him since. For your information we enclose a copy of that letter.

Since writing to Mr. Hidaka, the goods in storage have been checked and it appears that in addition to the two shrines and red lacquer box mentioned, seven religious books have been located in the lacquer box and two pieces of brass ware which could be the religious lamp stands.

You must understand that it is difficult to identify articles without proper descriptions which at no time have been given to this office. Further, as already indicated in our correspondence, we have been given no information concerning the goods removed by Mr. Fukusawa prior to any goods coming into the possession of the Custodian.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC  
Enc. copy



Files: 10223  
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September 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs A.G. McArthur

FROM: Mr W.J. Johnston

Re: Canada Michiren Buddhist Church

With regard to your letter dated March 22, 1949, further investigation reveals that we have on hand in storage in W.R. Campbell's Warehouse, the following items belonging to the above-mentioned Church:

1 Black Lacquer Shrine with gold lacquer interior and large Image inside.

1 Red Lacquer Box with crest in gold paint

7 books written in the Japanese language which may be part of the 28 sets of Prayer Books referred to in Claim. These are in above Red Lacquer Box.

2 pieces of brassware which may be the Religious Lampstands referred to in Claim.

1 small Shrine, with Image inside which has been somewhat damaged but is otherwise intact.

The following goods being claimed for are not on hand:

1 Brass Dong Stand.

21 Sets Prayer Books.

1 Church Stage Curtain.



WJJ/MS



238 Elm Avenue,  
Westmount, C. P. 2.  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1949.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 28 1949
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

The Department of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Hastings and Grenville Sts,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In the last weeks edition of the "New Canadian," I read an item titled, "Person Sought," in which your department was seeking a Miss. Fumiko Sawa.

My maiden name was Fumiko Sawa, but now I am married. (Mrs. William Tani.) Could it be possible you were inquiring about me, as my name before my marriage was, Fumiko Sawa.

For your information, I have been married prior to the "Evacuation."

Fumiko Sawa (nee)

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wm. Tani



EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 13 1949
File No.	10223
Ans.	<i>Alta</i>
Refer	

608 King St. E.  
Hamilton, Ont.  
Oct. 12/49.

Mr. A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Comptroller,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge  
with thanks receipt of your recent letter  
File No. 10223. informing me of the  
Fukien church accessories list. I wish  
to have the credit account applied in  
depaying postal charges for these goods,  
to be sent to the head church in Los Angeles.  
Could you please inform me of the  
balance that will be left over if this  
could be arranged.

Yours truly,  
J. Auka.



10223

November 2nd 1949.

Mrs. Wm. Tani,  
238 Elm Avenue,  
Westmount, P.Q.,

Dear Madam:

We wish to thank you for your letter of October 26th giving your present address.

According to the records of the Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company there is an account of \$4.44 for Rissho-Joshi-Seinen Kai, 733 Keefer Street, for which the signing officers are Chizuko Kimura and Fumiko Sawa.

The assets of the Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company were taken over by the Custodian and it is desired to pay over the funds to the owners. Will you please let us know whether you are the Fumiko Sawa named as signing officer of Rissho-Joshi-Seinen Kai Society, and, if so, what disposition should be made of this money.

Any instructions in this regard should be approved by Chizuko Kimura who is also a signing officer. Chizuko Kimura formerly resided at 425 Heatley Avenue, Vancouver, but we have no present address for her.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/MS



10223

November 2nd 1949.

Mr. F. Ouka,  
608 King Street East,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: CANADA NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH SOCIETY

In reply to a letter received from your legal consultant, Mr. Hidaka, we wrote him on March 22nd stating that before the Custodian could be expected to ship the church goods your claim relating to these goods should be withdrawn. We enclose a copy of this letter for your information.

At this date we have received no reply from Mr Hidaka and we would suggest that you deal with this matter without further delay.

With reference to the cost of shipment, you will note that we covered this in our letter to Mr Hidaka.

In considering your withdrawal of the claim will you please refer also to our letter to you of September 23rd in which we indicated some further items which had been found in storage.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/MS  
Encl.



1  
2 IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
3 PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 22.  
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5 JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION  
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7 B E F O R E  
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9 HIS HONOUR, JUDGE H.A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.  
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11 Toronto, Ontario,  
12

13 November 25, 1943.  
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15 IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
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17 FUKUDA SORA  
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19 PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING  
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21 APPEARANCES:  
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23 K.A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C.,  
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appearing for the  
Dominion Government,

25 F.A. BROWN, ESQ.,  
26

appearing for the  
Claimant.

27 A. SMITH, ESQ.,  
28

Secretary,

29 G.E.R. UPTON, ESQ.,  
30

Official Interpreter,

A.G. VINTON, ESQ.,

Official Reporter.



1 MR. BREWIN: I might say frankly that in this  
2 case I have some doubt as to whether it falls within  
3 the terms of reference, but I think it would be valuable  
4 to all concerned to have the facts on the record.  
5 They will not, very long.

6 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What is the nature of the  
7 claim?

8 MR. BREWIN: The nature of the claim is for  
9 certain statues which belong to a Methodist church of  
10 which this man is a member and he had received a power  
11 of attorney from the responsible officials; on the  
12 other hand, as far as I can make out from the Custodian's  
13 file most of these things are still being held by the  
14 Custodian in storage in Vancouver. They have not been  
15 sold and they do not even seem at the moment to have  
16 been lost, destroyed or stolen; but the claimant tells  
17 me he sent some money out and asked that they be sent to  
18 Los Angeles, and the money was sent back to him, so he  
19 is claiming that they have been lost, destroyed or stolen  
20 and we would like to put it on the record so it can  
21 be a matter for investigation. If the Custodian proves  
22 they are still there perhaps he would be willing to  
23 ship them to the people entitled to them.

24 MR. CHURCHER: I am taking this position that,  
25 as these goods have not been sold by the Custodian it is  
26 not within the terms of reference.

27 I remember there was a case in Montreal, Mr. Quinn  
28 was the counsel for the claimant's share, Mr. Justice  
29 Bird refused to hear it on the ground that it was not  
30 proven, there was no evidence that the Custodian had



1 sold this property. I must necessarily take that posi-  
2 tion.

3 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Mr. Justice Bird could make  
4 such findings; I cannot. He is in a different posi-  
5 tion than I. I cannot say whether there is sufficient  
6 or insufficient evidence. Here is a man who comes in  
7 to make a claim for certain things; the Custodian has  
8 the defense "I still have the things." It is for him  
9 to put in his claim. I think that is the case, so far  
10 as I am concerned, anyway.

11 Go ahead.

12 MR. BREWIN: Thank you, your honour.

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14 SHUNZO OKA, the claimant herein, being first  
15 duly sworn, testified as follows:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BREWIN:

17 Q. Mr. Saka, were you a member or connected with  
18 the Nishiren Buddhist Church?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Where was the temple or other building it had?

21 A. 733 Keefer Street, in Vancouver.

22 Q. What was your position in the church?

23 A. I was a priest of the sect.

24 Q. And do you know whether the church was incor-  
25 porated in any way as a corporation, or —

26 A. No.

27 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. You mean you do not  
28 know, or that it was not?

29 A. No.

30 MR. BREWIN: Q. And, was it a branch of the  
Nishiren Buddhist church of North America?



P. Galt,  
Mr. Galt.

1 A. Yes, it was.

2 Q. Did you receive a Power-of-Attorney, or a  
3 document, perhaps I should call it, from the authorities  
4 of the church in Los Angeles?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. BREWIN: This is called a Power-of-Attorney  
7 and it is dated September 24, 1947, made by the  
8 Nichiren Buddhist Church of North America, and the  
9 Reverend Inshura Jitsu signs it.

10 Q. This gives you authority to present a claim  
11 for your congregation in Vancouver?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Perhaps I should have shown you the original  
14 document which you received attached to the claim,  
15 referring to the Power-of-Attorney?

16 A. Yes.

17 (POWER-OF-ATTORNEY, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.1)

18 Q. The members of this church, I suppose, are  
19 scattered across Canada now?

20 A. Yes. Also, some people have returned to  
21 Japan.

22 Q. But, would the majority of the members be  
23 living in Canada still?

24 A. No. There are very few.

25 MR. BREWIN: Well now, will my friend produce the  
26 Analysis of this claim?

27 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the Analysis  
28 of Personal Property Claim.

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



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F. Goss,  
Mr. Goss,

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MR. BREWIN: This analysis shows that the claim  
is in respect to the articles listed in this column  
entitled "Details of claim."

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Q. Is that correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And those were all the property of the church?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And, how did you arrive at the values which  
you have placed on those items?

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A. That was the price paid in Japan translated  
into Canadian currency.

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Q. Have you allowed anything off for their not  
being new?

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A. Yes.

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Q. This analysis indicates that some of these  
articles are still in storage. Have you ever written  
to the Custodian and asked him what to do about them?

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A. You wish to know whether I had got a letter  
from the Custodian to the effect that those goods  
were ---

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Q. No; what I want to ask you is whether you  
have ever written to the Custodian asking him to send them  
anywhere or do anything with them?

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A. There was a man called Kawasumi who returned  
to Japan. Kawasumi returned to Japan and he did not  
know the addresses of the members and I received this  
in connection with it.

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Q. This does not quite deal with my question.

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A. I did not say anything to the Custodian.

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P. Oake,  
Director.

1 I did not send any letter to the Custodian.

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3 Q. Do you know if anybody requested that the  
4 Custodian send these things to Los Angeles or to you  
5 or to anybody else?

6 A. I can't get this.

7 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. Has anyone requested  
8 the Custodian to send these goods to Los Angeles?

9 A. Yes. I do know.

10 MR. BREWIN: My friend perhaps will not mind my  
11 leading to arrive at this a little faster.

12 Q. I understand that some money was sent with  
13 a request to send these things to the church in Los  
14 Angeles and then the money was sent back again. Just  
15 tell us briefly what you know about it?

16 A. To whom was the money sent?

17 Q. I understand to the Custodian?

18 A. That is right. The Supervisor in Alameda  
19 knows in regard to that, that money was sent for this  
20 purpose and that it was returned.

21 Q. The money was sent from Alameda?

22 A. Yes, and it was \$30., and it was returned.

23 Q. That was about three years ago?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And have you, yourself, ever had any account  
26 from the Custodian as to what has happened to these  
27 things?

28 A. They were to be returned to Mr. Kawahara  
29 before he returned to Japan but he did not have time.

30 Q. Well, then, perhaps you could tell me this:



F. Gelm,  
Dy. 12.

1                   Supposing the Custodian still has these articles  
2                   for which you are making the claim, to where should  
3                   they be sent? Who would wish to have them?

4                   A. If they are still there they should be sent  
5                   to Los Angeles.

6                   Q. To the same address as that which we have on  
7                   the Power-of-Attorney?

8                   A. Yes.

9                   Q. Here are some facts about this claim set  
10                  out in a document called "Personal Chattels." Is that  
11                  your signature (indicating)?

12                  A. Yes.

13                  Q. Are the facts there stated correct?

14                  A. Yes.

15                  MR. BREWIN: That will be Exhibit 5.

16                  (PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS CLAIM,  
17                  MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

18                  Q. I suppose these are not the sort of things  
19                  which could be sold very readily except to somebody  
20                  who was a member of the church or who was concerned with  
21                  this particular church. Is that right?

22                  A. I do not know with regard to that. It is  
23                  very difficult to say anything with regard to the values  
24                  of religious articles of this sort which have a senti-  
25                  mental value.

26                  Q. Yes. Are there other branches of the church  
27                  in Canada and the United States, or other people who  
28                  might have a use and be ready to put a value, who  
29                  would put some value on these things?

30                  A. They are religious objects and I could not



1 say with regard to matters of that sort.

2 Q. That is all, thank you.

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4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

5 Q. I am showing you a J.P. Form dated June 1,  
6 1942. Is that your signature there (indicating)?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did you have authority to sign on  
9 behalf of your church?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now, under the Constitution of your church  
12 is only one signature necessary?

13 A. In the present case it is all right for the  
14 one man to sign. There are occasions when it would mean  
15 two or three.

16 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender the J.P. Form as Exhibit 4.  
17 (J.P. FORM, DATED JUNE 1, 1942)

18 Q. Where were these religious articles stored,  
19 first of all?

20 A. At the residence of Kawanami on Parker  
21 Street.

22 Q. Was that at No. 4507 Parker Street?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I understand that some of these religious  
25 articles were picked up by the priest Zeushiro Fukunaga.

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Were any of these articles picked up by  
28 this priest Fukunaga articles for which you are making  
29 claim? A. No.

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F. G. G. G.,  
G. G. G.

Q. Now, can any of these statues be purchased in Vancouver, or can they only be obtained in Japan?

A. They can only be obtained in Japan.

Q. Pardon? A. They can only be obtained in Japan.

Q. Does that apply not only to the statues but to the prayer books and all the other articles?

A. Yes.

Q. I think that is all, thank you.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Anything further with this witness?

MR. BREWIN: No, your honour.

MR. CHRISTIE: Perhaps, to complete the record, I will file a copy of a letter dated May 15, 1945, addressed to the Custodian, and it is signed by A. Brewni.

(LETTER, MAY 15, 1945, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

That appears to conclude the exhibits, your honour.

It is submitted, your honour, that the subject matter of this claim is not within the terms of reference.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I have not my Order-in-Council here. Why is it not within the terms of reference?

MR. CHRISTIE: Because these goods have not been sold by the Custodian.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: What about the goods which disappeared?



1 MR. CHRISTIE: "Lost, destroyed or stolen," I  
2 think are the actual words of the Ordinance-Council.  
3 Certainly on the evidence to date they are effectively  
4 lost, as far as the claimant is concerned.

5 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I do not understand why  
6 they are not within the terms of reference. After all,  
7 here is a man who says the church had these goods,  
8 and they were taken over by the Custodian and he cannot  
9 get them. Surely that puts the onus on the Custodian.  
10 How can a man prove any more than that? How have these  
11 other men proved any more than that? You asked them  
12 what became of the goods and they said "I don't know."  
13 The assumption is that they have disappeared from the  
14 Custodian's possession until the Custodian proves the  
15 contrary.

16 MR. CHRISTIE: I think the onus is on my friend.  
17 I think it is submitted even in evidence that they were  
18 stored with the Custodian and that the claimant was  
19 aware of that. How can he make a claim for goods  
20 which have not been sold?

21 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Why is that not true in  
22 nine out of 10 of the personal property claims we have  
23 had? All they have done is prove they had these goods  
24 and were in the custody of the Custodian and "We have  
25 not got any credit for them in any sale." That is all  
26 there is to it.

27 MR. CHRISTIE: I do not agree with your honour  
28 there. The Custodian has not got the goods which are  
29 stolen. In the case of goods he has said he got them  
30 and he is responsible.



1 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Now in these other cases  
2 have these witnesses, claimants come here before this  
3 sub-commission and proved the goods were stolen or lost?  
4 They have simply proved the goods were in the possession  
5 of the Custodian and they have received credit for  
6 certain goods which were sold. They have not proved  
7 what became of the rest of it.

8 MR. CHRISTIE: In these other cases we have  
9 admitted or said the goods were stolen or not accounted  
10 for in our Analysis.

11 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There are a lot of them  
12 about which you have said you do not know anything about  
13 them.

14 MR. CHRISTIE: That is my instructions; and  
15 that was held by Mr. Justice Bird in Montreal.

16 MR. BREWSTER: There is a difference between real  
17 property and personal property. Real property cannot  
18 be, obviously, lost, destroyed or stolen; it is only  
19 when it is sold that you can officially make a claim.  
20 Personal property can be lost, destroyed or stolen  
21 and it is effectively lost to a claimant if he cannot  
22 get any statement or accounting for it.

23 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It seems to me that we  
24 are still within what we ought to be doing, because if  
25 the Custodian still has the property all he has to do  
26 is to say so and he has a perfect defence.

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(PROCEEDINGS ABANDONED SINCE DECEMBER)

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

*A. G. Veltin*

A. G. Veltin,  
Official Reporter.

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

*E. A. Miller*

E. A. Miller,  
Deputy Commissioner.



DEFENCE BRIEF

Toronto, Ontario.  
November 25, 1948.

Fukuzo OOKA

File No. 1762

Case No. 1299

CHATTEL CLAIM  
(All claims shown are Gross)

Note: Fukuzo OOKA claiming on behalf of the Nichiren Buddhist Church.

Chattels

\$220.00

(a) Chattels valued by claimant  
at \$100.00

In Storage.

(b) Chattels valued by claimant  
at \$120.00

\* (Unable to distribute)  
Error in claim  
See Note below.

Note: Taken from Analysis of Personal Property Claim.  
"A number of the items being claimed for are shown in the "unsold" column as it is possible, due to the congested condition of the above warehouse, that such goods are still in Custodian Storage".

*See by Mch 22.49  
to K. Hidaka Toronto.  
Consultant to Claimant.  
also further corresp. in  
this connection in Part II file -*

SUBMISSION: Transcript P.9, lines 21 and 22:  
"It is submitted, your honour, that the subject matter of this claim is not within the terms of reference."

The reason for the above submission is stated in Transcript P.9, lines 26 and 27:  
"Mr. Christie: Because these goods have not been sold by the Custodian".

The Sub-Commissioner does not agree that this claim is out-side terms of reference: Transcript P.9, 10 and 11.

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\* Means does not know whether goods are presently in storage or not, or whether they were ever in our possession.

The Priest of the Church took church goods away from Mr. KAWANAMI'S house and we do not know for certain what was left. See letter dated May 15/45 and Statement dated Nov 17, 1942, by Kawanami.



Name of Claimant **OCCA, Pokuro**Case **1299**Custodian File **1762**

<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 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			
			46%	70.00	32.20					
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										32.20



December 6, 1950.

Mr. R.J. McMaster,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
1408 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
Case 1299

We enclose herein form of Release to be completed  
by Fukuro OOKA on behalf of Nichiren Buddhist Church.

Letter of Authority to Pay Legal Fees is also  
enclosed for signature.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,  
Director.

FGS/GN  
Encl.



1762

May 2nd, 1951

Mr. Fukuro OKA,  
680 King Street East,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1299

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 ...\$ 32.20.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 28.14  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee ..\$ 4.06  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears  
Director

FGS:BK  
Encl.



# Japanese Canadian

TELEPHONE: PLAZA 1253



**CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:  
61 COLLEGE STREET, TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

**EVACUATION SECTION**

Rec'd AUG 20 1951

File No. 10223

WIS.

Referred

August 18, 1951.

Department Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Hastings and Granville,  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Japanese Evacuation Claim, Case # 1299

In connection with this Association's work assisting the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians in the payment of awards to claimants, we have received an enquiry from Mr. F. Ouka, 680 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, regarding his claim, Case # 1299. He states that he completed his release last spring and forwarded the form to the Secretary of the Co-operative Committee in Toronto. The claimant tells us that he has not yet received payment of the award amounting to \$28.14.

According to our records the release was forwarded to your office by the Co-operative Committee some time ago.

Could you please inform us as to whether payment was made to the claimant covering Case # 1299.

*Paid on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1951.  
(Committee cheque #4.06  
paid same day.)*

Sincerely yours,

*George Tanaka*  
George Tanaka,  
National Executive Secretary.

GT-yh



21st August, 1951.

Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,  
61 College Street,  
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Case No. 1299

Replying to your letter of 18th instant,  
Custodian cheque in the amount of \$28.14 was sent to  
Mr. Fukuzo OOKA at 680 King Street East, Hamilton,  
Ontario, on the 2nd May, 1951, in full payment of his  
award granted by the Japanese Property Claims Commission.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Reed,  
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA